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# Law professor vies for congressional seat

By Heidi Toth/Staff Reporter

Law students and professors gathered Monday morning as Texas Tech law professor Vickie Sutton announced she will run for U.S. Rep. Larry Combest's congressional seat.

"I believe West Texas needs someone who can hit the ground running," she said. "My background and experience means that I can be effective on day one for all of West Texas."

Sutton, who is a Republican, has grees in zoology and animal science from North Carolina State University and a Ph.D. in environmental sciences from the University of Texas at Dallas. She earned her law degree at state of the nation, her abilities in this

American University.

Sutton has government experience at the local, state and national levels. She worked in President George H. Bush's administration for four years, as both assistant director it. and senior policy analyst for the Office of Science and Technology Policy and a special assistant for policy, planning and evaluation for the Environmental Protection Agency, according to a news release.

five degrees, including bachelor's de- to be here," Sutton, joined by her children, told the assembled group.

> Her area of expertise is biodefense, and she is director of Tech's Center for Biodefense and the Law. Given the

field are important, she said.

Her knowledge of constitutional law, one of the classes she teaches, is also vital, she said. She can understand the Constitution and work to protect

"I'm interested in making things happen for West Texas," she said. "We need someone energetic to carry the D.C., and I believe I'm that person."

Sutton said she considers her "I can't tell you how pleased I am bioterrorism knowledge a key factor from Austin, is coordinating things on the road to the House of Representatives. Because of her proficiency in this field, she will be able to work comfortably with terrorism issues, as well as having more influence over

Fellow law professor Bill Casto said he is confident about what Sutton can do for District 19.

"She's a capable person who represents good Republican values and is at the cutting edge of dealing with terrorism issues," he said.

Sutton will continue Combest's tradition of good work, Casto said, in spirit of West Texas to Washington, addition to helping Bush deal with terrorism problems.

> Wes Lloyd, a first-year law student from a student's perspective for Sutton's campaign. He said she is the most qualified candidate in the race for District 19, as well as being the only

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DARREL THOMAS/The University Daily

NICOLE TOMICH (FAR left), a second-year law student from Cypress, and Jorge Ramirez, an associate professor of law, share a laugh with law professor Vickie Sutton on Monday. Sutton announced her candidacy for the 19th Congressional District.

## Students angry at officials' absence

By Matt Muench/Staff Reporter

During Friday's rally at the Student Union that protested a columnist for The University Daily and celebrated Black History Month, one Texas Tech student stood at the microphone and asked the crowd to look around and find a top Tech administrator. No one I said, it is healthy." could find one.

"Does anyone see Chancellor (Dr. said it is not just a university problem. David) Smith?" the student said.

"no" and began to boo.

Many students at the rally were upset no noticeable top Tech officials were in attendance when speeches were made in the Student Union and when they marched to Memorial

Smith however said there were adis a special assistant to the chancellor, ority." and Cathy Allen, who is the vice chancellor for multicultural affairs.

face during the two-hour event was Student Government Association President Kelli Stumbo.

She said President Donald Haragan walked in the Student Union as the students began to march outside. She said he came in with the intention of speaking, however, he was too late and had to attend a meeting.

Haragan was out of town Monday and could not be reached for comment.

"He did show up with full intentions of speaking," Stumbo said. "But I think times overlapped and there was some miscommunication."

Smith had to leave before the rally began but said it is something he would not get involved in because it is a university matter, not a system matter.

"Those are issues within the university's two schools (HSC and Tech)," he said.

However he said he was glad to

hear there was a large turnout, and he wants to see more students express

"It is healthy to express those intentions of free speech," he said. "Freedom of speech and expression is what makes a university. I encourage students to do more of that because, like

Stumbo disagreed with Smith and

"I think on a university level, it was The crowd responded with a loud Haragan's responsibility to take care of the students," she said. "But I do think it is a system problem."

> Stumbo said she realizes administrators may have had important meetings. But if she had one, she would have canceled it.

Technically, my job is to serve the students," she said. "If I had a meetministrators there: Richard Baker, who ing, (the rally) would have taken pri-

Damion Davis, a junior commucommunity nications major from Dallas, said he cannot believe Smith or Haragan were However the only recognizable nowhere to be found at the rally and

"They preach about they want more minorities on campus," he said. "But in their words that say that, but their actions speak totally different. It is on their agenda, but they never get

Rebecca Joe, a sophomore dance major from Lubbock, said it was disrespectful for them to not attend.

"It seems like they are taking everything away," she said. "Rather than us seeing more."

Davis said he believes the university does not make an effort to support diversity, even though it is talked

"They are not giving us the message that they want us here," he said. "They need to stop talking about changing diversity and start making it happen."

Riemen Osaghae, a junior pre-

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TIME LOST ENTERTAINMENT performers Kendrick Turner, a junior business management major from Lubbock; Ian Wyatt, a senior psychology major from Zanes, Ohio; and Cheddrick McKee, a graduate student studying health administration from Dennison, will open for Snoop Doggy Dogg on Wednesday in Amarillo.

Red Raiders to open for Snoop Doggy Dogg on Wednesday in Amarillo

#### By Harvey Mireles/Staff Reporter

ip-hop music will blow into Amarillo on Wednesday, and three Tech stu dents will be leading the way.

Members of Timelost Entertainment, which is rooted in Lubbock, will be performing as one of the opening acts for the 2003 "Puff, Puff, Give" tour with rap artist Juvenile and headlining artist Snoop Doggy Dogg.

Ian Wyatt, alias Dimebreed, Kendrick Turner, alias Country Tyma, and Timelost D.J. Cheddrick McKee said they are looking forward to the performance.

Turner said he is excited about the chance to play so close to his hometown.

"It's an opportunity of a lifetime," the junior business management major from Lubbock said. "We started with local shows; now we're on the big time."

He said they have been clawing and scratching for a year and a half and are pleased to see how far they have come.

"This is where Timelost started," Turner said. "People can come see these big shows."

McKee, a graduate student studying health administration from Dennison, said balancing school and his music career is difficult but well worth the struggle.

"You've just got to learn," he said. "When you want to do something, you find a way to do it." McKee said the performance will be a way to gain more support for local Timelost Entertainment. "We want to make the beats for those who appreciate it," he said. "When we put it all together,

it's like magic." Wyatt is the CEO of Timelost Entertainment, the No. 1 independent record label in Texas. The label began about a year and a half ago in the Hub

"This show is in a good central location, so we got Oklahoma, New Mexico and Texas people coming," Wyatt said. "This is another big show for us, but will be the biggest concert, hip-hop wise, for this area."

Members of Timelost Entertainment have done

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DAVID JOHNSON/Staff Photographer

CO-CHAIRMAN FOR African-American History Month programs Claudius Garland confronts University Daily columnist Dave Ring, a senior philosophy major from Hobbs, N.M., in front of the Student Union on Thursday. Garland was addressing a column printed in The UD that Ring wrote regarding the validity of African-American History Month.

## Administration not worried about protest violence

By Hedi Toth/Staff Reporter

More than 30 years ago, an antiwar demonstration at a typical American university in Ohio ended with four students dead, nine seriously wounded and a nation wondering what had gone awry, both foreign and domestic.

Texas Tech officials are not concerned about a similar event happening at Tech.

"Universities are great places for debate and freedom of speech," Chancellor Dr. David Smith said. "You don't educate student or young adults to not express their opin-

The anti-war protest, which happened Friday afternoon outside the Student Union building, involved many Tech students, most of whom were either protesting the war or protesting the protestors.

The protest ended prematurely when two students shouted at each other for several minutes, and those orchestrating the protest decided it was best to end it.

Protests and demonstrations were popular in the 1960s, but they decreased significantly after the Vietnam War era. One of the biggest was the Kent State riot in Ohio, when the National Guard was called out and martial law was put into effect.

Over the course of the four-day demonstration, the guardsmen and demonstrators clashed several times, and numerous acts of vandalism occurred, including burning the ROTC building on the campus. The riot ended when members of the National Guard fired into the crowd, killing four students.

The more than 1,000 demonstrators at Kent State believed passionately that the United States had no business in Vietnam, and Tech's protestors feel the same about Iraq.

But some may ask is it worth it? Will Bush's foreign policy change because of a student protest in Lubbock?

"Sometimes you act for something

not because it will produce an effect, but because it's the right thing to do," said Rachel Myers, a senior philosophy major form Corpus Christi.

The ability to debate is inherent

to the university environment, Smith

said, and he is not worried about protests or rallies getting violent or out of control. He is confident in the students' abilities to voice their concerns and feelings without losing control. The opportunity to gather and ex-

press opinions also is intrinsic to the United States, he said. The Bill of Rights sets out certain freedoms that every U.S. citizen has, and the First

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#### The Rundown



## of shuttle left wing

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) jor role in the space shuttle disaster.

It was not clear where the piece soul at a time.' fit in the wing, said Michael Kostelnik, a deputy associate administrator. He said engineers were analyzing the piece at Barksdale Air Force Base, La., after it was found east of Fort Worth, near Lufkin.

they have at least once piece of the left wing," Kostelnik said of search-

The piece included some carbonof the wing, he said.

The fragment could be important, given that all the trouble apparently began in the left wing during the final minutes of Columbia's flight Feb. 1. The shuttle broke up above Texas as it returned to Earth, killing all seven people aboard.

cover of one of the two landing gear their prophetic role," he said. compartments, another potentially critical piece because a temperature religious groups involved in the desurge inside the left wheel well was the first sign of trouble. But officials ing new initiatives for mentoring do not yet know whether it is from children and helping drug addicts. the right or left side of the shuttle.

O'Keefe said debris would be taken to Kennedy Air Force Base in Cape Canaveral on Monday and Tuesday, where it will be cataloged and assembled.

They will reassemble as much of the shuttle as they can in a hangar on the Kennedy grounds, and an independent board investigating the disaster will have offices in the hangar, said Bill Readdy, associated administrator for space flight at programs that would help these NASA.



## NASA finds key part Bush asks religious Baghdad OKs U-2

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) -- NASA said Monday it has recov- President Bush asked religious broadsection thought to have played a maneed in the United States and help tors searching for banned weapons —

> "We must apply the great compassion of our people to the deepest problems of our country," Bush told religious broadcasters. "Government cannot put hope in people's lives."

The president came to Nashville's "I think they have identified that Gaylord Opryland hotel to urge his House spokesman Scott McClellan audience to help him achieve programs that reach out to people in that."

carbon tile, an extremely dense ma- welcome faith-based groups as allies late last week, when five Iraqi scienterial that covered the leading edge in the great work of renewing tists were each interviewed without the America," he said.

Bush said he understands government does not back a specific religious view, but said that it should work to "provide effective social services that go to anyone in need, regardless of their faith."

Those organizations should not be NASA said it has also found the forced "to change or compromise

> Bush is stepping up efforts to get livery of social services while push-

On Sunday, the president urged NASA Administrator Sean Republicans in Congress to work with him on several areas he considers key components in his vision of "compassionate conservatism."

> "There are people who need love and compassion," Bush told a GOP congressional retreat at the Greenbrier resort in White Sulphur Springs, W.Va. "There are people who wonder whether or not the American experience is meant for them."

Bush outlined plans to push for people.

## broadcasters for help surveillance flights

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Iraq approved U-2 surveillance flights on ered part of Columbia's left wing, a casters Monday to rally people in Monday — a key demand of inspec-"change America, one heart and one as major European countries sought to slow the march to a military showdown.

> Baghdad's announcement was an attempt to stave off military action by the United States. But the Bush administration said it was too little, too late.

> "The bottom line is the president is interested in disarmament," White said. "This does nothing to change

The administration had scoffed at "I believe government should a separate concession from Baghdad presence of another Iraqi.

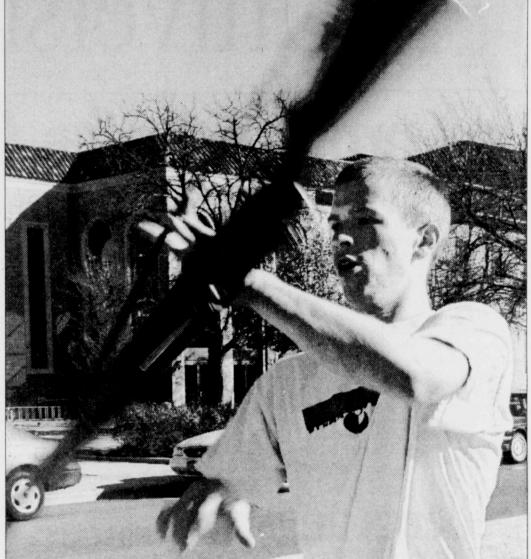
> The White House's dismissal of Monday's announcement came as it stepped up its rhetorical campaign against Saddam Hussein with accusations he would use civilians to shield

> The Iraqis had balked at allowing the American spy planes to fly in support of U.N. inspections unless the United States and Britain suspended air patrols over northern and southern Iraq while the U-2 was aloft.

"The inspectors are now free to use the American U-2s as well as French and Russian planes," Irag's ambassador to the United Nations, Mohamed al-Douri, told The Associated Press.

On Sunday, chief weapons inspectors Hans Blix and Mohamed ElBaradei wrapped up critical talks in Baghdad, saying they sense a "good beginning" and a changed "positive attitude" toward their job of ensuring Iraq is free of

Hussein, meanwhile, told a visiting South African delegation that the United States and Iraq are already at war because of the patrols that began at the end of the 1991 Gulf War.



GUNS UP

JENNA HANSEN/Staff Photographer

NATHAN CANNON, A junior architecture major from Austin and a member of the Sabre Flight Drill Team, practices twirling a rifle in the Engineering Key on Monday afternoon.



Senior Chef of Hospitality Services Rocky Rockwell will be showing a video and demonstrating reciand \$3 for off-campus delivery.

pes for couples to use on Valentine's Day. The event will take place at 7:30 p.m. today in the Carpenter/Wells conference room.

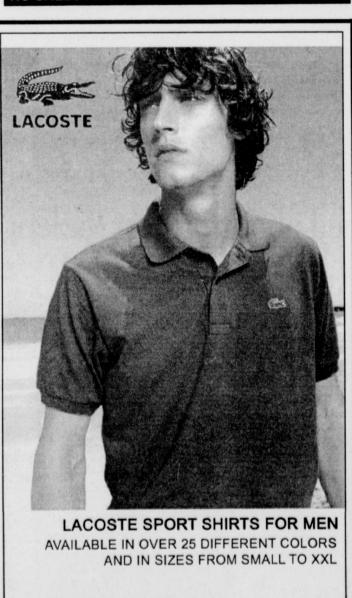
The Hispanic Student Society is selling carnations for Valentine's Day from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. through Thursday in the Student Union building and from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. through Thursday at residence halls Horn/ Knapp, Stangel/Murdough, Hulen/ Clement and Wall/Gates. The carnations cost \$2 for on-campus delivery

The Texas Tech Student Red Raider Club is selling tickets to its members in the Athletic Ticket office at the north end of Jones SBC Stadium for the 2003 Men's and Women's Big 12 Basketball tournaments held March 11-16 in Dallas. Any student can join the club for \$25 and be eligible to purchase one of the 100 tickets available for each tournament. Tickets are \$210 for the men's tournament and \$75 for the women's. For more information, contact the Red Raider Club at (806) 742-1196.





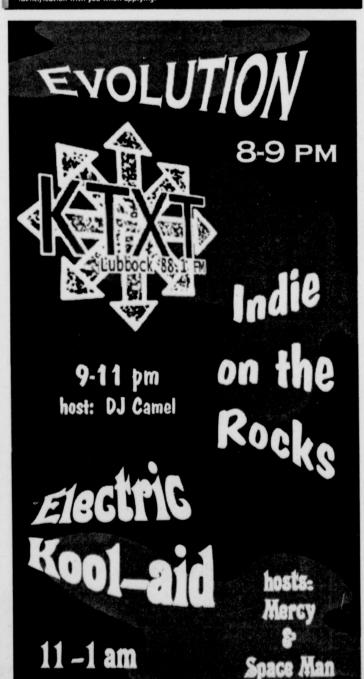




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By Jack Sheaffer/Staff Reporter

The College of Engineering is hosting its annual career expo from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday in the Student Union Ballroom.

There will be about 50 engineeringrelated businesses attending the expo and allowing students to sign up for job interviews. Most of the attending businesses will interview on the spot until 4:30 p.m. Other business at the event will do interviews at a later time and over the phone if necessary.

Some of the companies attending include: American Constructors, Austin Commercial, Baker Concrete Construction, Black and Veatch Corporation, Cemex USA, Centex Homes, Colonial Pipeline Company, ConocoPhillips, IBM, Lockheed Martin, National Security Agency, PriceWaterhouse Coopers, Texas De-

partment of Transportation, U.S. Navy, Xcel Energy and Zachry Construction.

With many companies attending the career expo, students are encouraged to prepare for companies they might be interested in speaking with by preparing a personal resume. These companies are seeking individuals for part-time and full-time employment, as well as for internships to connect with prospective employers.

Director of Cooperative Education in the College of Engineering Delores Ludwig said she is excited about the number of companies attending, given the tight job market right now.

"Employers often say great things about the high quality of Texas Tech's engineering students," she said. "Over the past years, companies have highlighted Tech's career expos on their calendars so they would be sure to not miss out on hiring such high poten-

Although most universities host career expos, most do not draw the large turnout of companies like Tech does. This year, there was a canceled engineering job fair at Baylor because such a small number of companies would attend,

With the companies providing interviews on the spot, students can absorb feedback and ask questions about the interviewing process.

Students can observe what goes on during interviews and get more acquainted with prospective future em-

The College of Engineering is anticipating between 500 and 700 students to participate in the career expo, as compared to the more than 550 students who attended last year. Students are encouraged to show up early to ensure the opportunity to schedule interviews for that

Joe McCulley, a senior arts and sciences major from Lubbock, said he attended the job fair last year and he was surprised at the number of students that turned out.

"I have attended the career expo for the past few years, and I see more and more students each time," he said. "There are always an incredible number of companies attending the job fair, and students seem to be taking advantage of that. Last year, I landed a parttime job for the fall semester, and I received experience and information that I might not have received if I had not gone to the job fair."

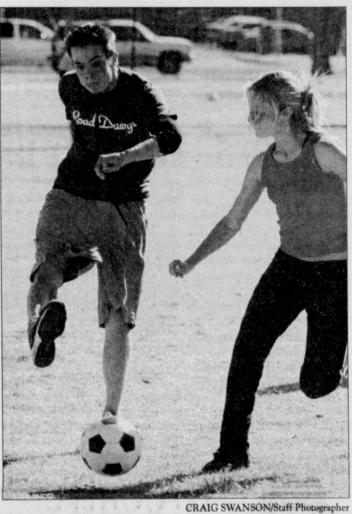
Students can check out further information on the career expo by logging onto the Career Center Web site at www.careercenter.ttu.edu or by logging onto the College of Engineering Web site at www.co-op.coe.ttu.edu.



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TECH GRADUATE KELLY Romero (center) and Andrew Fiss (right) with Seaboard Farms Inc., talk to a Tech student about internships at last year's career fair in the Student Union Courtyard. This year's expo features a number of engineering companies to provide students information about internships and interviews.

#### KICK BALL



DAVID SIMMERMAN, A freshman history major from Dallas, kicks the ball for a goal while Sarah McRae, a junior pre-dentistry major from Sherman, tries to defend the goal.

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#### Show

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shows recently with performers such as Ludacris, and Fat Joe and the Terror Squad.

Wyatt said this concert will give family, friends and fans a chance to see their work.

This is going to be one of the biggest shows," the senior psychology major from Zanes, Ohio said. "We've done a lot of big shows, but this will be a chance for our fans to see what we done did."

He said touring with such bigname acts has been crazy.

"Yeah, we've been asked to go on this next spring break talent showcase in Daytona Beach," he said. "It'll be going two days nonstop, and performers from all over the country will be out there."

Wyatt said the judges panel will be made up of record company representatives from labels such as Epic, Arista and DefJam Records. He said Russell Simons, founder of DefJam Records, should be there as

"We've been getting shows thrown to us left and right," he said. "Our name has been getting big with people calling the numbers on the back of our CDs.'

Wyatt said he believes it is difficult to define a label and how well they are doing.

The concert begins at 8 p.m. Wednesday at the Amarillo Civic Center Coliseum. Advanced discounted tickets are available at both Ralph's Records stores.

#### Protest

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Amendment specifically lists the right to peaceably assemble and freedom of speech.

"A lot of countries you can't do these kinds of things in," Smith said. "Free public debates are one of the

real hallmarks in this country." Vice President of Student Affairs Michael Shonrock echoed

Smith's sentiments. "I think it's a great opportunity for students to exercise their First Amendment rights," he said. "That exchange of information, that exchange of ideas, opens a dia-

logue." The protest gave students the chance to share their opinions and listen to other opinions, he said. Shonrock said he grew up in the protesting glory days and said he enjoyed the flashback.

The university's only concerns are for the safety of its students and ensuring the educational process is not interrupted. Shonrock said as long as those two things were not a problem all demonstrations are acceptable.

Myers was at the rally and said she strongly opposes a war with Iraq.

"I don't think there's been any serious thought given to the war," she

She acknowledged that their protest would not affect Bush's foreign policy, but it accomplished things on a smaller level. If nothing else, it got the attention of those in favor of military action in Iraq and opened up a dialogue.

"Even if people disagree, the conversation is a positive thing," she said. Jakob Schwam, a freshman undecided major from San Antonio, said

he does not believe Bush has proved his case to go to war and does not think it is a good idea.

"I don't think going to war is

worth breaking up the (United Nations)," he said.

Protesting is a good thing, Schwam said, because it brings problems to light and allows people to express their opinions.

"If people feel the need to get their words out and that's the only way they can get the word out, more power to them," he said.

Clint McClead, a junior mechanical engineering major from Austin, said protesting was a good thing but said he disagreed with most of the par-

"There should be every point-ofview so all sides get seen," he said, adding that if Saddam Hussein has weapons of mass destruction and he is planning to use them, the United States should use force him to disarm.

Julius Abella, a freshman computer science major from Lubbock,

"If we let it go unpunished, it'll just keep happening," he said.

## Candidate

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candidate with experience in the federal government.

"Her experience in important issues is unparalleled by anybody else," he said, calling her background her major selling point in

David Allen Sprott, a secondyear law student from Belton, said he would like to see Sutton head a committee that oversees bioterrorism and other terrorism is- Early voting runs from April 16 to sues, as well as upholding the prin- April 29.

ciples of the Republican party. "She's not only smart, but she knows a lot about issues that are important to West Texas," he said.

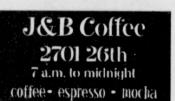
Combest submitted his formal resignation to Gov. Rick Perry on Jan. 7, stating he would resign May 31. In his letter, he cited family reasons as his reason for leaving office.

He announced his intention to resign one week after he was reelected with more than 90 percent of the vote. The special election will be held May 3. The deadline for candidates to file is April 2.

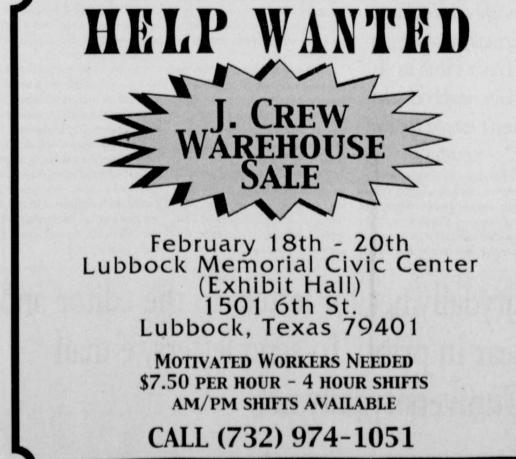
#### Absence

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1 medicine and psychology major from Lubbock, said the rally is something all administrators should have attended.

"They go to magical dinners with \$1,000 plates," Osaghae said. "But they won't attend these sort of events."



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# Valentine's Day about history, hope

someone new, and for the rest of us, a name out of a decorative box. a day which concludes with a box of Russell Stover chocolates smeared be partnered for the remainder of the onto our faces in a confusing attempt festival with whomever the young to find happiness inside a delicious piece of chocolate.

I am not positive, but I am almost sure that when the celebration of posal. Valentine's Day began, there was a 14 than eating your weight in heartshaped candies and proceeding to fall into a chocolate-induced coma (co-

While there is some appeal to the idea of overdosing on candy, I am going to put aside my bag of miniature heart candies with tiny little compliments printed on them and do some research on the day of love.

It is believed the celebration of love originated during the time of the Roman Empire, when Feb. 14 was reserved as a holiday to honor Juno, the queen of all the gods and goddess of marriage and women. The celebration of Juno was in preparation of the 15th of February when the Feast of Lupercalia began.

he 14th of February for some Romans was each Roman girl would is a day shared with love ones, have her name written on a piece of for others a day to spend with paper, and the young men would draw

The men and women would then man chose. The new couple would spendall of Lupercalia together, with the end result hopefully being a pro-

While the celebration of Juno far more romantic conclusion to Feb. continued for centuries, it was not until the rise of Emperor Claudius II of Rome that a martyr would inspire Valentine's Day. During the rule of Claudius II, Rome was involved in a number of wars.

During this period, Claudius was having difficult time recruiting men into the military. It was decided by the emperor that the men were becoming weak because of their dedication to their loved ones.

Upon Claudius' command, all marriages and engagements in Rome were made illegal, and any one that was wed or had assisted the couple in matrimony would suffer the conse-

Although marriage had become illegal, there was a priest in Rome by A tradition during the time of the the name of Valentine, who was fully



Christopher Sokol

The meaning behind Valentine's Day is not what's in the card or even the smell of roses; it's between the lover and the loved.

aware of the punishment that awaited him for secretly marrying couples inside Roman cities.

Valentine was essentially the priest of love, until Claudius II discovered what he was doing. Valentine was ordered to be brought before the Prefect of Rome, where he would have to answer to the high tilted the bag back and, without search for Valentine's Day.

council about his blatantly illegal thinking, poured a few too many

The Prefect of Rome condemned Valentine to death by beating and decapitation because of his assistance in wedding couples.

At the end of the third century, the Roman priest Valentine, in honor of his noble commitments during his lifetime, became St. Valentine. The celebration of St. Valentine did not officially become a holiday until 498, when Pope Gelasius declared Feb. 14 as St. Valentine's Day.

Although St. Valentine's Day was created at the end of the 5th century, it was not until the 17th century that the holiday was regularly celebrated.

Since the 17th century, the celebration in honor of St. Valentine has remained fairly true to its basis. Men, women, boys and girls all hope their special someone will show their affection in one way or another.

Whether it's through the giving of a Valentine's Day card or a dozen roses, the symbolic giving of token gifts is essentially giving your heart to your partner.

After looking up the history behind Valentine's Day, I heard my bag of candy calling me once more. I

heart-shaped compliments into my mouth. I quickly realized I was starting to choke, and instead of my life flashing in front of my eyes, I visualized my passed-out body being found on the ground with candies in my mouth saying, "You're a Cutie."

Whether it was St. Valentine giving me a hard pat on my back or my spine breaking into an oxygen-deprived convulsion, I quickly spit out about 30 tiny candies, which went sprawling across my residence hall

That's when it hit me like Cupid's arrow: Valentine's Day has nothing to do with Roman Gods, cards or even roses. Valentine's Day is simply the hope that one day, there will be someone who cares enough for you to pick up a card from the gas station with a silly catch phrase on it.

The meaning behind Valentine's Day is not what's in the card or even the smell of the roses; it's what's between the lover and the loved.

That last paragraph might have been brought on by the temporary loss of oxygen to my brain, but now that it's down on paper, it seems like an appropriate conclusion to my

# One opinion cannot control others' reactions

umn is neither a retraction nor an apology. For those of you who wanted one or felt one was warranted, I don't tone and irrelevance of the words I know what to tell you.

For anyone still interested, I will tell you this: What you read last week was tack on them, but I have no control my opinion—my opinion about seemingly two subjects I will explain later. What I will try to do in this piece is address some of the concerns some of you may have (and have not held back voicing, which I appreciate) by enlightening those who believe I am, always have and always will be "ignorant."

The sole concession I will give my critics and haters is that I allowed two subjects to blend into one article. According to many opinionated individuals, I started off with a good point until I began "bashing" and "demeaning" black people. And that's true. I pression.

Was that necessary? That's for you to judge. If anyone has read some of my previous articles, you'll see that most of the time, I make light of my subject, whether it be campus friendliness, tragic dating or the occasional children's entertainer.

You may think I was "out of line"

Tell, where to start? I'll skip or "intentionally insulting" toward the formalities and make what is deemed "hip-hop culture." It my point clear. This col- could have waited until another day. But it didn't because I hoped people would understand the sarcasm in the

> Many felt this was a personal atover their reactions. All I can do is imagine how people in my life would take it and see if others will get the point. Obviously they didn't.

> So what was my point and why didn't I just come out and say it? Well, contrary to some people's beliefs, I don't hate black people. Many people stated I wrote the column out of hatred for anything different than me or hatred for that which I don't understand. When I heard and read this, it took me a while to process the terminology and the logic.

First, I never use the word "hate" ran together a point about an ideo- unless it is something I am going to what it really means. I don't hate anything because that which I once hated no longer is a part of my life.

> Second, if I did truly hate all that is different from me, I would be one pissed-off dude. People's attitude, not skin color, has always been, and will continue to be, the determination for those I surround myself with. Plus, I'd



**Dave Ring** 

I also hear my words insulted people. But did I insult them? I don't have the power over their reactions.

No one has that power over anybody.

logical malpractice and what I think cut out of my life. People throw the be down to roughly zero friends, and about a certain form of individual ex- term around loosely without realizing I'd probably be working on a way to separate my two halves from each other also.

Third, the point I was lollygagging around was just because we as a nation have what we have today (read Black History Month) doesn't mean we should be happy and accept it with full complacency.

representation for ANYONE. Every culture is under-emphasized in the school curriculum currently in place. Blacks, Hispanics, Asians, every tribe of natives here before colonization, even European cultures have been don't control how I'm going to react, shuffled nicely into a pretty picture of our country's birth.

The fact that this is a huge problem to fix should stop being an excuse for contentment. A lot of problems are huge, but that doesn't make them unfixable

So why didn't I come straight out and say this in the first place? Well, I guess I didn't put enough weight into my own words. I thought those of you who read my weekly blabbering would understand my point. Many of you did and let me know about it. I knew it would be too much to ask for a "We Love Dave" rally, but I just wanted you to know I'm thankful for your words of encouragement.

have the power over their reactions. No one has that power over anybody. It is everyone's choice to take what he or she is given and do with it what he

People have thrown and will undoubtedly continue to throw insults my way, calling me a bigot or a racist, Yes, there isn't equal representa- or making fun of the way I dress.

tion in textbooks. There isn't equal Whether these words are written or spoken, I know who I am, and I'm not insulted by it. I'm comfortable and happy with who I am, whether you see it as a negative thing or not.

I wish everyone were like this. You and I don't control how you are going to react. No one should let anyone else have that power over him or her.

The segregation I do practice has nothing to do with socioeconomic or cultural backgrounds. It has everything to do with people I can carry a conversation with, people who I share a same strange sense of humor with, and people who do not see me as some half-breed, self-hating, irresponsible man-puppet. My friends are my friends because I choose to hang around them, and they choose to hang around meno other reason (well, besides the break dancing).

So if you still think I'm a bad person and you hope you never meet me, I also hear my words insulted I can't do much more to help you. But people. But did I insult them? I don't if you got any satisfaction or closure, I guess that's what you needed. I've never claimed to be a great journalist, and all my tooting of my own horn, I thought, would never be taken that seriously. Again, those of you who support me rock. Those of you who don't, well, it's like my friend Slap used to say, "Don't sweat the petty stuff, just pet the sweaty stuff."

## Overused phrases, preconceptions not necessarily true

Lioyment of a movie will depend on tion as hopeless cowards. the review you read. Your first impression of a person varies according to the things you've heard.

Thus is the nature of prejudice. The word itself means to pre-judge, to form an opinion in advance of facts and observations.

This summer, I learned a striking lesson in the folly of prejudice. After years of hearing about a group of supposedly rude, foul-smelling, conniving, cowardly and altogether repulsive people, I finally had a chance to see what all the fuss was about.

I went to France.

I saw for myself these people who to live down. "hate Americans" and "are rude for no reason." Before I share my experience, a little analysis of what I think is our nation's most mindlessly perpetuated

You could certainly relate our nation's Francophobia to old England/ France rivalries, but for purposes of brevity, I'll pick up where most Francophobes do: World War II.

Many things were forever altered after the Second World War. The United States became the world's pre-

It is said our expectations affect our added to our vocabulary and the perceptions. For example, your en- French gained an unshakable reputa-

> So the story goes, in 1940, as Nazi Germany spread over Europe, the French were faced with a rather bleak choice. They could surrender, giving Germany control of their country, or they could fight, and see their cities laid to waste and their civilians slaughtered, giving Germany control of their

> Possessing a keen sense of futility and valuing self-preservation over pride, they surrendered. Hence, owing to the historically bad luck of sharing a border with a notoriously belligerent neighbor, the French have a lot

For a brief while, we scorned them for their inability to control their Asian colonies, specifically Vietnam, but over the years, we seem to have become a bit more understanding on

As for the other nasty reputations the French have picked up, the causes are harder to pin down. Many Frenchmen don't share our disgust with the physical realities of the human anatomy and are therefore reluctant to employ chemical suppressants to eminent superpower, "genocide" was create a more palatable reality—thus



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Strangers, passersby in this decidedly working-class neighborhood, were actually making eye contact with us. I have neighbors who won't extend me that courtesy.

their reputation for poor hygiene. As for the rudeness, I'd say it's wholly untrue. I'd further suggest that the oft-repeated allegation that "the French are assholes" is an accusation cast in the same fashion as a latently decidedly working-class neighbor- doesn't make it true.

homosexual roughneck who, to de- hood, were actually making eye conflect his own shame, accuses everyone

We were in Marseilles, my brother and I. We set off on foot, unsure where to go or what we'd find. I was marveling at the vibrant place, the surprising assortment of faces: black, Arab, oriental. I was delighted to see the Chateau d'If, the prison in "The Count of Monte Cristo."

On we strolled, taking it all in, eventually finding ourselves in what could be described as a more common neighborhood: run-down apartment blocks, presumably for North African immigrants. Looking to rest a bit and becoming hungry, we found a place to eat. Here's where my expectations be-

The waitress, deducing that we may need some tutorial regarding the menu, graciously and patiently helped us navigate our options. Considering that she may be plying for a fat tip, I discounted somewhat the significance of her friendliness.

The real shocker came when, as we ate on the sidewalk, people walking by would wish us a good day (bonjour) and pleasant meal (bon appétit). Strangers, passersby in this

tact and interacting with us. I have neighbors who won't extend me that

Suspecting that I'd found some rare pocket of French goodwill in Marseilles, I was shocked anew a day later on the island of Corsica. Again wandering aimlessly, I found myself in a semi-rural enclave of wealthy estates overlooking the main town (Ajaccio, Napoleon's birthplace).

Walking along, I came across a sharp-looking old man with a dog. Turns out I had strayed onto his private drive, and he was walking to get his mail. He asked if he could be of help, and then wished me a bonne promenade as I clumsily apologized for the trespass and left.

I couldn't help but wonder where else a wealthy elderly person would respond with such grace and kindness (and lack of fear) to a sweaty, trespassing foreigner wandering up the driveway.

If my expectations were any guide, I should have been kicked in the shin and pushed to the gutter. Instead, in a few brief personal encounters, I learned the foolishness of unanalyzed opinions and that just because everyone robotically repeats something

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## **Exhibit portrays lives of musicians**

By Harvey A. Mireles/ Staff Reporter

Reflecting on music icons of the 20th century, artists such as Aretha Franklin, Jimi Hendrix and the Beatles may come to mind. These artists, along with many others, are forever embedded in fans' minds as some of the most prolific musicians of the time.

A new exhibit to the Buddy Holly Center celebrates the lives of musicians of the 1960s. The exhibit is free and will be showing through March 15.

"Linda McCartney's Sixties: Portrait of an Era" displays 51 photographs of the era's leading musicians. Featured artists include Jimi Hendrix, Ray Charles and lanis loplin.

Lucy Ransdell, special events coordinator for the Buddy Holly Center, said she believes the exhibition is unique for Lubbock.

"Many people will have a new opportunity to see a really big and major exhibit," Ransdell said. "Usually, exhibits like this one would only be found in the Metroplex areas."

McCartney covered the music scene of the 1960s first as a house photographer of New York's Filmore East concert hall, and then as the first photographer for the up-starting Rolling Stone magazine. Her career spanned across three decades.

for the Buddy Holly Center, said she energy of the artist." believes the arrival of the photographs is a refreshing realization to have the traveling exhibit at the center.

"McCartney's powerful images, specifically in the area of popular music, defines the decade," Earl said. "This exhibit makes those that didn't experience the 60s wish they did."

This is the first showing of McCartney's work in the U.S. since her document the new British and West

Earl said it was McCartney's perso good.

"All her pictures are done in very intimate settings," Earl said. "You feel



HEATHER DOUGHERTY/Staff Photographer

ALEX MONTERO, A senior accounting major from Houston, observes photography by Linda McCartney last month during his art appreciation class at the Buddy Holly Museum. The exhibit, "Linda McCartney's Sixties: Portraits of an Era" will show through March 15 at the museum.

like you're actually there."

are slightly blurred, using a special camera technique. Earl said she believes That's the similarity between her older Tricia Earl, exhibition coordinator McCartney uses this to "capture the

"She shows a nice emphasis on the musicians and that they were just ordinary people," she said. "Nowadays, we know them as part of history. As time passes, they've become icons."

The exhibit also includes some of McCartney's later work with landscape, people before they became icons is insunscapes and family life.

McCartney was one of the first to Coast bands as they visited New York. She photographed groups such as The sonal touch to her work that made it Doors and The Who prior to reaching

intimacy was still there," Earl said. "In Morrison said.

her latest work, it nicely complements work. She paid attention to everything. work and her latest.'

Shelby Morrison, the museum shop and sales manager for the Buddy Holly Center, said there are many interesting aspects to the show.

"It's an incredible collection of imagery that reflects her life," Morrison said. "The fact that she knew these credible."

She said McCartney was allowed access to the artists' lives and was able to capture their personalities and a backstage vision of what they were like.

"McCartney used to say that she was 'an excepted member of each band' "It was kind of a surprise that the and her 'instrument was the camera,"

Morrison believes the photo exhibit Some of McCartney's photographs the personal sense she felt with her reflects on the change of society in the

"We don't have the kind of intimate access McCartney had back then," she said. "Jimi Hendrix would go out into the crowd and meet them. Now with the limited access, it's rare that we would even be able to see performers outside the performance arena."

Morrison said each photo is done in a comfortable setting.

"Every photo was done with no set light," she said. "The artists were all caught in the moment, and it gave a glimpse of their lives into their comfort zone."

The exhibition is on tour across North America. Prior to reaching Lubbock, the photographs were displayed in Puerto Rico, Canada and several locations in the U.S.

#### 'How to lose a Guy' debuts at No. 1

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Romance won the weekend as Kate Hudson and Matthew McConaughey's date flick "How to Lose A Guy in 10 Days" debuted as the No. 1 movie with \$23.8 million. erage, \$29.8 million, two weeks.

Jackie Chan and Owen Wilson's martial-arts romp "Shanghai Line, \$8.4 million, 2,834 locations, Knights," a sequel to "Shanghai \$2,960 average, \$27.9 million, two Noon," opened in second place with weeks. \$19.6 million.

The top 10 movies at North American theaters Friday through Sunday, followed by distribution stu- one week. dio, gross, number of theater locations, average receipts per location, release, as compiled Monday by Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc. and Nielsen EDI Inc. are:

1. "How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days," Paramount, \$23.8 million, 2,923 locations, \$8,134 average, million, 2,456 locations, \$1,556 av-\$23.8 million, one week.

2. "Shanghai Knights," Disney, \$19.6 million, 2,753 locations, \$7,121 average, \$19.6 million, one

3. "Chicago," Miramax, \$10.8 million, 1,841 locations, \$5,859 av-

erage, \$63.8 million, seven weeks. 4. "The Recruit," Disney, \$9.2 million, 2,376 locations, \$3,883 av-

5. "Final Destination 2," New

6. "Deliver Us From Eva," Focus Features, \$6.6 million, 1,139 locations, \$5,837 average, \$6.6 million,

7. "Kangaroo Jack," Warner Bros., \$6.1 million, 2,848 locations, total gross and number of weeks in \$2,144 average, \$53 million, four

8. "Biker Boyz," DreamWorks, \$4.2 million, 1,769 locations, \$2,393 average, \$16 million, two weeks.

9. "Darkness Falls," Sony, \$3.8 erage, \$26.8 million, three weeks.

10. "The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers," New Line, \$3.5 million, 1,680 locations, \$2,093 average, \$320.9 million, eight weeks.

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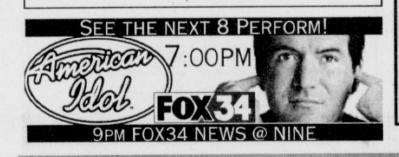


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# When love goes

## Couples detail love gone bad

By Kristen Gilbreth/Staff Reporter

Editor's note: Names have been changed to protect the innocent and the not-so innocent.

Love is not supposed to hurt; the letters are not meant to stand for lies, obsession, violence and emotional

Yet as Valentine's Day draws near, many students remember times when being in a relationship was not poetry but pain.

Leslie, 20, recalls her one-year commitment to her first boyfriend who suffered from manic-depression and alco-

"I was completely in love with him," she said. "I didn't want to break up. I

just got used to his mood swings." She said the good times kept her

attached to an unhealthy partnership. While laughing, Leslie said, "You know, when he wasn't being an asshole, he was an incredibly awesome person."

She warns those involved with a mixed-up mate to listen to their inner voice and get out while they can.

"If you hear that 'shouldn't' voice, you totally shouldn't," she said.

Ashley, who spent five months with a guy addicted to speed, agreed.

"Inside, I knew it wasn't right, but I had this mindset that if we could make it through, that it would strengthen our relationship," she said. "I didn't see things the way they really were."

Ashley, who now has found the man of her dreams, said she thought she could help him put his life back together, but in the process, she lost a piece of herself. She advises everyone

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second of a five-story series on romance.

not to lower his or her standards. "The right person will come along

in due time," she said. "There is no reason to date someone just because you Jenny, a graduate student and Texas

Tech professional, said especially around the upcoming holiday, people start feeling like they need to be part of a pair. She said because she did not want to be alone, she spent more than two years in a relationship she did not realize was abusive.

After beginning a new job at Women's Protective Services and reviewing her orientation packet, she said she found her previous involvement met every category of emotional abuse.

Jenny said her ex-boyfriend called her names and threatened suicide in order to keep her in his grasp. He used his abusive childhood to make her feel sorry for him and to excuse his actions.

"As sick as it sounds, I wanted to be the one person who loved him unconditionally," she said.

She was physically pushed twice, but she said the emotional scars have the lasting effect. To her friends, she said, they became the "drama couple," and each incident was only another episode of an ongoing soap opera.

Jenny said especially during the first years of college, other college women do not give their friends the best coach-



GREG KRELLER/The University Daily

ing about men because they themselves most like I had a second mother." do not know what is abnormal behav-

When she finally gained the courage to call it quits, he began stalking her and following her to work.

"I was scared," she said. "Here I was 19 years old, and my dad was driving me to work."

As someone who has now been married for five years to a man whose love does not hold heartache and fear, she said no one should give up their long-term health for the short-term of being in a couple.

"When people sacrifice their own emotional and mental wellness in order to be in a relationship, I think they are getting the short end of the stick," she said. "The first step in healing is to not only learn to be OK with being single, but to be happy being single."

Jenny said it is important for society to understand men also struggle with unstable companions.

Jim is one of those men.

a girlfriend who he described as obses-

"She had a pretty bad temper," he said. "She was selfish beyond all nor- with someone who is controlling, jealmalcy. If I weren't with her for one hour,

His roommate Matt said commu-

nication problems also were the source of his experience with "love gone bad."

The only girl he ever cared about cheated on him with his best friend, "That ripped my heart out," Matt

said. "Maybe it was my fault, but maybe she was just evil. I know there are good women out there, and I'm sure that I wouldn't mind spending my life with one of them, but I doubt it."

He said men and women must adjust to each other's communication styles and be open about sexual likes

"With guys, we are easy," he said. "All we need is sex and a sandwich; women need 'Sex in the City' and 'Will and Grace' and to talk, talk, talk."

He said if women would talk about important issues more and cut out the small talk, he could have more productive relationships.

Richard Lenox, associate director He said he spent eight months with of Tech's Student Counseling Center, said red flags in romantic relationships are frequent arguments, constantly feeling misunderstood, and being involved ous or constantly blames others for she would call over and over. It was al- their emotional state.

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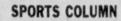
# Valentine's Day not just for romantic lovers

n spirit of last year's column, I wanted to continue to think of those/what I love on this holiday of passion.

I love Sergio Garcia. Golf is a sport that requires a lot of concentration, but El Niño took it to an extreme. I'm glad the PGA has decided to strengthen its speed of play rules, and I'm even happier Sergio is adhering to them. It makes for a more enjoyable watching experience. By speeding up his play, it means we can actually watch the fire he plays with

Just like last year, I still love ESPN. It's a beautiful station, although I questioned its pursuit into the film industry. What did we do before there was a 24-hour sports network? What ESPN did that was so special this year was its ad campaigns.

ESPN has continued with the "This is SportsCenter" ads and added some great ones. The Rich Beem one





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with Scott Van Pelt in the trunk of

his sports car is great.

And the new addition "Without sports...." could not be any truer. Without sports, there really would be no next year. ESPN took common knowledge and made it more notice-

Sports really do make the world go 'round. How many times have you said, "We'll get 'em next time, boys."? How many times have you worn a hat, jersey or T-shirt of your favorite team? Because "without sports, there would be nothing to wear."

Continuing with the commercial campaigns, I would like to say I love the official beer of the NFL: Coors Light. All that needs to be said are three words: "Here's to football."

I love Roger Cleveland. He has designed the greatest wedges in the history of golf. That's why I own three. There really is nothing like sucking back a Titleist six feet or knocking an approach shot stiff. Thank you, Mr. Cleveland.

The Tech Hecklers are the coolest people in the world. I love them because they make every baseball game fun. You never know what they are going to say next, and they have a purpose. Because of the Hecklers, I had the opportunity to bid on memorabilia at their auction. Thank you for my 1987 World Series Championship autographed baseball.

The Big12 holds a special place in my heart. It took a lot of courage for the big wigs in the Big 12 to say the Tech-OU game was a mistake. Although nothing could be done about it, it was nice to know they realized how much they goofed up.

ESPN's Jay Bilas is the man-anda-half for pushing the clock situation. He broke down the final seconds of the game, resulting in national attention and opening the Big 12's eyes to the fact that the world stopped spinning for 4.7 seconds in Norman, Okla.

I love beating the Aggies. It feels so good to beat the team Tech students call a rival while the maroonfaithful say their rival is Texas the whole time.

The third definition of rival is to be equal to. It's obvious neither school is equal (since Tech has won so frequently lately) in a number of ways. It should just be acceptable that Tech

hates A&M, and the Aggies hate the fact that the Raiders hate them. This makes it so much sweeter to be the "classless clowns" and beat their "real" rival Texas, too.

I love myself for being right all the time (also for being a HPA). I said Tech would beat the Aggies in football. I said A&M would fire R.C. Slocum because they were tired of sucking harder than a Hoover.

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show takes what my friends and I do and puts it on television. It's great. This summer, my life revolved around that show. At 4:30 p.m., everything stopped for "PTI." Tony Kornheiser and Michael Wilbon are two of the most beautiful people in the world. I love them and their show with all of my being.

I'm sorry if I left any one else I love out of this year's tribute from the heart. Sometimes I get a little emotional and can't concentrate completely. I also love you for reading this. Happy Valentine's Day.

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Willian

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# Red Raiders not overlooking ACU

By Kyle Clark/Staff Reporter

In the beginning of a season that Texas Tech men's tennis coach Tim Siegel said could go either way, the Raiders are sure things are already go- match," Wakeford said. "It was good other opponents, Tech knows it caning in their direction.

Last week, the Raiders (1-1) defeated Lamar 6-0 in Houston and lost 4-3 to a No. 32 Rice team that the Tech coaches and players are sure will be in the top 20 at the end of the season.

Going into today's home matchup against Abilene Christian at 1:30 p.m. at the McLeod Tennis Center, the Raiders are pleased about the way in the loss. things are going already.

Rice Feb. 2.

"We had a great performance Rice is one of the top 20 teams in the admit is not as strong as Rice.

The effort against Rice also has

pects of the season.

Senior and team captain Devin Wakeford said Rice was a tough match

against a great team. because they're ranked and will be a

top 20 team. For the first weekend, it looks very good." Wakeford's senior teammate Alfonso Perez was agreed and said before playing the Owls, he wanted the team to prove what Tech tennis is all about. After playing Rice, Perez said

"We really proved ourselves Siegel said he was happy with the against Rice," he said. "We can play way his team handled its game against with anyone in the country. We almost beat a top 20 caliber team."

he thinks Tech did prove some things

Now Tech must turn its attention against Rice," Siegel said. "We're of to its first home match of the young course missing our top player, and season and an ACU team the Raiders

Perez said he is familiar with ACU and said if the Raiders take care of Siegel's players excited about the pros- business, all should go well for them.

"I know some of the players," he said. "They're not as strong of a team. We just have to do our job on the court."

Although ACU might not invoke "Rice was a real tough, close as much fear as some of the Raiders' not overlook anyone.

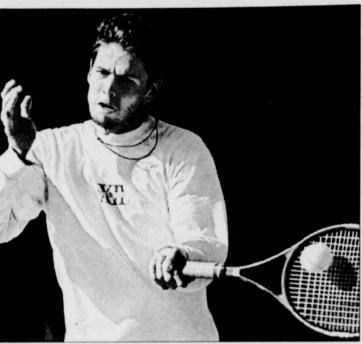
> Eatlier in the year, Siegel said his team did not have the top-spot talent to get by without every player's best effort in every match. He said his team would have to play its best against any opponent to gain a victory.

> "We need maximum effort from every player," Siegel said. "We're not going to win on talent alone. We will struggle against every team if we don't come to play."

> Siegel's players seem to understand the message and are keeping it in their

Wakeford said every match for Tech, including ACU, will be a chal-

"We can't overlook them," Wakeford said. "Every match is a



CRAIG SWANSON/Staff Photographer

DIEDRICK DE GROOT smashes a forehand in practice at the McLeod Tennis Center. The Red Raiders will take on Abeline Christian University in their first home match of the season at 1:30 p.m. today.

#### Tech runs off with two qualifications

The Texas Tech track and field team completed its indoor home schedule with the Red Raider Invitational on Friday in the Athletic Training Center.

The Red Raiders gained two more NCAA provisional qualifications. In the 1600-meter relay run, Albert Booker, Jason Lovell, Jonathan Johnson and Matt Stewart qualified with a time of 3:09.85. Booker also qualified in the men's 400-meter dash.

Olivia Clardy recorded a toss of 58 feet, 3.75 inches in the women's weight toss. The mark broke her personal record and an ATC record.

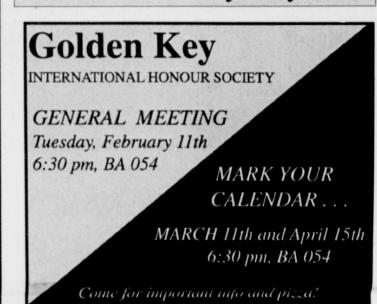
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