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## SGA ballots available online today, Wednesday

**CLICK 'N VOTE:** Students can select their choice of student representatives at [www.sga.ttu.edu](http://www.sga.ttu.edu).

By April Tamplen/Staff Reporter

Students can vote for the positions of Student Government Association president, internal vice president, external vice president, senators and constitutional referendums today.

Voting will be available online from 9 a.m. today to 7 p.m. Wednesday. Results will be posted Wednesday from 8:30 to 9 p.m.

All voting will be done online at

[www.sga.ttu.edu](http://www.sga.ttu.edu), not on paper.

Bill Brannan, elections commissioner, said elections were moved up one week in case of a runoff to avoid conflicts with Spring Break.

"Historically there is always a runoff from some of the candidates," he said. If needed, the runoff will be held March 5 and 6.

Channon Cain, external vice president for the SGA, said he was in a runoff last year and the second time around

campaigning was harder.

"Before the election was moved up a week the runoffs were held after Spring Break," he said. "It was harder because you should be relaxing during the break, but I had it on the back of my mind."

Candidates for president, internal vice president and external vice president have to win 50 percent of the vote. Candidates for the senators win by plurality. Constitutional referendums have to pass by a two-thirds vote.

There are 106 qualified candidates running for senator positions of the different colleges.

In the SGA elections of 2000-2001,

2,735 students voted.

Cain said he thought there were a lot of good candidates running for office this year.

"It is good to see the SGA bringing out people of that quality who are vying for those positions," he said.

Jason Sharp, senator-at-large, said most of the changes to the SGA constitution that the students will be voting on are technicalities.

Issues students will have a choice to vote on during the election are wording of the SGA constitution, grade point averages and number of hours being taken by senate members, and change of qualifications for internal vice president.

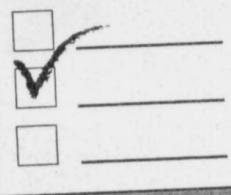
Cain said students will have a voice to vote on a referendum question that will raise the International Education fee \$1 every year for the next three years with a permanent cap of \$4 a semester.

"The study abroad is kinda my baby," he said. "The scholarships we give to these students are just peanuts compared to how much financial strain they are really under."

Cain said this fee is different from the athletics fee because the money goes directly to students for scholarships.

Brannan said since there are a number of constitutional referendums on the

### SGA Elections



FRANK VACULIN/Graphics Artist

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## Schmidly outlines plan

By Justin Matthews/Staff Reporter

Armed with a Power Point presentation, Texas Tech President David Schmidly revealed and explained Tech's 2001-2005 strategic plan Monday night. The plan, dubbed "A Clear Vision for the



GREG KRELLER/Staff Photographer  
TEXAS TECH PRESIDENT David Schmidly reveals Tech's new strategic plan Monday at the Helen DeVitt Jones Auditorium at the Texas Tech Museum.

Future," brought many university, local and state leaders to the Helen DeVitt Jones Auditorium of the Museum of Texas Tech. During the 30-minute presentation Schmidly explained the importance of the nine goals set within the plan.

"My goal is to see Texas Tech to 30,000 students," he said. "I think, with the goals we are making and this strategic planning, this goal is every bit possible."

Schmidly introduced the city to such university goals as increased access and diversity, maintaining strong traditions and pride, and financial stability, among others.

"It is imperative to keep our traditions alive, and financial stability, goal No. 8, is the solid rock on which our success will be built."

While moving through the presentation, Schmidly described how each goal would be pursued and accomplished. When Schmidly explained goal three, "Enhanced Opportunities for Engage-

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## Students can buy tickets to be Tech president for a day

**TRADING PLACES:** David Schmidly will randomly select a student to take his place at 1 p.m. Wednesday in his office.

By April Tamplen/Staff Reporter

Some students have wondered what they would change if they were in the shoes of the president of Texas Tech University.

The Student Government Association and the Mortar Board is giving one student a chance.

March 4, President David Schmidly will switch places with a Tech student. Students can purchase tickets from Mortar Board members or at the Mortar Board table at the Student Union from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Feb. 26. Tickets cost \$1 apiece or \$5 for six tickets. A student can purchase as many tickets as he or



FILE PHOTO/The University Daily  
A STUDENT PARTICIPATES in the Chancellor for a Day program in Spring 2000 to raise money as he takes Chancellor Emeritus John Montford's job for a day.

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## Candidates begin campaigning for city elections held in May

By Jenny Klein/Staff Reporter

Though city elections are not until May 4, campaigning is well under way for the opening district seats and mayoral position.

The official filing period for city council member positions and the mayor position began Feb. 18. Four seats on the City Council expire in May.

Three district seats are up for grabs: District 1, District 3 and District 5, currently held by Victor Hernandez, David Nelson and Marc McDougal, respectively.

McDougal declared his intentions to run for mayor Aug. 10, opening the campaign season

nine months early. Windy Sitton announced she would not seek a fourth term as mayor Jan. 9.

With Marc McDougal vacating the District 5 seat, two candidates have filed to run for the position. Tom Martin, a retired Lubbock police officer, announced he would run for the seat in January. Martin also served as police chief in San Marcos and Grapevine before returning to Lubbock as public information manager for the city.

Lubbock businessman Stephan Lampman also filed for candidacy Feb. 18.

Victor Hernandez, a lawyer and current council member for District 1, said he would run for

a third term, though he has not filed yet, Glass said.

However, Clyde Myres, a local businessman, filed Monday afternoon for the District 1 seat.

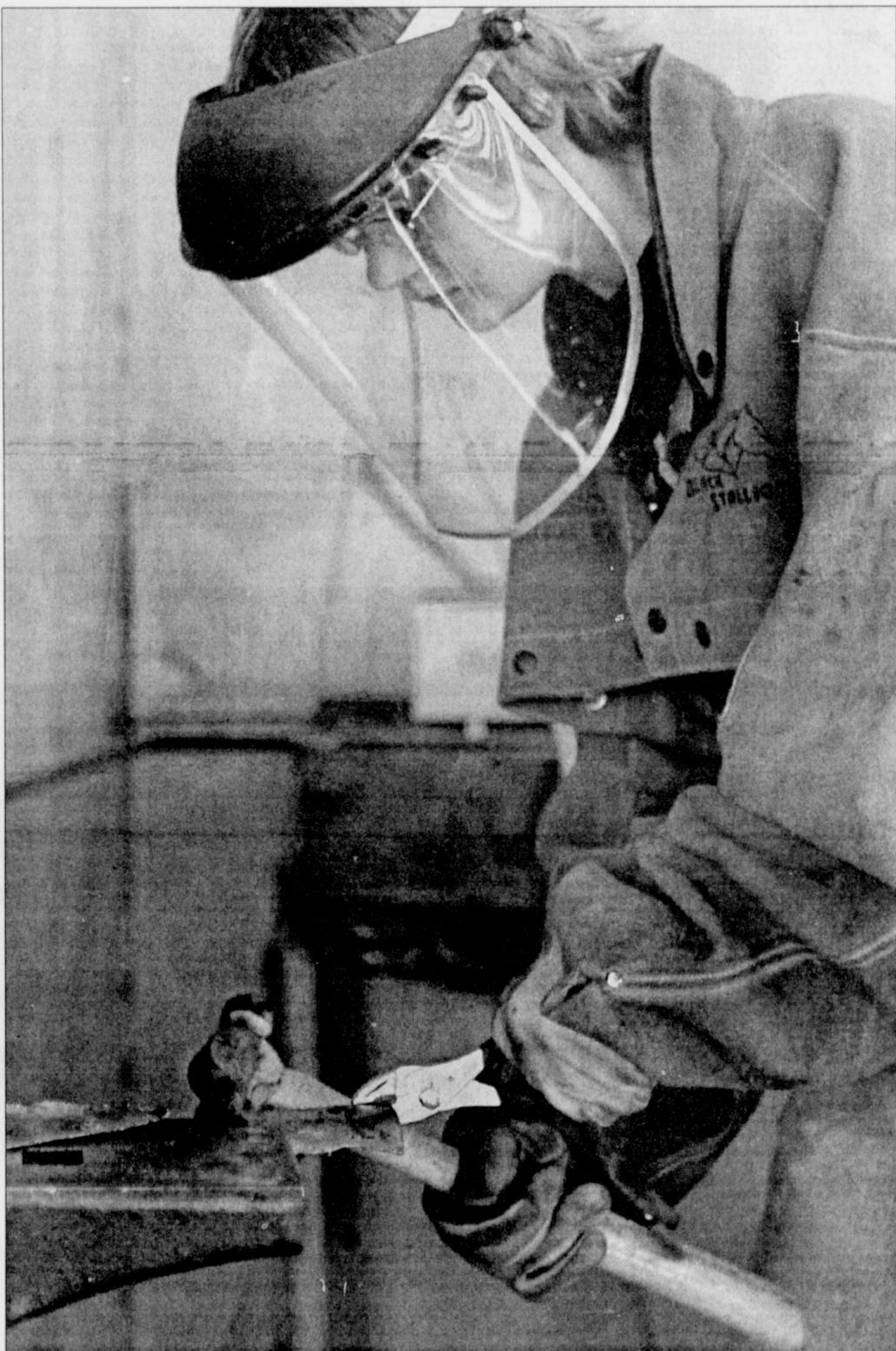
District 3 City Council member David Nelson is not seeking re-election and businessman Gary Boren announced earlier this month his candidacy for the position. Boren is a business owner in Lubbock, Glass said.

Citizens have until March 20 to file for one of the four positions up for election in May.

City Council members are elected based on their district to four-year terms. The mayor is elected citywide for a term of two

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## METAL WORK



DAVID JOHNSON/Staff Photographer  
DANAЕ CLARK, A junior art major from Levelland, forges metal for her metalwork class in the Foundry outside the Art building Monday.

## Faculty candidate speaks

By Preston Files/Staff Reporter

The faculty-to-student ratio is a concern of the Texas Tech College of Architecture, and the issue continues to be addressed. The college hosted Carla Corroto, design faculty candidate, who gave a lecture to architecture students, faculty, staff and administrators Monday.

"There is a lot of change occurring in this department, a lot of new hires and

it is exciting to get involved in a department that is undergoing so much change," Corroto said.

She is currently an assistant professor of the Department of Interior Architecture at the University of North Carolina in Greensboro.

The presentation focused on "the politics of architecture, boundaries and

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CARLA CORROTO, FACULTY candidate for design in the College of Architecture, gives her speech in the gallery of the Architecture building Monday.

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## Quote of the Day

"Most of her audience is young, like 12-year-olds. I don't think she should dress so provocative. But I think she's trying to get older people to like her."

— LIZ SOYTLIN, Texas Tech student, on Britney Spears. Please see SPEARS, page 5.

## THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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By Gregory E. Paul  
Scottsdale, PA

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## National Park Service to protect Rio Grande

ODESSA, Texas (AP) — The National Park Service is seeking new ideas on protecting the Rio Grande as it flows through Big Bend National Park and along the Texas-Mexico border.

The Rio Grande Wild and Scenic Partnership Team, hosted by the Park Service, is scheduled to meet Wednesday at Midland International Airport.

Team members are working on issues related to the development and implementation of a river management plan for the Rio Grande Wild and Scenic River, said Lou Good of NPS.

Big Bend National Park Superintendent Frank Decker said the main issues facing the river are lack of flow and poor quality of water.

"Hopefully, we'll come up with a plan that will protect the river," he told the *Odessa American* in Monday's editions.

He said that parts of the river have literally dried up from El Paso to Presidio, where the Rio Grande flows up from Mexico, due to withdrawals by irrigated agricultural interests in New Mexico and incursion of saltcedar into the riverbed.

The forest of saltcedars is almost a mile wide at some points, Decker said. The imported plant has broad-reaching root systems that can drain a river system and also inject salt into a watershed.

## The Rundown



## Man kills mail-order bride; jurors mourn

LYNNWOOD, Wash. (AP) — Jurors who convicted a man of murder in the death of his mail-order bride wept as they brought potted plants to her parents and flowers to her grave.

Ten of the 12 jurors and an alternate in the five-week trial visited the grave of Anastasia Solovieva King on Sunday in Seattle's suburbs.

"I feel Anastasia has lovejoy said. 'I needed to put her to rest like (her parents) put her to rest.'"

The visit came three days after the jury convicted Indle Gifford King Jr., 40, of first-degree murder and witness tampering in the strangling death of his 20-year-old wife.

Her body was found on an Indian reservation in December 2000, about three months after she was last seen alive.

Daniel Kristopher Larson, a boarder at King's house, testified that the 270-pound King sat on his wife while Larson strangled her with a necktie.

Larson pleaded guilty to second-degree murder in a plea agreement.

King's lawyers contended Larson acted alone.

King faces 21 to 28 years in prison under state guidelines when he is sentenced March 27.



## Kosovo doctor tells story of Serbian raids

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP) — A Kosovo doctor recounted how Serb policemen gunned down six of his relatives and burned their house like it was their "daily business" as he testified Monday in the war crimes trial of Slobodan Milosevic.

Argon Berisha, an ethnic Albanian, described a rampage by Serb forces in the southwestern town of Suva Reka after NATO began bombing Yugoslavia in March 1999.

Berisha said he watched from across the street as police raided his house, forcing the 25 people hiding inside to run for their lives. His cousins Bujar and Sedat were in the terrified group.

"Police started to shoot at Bujar and Sedat, emptying all their magazines into their bodies," Berisha said.

He then saw police coming out of the house dragging the bodies of two more cousins, the wife of one of them and the mother of the other, Berisha said. Police later destroyed the corpses by burning down the house, he said.

"It seems that the criminals have this as their daily business. They were well trained and they knew where to leave the bodies so that they would be burned up," Berisha said, pointing to a photo of the site.

## Tech Notes

**The Stangel/Murdough residence** hall complex will be a blood drive from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday in the Student Union Matador Room. For an appointment, call Rob at (806) 742-4145.

**The Native American Student Association** will meet at 5 p.m. Wednesday in the Formby Room of the Southwest Collection/Special Collections Library. Attendees are encouraged to bring a covered dish to share. For more information, contact Brenda Haes at (806) 742-3256.

**The Success Center** will present a program called "The Secrets of My Success" at 6 p.m. Wednesday in the Horn residence hall formal lounge. The guest speaker will be SGA Internal Vice President Kelli Stumbo. For more information, call Erik Bates at (806) 724-7094.

**Notice:** there will be a test of the warning and sirens systems at 10 a.m. March 6. Sirens will be activated for a period of one minute at that time.

**Alpha Epsilon Delta**, the pre-medical honors society, will host a tour of the TTU Health Science Center at 6 p.m. today. Meet in the waiting room near the pharmacy. All majors are welcome.

## Police Blotter

### CRIMINAL MISCHIEF

Officer documented information concerning a person that was wandering around in the Z1-B parking lot looking at cars, Feb. 19.

Officer investigated criminal mischief to a vehicle, which occurred in the R-11 parking lot. The driver's side window was broken out, Feb. 19.

Officer investigated criminal mischief to a parking control device, Gate 2B, in the Z-4R parking lot, Feb. 19.

Officer investigated a report of criminal trespass, which occurred at Jones SBC Stadium, Feb. 19.

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# Courts divided over Ten Commandments

WASHINGTON (AP) — Courts across America have reached different conclusions in emotional Ten Commandments cases, some allowing government displays of the biblical list, others barring it.

Only the Supreme Court can resolve the question, and it chose Monday to steer clear for now.

The court quietly turned down an appeal from Indiana Gov. Frank O'Bannon, who wanted permission to place a 7-foot stone monument on the grounds of the state Capitol.

The court's action was a defeat for Indiana and other states that sought the high court's endorsement for the notion that the Ten Commandments are as much emblems of legal tradition as they are biblical teachings.

"To just cavalierly dismiss (the case) is to put aside what is becoming a very large, growing concern on the part of millions of Americans," said Rob Schenk, an evangelical minister whose Ten Commandments Project supports the list's display.

"People are petty for attacking the Ten Commandments, and it should not be sanctioned by the United States Supreme Court," Schenk said.

The Indiana case presented an opportunity for a broad ruling on govern-

ment display of the Ten Commandments, whether outdoors on monuments or indoors in courtrooms or other civic spaces.

Instead, the hodgepodge of conflicting court rulings will continue at least until the next time the court faces a similar appeal.

Monuments such as Indiana's are forbidden in that state along with Illinois and Wisconsin, but allowed in Colorado, Wyoming, Utah, Kansas, Oklahoma and New Mexico.

Under a 1994 appeals court ruling, plaques bearing the Ten Commandments may not be displayed in courtrooms in Alabama, Florida and Georgia.

In recent years state and federal courts have also struck down display of similar plaques in South Carolina and Kentucky.

To add to the confusion, some monuments or plaques remain in jurisdictions that theoretically prohibit them. In Alabama, opponents claim the state's chief justice flouted a federal appeals court ruling by installing a 5,280-pound depiction of the Ten Commandments in the state Supreme Court rotunda.

"All Americans should feel welcome when they walk into a city hall, a court-

house or a public school," said Barry Lynn, executive director of Americans United for Separation of Church and State. "The posting of religious symbols there says some religious groups are better than others."

Nine states joined in a friend-of-the-court brief asking the high court to hear the Indiana case. The law is unclear, making it difficult for state legislatures to know what to do, attorneys general in Texas, Alabama, Mississippi, Nebraska, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota, Utah and Virginia wrote.

"The importance of the issue in this case goes beyond simply whether government may display the Ten Commandments on a monument on public property," the states wrote. "The larger issue is the extent to which government may acknowledge and accommodate religion as being an important part of our nation's heritage."

The Ten Commandments contain both religious and secular directives, including the familiar proscriptions against stealing, killing and adultery. The Bible says God gave the list to Moses.

The Constitution bars government promotion of religion but protects the individual's freedom to worship as he pleases.

## Plan

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ment," he mentioned expanding into the Texas Hill Country area, which will create more depth through the addition of Tech campuses in Junction, Fredericksburg and Marble Falls.

"The Texas Hill Country is the fastest growing rural area in the state," he said. "That area will become Texas Tech country."

After the presentation, Schmidly opened the floor for additional comments and questions. One of the first to address a problem and ask the question what Tech is doing to keep graduates staying in Lubbock

was Lubbock Mayor Windy Sitton.

"I think this plan is very aggressive and what it will do is challenge the city to link up and try to stay in concert with the progress of Texas Tech," Sitton said. "It's time now for us to seriously join together with Texas Tech, LCU, South Plains, the city of Lubbock, Market Lubbock Inc. and existing businesses in our community to say, 'Hey we have got to do something about creating a diverse work place to keep these young kids,' that is absolutely essential."

Before Mayor Sitton asked the question, Schmidly addressed the problem during his presentation.

"We've done pretty well with the re-

retention rate recently, but 50 percent will never satisfy me as Texas Tech president."

During his presentation, Schmidly also introduced the group of individuals faced with the challenge of helping the strategic plan to succeed, who will be led by Kari Billingsly, director of the Office of Quality Service.

"Texas Tech has been the best kept secret in the United States," Schmidly said. "We can no longer let that be the situation."

The nine points of Schmidly's plan are access and diversity, academic excellence, engagement, technology, partnerships, human resources and infrastructure, tradition and pride, financial stability and accountability.

## President

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she wants.

Schmidly will randomly select the student at 1 p.m. Wednesday in his office.

Jason Sharp, senator-at-large, said that two years ago, the program was Chancellor for Day, but this year they decided to change it to President for a Day.

The money will benefit the Mortar Board scholarship fund.

The Mortar Board is a senior honor society with the top 40 seniors that have

the highest grades and involvement.

Sharp said the scholarship is available to students all over campus, not just Mortar Board members.

Schmidly said he is looking forward to trading places with a student for the day and hopes to learn something from the experience.

## Candidate

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body."

Corroto's professional employment qualifications include working for numerous architectural firms based in Chicago and Ohio.

Jorge Soto, a senior architecture major from Abilene, attended the lecture.

"I look for a candidate that brings something that we don't have right now," he said.

Soto said he does not come to the lectures or interviews searching for or expecting them to say any one thing.

"What I look for is that each candidate offers something different," he said. "Every faculty member should bring something unique to the program."

Because of an increase in enrollment, the college is opening several new faculty positions.

"Architecture has such broad interests and issues to deal with that I think every single one of them is important, and the important part is that we have a faculty member that specializes in each issue," Soto said.

## City

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years. City elections occur every two years, alternating odd districts and even districts. There will be another election May 2004 for Districts 2, 4 and 6 and mayor.

Council members get paid \$25 a month, and the mayor gets paid \$75 per month.

"These folks that file don't do it for the money," Glass said. "They really are public servants."

Council members put forth a

great deal of time and effort for the job, taking time out of their regular occupations to be of service to the public, she said.

In order to run for city council, candidates must be registered to vote in Lubbock and live in the city, Brenda Brown, assistant city secretary, said.

There is a \$100 filing fee, but citizens can get their name on the ballot by submitting a petition, Brown said.

Candidates for city council who do not wish to pay the filing fee can gather at least 25 signatures of registered voters in the district they live in.

Mayoral candidates need 37 signatures, she said.

The candidates running for president are Brian Davis, Cody Nash, Louie Scott and Kelli Stumbo.

The six candidates running for internal vice president are Jon Mark Bernal, Jeremy Brown, Darbara Daily, Don Dildy, Zeke Fortenberry and Wesley Stephens.

Leigh Mauer and Bryan Vaughn are competing for the position of SGA external vice president.

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ballot, students should take this chance to voice their opinion.

"The selection gives the students more reason to vote," he said. "Students can voice their feelings on the amendments and the fee question."

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# Education vouchers hurt the system

COLUMN



DALLAS GRANT

Last week, the Supreme Court took a first look at a landmark case concerning school vouchers. A six-year-old Cleveland private-school voucher program has been deemed unconstitutional by an appeals court and is now facing the highest court in the country.

In President George W. Bush's most recent attempt at vouchers, parents with children in poorly performing school districts would be eligible for a tax break up to \$2,500. Parents would be able to use this money to send their children to a school of their choosing.

The similar Cleveland program is being challenged as unconstitutional in that it violates the separation of church and state by using tax dollars to fund religious schools. In Cleveland's test program, 96 percent of participants used their vouchers at religious schools. Only nine of the 51 schools in the program were secular.

"The bottom line is that 96 percent of the kids taking tuition aid are attending religious schools," Justice David H. Souter said. "The money's going to end up where it's going to end up, and the 96 percent is pretty persuasive."

Proponents say that school vouchers will force low performing districts to compete, while those against the

program say this competition will only take dollars away from struggling districts, further insuring poor performance. Both arguments are moot in this instance, as the Supreme Court is concerned with the constitutionality of the program and ultimately Bush's similar proposal.

It seems to me that Bush and supporters of the voucher program are touting an education plan with no real interest in education. In fact, their interests lie in the support of religious organizations, or as Bush calls them, "faith-based" organizations. While this program can be promoted as flying under the education flag, the issue at hand is not education but a separation of church and state.

In a statement delivered before arguments Wednesday, the Rev. Barry W. Lynn, executive director of Americans for Separation of Church and State, said "Taxpayers will have to pay for everything from buying bibles to constructing chapels at religious schools."

Although Congress rejected private-school vouchers last year, Bush is still allocating money in his 2003 budget. I guess he's employing the "if at first you don't succeed" strategy to a program that Americans obviously don't want.

Since the legislative body of our government wouldn't make school vouchers legal, supporters of the plan are now relying on the judicial body to set some sort of precedent. By the way,

the Supreme Court does not have the right to create law; this ability lies solely in the hands of the Congress. And, we all know that "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion..."

It's sort of like instant replay in the NFL. If there isn't enough evidence to overturn a call, the play stands.

Well, this is the case with school vouchers. Since the Supreme Court cannot make law and Congress has rejected the idea, there is no reason to overturn it. If passed, this ruling could represent a dangerous tolerance in the funding of religious institutions by the government. Justice Souter said, "at the end of the day a massive amount of money into religious schools in the sticking point."

Supporters of the voucher consider the program a natural progression in the court's recent rulings of equal treatment for religious organizations.

However, this treatment is obviously not equal. If 96 percent of the program's money in Cleveland went to religious schools, it seems taxpayers are funding the teaching of religious doctrine. Considering the definition of a test program, one can only assume a national voucher system would produce similar results.

Let's forget for a minute, which the Supreme Court cannot afford to do, that this program is unconstitutional. Let's concentrate on the effects of vouchers on education. If this program

*A contest suggests a winner and an inevitable loser, which will be education if this program is allowed to continue.*

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Keller's Canadian comments off base

**To the editor:** Growing up in Canada and now having lived in Texas for more than seven years, I must say this is the first time I have ever been thoroughly disgusted with anything said by a Texan. In his column, Jeff Keller keeps talking about sportsmanship and how whining got the Canadians, Sale and Peltier, the gold medal in figure skating (UD, 02-21). Obviously he has watched figure skating even less than I have to realize that when somebody skates a perfect routine, they deserve a gold medal and somebody who has four mistakes does not.

I also have a problem with the sportsmanship issue. Obviously, Keller, you did not watch or pay attention to the 1998 Winter Olympics in Nagano. Only one team after getting beaten out of the medal round turned around and

trashed their rooms in the Olympic Village. That was Team USA and only one of the 20 players on the team came forward and apologized. Chris Chelios made a public apology and wrote a personal check for the damages.

Maybe the Americans don't cry, but the Canadians didn't cry and they also didn't destroy! I guess they don't teach players in the USA that you don't trash a room just because you lose a game.

Roy Ens  
senior  
computer science

## Decision to buck racial trend overdue

**To the editor:** Freda McVay's decision in 1968 to accept the wedding story and picture of an African American woman for publication in the *Lubbock Avalanche-Journal* was wise and long overdue ("Tech lecturer," UD 02-18).

McVay is quoted as saying, "The A-J did not print those pictures out of prejudice intentions; it was just the prevailing wisdom of the day."

"Prevailing wisdom of the day" is a euphemism for racial discrimination. It is another example of using words to explain away something thought offensive; i.e., racial minorities in the lifestyles section of a "white" newspaper.

Anne McDonald Cochran  
Lubbock

## Administration counts on students too much

**To the editor:** As a student here at Tech, I would like to express my concern for the administration's apparent inability to listen to the majority of the students when it comes to proposed policy. If you are not the child of a wealthy contributor to the university, which only accounts for

about 1 to 2 percent of the total student body, most of whom are the high ranking officials of the student government, then the rest of our views are completely ignored.

When we do catch the ear of a senior official, they pretend to care about our concerns, then add on the new fees anyway. This is the way the administration keeps Texas Tech from going bankrupt — by charging new fees for tuition in order to balance out the costs of new construction projects (none of which we will use, unless you plan on staying in Tech for your doctorate.)

Let's face it folks, we supply Tech's bankroll, and the Student Government Association is in the collective pockets of the Administration.

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junior  
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# Constitutional changes made with students in mind

GUEST COLUMN

During the course of the summer, your student senators were hard at work looking through the Student Government Association constitution finding things that need to be updated and changed so we can better serve you. Most of these changes are just technicalities in the constitution that were in need of minor changes, but there were a couple of changes that affect the way we currently operate.

The first change affects Article II, Section 2. The current wording states "The Student Senate shall be composed of: Representatives elected from each academic school..." This wording is a little out of date since our representation is based upon college and not school. The wording needs to be changed so we don't have to worry about a problem of double representation since our schools (i.e. School of Music, Mass Communications) are already represented by their academic college. The next change we made had to deal with grade point averages and the number of hours required to run for office. Currently, student senators must have a 2.0 GPA to serve as a senator. The new modification will state that senators must maintain a GPA that is considered to be in good standing with the university policy.

This change was needed to ensure that if university policy changes from the current 2.0, there would not be a need for another amendment to the constitution to ensure that all students are adequately represented. In addition, the constitution currently gives exact numbers that are required to be eligible to run for an executive office. The original intention was to ensure the vice presidents were juniors and the president was a senior. The Constitution currently states that you must have 64 hours to run for a vice presidential position and 90 hours to run for president. Again, things change and to be a junior you only need 60 hours. The wording in the referendum states that you only need to be a junior or senior to run, just in case we change our hour requirements again.

The next thing that we hoped to accomplish was to make the judicial branch stronger so that our Supreme Court justices would have something to do. The first change makes the justice appointments last for two years. Every odd year, the president will appoint three justices, and every even year the president will appoint four. The chief justice will be elected from the associate justices. The second change raises the Supreme Court GPA requirement from a 2.0 to a 2.5. We want our very best students making up the Supreme Court, and we believe that these changes will give our Supreme Court more autonomy and make being a justice a coveted position.

There is also a change that will add to the qualifications required to run for internal vice president. It will amend Article III, Executive, Section 3, and will state, "In addition, the vice president for internal affairs shall have served as a student senator prior to the election."

This change was instituted not to exclude anyone but to ensure that the president of the Student Senate has knowledge of how the Senate operates, so they are able to efficiently run the Senate. Most colleges directly elect the president of the Senate from its membership, so we are actually giving you more of a voice in your student government than most other schools throughout the country do.

Finally, there is a referendum question that will ask us to raise our fees. The International Education Fee is currently a \$1 fee that funds scholarships for students to study abroad. The referendum will raise the fee \$1 each year for three years, with a permanent cap of \$4 per semester. The fee will create an endowment so that when \$4 million is reached, the fee will cease to exist. We believe this is an opportunity to end some fees here at Tech. In addition, the study abroad objectives laid out by university President David Schmidly will be met as well.

We, your elected representatives, believe these changes are what you want and are in the best interests of our future students. If you would like to take a look at the constitution, please stop by the SGA office located in Room 230 in the Student Union and pick up a copy. If you have any questions or comments, please give us a call at 742-3631 or an e-mail at sga@ttu.edu. I encourage every student to get out and vote today and Wednesday at www.sga.ttu.edu and support the changes to your SGA constitution.

■ Jason Sharp is the president pro tempore of the Student Senate and a senator at large.

Have an opinion? A little hacked? Or really pleased? Let the campus hear your voice. Send a letter to the editor to editor@universitydaily.net

## Dramatic comedy play, 'A Doll's House' opens

By Liesl Klinkerman/Staff Reporter

Henrik Ibsen's historically acclaimed drama, "A Doll's House" is being brought to life by the Texas Tech Department of Theatre and Dance this week. The play, which will be performed in the Lab Theatre, will run through Sunday.

Director Cat Parker said she chose this play for many reasons.

"We choose our top five choices for plays," she said. "Then we pick the one that best fits the season. I have a thing for myth, magic and the mundane. For a fight against society, I like how this play is set in the mundane world but deals with big issues."

Parker began looking into the play about a year ago.

"I started doing research a year ago," she said. "I wanted to know what the playwright meant."

The play centers around a woman who lacks her own opinion, Parker said.

"The woman, Nora, lost her mom at childbirth," she said. "She was raised strictly by her father and took on the

male's ideas and opinion, from her father's to her husband's. She never took on her own."

The cast is made up of Tech students. "There are about 10 people in the cast," she said. "All of them are students. Those people work. They do research outside on their own. We question each other a lot. We practiced every night from 7p.m. until 10:30."

Kim Brownlee, a senior theater arts major from Spur, plays the leading role of Nora.

"It's required that I audition because of my major," she said. "I felt overwhelmed when I got the part. It's a big part and a famous, classic role. People before me have done a wonderful job, and I just want to do it the best I can."

A number of various people contribute to putting together the play.

"Light and sound does a lot of work," Parker said. "We have designers for costume and set and so many others."

"A Doll's House" unintentionally helped fuel the women's movement in the late 19th century upon its release in

the late 1800s.

The production is a drama with some laughs in between, Parker said.

"It's a drama," she said. "But there's comedy. It has sensual qualities. When things get bad, we need to laugh."

Parker says she's giving away the ending in the beginning.

"There's something else that I'm doing that's a little weird," she said. "I want people to pay attention to the why instead of what's going to happen next."

Parker is trying this technique since audiences' shock values are lowering.

"Audiences are sharper," she said. "You can't surprise them as easy. Instead of trying to shock them, I'm going to give it away. Pay attention. Ask why."

Brownlee has gained from the play.

"This was a wonderful learning experience," she said. "I've gotten so much out of it, as an actress and personally."

Parker said the play is worth viewing.

"It's worthwhile to see," she said. "Come with a challenge: what can this play tell me that I don't already know? Hopefully we will tell them something."



KROGSTAD (JONATHAN MORROW) confronts Nora (Kim Brownlee) in Texas Tech University Theatre's performance of Henrik Ibsen's drama, "A Doll's House." The play began Monday and runs through Sunday.  
GREG KRELLER/Staff Photographer

## Tickets for Spears' concert on sale Saturday

By Liesl Klinkerman/Staff Reporter

Britney Spears and a yet-to-be-announced special guest will bring her singing and dancing talents to Lubbock June 14 in the United Spirit Arena. Tickets go on sale at 10 a.m. Saturday and range in price from \$39.50 to \$67.50, plus service charges.

Cindy Harper, a marketing manager at the Spirit Arena, said the concert should turn out to be a big event.

"This is going to be a huge, huge show," she said. "We see her all over the place, and she's a huge name, which will really make tickets sell."

Harper believes Spears is visiting Lubbock due to the latest big-name stars who have had successful shows at the arena.

"We've really proved ourselves," she said. "We're bringing big names to Lubbock."

Harper said she predicts Spears will reel in the younger population to the show.

"I think most people will be the younger group," she said. "We're trying to target college kids, but I think most of the crowd will be junior high."

The concert's date will not affect the turnout, Harper said.

"Even though some college students will be out of town, there will be a lot of kids in town," she said. "We still have a big pull."

Spears' appearance will benefit Lubbock's future music-pulling power, Harper said.

"We're thrilled to have her," she said.

"This is a market we haven't been able to tap before. We haven't had that many female artists, so it's going to be neat and very different. They will probably pull out all the stops and have a great dance number."

Liz Soytilin, a freshman English major from Houston, said she is hoping to see Spears in concert.

"I'm planning on coming," she said. "My friends and I will probably take a road trip. We saw her movie on the opening day. It was good."

Soytilin said she enjoys Spears for a number of reasons.

"She's awesome," she said. "Britney's a bad ass."

Although she said she enjoys Spears' music, Soytilin said she believes the role

model should keep a watchful eye on her image.

"I think she should dress better," she said. "Most of her audience is young, like 12 year olds. I don't think she should dress so provocative. But I think she's trying to get older people to like her."

Delano Palmer, a sophomore architecture major from Houston, said he would not be willing to fork up a lot of money to see Spears perform.

"She's just another pop star," he said.

"You can't help listening to her music because it's everywhere. The most I would pay for a ticket is \$20, front row."

Besides, Palmer has other ideas in mind for the young singer.

"I think she should dump Justin and go for me!" he said.

## Pre-Grammy concerts to benefit artists' rights group

NEW YORK (AP) — The Eagles, Billy Joel, No Doubt, the Dixie Chicks, Eddie Vedder and others are playing a series of benefit concerts the night before Wednesday's Grammy Awards for a unique cause: each other.

The four Los Angeles concerts Tuesday, to benefit the Recording Artists Coalition, represent a shot across the bow of the recording industry from the people whose work it markets.

The artists are demanding new relations with record labels, including fairer contracts and more oversight of accounting practices.

"It's time that the artistic commu-

nity grows up," said singer Don Henley, who urged artists not to ignore the business of music. "Artists have failed to realize what a profound effect the legislative process has, not only on their livelihood but the fate of their creative works."

The protest concerts come during the recording industry's toughest sales period since the post-disco bust two decades ago. At the same time, the labels are struggling to find a way to respond to the free downloading of music on the Internet.

The artists' coalition was actually born two years ago during a battle in Washington over a change in copyright law. Henley, Sheryl Crow and others suc-

cessfully fought the change, which they believed would make it impossible for musicians to own their recordings.

Their opposition was the Recording Industry Association of America, the lobbying arm of record companies. Henley had supported the association before Congress in the past, but in recent years he finds the interests of record companies and artists more often at odds.

This time, the coalition is fighting to change a California law that prevents recording artists from terminating contracts after seven years. It also wants to be a watchdog for musicians as the digital era changes the way music is distributed.

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## Raiders face UT

The Texas Tech men's basketball team will play its first of two consecutive road games to close the regular season when the Red Raiders face Texas at 8 p.m. today in Austin.

Tech (20-6 overall, 9-5 Big 12 Conference) and Texas (17-10 overall, 8-6 Big 12 Conference) are both hunting for first-round byes in next month's Big 12 Tournament in Kansas City, Mo., with two games remaining in the season.

To get a bye, teams must finish in the top 4 of the conference. Tech is in a third-place tie with Oklahoma State entering the final week of play.

Tech finishes the season at Waco to face Baylor on Saturday.

## Candi White hot during Lady Raider winning streak

By Jeff Keller/Staff Reporter

Recently, senior Lady Raider guard Candi White has been preparing for games by reading a book by cyclist Lance Armstrong. She says reading before games helps her relax her mind.

Armstrong fought through the adversity of cancer to claim the Tour de France.

The Lady Raiders this season have had their own adversity to fight through with player suspensions and players leaving the team. But through it all, White and the Lady Raiders have persevered and have battled their way to a 17-9

record with one regular season game remaining.

Three games ago, Tech stood at 14-9 overall and was a game below .500 in conference play with a 6-7 mark.

Since then, the Lady Raiders have ridden off three consecutive victories with two of those wins coming against conference foes.

Throughout the season, White has been a constant source of assists on offense and steals on defense for Tech, but during the Lady Raiders' winning streak White has upped her scoring production.

White is averaging three points per game this season but over the past three contests

is averaging eight points per outing.

White said relaxation and wanting to make the most of her remaining time with the Tech program has led to her offensive scoring production of late.

"I have just kind of realized that I don't have a lot of time left," White said. "I have really just tried to relax and play basketball like I've always played basketball. I think that is pretty much what I am doing now."

Lady Raider guard Jia Perkins said White's recent scoring increase has brought more respect from other teams toward White's abilities.

"I think people don't think that Candi can shoot just because she really doesn't do it that much in games," Perkins said. "I think now she is going to shoot, and I think she is just going in. I think teams are starting to respect her more and that is creating more offense for everyone on the team."

White is nearing the end of a two-year career at Tech, playing her first two seasons at Seward County Community College in Liberal, Kan.

White went to high school in Canyon and graduated in 1998. At the time of her high school graduation, the Lady Raiders solidified at the guard position



GREG KRELLER/Staff Photographer  
TEXAS TECH GUARD Candi White dribbles around Texas' Stacey Stephens during a game earlier in the season. White has helped guide Tech through a three game winning streak by averaging eight points a game. White and the Lady Raiders close the regular season at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday against first place Oklahoma in Norman, Okla.

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## theuniversitydaily<sup>75</sup> READER'S CHOICE AWARDS

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## Tech softball team wins NMSU Tournament crown, now 8-14

The Texas Tech softball team defeated the No. 17 Florida State Seminoles for the second time in as many days Sunday.

The Red Raiders orchestrated a come-from-behind victory by closing a 5-1 deficit. The game went to extra innings like the teams' matchup Saturday.

Esmerelda Perez closed the gap by three runs in the sixth inning with bases loaded and a three-base error. Perez's ground ball went through the legs of FSU's shortstop and rolled to the fence.

The Seminoles extended their lead to 6-4 in the seventh, but the Raiders capitalized and tied the game.

Both teams exchanged a run in the eighth, and Tech put the game away in the ninth.

The Seminoles went three-up, three-down in the ninth inning Tech to win.

New Mexico State defeated Tech via homerun again Sunday. In the bottom of the sixth, the Aggies hit another two-run, two-out homerun to take the lead. NMSU did the same to Tech on Friday. Three teams ended the Troy Cox

Classic with a 4-2 record to tie for first, but the Raiders came home champions by way of run differential.

Along with a championship, four Raiders received All-tournament team honors.

Brittany Stolle, Rebecca Eimen, Kristi Robles and Perez were named to the team.

Stolle had the game-tying RBI in the seventh inning against FSU and the seventh-winner in the ninth inning. She finished the tournament with three doubles and four RBI.

Eimen hit two homeruns in the tournament and had a team-high seven runs scored. Perez batted 4-4 in the first game of the tournament and reached base in all six Tech games. Robles batted .450 of seven RBI. Robles also extended her hitting streak to 10 games.

Tech returns to the state of new Mexico this weekend when it faces NMSU, New Mexico and Colorado State in the Albuquerque, N.M. Tech will play each team twice.

## Tech men netters go 2-1 in Seattle, Wash.

Texas Tech men's tennis team traveled to Seattle, Wash., this weekend to face Idaho, Washington and Sacramento State.

In their first match, the Red Raiders defeated Idaho 4-0. Tech swept the doubles portion of the match, and the No. 4 seed through No. 6 seed matches were won by Raiders. Competition was stopped at this point because Tech led 4-0 with three matches still going.

The Raiders lost to Washington's Huskies 4-0 Saturday.

In their match Sunday with Sacramento State, the Raiders swept the Hornets 6-0. The doubles portion of the match was not played.

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Anytime Texas Tech and Texas A&M get together, talks of who is better or why Tech can't hold a candle to A&M begin. Usually something happens to make these talks escalate or turn into heated debates about why Tech and A&M aren't real rivals, why Tech fans are so horrible or who hit whom.

Saturday, when the Aggies' basketball team came to Lubbock for its matchup with the Red Raiders on the hardwood, Aggie fans were in attendance. Not just old, alumni Aggies, but current student Aggies. Anytime a

group of students travel hundreds of miles to watch their team get beat in a sport they aren't any good at, that's a rivalry.

The students making the journey from College Station were wearing T-shirts reading, "Sanity is Overrated."

This supported the reputation A&M has received throughout the years from other universities (not just Tech) that it is almost sect-like, so evidently the Aggies are comfortable and accepting of this stigma that has been stamped on them.

If an Aggie has to answer the question, "Why do you do things the way you do?" they will reply, "You wouldn't understand if you're not a

part of it." Tech fans are not the mean, horrible, heartless people they are made out to be because they don't beat

each other with binoculars and initially blame it on their rivals.

The usual controversial event took place again in the basketball game when Aggie Bernard King tackled Tech guard Will Chavis. King always manages to make some sort of

impact on the game when he plays Tech. This time, it was making the mistake of running over a player in mid-air on a breakaway layup.

Stupid move on his behalf. This angered the Tech faithful and prompted them to remind the Aggies

of what makes this matchup a great rivalry.

When Chavis stepped up to the free throw line, a mysterious object resembling a goal post emerged from the students. In a rubbing-in-the-victory fashion the students passed the effigy through their section, reminiscent of the 1999 and 2001 football games.

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They have found something the Aggies are not proud of and turned it into something that will haunt them forever.

David is a sophomore journalism major from Lubbock who thinks a homemade goalpost should be present at every Tech-A&M game of every kind. Send your binocular recommendations to wreckem\_d\_man@hotmail.com.

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## White

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with Melinda Schmucker running the Tech offense from the point.

Tech coach Marsha Sharp said when White graduated from high school, the Lady Raiders simply were not in the market for a point guard.

"We didn't really look too hard for a point guard when she came out of high school because we still had Melinda Schmucker for two years," Sharp said. "We felt like we were going to be in a situation where, rather than have someone that would sit on the bench for 40 minutes behind her, we wanted to let a person who decided to go get some experience at a junior college level be able to come in behind her. In this case it just so happened that Candi decided to go the J.C. route and we were really thrilled about that. We followed her career and knew that she was the person that we wanted to come in and run it after Melinda graduated."

White is averaging four assists per game while opening the ball over two times per game this season.

White said she feels just as satisfied after a win as she has a high total in assists or points.

"I would feel good with either result," White said of the option of scoring a high total of points or dishing out a high number of assists. "I really feel like if I have eight to 10 points and seven to eight assists, I feel like I have contributed what I need to contribute. In the past, where I have had a lot of assists and not points, I have felt like I really needed to contribute on offense even more with the scoring part."

Tech guard Natalie Ritchie said White's ability to protect the ball has helped the Lady Raiders progress offensively this season.

"Candi is just awesome," Ritchie said. "She takes care of the ball, and she sees the floor so well. She is like the quarterback of a football team. She controls everything. She can control the offense for us. She is just a great leader for our team."

## Ex-NBA star Jayson Williams charged in limo driver's death

FLEMINGTON, N.J. (AP) — Former NBA star Jayson Williams surrendered to police Monday and was charged with manslaughter in the shooting death of a limousine driver — a crime punishable by up to 15 years in prison.

The NBC Sports commentator, accompanied by two men, walked through a back entrance into the state police barracks in Kingwood. He didn't comment as he entered or left.

Costas Christofi, 55, was found shot to death in the master bedroom at Williams' 65-acre estate in Alexandria Township on Feb. 14. According to the criminal complaint, Williams was the only person near Christofi when the gun went off.

"The death of Mr. Christofi was a tragic accident, but it was an accident," said Williams' lawyer, Joseph Hayden. "We are very confident that after a full, fair and thorough exploration of all the facts it will be clear that Mr. Williams is innocent of recklessness and innocent of any criminal conduct."

Acting Hunterdon County Prosecutor Steven C. Lember said he was satisfied there was more than enough

evidence to prove Williams' guilt. "I agree it was tragic and it may even have been an accident. But at base, every reckless manslaughter is an accident," Lember said.

Lember said authorities want to interview more witnesses. Christofi's death was initially reported as a suicide but later ruled a homicide.

Williams' brother and 11 other guests, including four players from the Harlem Globetrotters and a 14-year-old and 6-year-old, were at the house the night of the shooting.

"We are most interested in getting to the truth in this case. Those witnesses should come forward and do the right thing. If they do, they have nothing to be concerned about," Lember said.

Williams was released on \$250,000 bail and required to turn over his weapons to police. His first court appearance in the case was scheduled for March 4 in Superior Court.

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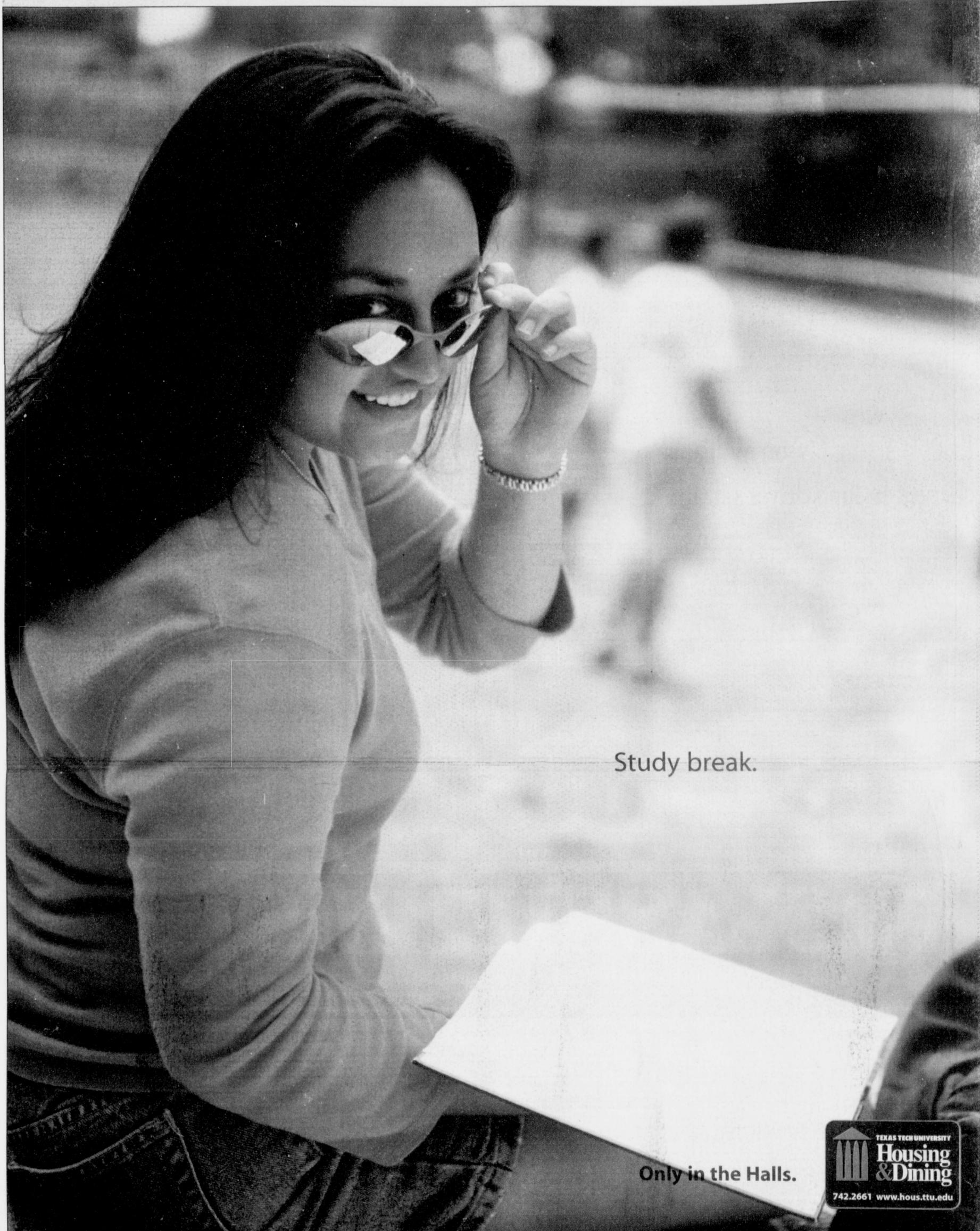
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