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# SGA deadlines, elections draw near

By Laura Sepeda/Staff Reporter

The last day for a student to file a letter of intent to run for a Student Government Association office is Feb. 1.

The SGA office will begin taking applications Jan. 28. The elections will take place Feb. 26-27.

The dates for the election were moved up a week by the Student Senate in an effort to increase voter turnout in the event of a run-off.

in previous years, the run-off election was postponed until after Spring Break,

longer than a week to learn the election

Internal Vice President Kelli Stumbo said it is difficult to determine how many candidates will run at this time.

"I have no idea how many people will be running this year," she said, "sometimes candidates come out of the wood-

Tim Wright, associate director of the Career Center, served as a member of the Student Senate from 1997 to 2001. He said people who want to run for office

causing students and candidates to wait should not decide against it because they are afraid of losing the election.

> "Students should not be afraid to lose," he said. "If they really want to make a difference they should run. Its as simple

> Wright wished all the potential candidates luck and said being involved in a campaign is an experience that a candidate would never forget.

"It's a ride, that's for sure," he said. Stumbo said candidates must provide the SGA with a Tech identification card and their social security number before

filing their letter of intent. She said the information would be used to verify each candidate is a student and that they meet the grade point average and course hour

"Candidates will also receive a copy of our constitution this year as well as a copy of the election code," she said. "There are also some other documents we will pass out that concern campaign-

Besides filing a letter of intent, can-

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SGA INTER-**NAL VICE** President Kelli Stumbo campaigns outside the University Center before elections last spring. The last day for a student to file a letter of intent to run for a Student Government Association

office is Feb. 1. The SGA office will begin taking applications Jan. FILE PHOTO

The University Daily

By Meredith Salmon/Staff Reporter

mational session at The ARTary.

from 6 to 9 p.m. for ten weeks.

created the need for more space.

classes at The ARTary in 1998.

www.artary.web.com.

All current potters and people wishing to learn the art of sculpting are eligible to register for the upcoming infor-

Beginning with the next session this month, students

Shannon Samson, a lecturer at Texas Tech, said the

"I've done pottery other places but I've never had this

Both wheel throwing and hand building classes will be

The upcoming session will be the first time that the

However, the popularity of the classes and studio has

"We're expecting a targeted ability to give more work-

In addition to classes, students are given the opportu-

Clay, glazes, firings and any additional equipment and

Cecily Maples has been teaching at The ARTary since

"I have had a wonderful experience at The ARTary;

Raku's Firing is another class offered at the ARTary.

The technique involves removing the ware from the kiln

at 1800 degrees and dropping it into a bucket of crumpled

newspapers. This process causes the glazes to become iri-

descent in coppers, golds and turquoise blues. The class

costs \$75 and is scheduled for March 3. The ARTary is

located at 4509 Clovis Highway. They can be reached by phone at 763-6605 and their Web site is located at

1992. The following February, she and her husband,

Norvell, bought it. Prior to Cecily's career at The ARTary

Cecily is a wonderful teacher," Charlotte Dunham, an as-

sociate professor of sociology, said. Dunham began taking

shops with the additional space," studio co-owner Cecily

Maples said. "We're even going to have jewelry workshops

nity to use the studio for up to 6 hours each week.

supplies needed are included in the \$185 class fee.

she taught pottery at Lubbock Christian University.

offered for beginners. Each class will meet once per week

entire building will be used. Until recently, the owners have

rented out the back half of the building to allow extra in-

come and because the entire space was not needed.

ARTary offers people an interesting artistic experience.

will be able to work in the newly expanded facility.

kind of experience before," Samson said.

### **Candidates** debate death penalty issue

By Kelly Shannon/Associated Press

AUSTIN - As the Democratic race for governor quickly heats up, new candidate Dan Morales is attacking opponent Tony Sanchez for not being a stronger supporter of the death penalty.

Morales criticized fellow Democrat Sanchez on Wednesday for having said he supported legislation passed last year banning the execution of mentally retarded inmates.

On Thursday, Morales expanded on his position, saying he doesn't favor executing mentally retarded prisoners and would sign legislation implementing a ban on it. But, he said, the particular bill last year was pushed by death penalty opponents and was unacceptable because it took power away from juries.

"I am against watering down capital punishment in Texas, and obviously my opponent has demonstrated he is in favor of that," Morales said.

But Sanchez countered that he is a firm supporter of the death penalty, even though had he been governor he would have signed a bill protecting the mentally retarded from lethal injections.

"I have trouble believing that you accomplish a lot by executing mentally retarded people," Sanchez said. He emphasized that he doesn't oppose incarcerating mentally retarded criminals.

The Senate sponsor of bill — a supporter of Sanchez - took aim at Morales for using the matter as a "political

"It's foolhardy to play politics with such an important issue," said Sen. Rodney Ellis, D-Houston. "I think it would be wise of Dan to maybe read the bill or call the sponsor of the bill."

The legislation passed last year with bipartisan support but was vetoed by Republican Gov. Rick Perry.

"I also would have vetoed that bill." Morales said.

Since Morales' surprise entrance into the governor's race last week, campaigning has begun in earnest. Also running in the March 12 primary are businessman Bill Lyon and attorney John WorldPeace.

Morales, a former Bexar County prosecutor, said as attorney general from 1991-98 he defended the state in hundreds of challenges to capital murder convictions.

Morales said the bill banning the execution of mentally retarded prisoners was an attempt to undermine capital punishment in Texas. He said death penalty opponents were "trying to pull a fast

Ellis, clearly irritated by Morales' remarks, said Morales didn't show leadership on criminal justice issues when he was attorney general and claimed he has been silent on public policy issues since leaving office.

"Dan's a nice guy, but he's been like Rip Van Winkle when it comes to public policy since he left public office," Ellis said. "Come on Dan, wake up."

The bill banning the death penalty for mentally retarded inmates went through several changes before its final

It would have allowed a defense attorney to petition the judge to consider the issue of mental retardation if the jury did not determine a person was mentally retarded.

# Local ARTary expands classes, horizons



MASTER POTTER, CECILY Maples, one of the owners of The ARTary pottery shop guides slabs of clay out of a clay extruder machine as apprentice Heather Jackson, a junior special education major from Lubbock turns the wheel of the machine to push the clay out, in the production room in the store.

**CLASS SCHEDULE** 

Beginner Classes

•Wednesdays, 6 to 9 p.m.- (Jan. 16 - March 21)

•Thursdays, 6 to 9 p.m. - (Jan. 17 -March 21)

Intermediate Classes

•Tuesdays, 6 to 9 p.m.- (Jan. 15 -

### Covenant sponsors terrorism seminar

### PREPARING FOR DISASTER:

Conference prepares local healthcare professionals for worst-case scenarios.

By Natalie Worthen/Staff Reporter

After the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, Lubbock canceled classes for the National Day of Prayer on Friday, Sept. 14,

As shock and remorse set in, people began to wonder if anything would happen in their area. Like tornado and fire drills, regulations were set into place to prepare Americans for another blow.

Covenant Health System is sponsoring a Terrorism Series Healthcare Conference Saturday for healthcare professionals. The conference costs \$10 and will prepare local healthcare professionals for possible emergency situations. Cathy McMahon, director of Trauma Services at Cov-

enant, said the purpose of the conference is to help people prepare for worst-case scenarios. "I want people to realize that we're not immune to di-

sasters," she said. McMahon said the conference will be an opportunity for everyone to understand how regions cope with disas-

"It's a great time to see how three cities reacted to crises

and improved the care they provided to survivors." The speakers for the conference include David Tuggle. professor and chief of pediatric surgery at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center; Jorie Klein, director of trauma services at Parkland Health and Hospital System in Dallas; and Connie Belcher, a member of the disaster medical assistance team that responded to the Sept. 11 attacks. Belcher will give a regional, local, state, and nation-wide perception on disasters and explain her role with the Federal Agency. Tuggle was involved with the bomb-

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### New law blocks telemarketers

By Preston Files/Staff Reporter

People frustrated by constant telemarketing calls now have a way to remove themselves from the infamous

Effective Jan. 1, Texans can avoid telemarketer's calls by adding their name to the "no call list." People whose names are on the list are guaranteed not to receive more calls.

"Many states have already put into effect a similar program, Texas is simply following suit," Theresa Gage, spokesperson for the Public Utility Commission,

said. At a cost of \$2.25 for each residential phone number, a person can be placed on the list for three years. Some students see the opportunity as an invest-

"It's annoying to receive calls when you try to take a nap and relax," Paige Hagler, a senior accounting major from Georgetown, said.

"I would easily pay the cost to add

my name to a list that stops calls from

telemarketer's that are mean over the

phone," Jeff Smith, a freshman business

name on a call list may end the hassle

they are faced with when they have to

stop what they are doing to answer the

Other students feel placing their

undecided major from Plano, said.

One reason the bill became an issue, Gage said, was because people became frustrated with calls during meal times.

According to a recent release from the office Attorney General John

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### The Rundown



### Teen arrested for possessing bombs

ROSENBERG, Texas (AP) -A 13-year-old boy was planning to blow up his junior high school, police said Thursday after seizing five small homemade bombs and bomb-making material from his home.

The boy was arrested Wednesday after other students said he had bragged about having bombs at his house. Police found the bombs in his room as well as a bomb-making guide called "The Anarchists Cookbook."

"His intention was to blow up the school," Sgt. Wyman Hopkins

The boy's father said the boy had recently gotten into fights with other students, who the boy claimed were bullying him.

### court appearance

WACO, Texas (AP) - One of two former Baylor University baseball players charged in a misdemeanor animal cruelty case was arrested after failing to show up for a pretrial hearing.

Derek Brehm and Clint Bowers are charged in a March 9 incident in which a stray cat was shot, decapitated and skinned near the Baylor campus.

When Brehm was not in court Wednesday, a judge revoked his bond and issued a warrant for his

### Economy fueled by Putin wants cuts holiday shopping

NEW YORK (AP) - A surge of last-minute shopping saved many retailers from a disastrous holiday performance, but the heavy discounting that fueled it was expected to hurt fourth-quarter profits.

Niemira's survey of sales at 83 stores showed a 2.3 percent gain in December, far better than the 1.5 percent increase he had fore-

Also Thursday, the Labor Department said the number of Americans filing new claims for unemployment benefits dropped during the first week of the new year, suggesting the wave of layoffs triggered by the recession and the terrorist attacks might be abat-

### Past player misses Dillinger festival shot down by town

MOORESVILLE, Ind. (AP) Town officials have shot down a proposal to hold a festival in honor of bank robber and native son John Dillinger.

Town council members said the idea for Dillinger Days, put forth by his descendants, would draw unwanted attention to the community's link to the outlaw.

Dillinger, once dubbed Public Enemy No. 1, was the most notorious bank robber of the Depression era. 4. He was shot to death in 1934:--

### to be irreversible

MOSCOW (AP) - Setting the stage for tough talks on nuclear disarmament, Russia bristled Thursday at the Pentagon plan to downsize U.S. nuclear arsenals by putting weapons in reserve rather than destroying them.

U.S. and Russian diplomats are expected to meet in Washington next week to discuss the details and timetable for the cuts in preparation for Bush's trip to Russia later this spring or summer.

Russia will push strongly for the nuclear cuts to be irreversible, but the United States is unlikely to make any major concessions," said Alexander Pikayev, a military analyst with the Carnegie Endowment's Moscow office.

### Newspaper shows distrust for U.S.

HANOI, Vietnam (AP) - A Vietnamese newspaper accused the United States on Thursday of leading a new war against Vietnam by attempting to destabilize the country's communist government.

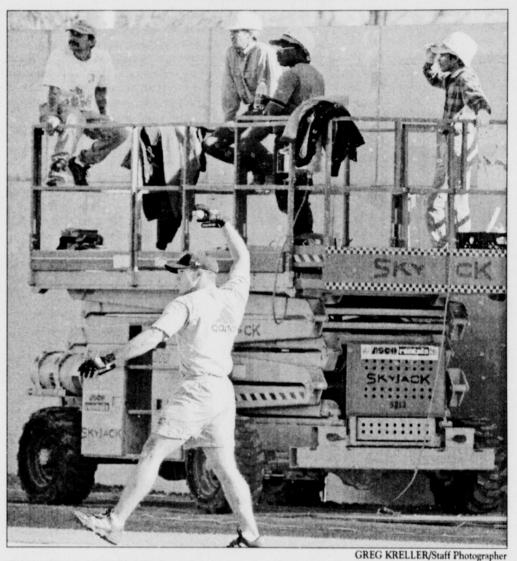
It said efforts by "imperialists" led by the United States to reform communism through "peaceful evolution" are "acts of sabotage against communist countries, including Vietnam." It blamed corruption within the Communist Party saying western lifestyles have been spread through documents adnd videotapes.

### Quote of the Day

"If you lay your hands on somebody, keep in mind you could be breaking the law."

- DARRYL ROBBINS, Chief instructor for Life Safety Service. Please see STUDENTS, page 6.

### Photo of the Week



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The student entrance gates at the southeast portion of the arena will open an hour and a half (6:30 p.m. for Monday's game against Texas) before games. Along with the student ticket, a student ID card must be shown for admittance, not only to enter the arena, but to enter the student seating areas as well.

Student lines for entrance through the southeast gates will be allowed starting at 8 a.m. on game day. If students do not fill up the student sections by 30 minutes prior to tip-off, no-show seats will be sold for \$6 at the west gate only. Tech students also can gain admission by purchasing general admission tickets (if any remain) for \$6 each.

Ticket questions can be directed to the Texas Tech Ticket Office at 742-4412.

The Student Government Assocation will hold budget workshops Monday and Tuesday for any student organization that would like to obtain funding for next year. Meetings will be held Monday at 7:30 p.m. in the Ballroom of the Student Union and Tuesday in the Matador room. For information call (806) 742-3631.

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## Deliberations begin in hockey murder case

By Denise Lavoie/Associated Press

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP) - The attorney for a 270-pound dad who beat another father to death at their sons' hockey practice said Thursday that the "gentle giant" had a right to defend himself. In its closing argument, the prosecution ridiculed that description.

Attorney Thomas Orlandi Jr. said Thomas Junta never intended to kill Michael Costin, who was an inch shorter and 114 pounds lighter.

"It was simply a fight," Orlandi said in his closing argument at Junta's manslaughter trial. He called Junta, 44, a "gentle giant."

Junta and Costin, 40, tangled in July 2000 after arguing about rough play at their sons' hockey practice in Reading.

Prosecutor Sheila Calkins said Orlandi left out what Junta did just before leaving Costin to die in the rink lobby, as several children, including their own, looked on.

"He took (Costin's) head, and he slammed it into the mat," she said. "The 'Gentle Giant.'"

Jurors have more than a half-dozen versions of the fight to consider. The panel of nine women and three men began deliberations Thursday afternoon after being told to consider both voluntary and involuntary manslaughter charges. Conviction on either charge carries a maximum sentence of 20 years

The case attracted national scrutiny following what some say is a surge of parental violence at youth sporting events.

Junta testified Wednesday that he tried to avoid coming to blows with

He left the rink after the initial confrontation, but returned minutes later to pick up his son.

A rink employee, Nancy Blanchard, testified she tried to stop Junta from entering, but he pushed her aside, bruising her arm. She and another woman testified they yelled to Junta during the fatal fight: "Stop! You're going to kill him!" Both said Junta landed repeated blows.

During his closing arguments, Orlandi stressed that she was inconsis-

"I don't think she was lying or misrepresenting," Orlandi said. "But she's so emotional, she's believing things she wasn't actually seeing."

Junta said Costin took the first swing as he re-entered the rink, and he responded by striking Costin with "three off-balance punches."

Shedding tears at times during his testimony Wednesday, Junta said he left the rink without knowing how gravely he had injured Costin. He also appeared to fight back tears during the closing arguments. He rested his head in his hand and looked mostly down at the defense

"I thought when he laid back down that he was just resting," the burly truck driver said, his voice choking and chin

Costin never regained consciousness. He died the next day.

The prosecution's medical experts testified that Costin was beaten in the head and neck with such force that a main artery in his neck ruptured.

"There were more than three punches here, ladies and gentlemen," Calkins said Thursday. "And the medical evidence shows you that."

A medical expert for the defense testified Wednesday that a single blow could have caused the rupture.

Several witnesses corroborated Junta's claim that he hit Costin in the head only three times, while others said they saw Junta viciously beating Costin, landing as many as 10 hard punches to

While cross-examining Junta, Calkins grilled him about why he didn't try to walk away or pause between the three punches he said he landed.

"This is a 156-pound man lying on his back holding your wrist and you want this jury to believe you couldn't get away

from him?" she said. "Yes I do because that's the truth,"

Junta's lawyer showed the jury photographs of Junta's injuries, including a 4inch cut on his face, scrapes on his legs where he said Costin kicked him with his skates, and long scr hes on his arm near a tattoo of the cartoon dog Snoopy wearing football gear.

### Student organizations now able to receive SGA funds

By Damian Davis/Staff Reporter

Registered student organizations are now able to receive funding from the Student Government Associa-

The SGA will be holding workshops beginning Monday for the purpose of allocating funds to student organizations around campus.

Kelli Stumbo, internal vice president of the SGA, said there are some steps organizations must go through before they can receive funds.

"We allocate funds to all organizations, with the exception of social organizations," she said. "The organization must be one that brings recognition to Tech."

A representative from the student organization looking to receive funds must attend one of the two remaining workshops. Both meetings will be held in the Student Union at 7:30 p.m. Monday in the Ballroom and Tuesday in the Matador Room.

Wesley Stephens, journal clerk for the SGA, said a member of each organization needs to come by the SGA office at 230 Student Union before the workshops to obtain some forms.

"They must pick up packets in our office and return them before the deadline of Jan. 25," he said. "At that time, they need to sign up for an interview with the budget and finance department of the Student Senate." Last year, more than \$182,000 was given to organizations that applied, Stephens said. This year's amount is ex-

pected to exceed last year's total. New student organizations are only allowed to receive the minimum amount

of funding, if approved. The funds allocated to the student organizations come from student service fees most students pay when they enroll at the university. The money is then given to the Student Senate to allocate.

"This student funding is only a supplement," Stumbo said. "We do not totally fund any one organization."

Last year the SGA asked for an increase in the amount of student service fees that were charged to each student.

"Last year we were able to fund 30 or 40 more organizations than before," she said. "This is important because these organizations may not have had funding otherwise."

Stumbo feels it is important for the funds to be allocated in this manner because it is allowing students to make decisions about where the money is spent. She said the money makes possible many events organizations take part in.

"If we are paying for fee I think it is more personalized if we use it to fund student programs," she said. "I am in many different organizations and this helps them in many ways."

For more information concerning the workshops, stop by the SGA office in 230 Student Union or come by the Student Activities and Involvement office in 228

# New taste could be on tap for Lubbock water

By Jenny Klein/Staff Reporter

The completion of a project with the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority may soon attempt to change the popular idea that Lubbock's water tastes

water from Roberts County are being blended to provide Lubbock with a new, better-tasting water supply, Bruce Blalack, water production and treatment superintendent, said.

Blalack said Lubbock water has always had a salty taste because water was taken from the city's Bailey County field and combined with water from Lake Meredith, which is high in salt content.

"The water has always been safe to drink," he said. "It's just never tasted that

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great to some people."

Blalack said water from the lake is being blended with ground water from Roberts County with a low mineral content, which makes the water taste less

Member cities of the CRMWA, in-Water from Lake Meredith and well cluding Lubbock, have been working together for the past five years constructing a new well field in Roberts County, costing the city \$30 million. Blalack said this multi-million dollar project could have cost the city more.

"The cost of this was half of what it would have been had we built a new treatment unit here that would do the same thing," Blalack said.

Currently, well water from the Bailey County well field comes into the system separately and combines with the lake

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Blalack said the water supply being tested is already showing a lower mineral content, but because of the water still in the pipelines and reservoir, people won't be able to taste the difference for at least another two weeks.

This news comes to a relief to some Tech students who find the taste of Lubbock's water unbearable.

"Right now, I won't drink tap water here," Linda Gilray, a freshman photojournalism major from Dallas, said. "I drink bottled water."

Fernando Gonzalez, a junior political science major from Dallas, agrees. "You can hold a glass of water up to a

light and see things floating around in it," he said. "That's not good,"

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they are able to read the newspaper to find a job. This America is the haven where young men make love to young women, causing an increase in the mass production of teen-age single-parent homes, and the production of generations who will repeat this cycle.

Now, wait a minute. All of these bad things going on in this country don't affect you, and you really didn't pick up the paper today to have to read about all the problems of other people in this country. However, before you turn the page to find an article that will make you feel all warm and tingly inside, maybe you should consider the fact that whether you like it or not, these issues affect you.

Be it the tax money you give out of every paycheck that will be used for welfare, prisons and the court system, or the alarm system you just spent time and resources to get installed, this issue of misguided and uneducated young people affects us all. It might be crime, racial or sexual prejudice, or even the workings of our

justice system, but eventually the repercussions of misguided, misinformed, and uneducated youth affects

This is not a white issue, a black issue, a Hispanic issue, or even a minority issue. This is an American issue, because these societal problems affect every class, culture and creed in America. From Columbus High School in Bronx, New York, to Columbine High School in

Littleton, Colo., young people from every walk of life and every background imaginable testify as proof that there is no escaping the long arm of social crisis.

We can start with the aristocratic young people of this country that have had everything in this world they could ever want but have somehow managed to

convince themselves that drug abuse, senseless crimes and suicide are the only sources of hope that exist. What kind of hope is that?

On the other side of the fence, we have young people growing up in neighborhoods marked by poverty and an underprivileged social class. They also live lives plagued by drug abuse, senseless crime and suicide, and they want nothing more than to escape the

hell on earth they refer to as life. Yes, just like us, they also have an "American Dream." They dream of leaving this lifestyle they live that they did not choose for themselves.

There is a generation of young people that struggle to survive on a daily basis because they have no hope. What good is an "American Dream" when you've lost all hope? If you are drowning, what good does it do you to

be rescued if you Perhaps the greatest gift can't breathe when you get out of the water? that you could ever give Either way, above water, you will die. These young people are drowning themselves in a someone's life surpasses sea of illusions that fills them with a falsified belief that there is no hope. So many of America's youth

> what seems to be a hopeless and helpless situation. They constantly rape their minds

are growing up in

through their rejection of education and their acceptance of hopelessness, and are consequently leading lives of ignorance and complacency. I once heard a poet say, "This life I

live ain't for me, it's for you. God gave me gray skies so yours could be blue." So many times in the midst of our blue sky- filled lives, we choose to turn off the television or change the

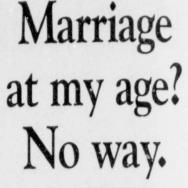
channel when the problems of this society begin to give us a view of the gray skies that people all over this country live through every

However, I believe that somewhere, deep within each of us is a beacon of hope that presses us onward and upward toward the fulfillment of our goals, and ultimately, success. I also believe that someone somewhere in life took the time to believe in every one of us. It may have been a teacher, a parent, or just a friend. No matter who it may have been that impacted your life, I believe that their contribution is the key. Perhaps the greatest gift that you could ever give someone is the gift of hope, because the renewal of hope in someone's life surpasses the existence of what may seem to be a hopeless and helpless

We are now here at this institution of higher learning to prepare ourselves to be the leaders of tomorrow. I believe that tomorrow is now. Leaders don't wait for tomorrow to fix the crisis of today.

We each have the ability to offer someone that cannot see past his or her circumstances the priceless gift of hope. In fact, we can replace gray skies with blue skies through the restoration of a simple concept known as hope. Give someone hope today by believing in them, because someone had enough hope to believe that you could make it to where you are today.

■ Daniel White is a junior English major from Dallas.





RACHEL RICHMOND

mas break, my sister got engaged. Actually, it happened on Christmas Day. The couple had been together for more than six years, so needless to say, the entire

family was excited that he finally decided to ask

for her hand. My family knew what was going to take place a week leading up to the "big question," and that is when the pressure

My mother called me and we chatted about the "big event." She decided to mention, as if we were on that particular subject, "I was watching TV yesterday and the show was saying if you are not engaged or married by the age of 25, then the chances of you not finding someone goes up 80 percent. So, you have about three years."

What! Me...married? Are you crazy? Is this a sick joke? I cannot even have a decent relationship, let alone a marriage. Talk about no pressure. I just want to graduate and start my life alone, not as the other half of a couple Just because my sister is getting hitched does not mean that I have to - does it?

Sure, I'm not getting any younger and I am the only person in my family above the age of two that does not have a significant other. When my family gets together to play board games in teams, I am the one that always has to sit out because I never have a partner and my parents are beginning to think that I play for the other team (not that there is anything wrong with that) because I never have a boyfriend. I think it is perfectly fine that I am a single 22-year-old, but does society have a problem with it?

Is it expected of a person, fresh out of college, to be engaged, already married or to immediately start looking for a mate? Shouldn't that point in your life be to find out who you are as a young adult in this lonely world?

Is this pressure to be married primarily placed on women? Being a spinster does not sound nearly as glamorous as being a bachelor. Don't try to fool yourself into thinking otherwise. Is it all based on how you were raised?

My friend Jason, an Aggie, and l were discussing this very subject just a few days ago. His mother and grandmother seem to agree with mine. Both casually commented, "Jason, I feel sorry for you that you are graduating soon and you don't have anyone." His reaction was similar to mine. What's a single young adult to do? Oh, and his parents are also questioning his loyalty to the team. It must be contagious.

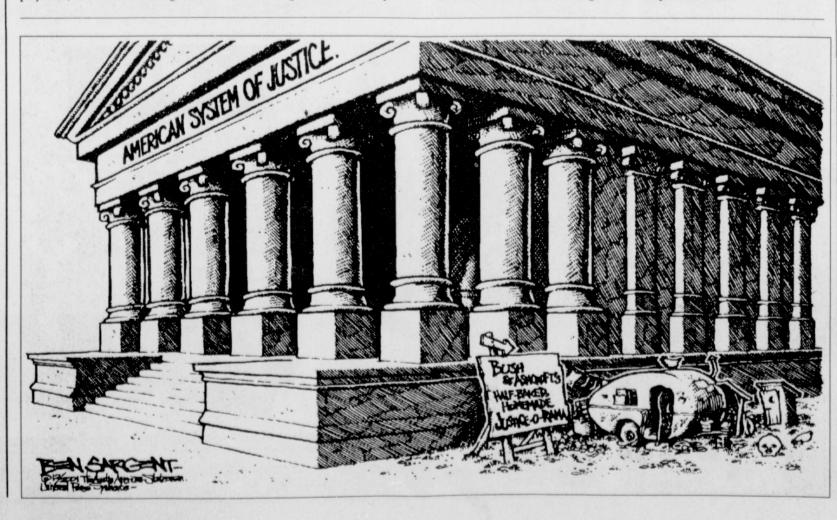
I guess the main reason we are on this earth is to procreate, but is that it? Is there no other meaning of life than to get married and have babies? There just has to be! Back in the biblical days, the life span was significantly shorter than it is today. People were getting hitched and having children at the age of 13. So, does today's society still believe the younger the better?

You always hear people say, "well, my grandparents got married when they were 17" or "my parents got married when they were 20." So does that mean the children of Generation X has to follow their footsteps?

What is the big rush? People in today's society tend to live far into their 80s. So, according to that figure, I have plenty of time. Some people are just programmed to want the spouse and the kids as early as possible, and there is nothing wrong with that. But, how about the others that are pressured into way more than they can handle earlier in life - maybe they are the rebellers: the spinsters and the bachelors?

This is your life, so live it how you see fit. Whatever your desire, fulfill it. It is OK that you have not found that one person that you will spend the rest of your life with in the short period you have been on this earth. Being young and single is priceless, so an brace every moment. Remember, better things are yet to come.

■ Rachel Richmond is a senior journalism major from Plano. She plans to get married at the age of 40. She can be emailed at Rachel 1979@hotmail.com.



### Elections

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didates must attend a mandatory seminar the week after being finalized, to become acquainted with campaign rules and procedures.

"After that, it will be really hectic," she said. "People will start running around putting up posters and getting their campaigns started."

Each candidate running for an executive position has a \$200 budget for campaigning. Senators have a \$75 limit.

All receipts and expenses must be turned in to the SGA office as part of a financial disclosure process.

In order to qualify for a student government position, a student must be in good standing with the university.

Those running for president must have achieved senior level standing by the time they take office.

Any candidate running for external or internal vice president must be in good standing with the university and have achieved junior level standing.

Those who running for senate positions must be enrolled in the college they will represent and have 30 hours at the time they take office. Stumbo said the SGA officers at Tech

carry more responsibility than their counterparts in high school.

"There is a lot of likeness as far as addressing the students and getting them resources," she said.

"The SGA has a strict attendance policy. In high school you wouldn't pass legislation; the SGA takes you to a whole new level.'

Stumbo said members of the SGA work closely with administrators, chancellors and members of the community.

"You really have to make a commitment to the students," she said.

### Justice Dept. investigates Enron Corp.

By Karen Gullo/Associated Press

WASHINGTON - The Justice Department has begun a criminal investigation of Enron Corp., the bankrupt energy company whose collapse caused many employees to lose their life's sav-

An attorney for Enron welcomed the inquiry, the latest in a series of governmental probes into the company's demise, saying the investigation would "bring light to the facts."

'We want to get to the bottom of this too," said Robert Bennett, a Washington attorney representing the Houstonbased company. "A lot of decent and honorable people work at Enron and we should wait until the facts are out."

The Justice Department is forming a national task force to look into the company's dealings. The group will be headed by lawyers at the department's criminal division and include prosecutors in Houston, San Francisco, New York and several other cities, said a Justice Department official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The official declined to say when the investigation began. Enron faces civil investigations by the Labor Department and the Securities and Exchange Commission and subpoenas from congressional committees.

All are looking into the energy trading company's collapse, the largest bankruptcy filing in U.S. history.

The failure hit employees and investors hard. Workers were prohibited from selling company stock from their Enronheavy 401(k) retirement accounts as the company's stock plummeted. Many lost

their life's savings. Enron executives cashed out more than \$1 billion in stock when it was near its peak. Formed in 1985, Enron had 20,000 employees and was once the world's top buyer and seller of natural gas and the largest electricity marketer in the United States. It also marketed coal, pulp, paper, plastics, metals and fiberoptic bandwidth.

# Local blood levels drop after attacks at Ground Zero

By Natalie Worthen/Staff Reporter

According to local statistics, blood donation has lost the heroic appeal it had following the Sept. 11 attacks.

"Things are traditionally slow after holidays," said Les Long, community relations manager for United Blood Services. "However, this year things are significantly slower."

In December, UBS experienced a slump in the number of donations, receiving approximately 2,400 pints of blood instead of the anticipated

average of 3,000. Long said the drop in need blood." donations is probably related to the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. Directly after the nation was attacked, he said donations

"More people donated after Sept.11 than we have personnel to respond with," Long said.

However, since the flood of response after the attacks, the numbers have dwindled significantly.

"People feel that they fulfilled their civic duty to supply by donating directly after Sept.11," he said. "However, we still

Statistics show a greater number of people will need blood transfusions in their lifetime than the percentage of eligible people who donate.

"Five percent of the eligible public donates blood, and 85 percent will use blood transfusions by the age of 65," Long said. "We desperately need type O-negative and AB-negative blood donations that are usable for the majority of the

Despite the lower numbers in December, Long said he has not given up hope

said it would take some time for the blood supply to catch up.

"I can see some potential for January to produce, but it takes a while to fully restock after coming from behind to build up the banks."

Many people might not be aware that supply and demand does not apply to calling (806) 797-6804.

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for the month of January. However, he blood transfusions, and the only way there is enough blood for national tragedies and local surgeries is if people make the effort to donate.

"We can't pay for blood. The only transfusion is voluntarily donated blood. We're dependent on that," Long said.

Volunteers may benefit the UBS by

### **Telemarketers**

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Cornyn, "The Texas 'no call law' is one more line of defense for the consumer."

Gary McHale, an electrical engineering graduate student from Plano said he does not see how the one list would cross his name off being free of unwanted calls.

"The law will not completely stop all unwanted telephone calls, but it

ing of the Murrow Federal Building

in Oklahoma and also cared for pa-

tients that were victims of the Okla-

Belcher has to say," McMahon said.

"Belcher has been involved with

and is a member of the Disaster

Medical Assistance Team and was

"I can't wait to hear what

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**Terrorism** 

homa tornados.

will certainly help in reducing the number of calls," he said.

Violators can be fined up to \$1,000 and are subject to being sued by the consumer they called, Gage said.

The fee can be up to \$3,000 per violation if it is committed willfully or knowingly, according to a recent release from the office of the attorney general.

One group involved in particular by the state's new law is the American Association of Retired Persons.

Gage said she felt the AARP was in-

active in response to Ground Zero."

disasters they have responded to in an

effort to educate local professionals

gional and state disaster plans,"

crashes in Dallas and will explain the

perspective of going into preparation

and planning for avoiding disaster and

to make sure to cover all your bases."

how to deal with similar situations.

McMahon said.

Other speakers will discuss types of

"Klein from Dallas will cover re-

"Klein helped with the Delta Flight

volved primarily because the elderly people have been victims of telemarketing fraud.

Gage said she does not feel the list will affect telemarketers because they do not want to call anyone who is not in-

"In ten days, 101,000 people had added their name to the 'no call list," Gage said. "it's going to reduce the number of calls made by the telemarketers, but it's not going to stop them completely.'

plain the different approaches to reacting to difference as diverse as bomb-

He will also discuss the rates at which the people arrive seeking medical attention, and how to handle the individual circumstances.

The conference will be from 8:30 a.m. until 1:20 p.m. Saturday at the Lubbock Civic Center Banquet Hall, located at 1501 6th Street.



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McMahon said Tuggle would exvictims and tornado victims.



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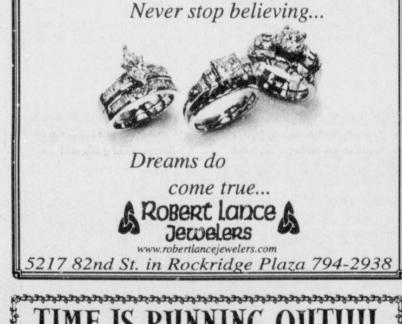
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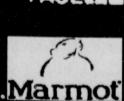
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# The World Wrestling Foundation rumbles to Tech

By April Tamplen/Staff Reporter

Stone Cold Steve Austin, Triple H, Chris Jericho, and Booker T are coming to the United Spirit Arena to lay the smack down in a house-show wrestling event at 7 p.m. Saturday in the United Spirit

Arena. Twenty other sports entertainers are scheduled to perform, including Undertaker, Trish Stratus, Scotty 2 Hotty, Kurt Angle, and Tajiri.

Cindy Harper, marketing manager for the United Spirit Arena, said more matches are

planned than those that appear on the

"The fight between Triple H and Jericho will be something to watch for," Jeff Taylor, a senior Human Development and Family Study major from Ben Wheeler, said. "That fight alone should make it worth going Saturday."

Monday on RAW television Triple H made a comeback appearance. Triple H's leg was injured on May 21 in a match with Chris Jericho. After a rematch against Jericho on Monday, the two are scheduled to fight again on Saturday at the Spirit Arena.

WWF The Women's title will showcase Trish Stratus versus Jazz with Jackie as a special referee.

"All the matches between the women superstars is needless T & A," Taylor said.

"The WWF is known for throwing in a few extra surprises when it comes to the women fighting,"

Jayson Bernstein, Director of Marketing Communications for the WWF,

Things to watch for Saturday will be Stone Cold's phrase, "what," Billy Gunn and Chuck Palumbo, whose characters are homosexual, and Kurt Angle who was a former Olympian, he said.

House shows are straight wrestling,



FILE PHOTO/The University Daily

CHRIS JERICO, RIGHT, and Steve Austin, in background, will make another appearance at the United Spirit Arena on Saturday.

Students to learn the basics of self defense on Saturday

when at home.

may occur.

Taylor said. Even though the wrestling is scripted and the finishes are already determined, the wrestlers sometimes get hurt in the matches.

By April Tamplen/Staff Reporter

teach students how to defend their

property, body, and life this Saturday

at 10 a.m. in the Robert H. Ewalt Stu-

Tech is offering a workshop to

Arena are hoping to host a live wrestling event on television, Harper said. "The WWF only televises a couple

Darryl Robbins, chief instructor for

The two issues that will be dis-

Life Safety Service, will instruct the

cussed are safety during travel and

dent Recreation Center.

In the future, officials at the Spirit of nights a week and Saturday will not be one of them," Harper said. "In the next few years, we hope the Spirit Arena and the WWF will have sched-

When traveling alone, Robbins ad-

vises that students always let someone

know when they leave, where they are

going and any major problems that

ules that do not conflict with each other."

Even though the fights will not be televised, the WWF has promised a great show. "There tends to be more straight up in the ring action which makes house shows my favorite," Bernstein said.

House shows give the fans an opportunity to get up close and personal with the wrestling superstars.

"Key issues will be touched on even though the actual storyline will not be furthered," Bernstein said.

The last time the WWF came to Lubbock, 9,000 tickets were purchased, arena officials said.

It seemed that a lot of the students had a great time, Harper said.

"So far only 5,500 tickets have been sold for Saturday," Harper said "But we are expecting a lot of last minute walk

Parking in the west commuter lots near the United Spirit Arena will be

Tickets can be purchased at all Lubbock Select-a-Seat outlets including Dollar Western Wear, Memphis Place Mall, and Ralph's Records & Tapes and the Student Union.

Ticket range from \$40, \$30, \$25, and \$15 depending on seating.

"Students need to take precaution

Never let a stranger into the home,

This workshop will offer a lot of safety

Students will learn self-defense laws

"If you lay your hands on somebody,

The hands-on demonstration will be

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"Students will be learning how to use

Carrying mace actually does not help a person at all, Robbins said. People tend to not actually carry the mace in their

hands, and most of the chemicals do not

In the year 2000 aggravated assault went up 11.5% in the city according to

"Thank goodness we have the police, but they are not usually there to help

right away," Robbins said. "Police are re-

be accepted until 10 a.m. on Saturday.

Pre-registration for the workshop will

For more information about this

bodyguards and shows ways to defend

oneself that do not violate the law,

their body as natural weapons," Ibbetson

said. "Elbows, feet, and hands are all body parts that students need to learn how to

an example of Compliance Direction Take-Down, a course that Robbins

and how to apply them during an hourlong demonstration of hands-on contact.

keep in mind that you could be break-

never prop the door open, and do not

give out any personal information, he

and personal issues advice, Janda Ibbetson, activities director of Recre-

wherever they happen to live," Robbins said. "60 percent of all sexual assults oc-

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# Lady Raiders hope to halt skid in Austin

**TEXAS** TECH FOR-WARD Jolee Ayers fights for rebound during the Raiders' loss to Oklahoma Saturday. Tech looks to end its two-game losing streak when they travel to Austin to face rival



By Jeff Keller/Staff Reporter

The Lady Raiders will look to avoid their first three-game conference losing streak since the 1987-88 season when they face the Texas Longhorns at 1 p.m. Sunday in Austin.

The game will be televised on Fox Sports Southwest, Cox Cable channel

Texas Tech has dropped two consecutive Big 12 Conference contests since opening the conference schedule with a win against Kansas.

In losses to Oklahoma and Missouri the last two times out, the Lady Raiders have been out-rebounded by an average of 49-34 under the boards.

Tech forward Jolee Ayers has averaged four rebounds per contest in the Lady Raiders' last two games and said Tech has to be more aggressive if it wants to pick up the win in the capital city.

"Obviously when you go on the road it is important to play good defense and rebound," Ayers said. "We didn't do that against Missouri and I think that really cost us the game. I think that we really need to get focused right here and make rebounding a priority. Rebounding is a very big part of our game and we need to make sure that we go out every contest and out-rebound them. We just need to get people blocked out and focus on what we need to get done."

The Lady Raiders enter the contest with a 9-4 record and a 1-2 mark in Big 12 Conference play.

Even though it is early, we need to win. I don't think we can afford to lose any more.

> - JIA PERKINS Lady Raider Guard

Texas comes into the game with an 11-2 record and a 3-0 conference posting.

The Longhorns are led in scoring by forward Stacy Stephens who is averaging 14 points per game on the season but 16 points per outing in conference play.

Lady Raider guard Jia Perkins tallied a team-high 20 points in the losing effort against Missouri but fouled out of the contest with more than four minutes

Perkins said Tech will be ready for Texas but it will take a solid team effort to collect the win in Austin.

"We've been pretty pumped up for every game so we are just going to come out and treat this like any other game," Perkins said. "We are going to have to play real good to beat Texas because they have been playing good this year. They beat us last year so we know we are going to have to play good."

Tech dropped a total of three Big 12 Conference games all of last regular season and have never lost more than five conference contests in the history of the

Perkins said the team is not panicked at this point in the season, but the Lady Raiders will be playing with a sense of urgency when they tip-off against Texas this weekend.

"I think it is urgent," Perkins said of the Texas contest. "Even though it is early, we need to win. I don't think we can afford to lose any more. We just need to get our heads into it and start playing good basketbali."

The Texas contest will mark the end of a two game road portion of the Lady Raiders' schedule. Tech will be back in Lubbock to face Baylor at 8 p.m., Wednesday at the United Spirit Arena.

### Nate Newton indicted on drug counts

(AP) - A grand jury has indicted former pro football offensive guard Nate Newton on federal drugtrafficking counts.

Newton, who lives in East Ellijay, Ga., was a six-time Pro Bowl offensive lineman who helped the Dallas Cowboys win three Super Bowls in the 1990s.

Newton, 40, has been held without bail at a detention center in Seagoville, a southeast Dallas suburb, since his arrest Dec. 12. At the time, he was free on \$100,000 bail in connection with similar charges in Louisiana a few weeks earlier. Louisiana police said Newton was driving a van following another vehicle when he was arrested with 213 pounds of marijuana and \$18,000 in

In the latest arrest, federal prosecutors say Newton and his passenger, Bruce Freeman-Canady, 30, of Jacksonville, Fla., traveled in Newton's red Ford F-150 pickup in formation with a white Chevrolet rental car that was alleged to be carrying a shipment of marijuana from Garland to Houston.

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9:00	Green Gables Redwall	M. Stewart All About	Blue's Clues Little Bill	Jerry Jones Dave Campo	L. McGuire Even Steven	R. Friends Digimon
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1:00	NY Workshop Hometime	Paid Program Paid Program	:	:	Detroit "	Texas Tech @ Oklahoma
2:00	Woodwright Antiques	Paid Program Golf: PGA	Basketball: Kansas 3	Movie: 'Heavyweig-	:	:
3:00	Roadshow Motorweek	of America Golf: Year	UCLA	hts'	AFC/NFC Dblheader	Basketball: Missouri @
4:00	Fine Art Memories	on the Brink	Quest 1: US Ski Tcam	Paid Program Paid Program	:	Kansas State
5:00	Book Show Right/Money	TX Reporter NBC News	Paid Program CBS News	Stargate	:	Shoot Me Shoot Me
6:00	Viewpoint TX Parks	News Hlywd Square	Jeopardy 3rd Rock	Enterprise "	:	Friends Raymond
7:00	Lawrence Welk	NBC Movie: "Bodyguard"	Touched by an Angel	Movie: 'Narrou	AFC/NFC Playoffs	Cops *PG Cops *PG
8:00	Ed Sullivan	1001 1936, 175s.	That's Life	Margin'	1	AMW *PG
9:00	Senior Year	:	District	Deep Space 9	:	News Sports
10:00		News Saturday	News 3rd Rock	Buffy	News	Seinfeld MAD TV
11:00	1	Night Live "TV14	Movie: 'Red Heat'	Mutant X	Movie: 'Hopscotch'	Andromeda
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8:30	Kids Bookworm	TX Reporter 1st United	CBS Sunday Morning	Paid Program Paid Program	Feed/Child Prophecy	K. Copeland Eddie Trice
9:00	Bunch	Methodist Meet the	News Face/Nation	Weekenders Recess	In Touch Hometime	FOX News Sunday
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7:00	Nature	Weakest Link *G	Max Bickford	Movie: 'Down	The Jungle"	Simpsons *PG Malcolm *PG
8:00	American Experience	Law & Order: Cl	28th Annual People's	Periscope'	Alias *TV14	X-Files 'PG
9:00	Memorial	Undercover *TV14	Choice Awards	Deep Space 9	Practice "	News Red Raiders
10:00	Mystery!	News In/Edition	News	Blind Date Red Raider	News Access	Red Raiders Seinfeld
11 :00	125 633	Extra Weekend	3rd Rock Movie:	Red Raider Blind Date	Hollywood Movie:	X-Files
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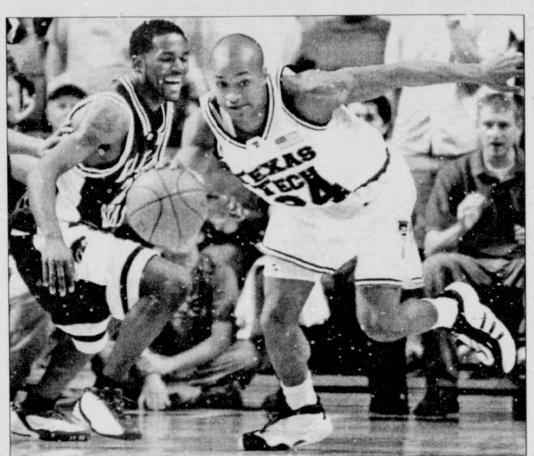
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A sign outside the Texas Tech men's basketball team's locker room reads, "The game's on the schedule, we have to play it, we raight as well win it."

Those are the words of NBA great Bill Russell, and Tech forward Kasib Powell said the Red Raiders will use that theory when they enter Norman, Okla. to face No. 5 Oklahoma at 12:45 p.m. Saturday.

"We really feel like that," Powell said about the sign. "We see that (Oklahoma) is on the schedule, so why go in there and think of losing? We might as well win the game."

The Sooners, who are 12-1 overall and 1-0 within the Big 12 Conference, look to be Tech's (13-1, 2-0 Big 12) first major test this season.

"Definitely this will be the toughest test," Tech guard Nick Valdez said. "It is going to be another game we have to bring a lot more intensity and be a lot more sharp."

Not only is Saturday's contest the biggest test for the Raiders, it is also the first major road obstacle Tech has to hurdle, Powell said.

Tech has played only four of its 14 contests on the road this season, and during those games, the Raiders won by three points at SMU, one point at New Mexico State, seven points at Houston

A lot of teams are doubtful about us. We can play with anybody.

— KASIB POWELL Red Raider Forward

and two points at Texas A&M Wednes-

Tech guard Nick Valdez said when playing on the road, mistakes have to be limited and players can't expect to win by a large margin when away from home.

"We have to come out and be as careful as possible," Valdez said. "We have

to come out with the best possible approach. We have to match (the Sooners') intensity."

During the three games away from the United Spirit Arena, the Raiders have helped give opposing crowds their largest turnout of the season. During the win against the Aggies, more than 10,000 fans showed up, the second most in Texas A&M history.

Playing away from home may be more difficult, but Powell said he has no worries.

He said every game, no matter where it is, has to be approached the same way.

"We will go in there the same way," he said. "The only difference is our uniform is a different color."

Powell said Saturday's game, which is televised by FOX, Cox Cable 10, will give a chance to prove the team's worth to any Raider doubters.

"This is the biggest game up to this point," Powell said. "A lot of teams are doubtful about us. We can play with anybody."

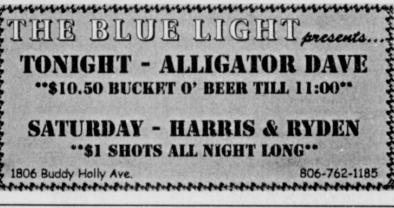
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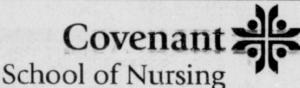
"We definitely have something to prove (on Saturday)," Valdez said. "We want to show people we are the real deal because we are."

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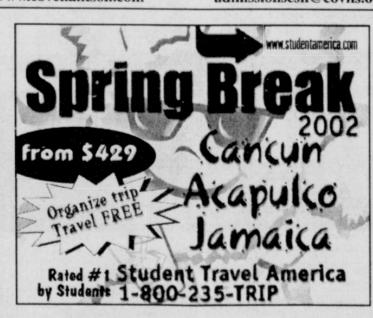
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### CORRECTION

In Thursday's article titled "Low SAT scores halt Tech's top two tennis transfers," the sentence that read, "an athlete could lose all eligibility if he or she enrolls in classes without passing the SAT," was incorrect. Student athletes may not lose all their eligibility because some universities accept non-qualifiers.

Non-qualifiers are not eligible at Big 12 Conference universities unless they retake the test and achieve the necessary score based on their high school core GPA because of Big 12 rules and regulations.

Students may be full, partial or nonqualifiers based on their test scores and high school core GPA. The statement, "Partial qualifiers can practice with the team but not compete until they have passed the test," is incorrect. Partial qualifiers may practice with the team while sitting out one year of competition, but they cannot retake the SAT once enrolled in classes.

Matt Pickering, an academic counseling specialist in athletics, said the NCAA Initial Eligibility Clearinghouse certifies all athletes as full, partial or nonqualifiers before they start attending college.

The eligibility rules for NCAA can be seen on the Web site www.ncaa.org, at the Rules and Eligibility link.

The University Daily apologizes and regrets these mistakes.

