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U.S. captures Hussein's half brother

By David Espo/Staff Reporter

American commandos captured a half brother of Saddam Hussein on Thursday, the latest success in a campaign to round up insiders from the former regime. U.S. troops thwarted a Baghdad bank robbery over the protests of Iraqis eager to share in the loot.

As U.S. forces struggled to restore order in Iraq, FBI Director Robert Mueller announced that agents had been detailed to help recover antiquities looted from museums in Baghdad and elsewhere. Agents will aid inter-

national efforts to recover stolen items "on both the open and black markets," he said.

With the fighting all but over, the USS Constellation steamed from the Persian Gulf for its home port, carrying dozens of warplanes no longer needed to bomb Iraqi forces into submission. It was the second aircraft carrier ordered home in recent days.

Brig. Gen. Vincent Brooks announced the capture of Barzan Ibrahim Hasan, telling reporters he was an adviser to Hussein "with extensive knowledge of the regime's in-

ner workings." His face was on the five of clubs in the Pentagon's deck of most-wanted Iraqis.

A U.S. intelligence official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Barzan Hasan had been a presidential adviser to Hussein's regime since 1998, but had a shaky relationship with his half brother and was not part of the regime's inner circle.

He was a representative to the United Nations in Geneva from 1989 to 1998. Earlier, from 1979 to 1983, he headed Iraq's Mukhabarat, or intelligence service, a period when the

organization arranged executions of regime opponents in Iraq and overseas, the official said.

Brooks provided scant details of the operation that netted Barzan Hasan, saying he was taken inside Baghdad and U.S. special forces were aided by Marines. He said there were no casualties.

Another of Hussein's three half brothers, Watban Ibrahim Hasan, was captured earlier by U.S. forces. The third has not been found.

American forces have been criticized for failing to stop looting in sev-

eral Baghdad cities, and there have been complaints, as well, that humanitarian relief has been slow in arriving.

But Marines foiled a brazen act of lawlessness during the day when they interrupted a robbery-in-progress at a branch of the al-Rashid Bank and took away \$4 million for safekeeping.

Thieves had blown a hole in the vault and dropped children in to bring out fistfuls of cash. As word spread that the robbery was under way, Iraqis gathered, saying they had accounts at the branch, and a riot broke out.

Marines broke it up — over the

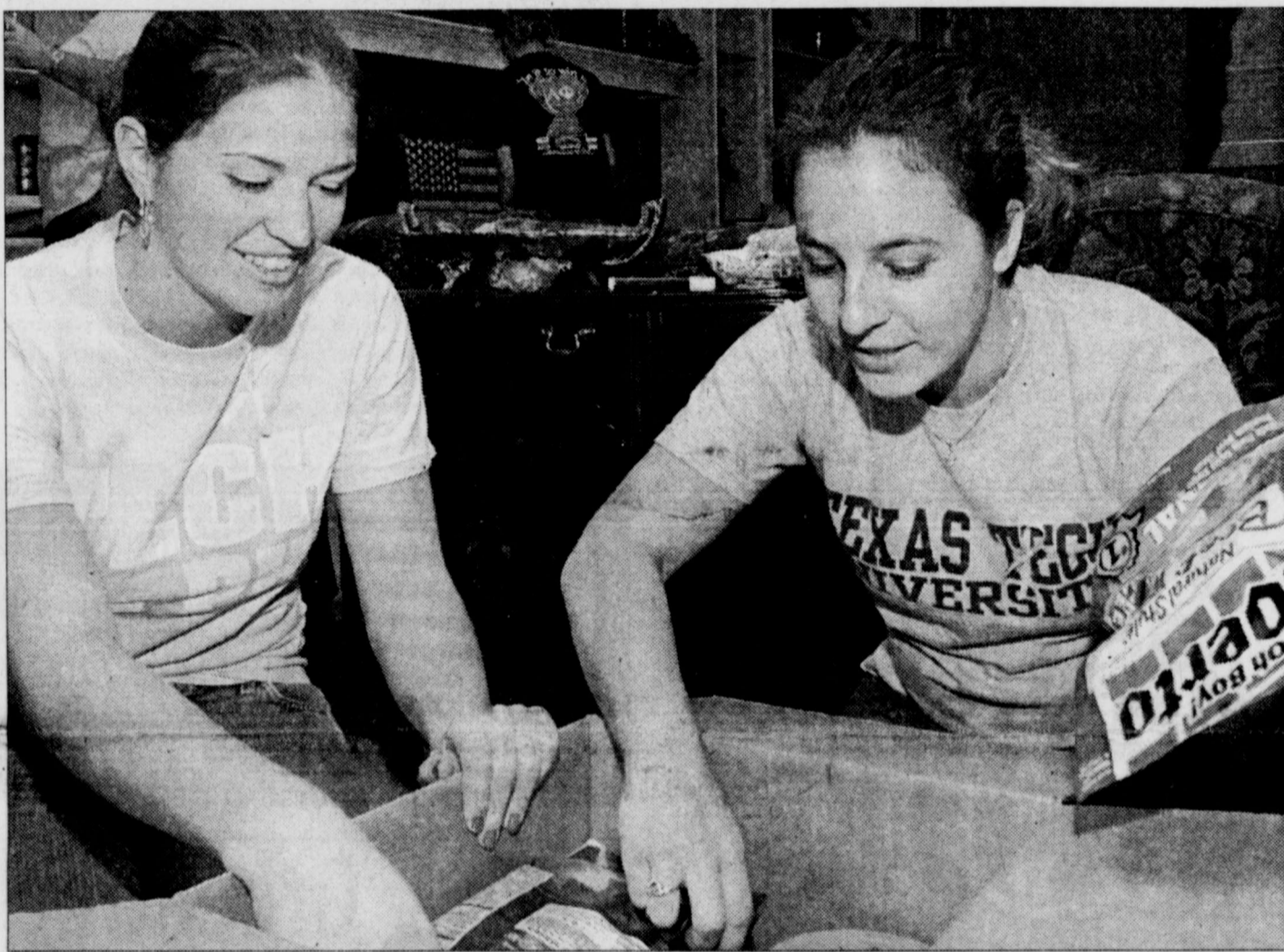
protests of Iraqis not involved in the robbery — and removed \$4 million in American dollars. The thieves were arrested.

"These people want the money, and they believe it is rightfully their money, but they don't understand that the proper distribution is not first-come, first-served," said Col. Philip DeCamp, a battalion commander.

Gen. Tommy Franks, the commander of Operation Iraqi Freedom, told reporters during a visit to Kuwait

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Shipping SUPPLIES



TYSON JEFFREYS/Staff Photographer

COLLEEN REINLIE, A freshman English major from Plano, and Claire Prieto, a junior accounting major from San Mateo, Calif., load boxes to ship to the American troops in Iraq.

Operation: Appreciation sends collection to American soldiers

By Angela Timmons/Staff Reporter

Some American troops overseas are soon to be pleasantly surprised.

The members of Alpha Phi got to see the fruits of their labor Thursday afternoon at their event Operation: Appreciation, a project devoted to gathering donations to send to U.S. troops overseas.

Operation: Appreciation began last year as a small project, said Tamara Pierce, an Alpha Phi and one of the project's organizers. Pierce, a senior public relations major from Gladewater, said this year the project took on bigger proportions, with three Alpha Phi members, including herself, having strong ties to the war.

"There's three of us with strong ties with family and significant others in the war effort," said Pierce, whose boyfriend is in Iraq.

Lauren Taylor, another Alpha Phi and project organizer, is the girlfriend of a U.S. Army Ranger who as of yet has not been deployed because of a back injury. However, Taylor, a senior public relations major from Buda, said she feels close to the war effort.

"This is just our way of saying thanks to the men and women over there," she said of the project. "A thanks to the people who are giving us something that's really immeasurable, and this is the community's way of saying thanks."

Crystal Holifield, a sophomore international business major from Arlington, another Alpha Phi with strong ties to the war.

"My mother is in the Army and in Iraq," Holifield said. "She left in early

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SGA officers take oath for 2003-04

By Matt Muench/Staff Reporter

The new Student Government Association executive officers and senators were sworn in at the SGA's annual banquet Thursday night at the CitiBank Room in the United Spirit Arena.

Leading the way is President Jeremy Brown, followed by new Internal Vice President Jacque Steinmetz and External Vice President Colton Batchelor. Their jobs begin today.

The trio takes over Kelli Stumbo's administration, which included Brown as the internal vice president and Leigh Mauer, who was the external vice president.

Brown said it feels strange to be called Mr. President because he never expected to be in this position when

he first stepped onto the Texas Tech campus.

"The plans of the Lord are higher than ours, and you never know where he is going to take you," he said. "I never expected to be here (as president) three years ago. I have some big shoes to fill. Kelli did a tremendous job. I am ready for the challenge."

He is certain his administration will accomplish great things, Brown said.

"I am fully confident we will do a wonderful job," he said. "We will be nothing but successful. I honestly believe the best is yet to come."

Steinmetz's position gives her the title as the Student Senate President. She also handles campus related issues.

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JAIME TOMAS AGUILAR/Staff Photographer

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION President Jeremy Brown is sworn in by outgoing SGA President Kelli Stumbo on Thursday at the SGA banquet.

Tech job applications available on Internet

By Joey Kirk/Staff Reporter

The Texas Tech Employment Office will be changing the way applications are received beginning April 28.

Gloria Hale, assistant vice president for Human Resources, said they have changed the process because of its difficulty and time consumption.

"Right now, the employment application procedure is paper driven and labor intensive," she said. "Although Tech has an online Web application that is accessible via the personnel Web site, it was never fully developed."

Five months ago, Tech and the Health Sciences Center Human Resources jointly initiated a project to modernize the employment process for both institutions.

Janet Coquelin, managing director for the HSC Human Resources and program coordinator of Texas Tech Jobs, said they are able to develop this program because of modern technology.

"We are doing this to utilize today's technology and decrease the time it

takes to hire and fill staff positions at Tech," she said. "Also, it will help save a lot of paper."

Along with the help of PeopleAdmin, an Austin private vendor, Tech has developed the new application process that is implemented at several other universities throughout the nation.

Coquelin said the program is developed strictly for "higher education."

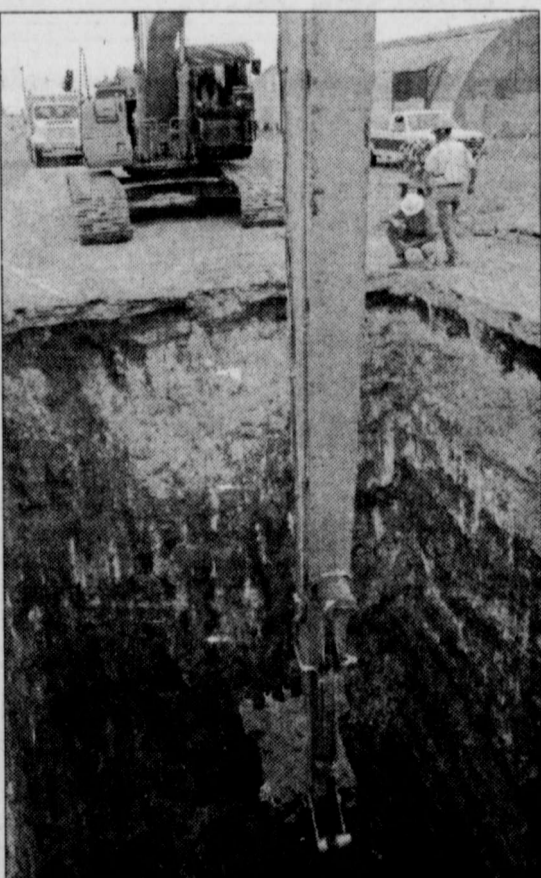
"We share this system along with many other colleges so the Web site will look the same as the rest, just different color schemes and pictures," she said. "Texas A&M University has helped us tremendously, which is funny to say here at Tech, but they let us use their ideas, and the interesting thing is that it doesn't take up space on the Tech server."

Hale added that managers will be able to post semi-interviews for the applicants along with the application process.

"They can add job-related ques-

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WORKERS WITH BARNARD Construction dig a hole 28 feet deep in the middle of 40th Street at the intersection of Avenue L. The construction is part of the storm drainage project. GREG KRELLER/Staff Photographer



City drainage project ahead of schedule

By Heidi Toth/Staff Reporter

The South Central Lubbock Drainage Improvement project is making good progress, despite the wind, dust, snow and tornado warnings Lubbock has seen in the last few weeks.

Zach Bowler, project manager of Barnard Construction Companies, said the project is proceeding well. How close it is to the timeline is another issue altogether.

"That depends on whose schedule you're looking at," he said. "By Barnard's schedule, we'd like to have finished by now. If you're looking at the city's schedule, we're a year and a half ahead."

Marsha Reed, senior civil engineer for the city of Lubbock, said she is

happy with the project's progress.

"It's way ahead of schedule and should be wrapped up here in the next few months," she said.

The project is a gravity flow sewer system and is designed to reduce the flood risk around 12 lakes in Lubbock. It is a 14-mile pipeline from McAllister Park to Yellowhouse Canyon and includes areas like Clapp, Dupree, Elmore, Leftwich, Miller, Andrews and Trinity parks.

The plays throughout town act as a collection device for storm water runoff, Bowler said. However, during heavy rains, water overflows the boundaries of the plays into surrounding neighborhoods.

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STATE NATION WORLD

Texas A&M wants to offer degrees in Qatar

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — Texas A&M University is negotiating with a foundation in Qatar to offer engineering degrees to students from the Middle East country.

A&M officials would like to offer classes at a building in Doha, Qatar's capital. The Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development, which is described as a "private" organization founded in 1995 by Qatar's hereditary monarch, Amir Hamad bin Khalifa Al-Thani, would pay for the course offerings.

As part of the program, A&M professors and students also would be allowed to travel to the Middle East to conduct research in the oil- and gas-rich nation.

"I think it's a remarkably exciting prospect," said David Prior, A&M's interim executive vice president and provost. "It fits with our institutional vision of internationalization. It will provide new opportunities for our faculty and students, and an opportunity for us to play a role in greater understanding between the Middle East and our culture."

Based on A&M's well-regarded petroleum engineering program, the foundation contacted A&M 18 months ago, Prior said.

Virginia Commonwealth University has already opened a branch in Qatar, and Cornell University plans to open a medical college there in 2004.

Dr. Atkins dies after head injury at age 72

NEW YORK (AP) — Dr. Robert C. Atkins, whose best-selling low-carbohydrate, high-protein diet was dismissed as nutritional folly for years but was recently validated in some research, died Thursday, his spokesman said. He was 72.

Atkins died at New York Weill-Cornell Medical Center, surrounded by his wife and close friends, said Richard Rothstein, his spokesman.

Atkins had suffered a severe head injury April 8 after falling on an icy sidewalk while walking to work. He underwent surgery to remove a blood clot from his brain, Rothstein said.

Atkins first advocated his unorthodox weight-loss plan — which emphasizes meat, eggs and cheese and discourages bread, rice and fruit — in his 1972 book, "Dr. Atkins' Diet Revolution."

Its publication came at a time when the medical establishment was encouraging a low-fat, high-carbohydrate diet. The following year, the American Medical Association dismissed Atkins' diet as nutritional folly and Congress summoned him to Capitol Hill to defend the plan.

Labeling it "potentially dangerous," the AMA said the diet's scientific underpinning was "naive" and "biochemically incorrect." It scolded the book's publishers for promoting "bizarre concepts of nutrition and dieting."

Plumbing blamed for worst SARS outbreak

HONG KONG (AP) — The biggest SARS outbreak in Hong Kong spread through the plumbing in an apartment complex after visits from a man sick with the disease, a health official said Thursday.

Water droplets contaminated with the SARS virus may have been sucked out of bathroom drains into apartments by ventilation fans, said the Hong Kong health secretary, Dr. Yeoh Eng-kiong.

The disease — severe acute respiratory syndrome, or SARS — apparently also was spread through person-to-person contact and possibly by rats and cockroaches, Yeoh told a news conference.

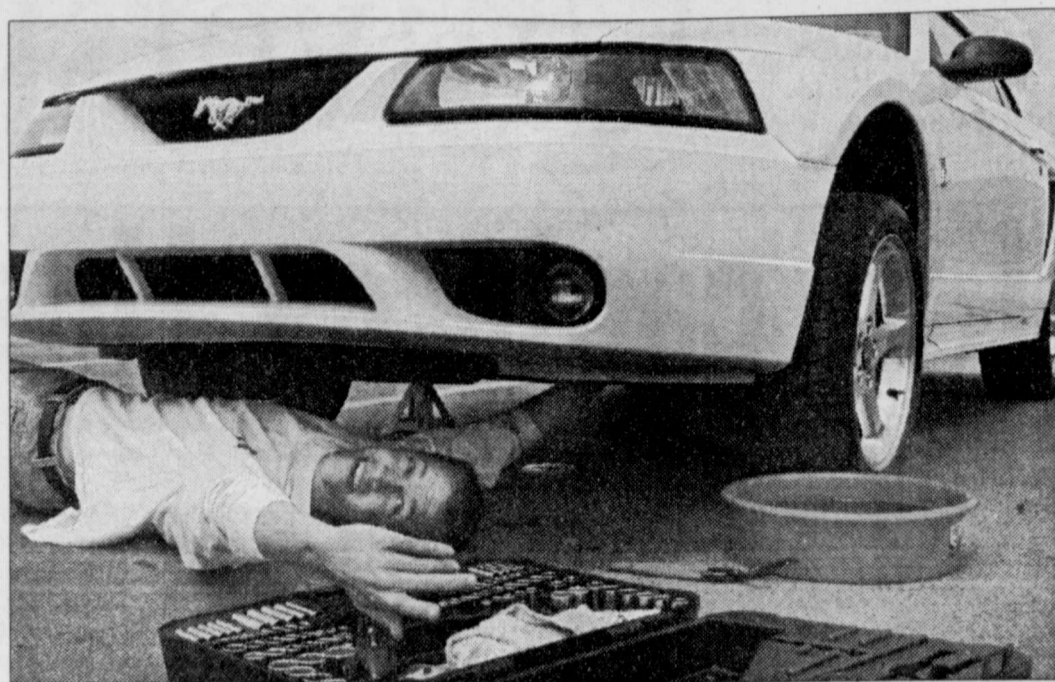
The outbreak at the Amoy Gardens apartment complex was traced to a mainland Chinese man visiting his brother in March. The man's symptoms included diarrhea, and his use of the bathroom helped set in motion a chain of events that eventually sickened 324 people from the apartments, an official report found.

Many who came down with SARS in the Block E building of the apartments also had diarrhea, spreading the disease further through faulty seals between sewage and water drains, Yeoh said.

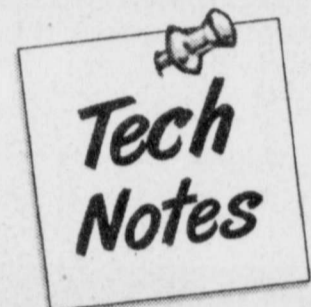
The outbreak at Amoy Gardens has been the most alarming yet in the former British colony, which has reported 65 SARS deaths. Worldwide, SARS has infected more than 3,300 people, and more than 160 people have died, most in Asia.

Block E building was temporarily evacuated, and Yeoh said the outbreak has now been contained.

OIL CHANGE



DAVID JOHNSON/Staff Photographer
MIKE EGGLESTON, A freshman business major from Chicago, changes the oil in his 2001 Mustang Cobra in the Z1 parking lot behind Sneed residence hall Thursday afternoon.



Arbor day begins at 11:30 a.m. April 25 in Memorial Circle. The event features hotdogs and hamburgers, a concert and tree planting. Planting registration forms are available in the Center for Campus Life Office in Room 228 of the Student Union building or Room 250 of West Hall. Forms also are available online at www.campuslife.ttu.edu and are due at 4 p.m. today in the Student Union office.

The underpass north of the university greenhouse at Main Street and Hartford Avenue will be closed to pedestrian traffic for four weeks while the natural gas line is lowered in preparation for the Marsha Sharp Freeway. Students and faculty are requested to find an alternative route.

The Hispanic Student Society's "Reflections of our Heritage," week has its final event, a banquet, at 6:30 p.m. today in the McInturf Center.

Tickets for the banquet cost \$10 for students and \$15 for the general public, and are on sale in the Student Union building. For more information, call (806) 441-8731.

Kappa Delta Chi is hosting the KDChi Klassic three-on-three basketball tournament at Optimist Boys and Girls Club on April 25 and 26. Signups will be in the Student Union building foyer today. There is a \$35 entry fee for a team of three players and one al-

ternate. Proceeds benefit the Optimist Boys and Girls Club and Buckner's Children's home. For more information, contact Eric Lugo at lugar@msn.com.

The annual TKE Crawfish festival is from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. April 27 at The Big Backyard at 904 East Broadway. Tickets are on sale for \$20 in the Student Union building foyer and at Select-A-Seat locations, and they will cost \$25 at the door. The event will feature free crawfish and parking. For more information, contact Will Turner at (806) 687-2367 or Steve Hozhabri at (806) 744-7913.

Omega Delta Phi is raffling off an autographed 2002-2003 Lady Raider basketball, signed by the team and coach Marsha Sharp. Proceeds will benefit a Special Olympics scholarship. Tickets cost \$2 each or \$5 for three. Tickets can be purchased from members, or contact Jon Bentancourt at (806) 632-0319 or e-mail jonnoy@hotmail.com. The drawing will be April 30.

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Tech's Sam's Place receives award for 'Best in the Business'

By Joey Kirk/Staff Reporter

Sam's Place, a concept developed by Texas Tech Hospitality Services, was recently honored with a national recognition award as the "Best in the Business" by the National Association of College and University Food Services.

Carey Hewett, associate director of Hospitality Services, said the award is a major honor for the department.

"It gives us great recognition for the department on a national level," he said. "There was a large amount of hard work that went into designing the layout and concepts of Sam's Place, and I think it is something for students and faculty to enjoy."

Sam's Place stores are convenience stores for students, faculty, staff and walk-in customers, and are designed to offer a wide variety of products such as food, beverages and necessities.

Tech Hospitality Services works in conjunction with the National Association of College and University Food Services, which is a networking organization that awards competitive marketing concepts on college campuses,

Hewett said.

Kirk Rodriguez, assistant director of cash sales for Hospitality Services, said Sam's Place won based on a balance of many areas.

"We won the 'Best in the Business' award because of our product mix, promotional events, customer feedback and marketing techniques," he said. "There is up to about five winners throughout the entire country."

The award will be presented to Hospitality Services in July at the organization's national conference in Kansas City, Kan.

Sean Childers, manager of financial operations, said Sam's Place is just another improvement of Tech.

"We are finally getting recognized, and for the overall grand scheme of this, the university is trying to improve its appearance, and we are staying competitive and updating our look and business services," she said. "We are showing the nation that we can hold up to our growth standard and how we can suit the needs of students and faculty."

Hewett said the stores develop many ideas to help students.

"The stores are very flexible to meet the ideas of students, and the hours of operation

are like no other place on campus," he said.

The award reinforces the strategy for success, Rodriguez said.

"We've always operated as though we were the best in the business," he said. "The award just shows how we have always strived for this. And also to be chosen by our peers is better because it lets us know that we are doing well to service everyone."

Plans for the future include adding a Sam's Place in the Student Union building's new retail quarter, Rodriguez said.

Cody Brown, a freshman biology major from Grapevine, said the location is convenient for him, as he lives in Bledsoe Hall.

"I think that Sam's Place over in Sneed Hall is very convenient for me, but the only problem with it is that everything in there is really expensive," he said. "They do a good job of helping us with the items we need, though."

Rodriguez added that Sam's Place stays open from 7 a.m. to 2 a.m. most nights to accommodate students.

"We are not strictly for students, or on-campus students at that," he said. "Anybody is invited to see what we offer, and hopefully, they will feel as good as we feel about this award."



STU-DENTS PUR-CHASE FOOD, DRINKS and necessities at Sam's Place located in Sneed Residence Hall on Thursday afternoon. Sam's Place recently received a national award recognizing the services it provides. CRAIG SWANSON/Staff Photographer

Shipment

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February."

Holifield said she does not have contact with her mother other than through letters. In addition, her fiancée also is leaving for Iraq in June. Because of this, Holifield said she is grateful for the project.

"I'm not even a soldier, but I'm thankful to these two ladies," she said of Pierce and Taylor. "I haven't had enough time to put into this for my mother, and this gives me a chance to do something."

The sorority recruited outside help from the university and the community in the form of donations and help, packing the array of food, hygiene and recreation items gathered on the floor of the Alpha Phi lodge, Taylor said. Other omegas, Delta Delta Delta, Chi Omega, Delta Delta Delta, and Cooper and Roosevelt Elementary schools. Pierce said families and parents of soldiers also were involved.

The women said products gathered were essential items the troops could use during their time overseas. Little was lacking from the pile of donations.

There was everything from Kool-Aid, peanut butter, beef jerky and

other food items to books, crossword puzzles, playing cards and an assortment of hygiene products, including sunscreen.

A large number of these items was on display among bins and boxes with a sign reading "Freedom isn't free."

Cards from elementary school students and Alpha Phis thanking troops for their efforts were piled in front of the lodge's fireplace, and red, white and blue decorations displayed patriotism.

Through donations, Alpha Phi received almost \$700 for shipping costs, in addition to the support in the form of food and other products, Pierce said.

The packages will go to four or five different companies around Iraq and the Persian Gulf, Taylor said.

Lubbock recruits on site to help were pleased with what they saw come together at the Alpha Phi lodge.

"It's a great effort. The troops can actually use this, as most of them will be there another three or four months," active duty Army Sgt. Robert Valdez said. "They always need things to keep themselves busy."

Troops need this kind of support during wartime, Sgt. Tim Bell said.

"It's a huge morale booster, just knowing people back home are thinking about them," Bell said.

Application

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tions to aid in screening applicants for determining the ones who should be interviewed," she said. "Then hiring managers can go back and rank the answers and the applicants."

Tech's new system will help applicants be more involved in the process, Coquelin said.

"We have always been applicant driven rather than hiring recruiters to encourage jobs," she said. "This system just causes more responsibility upon the applicant and makes them pursue it more."

The new Web-based procedure will be more responsive to applicants and hiring managers, Hale said.

"Applicants may be able to search and apply for positions from any location at any time, seven days a week, 24 hours a day," she said.

Jim Brown, managing director for Personnel, said it was developed to provide better service to applicants.

"Not only will it reduce cost to the university, but hiring managers can receive the applications faster and can avoid the cost of reproducing and mailing resumes to them," he said.

Drainage

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The project will use the natural flow of the area by channeling the overflow from one playa to the next one downstream, so each will fill to the maximum, then overflow into the tunnels and run into the next lake, until it empties into Yellowhouse Canyon outside of the city.

Reed said the city began considering a project like this after repetitive flooding around these 12 lakes. Several times the water was high enough to flood houses.

The city began the drainage project in 1996 and should finish sometime this summer, Reed said. The contractor is estimating June, while Reed said he is guessing August.

One lake in this project is South Long Park, the area north of Souter Plains Mall. The development should reduce the amount of water in the parking lot after heavy rains, she said.

"The mall parking lot is a lake," she said. "They built their parking lot in a lake. If there's a really big rain, it could still flood."

The same is true for areas near 12 playas that are part of the project. The water will follow the natural flow of

the land, and if Lubbock gets heavy rains, the playas could still overflow.

The project is designed for safe scenarios, Reed said. In most instances, it will significantly reduce the flooding around the playas but will not be completely effective all the time. The amount of precipitation and the amount of time it falls will be main factors in how much the areas flood.

Currently, most of the construction is on 40th through 44th streets, between Avenue Q and Avenue D, Bowler said. The company is primarily doing tunnel work. Also, the majority of the siding in the parks should be finished by the second week of May.

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that "the looting goes down every day, and I think you will continue to see it go down because the Iraqis are now stepping up and controlling the problems for themselves."

There was evidence of slow progress. Baghdad residents gathered outside the city's police acad-

emy when word spread that some of the cars looted in recent days had been recovered.

Still, more than a week after the regime collapsed, Marine Staff Sgt. Jose Guillen said power has been restored — by use of diesel plants — to only about 500 homes in Baghdad, a city of roughly 5 million. He said U.S. forces expect to get one of the city's power grids on line by Friday.

At the same time, there was con-

tinued unrest in other parts of the country. Americans sought to bring calm to Mosul, where U.S. troops killed 17 people in clashes earlier in the week.

Brooks, briefing reporters at the U.S. Central Command headquarters, also disclosed that Marines had broken up violent clashes Wednesday in Tikrit, Hussein's home town. The fighting broke out between club-wielding members of the former ruler's clan and a rival group, he said.

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Perspectives

Graduation end of youth

I used to ask, "When I graduate from high school, am I going to be a grown-up?" Then I switched my saying to, "When I graduate from college, am I going to be a grown-up?"

It takes four, five, sometimes six to seven years to get our degrees. During this period, we learn so much more than just chemistry formulas and business statistics. It is a growth and only in educational intellect but also a growth and understanding of one's self through experimentation.

We slowly step up from English 1301 to tougher classes with thicker books. Through all the activities involved in earning a degree, your greatest gift is a gained perception of the world.

It all began the day my parents pulled the family suburban up to the dorm entry and reinforced my tiny living space with the needed microwave, mini-refrigerator, three spare sets of sheets and mom's personal touch of decorations for the walls.

Oh, the glorious freshman year. The first few weeks of college are definitely the easiest, yet hardest part of the entire journey.

This is the clueless era, when we learn how to live through a year-long party paid for by our parents. These are the days when your parents hand over a \$100 bill because they miss you. For me, it was actually two years.

I had a bottomless stomach for beer, pizza and any fast food. I would eat and ignore the full circle grease stain left on the cardboard box after I devoured an entire large cheese pizza. I ate everything I never got a chance to eat while living at my parent's home — which was normally really gross or really chocolaty foods.

The following summer, my eating patterns were in desperate need of change. My parents were not missing me as much, obvious by the lack of \$100 donations. I decided to spend my money on more exciting things than eating because that had gotten me in enough trouble already.

I don't know who made up the "freshman 15," but I think it's really a "freshman 30." Then you lose 15 pounds during your sophomore year. And by the end of it all, you've gained the "college 50."

Life remained crazy, though, at least for me. After being under my parents' thumb my entire life, it took me at least two years for the newly acquainted freedom to sink in. I was off the wall, absolutely nuts, wilder than fire and just living it up.

Then I saw the light. I realized college was getting a little old, and I wanted to start speeding this trip up and move to the next level. Things just took a big turn. I stopped eating TV dinners as often and starting cooking full meals.

My friendships lessened in num-



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bers but gained significantly in depth. I have found friends who have remained through my roller coaster journey, and these friendships are guaranteed for a lifetime.

Relationships become intense, and schoolwork takes over your weekend agenda. Some of life's most difficult lessons are learned and individuality is discovered through this entire transition. Little pieces are picked up along the way. We have to learn on our own how to make it in this gigantic world.

Everyone has a different road with different curves and straight-aways, but we all experience ups and downs. We are losing our childhood while maturing into adults. I am embarrassed to admit it, but I am becoming an old lady before my very eyes.

Is college known as such a mind-enriching experience because we allow ourselves to extend our childhood for an additional four years?

Girls retire the walk of shame to walk down the aisle. It is the end of our innocence, when you just can't get away with it all anymore. Outrageous keg parties are replaced with more relaxed nights consisting of wine and a movie.

When people describe college as the best years of their lives, it all makes sense because it is truly the end of childhood. After college, we have a whole world of real responsibilities.

Whether you have one month or four years left, you should make the most of your time while you are in college. Although Lubbock doesn't always seem to have the most spectacular entertainment, the simplest activities can create an entire say of enjoyment at this point in our life.

Playing hacky-sack under the sun with a big red cooler and a circle of laughing friends is just a simple feeling that should be whole-heartedly enjoyed by everyone at least once.

Crying with a girlfriend on a just-sized dorm bed is much more than just that. It is the final days for us to completely live out our youthfulness without the daily ritual of a nine-to-five job.

This youthful spirit is easy to obtain walking past all the tulips and fountains on our gorgeous campus, but one day soon for many of us, we will be impatiently sitting in traffic, watching road construction at 8:15 a.m.

Will I really be a grown-up then? I hope not, because I want to be a child forever and ever.



Web sites, reality TV ruin American reputation abroad

Guest Column

Adrienne Bossi
Massachusetts Daily Collegian

Although it is sometimes a boost to our self-confidence to watch someone more ridiculous and embarrassing than ourselves, Anna Nicole Smith is ultimately the downfall of society.

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According to President Bush, the leaders of Iraq and North Korea are considered evil. I, however, believe I have found a few more evil-doers to add to America's (or at least my own) list of archenemies.

Through diligent research and much contemplation, I was able to pinpoint AIM Rate-A-Buddy and HotOrNot.com as two of the most insidious and grotesque institutions that threaten American well-being.

Why are they threatening? But simply, they make you more stupid. I assure you I am not attacking these institutions because of bitterness. This is a well-based assault grounded in more reason than simply not receiving a well-deserved average score of 10 on HotOrNot.com.

The sheer existence of Rate-a-Buddy and HotOrNot.com is a mockery of our generation's intelligence. They are the epitome of superficiality and facetiousness. These Web sites are breeders of image-consciousness in an already image-saturated society.

They encourage us to spend time assessing others' appearances and obsessing about our own. Yet at the same time, I am sure there are very few of us who can say we have not, at least once, been to one of these sites. After all, who doesn't like to look at pretty people?

Although it is normal to do this, these sites are more than pretty people. In a world already so divided, we should not encourage ourselves to further judge each other by visiting these sites.

Also, I have discovered additional threats to American integrity. These threats are individuals whose stupidity is so excessive that mere exposure to them will make us more stupid. Prime examples of said stupid people are Carson Daly, Joan Rivers and Anna Nicole Smith.

She is the essence of American excessiveness other cultures despise so much. She is too fat, too made up, too whiny, too lazy, too materialistic, too frivolous, too dramatic, too sleazy, too ungrateful and too stupid.

Picture this (if you dare): Anna Nicole Smith sporting bright blue eye shadow, her huge fake blonde puff and her body crammed into a T-shirt three sizes too small that says "Princess" on it.

Now imagine the impact that allow-gance on cultures that do not allow women to be seen without their entire bodies covered.

I am not making a judgment of right and wrong. I am simply trying to justify the premise that Smith embodies everything negative other nations hold against America. She has no self-respect or boundaries.

She has no morals and no regard for the "finer things in life." She has no appreciation or even understanding that happiness can be derived from immaterial things like relationships and health. She has so much, yet she has nothing.

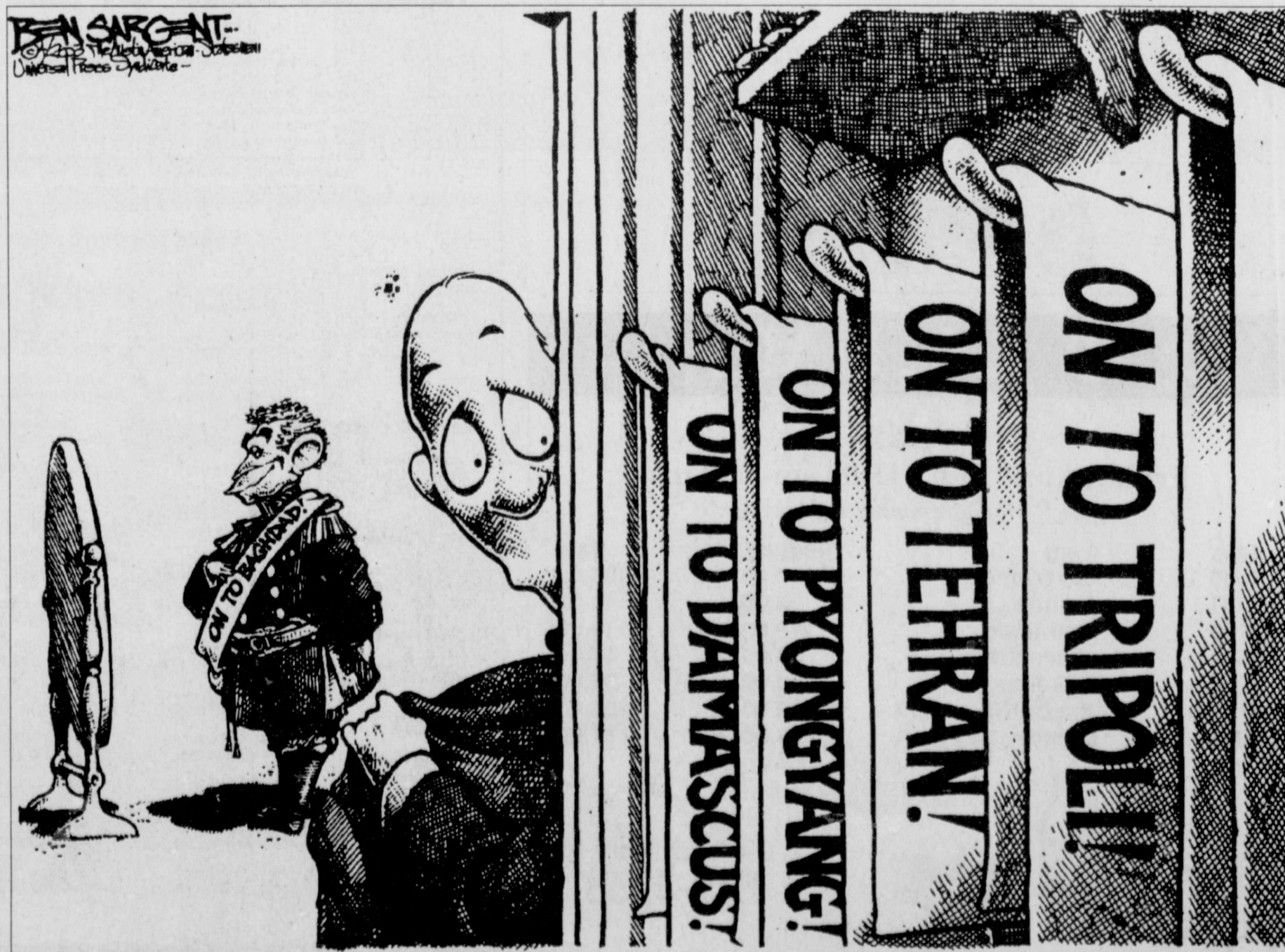
There are many other stupid people and stupid organizations out there.

We must be careful not to insult our own intelligence by indulging in the initial appeal of AIM Rate-a-Buddy and HotOrNot.com.

Although it is sometimes a boost to our self-confidence to watch someone more ridiculous and embarrassing than ourselves, Smith is ultimately the downfall of American society.

Furthermore, Joan and Melissa Rivers' life-long dedication to reporting on skirts, sundresses and sandals earns them the title of "saddest specimens of human life in existence."

If you are ever depressed about the direction your life is taking or question your ability to accomplish anything worthwhile, take their lives into account as examples of something easy to strive above.



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She challenged the new senators to do whatever it takes to serve the students better than any previous Senate.

"I am excited I have the opportunity to be at a level I am at," she said. "To the new senators, God blessed you to have the opportunity to serve

the students. We have to do anything we can to serve the students to the best of our ability. We are going to move and shake it in a wonderful way."

Batchelor's job duties require him to handle off-campus issues like Traffic and Parking and CitiBus, which are two important subjects to students at Tech.

He said he wants and looks forward to the challenge.

"I am extremely happy right now," he said. "Obviously nerves are going to come into play. The more responsibility that is put on my shoulders, I feel I perform better."

His next move is to make the transition smoothly and continue to work on projects Mauer initiated.

As the trio shook hands at the end of the banquet with smiles on their faces, tears filled the eyes of Mauer and Stumbo, whose time is up.

"When I came here four years ago, I wanted to be the student body president," Stumbo said. "And these four years were the best in my life. I learned so many lessons and I learned and loved it."

Mauer said this past year was amazing for her.

"This has been the quickest years of my life and the most tremendous year of my life," she said. "I have learned a lot. I have enjoyed it a lot."

One of the many administrators present was Michael Shonrock, vice president of Student Affairs.

He called Stumbo's administration one of the best he has seen during his years at Tech.

He said they have the most character of any staff.

"These three are amazing, literally amazing," he said. "If I were to have kids, these would be the ones I want." Also honored at the banquet was

Senator at Large and Journal Clerk Wesley Stephens, who garnered the outstanding senator award and freshman council scholarship.

"This is the most important award we give," Brown said of the outstanding senator honor.

Outstanding freshman advisory board member went to Ashlie Baumann, and outstanding freshman council member went to Ryan Kosarek and Kristie Stephenson.

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The University Daily

'Bulletproof Monk' has holes

Some movies are exactly what you would expect them to be. "Bulletproof Monk" is a harmless, yet not especially original buddy comedy.

It's based on the comic book by Brett Lewis and R.A. Jones, and is probably intended for the same demographic.

Chow Yun-Fat stars as The Monk With No Name, who has been entrusted to guard "The Scroll of the Ultimate"

for 60 years. His master, who had been guarding it, bequeathed it to him. We learn the scroll contains writing that if spoken aloud, will give the speaker control over the world.

Those must either be some powerful words, or it could just be a super secret ancient recipe for spicy fried rice.

We just don't know. The Monk With No Name, whom we will simply call "Monk," was given the scroll in the early 1940s. The Nazis

FILM REVIEW



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invaded the monks' temple looking for the scroll, but our Monk escaped.

Sixty years later, Monk is in New York City. He runs into a street pick-pocket named Kar (Seann William Scott from "American Pie"), who swipes the scroll for no good reason. But Kar is soon picked up by a subway gang led by a guy named Mr. Funktastic, who wants to kill him for working his territory. But much to the gang's surprise, Kar turns out to be a martial arts wiz, and a long fight ensues.

Mr. Funktastic soon ends the fight because, well, it was getting boring and everyone walks away. But Monk was

hidden, watching the fight. He soon becomes convinced Kar possesses the likelihood of being the next scroll-guard.

Monk follows Kar home, which is the attic of a run-down movie house. Kar is a little miffed at Monk's tenacity, but decides to put up with him. Especially when Monk shows him some cool martial arts techniques and tells him the laws of gravity don't exist unless you think they do.

It's kind of like saying, "This movie isn't ripping off 'The Matrix' unless you think it is."

Well call me a cynic, but I'm not floating over my desk right now, and I am of the opinion that this movie borrows more than a few ideas from "The Matrix." Everything from climbing walls to dodging bullets and watching them float by are employed here.

The plot thickens when we find that the head Nazi from 60 years ago is still after the scroll. He's been chasing it all this time and has yet to snag it.

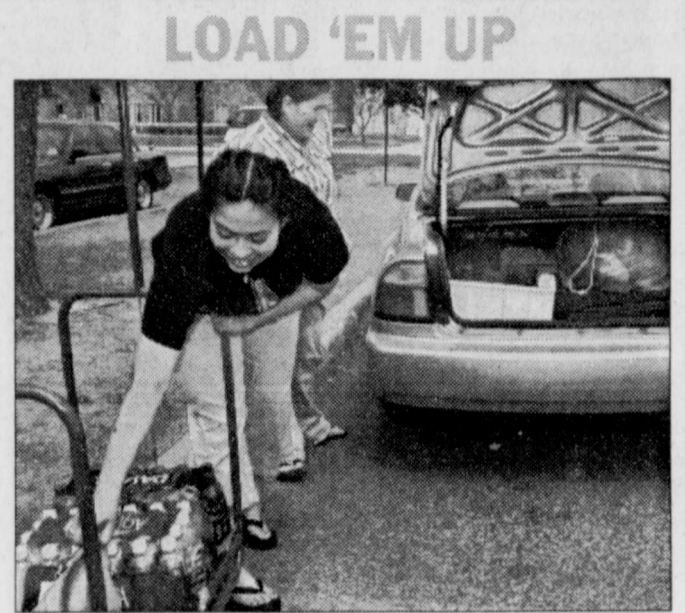
Yun-Fat and Scott lack the charm and chemistry of other action-movie buddy comedies as a comic team. Yun-Fat still has not yet found a good American film. "The Corruptor" with Mark Wahlberg was the closest thing he has to a hit. Here, Yun-Fat seems to be going for the Jackie Chan/Owen Wilson-type comedy. He is obviously better than the material here, but I suppose desperate times call for desperate movies.

As for Scott, I'm still not sure if he has much to offer outside "American Pie" type comedies. This movie relies on him as the comic sidekick, but he may still be better off getting peed on and drinking "pale ale."

"Bulletproof Monk" is a lightweight comedy with a few fun scenes that will entertain action/comedy fans. But it is also the kind of movie one will forget about an hour after seeing it.

EPPLER'S RATING: ★★

- ★★★★★ - Flawless
- ★★★★ - Excellent
- ★★★ - Good
- ★★ - Mediocre
- ★ - Awful



LOAD 'EM UP
AMANDA FRAYRE, A freshmen public relations major from Waxahachie, loads bags and water into Eva Lee's, a freshmen business major from Waxahachie, car in front of Hulien residence hall Thursday afternoon before they travel home together for the Easter Holiday.

DAVID JOHNSON/Staff Photographer

Madonna's anti-war video causes controversy, revision

NEW YORK (AP) — Madonna's "American Life" video has been reincarnated as a tamer, nonviolent version of its former self.

The performer scrapped the original version because she thought its violent, antiwar themes were inappropriate during the U.S.-led conflict in Iraq.

The first video from her new "American Life" album — which comes out Tuesday — featured explosions, a runway show of couture army fatigues and Madonna dancing in a military uniform. At the end, she threw what looked like a hand grenade into the lap of a President Bush look-alike.

The new version, which premiered Wednesday night on the cable network VH1, still features Madonna dressed in a military uniform, but she's simply singing in front of a backdrop of ever-changing flags of different countries.

When Madonna decided not to release the original version earlier this month, she said: "Due to the volatile state of the world and out of sensitivity and respect

to the armed forces, who I support and pray for, I do not want to risk offending anyone who might misinterpret the meaning of this video."

But in a VH1 special that aired before the video's debut, the 44-year-old singer said she was frustrated that some celebrities who express antiwar sentiments are suffering a backlash.

The Dixie Chicks, for example, saw sales of their best-selling disc "Home" drop after lead singer Natalie Maines told a London audience she was "ashamed" of President Bush, a remark for which she later apologized.

"You know, it's ironic we're fighting for democracy in Iraq because we ultimately aren't celebrating democracy here," Madonna said. "Because anybody who has anything to say against the war or against the president or whatever is punished, and that's not democracy — it's people being intolerant."

This is not the first time Madonna's videos have caused a stir.

In 1989, religious images in "Like a Prayer" led Pepsi to drop her as a spokeswoman. In 1990, MTV refused to play "Justify My Love" because of sexual content.

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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Raiders looking for late surge again

By Jason Lenz/Staff Reporter

The Texas Tech Red Raiders find themselves in an all-too-familiar position. At 23-16 overall and 5-9 in Big 12 Conference play, their record is comparable to where they stood this time last season.

Then they rattled off win after win and finished tied for second in the Big 12 in 2002.

If the Raiders hope to duplicate that feat, they have to start with a three-game series on the road against the Kansas State Wildcats (10-24, 0-12) this weekend.

Senior pitcher Nathan Fouts said the Raiders must adopt the same mindset they had last year.

"The way we've got to look at it is the way we looked at it last year," he said. "We've got to win these games. You can accept two out of three, but you want to sweep. You never go in

there expecting to sweep, but I think it's about time. We're down far enough in the standings."

Junior first baseman Doug Beck said the Raiders would be better off being the hot team at the end of the season.

"We need to get it going," he said. "I think I'd rather be the team that gets hot at the end of the season, rather than the teams who were playing better early on or during the middle."

Hopefully, we can find something that will ignite something like that."

Fouts said the Raiders live and die by how well they pitch.

"If we pitch, we'll win," he said. "It's always been that way but especially right now. With the way we're hitting, hopefully, we'll come out of it. Maybe

it will all come together (today)."

Tech is coming off a tough 13-11 loss Tuesday at New Mexico. Head coach Larry Hays said the team's confidence

following the loss rests in the throwing hands of the pitchers.

"It depends on how we pitch (today)," he said. "It's a game of pitching, and if our pitchers go out there and throw well, your confidence will get back in a hurry."

Even though K-State has yet to win a conference game, Hays said Tech cannot afford to look at what the opposition is doing.

"I'm not worried about them," he said. "We can't focus on Kansas State; we've got to focus on the game and on us."

Senior leftfielder Scooter Jordan said Tech can ill afford to take the Wildcats lightly.

"We're playing a Kansas State team that hasn't won a game in conference, but then at the same time, everybody's still good," he said. "They're going to come out trying to get that first win. We don't want to be that first win."

The Raiders have to do two things to be back in business again, Hays said: pitching and hitting in situation.

"We've got to pitch well," he said. "That's been the situation all year. The thing we've got to do better is put the ball in play with runners in scoring position and less than two outs."

Jordan said the Raiders also have to do better damage control.

"You just need to control those bad innings," he said. "It seems like every game we have that one bad inning where it just pours down. You need to eliminate the bad innings, eliminate the mistakes and just play hard."

Beck said the Raiders are looking for a spark.

"There's usually not a visible spark," he said. "Maybe just a big inning or a big defensive play, and it can come at any time - the sooner, the better. Hopefully, something like that can help us get back on track. We definitely haven't lost hope; we're still trying to stay positive."

Ford takes 'spill'

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas point guard T.J. Ford played down the severity of his injury in a pickup basketball game, saying he "took a spill" and was taken to the hospital only as a precaution.


University officials refused to provide information about the injury, citing federal privacy laws. Ford issued a statement thanking those who treated him.

"I took a spill in a pickup game, and it created a bit of a scare," he said. "Just to be safe, they took me to the hospital to check me out and let me go last night. I'm going home today to see my family for Easter weekend, and I'll be back in Austin on Monday."

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New defense to be revealed at scrimmage

By Kyle Clark/Staff Reporter

As the spring sun shone down on the Texas Tech football practice field, Red Raider receiver Carlos Francis gave his outright opinion on spring football.

"This is fun," Francis said. "I can't complain about anything. I love life. I love football. I love Tech."

Although some of his teammates might not have had the same thoughts verbatim, there was an array of smiles heading off the practice field Wednesday in Tech's last practice before the annual Red and Black Game.

Tech coach Mike Leach also seemed to be in good spirits Wednesday and said if anything is fun about spring football,

it is being on the gridiron.

"It's great to get back on the field," Leach said. "You regret even getting off of it in the first place. Spring, though, is a key time for on-the-field development."

This spring Tech is coming off a 9-5 season capped off with a 55-15 victory over Clemson in the Mazda Tangerine Bowl.

The off-season saw Tech lose several assistant coaches along with its leading passer, tackler and its leader in quarterback sacks.

Leach said the team has been challenged by the losses but has worked well in the spring to overcome them.

Defense, which lost linebacker Lawrence Flugence, defensive end Aaron Hunt and its leader, defensive coordinator Greg McMackin, was hit the hardest with losses on the team.

Leach hired former coaching associate Lyle Setencich as the new defensive coordinator, and rebuilding Tech's defense with a new system has been one of the main focal points in the spring.

Linebacker Mike Smith, who had 104 tackles with five for a loss last season, said the defense is catching on well to Setencich's physical attack-style defense.

"We picked it up well quickly," he said. "(Setencich) said we've been the fastest defense to pick it up. We have a smart defense, and we have a lot of good athletes."

Tech's defense had its spring breakout performance in Saturday's intra-squad scrimmage. The defense had six sacks in the scrimmage and held Tech quarterbacks to 232 yards less than it did in the previous scrimmage.

Smith said the defense used some new blitz packages against the Raider offense in the scrimmage and said it was impressive that the defense played so well considering it was going up against Tech's potent offense.

The defense has created a stir across the field this spring, with everyone taking notice of its improvement.

Leach said the defense has performed well and he is pleased with how far it has come.

"They're doing good," he said. "They're giving a lot of different looks. I'm happy with their progress."

Tech's offensive unit also has taken notice of the revived defense.

Francis said with Setencich on board, the good athletes on the defense are becoming complete players.

"The defense is looking great," he said. "They have some rough days, but they're soaking in that defense. Their coach is teaching them defense, and he's teaching them confidence. They're great athletes. He's elevating their natural abilities and taking them to a new level."

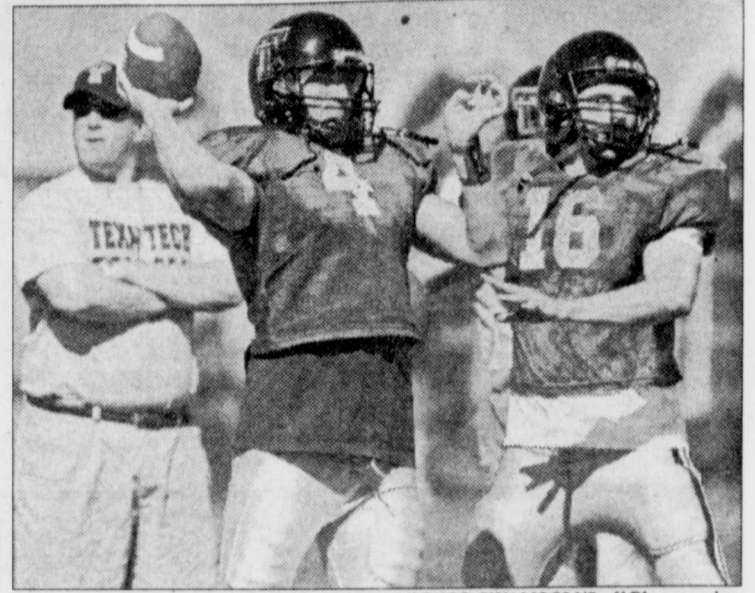
Tech's revived defense will meet its explosive Big 12 Conference leading offense in the Red and Black spring game.

Smith said with a lack of lineman available for the game, the format for the game has been changed. Instead of splitting the team into halves that have offense and defense, the team will split into offensive and defensive groups.

The player also said the new style of spring game should be more exciting because fans would see Tech's first team offense go against its first team defense.

With spring games drawing large crowds in College Station for Texas A&M's game and in Columbus, Ohio, for Ohio State's game, Smith was optimistic that there would be a good crowd even with it being Easter weekend.

Smith said despite what kind of crowd shows up, it would be fun for the children in Lubbock, who the team signs autographs for and talks with during the festivities.



CRAIG SWANSON/Staff Photographer

QUARTERBACK B.J. SYMONS throws a pass during a spring practice workout. Symons and the first string offense will go face to face with Tech's defense in the annual Red and Black Game at 1 p.m. Saturday at Jones SBC Stadium.

Red and Black Game festivities
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Burk & Co. see light, grow silent at The Masters

Mike Weir won The Master's, and that's the end of the story.

For a year, controversy surrounded the major championship because of Martha Burk's desire for attention and a female member at Augusta National Golf Club. The threats were well

known, and she was quick to use her acid tongue to denounce the historic club and its policies.

What she also was quick to do was leave the scene, after an hour.

Burk was awarded permission to protest The Master's, which she did. Her original projection of how many protesters would come was far off.

The Associated Press reported that roughly 50 people showed up for the protest. When a bus pulled up to drop off the pro-Burk clan, 17 people got off. Fifty-strong, they touted signs pleading their case, significantly fewer

than the 224 Burk had planned to bring in the first place.

Even one of the nation's largest voices on discrimination got in on the fight prior to Master's week, but the Rev. Jesse Jackson was nowhere to be found in Augusta. He shows up everywhere. He went to the Middle East to try to talk some sense into people there, but he didn't want to deal with those crazy country club folk.

It kinda sucks realizing you're fighting a war you can't win.

The spectators knew it was a pointless battle, too. That's why they didn't come in hordes to listen to her

all day. They went and watched a golf tournament instead.

Burk claims her organization, National Council of Women's Organizations, has more than 7 million members and the majority of the female population of America backs her.

Did she talk to them? Where are these 7 million women? I had never heard of this organization until Burk started flapping her lips about the stuck up, mostly white upper class, chauvinistic, male-operated club.

Did she look at the facts and the history of the man she was choosing to do battle with? Club President Hootie Johnson is not a bigot. He is not a man who believes a woman's place is in the kitchen. He has promoted a number of women within his own company to high-ranking positions. One of his former employees credits the success of her business to him because he gave her the opportunity to move up the ladder and believe a woman can be successful.

Another thing that was successful was the tournament's ability to run

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commercial-free when it dropped sponsors because the club did not wish to put businesses in a type of limbo by supporting the tournament in the midst of the discrimination accusations.

Burk failed, and she knows it. What she thought would be a massive women's movement turned out to be nothing more than a PTA meeting, complaining because the boys wouldn't let someone's daughter play freeze tag with them during recess.

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Amstell 12-12 oz. bottles 14 ⁹⁵	Coors 20-12 oz. bottles 14 ⁹⁵
"30-Pack" Coors Reg. or Light Bud Reg. or Light Miller Lite, MGD 18 ⁴⁵ 30-12 oz. cans	Malibu Rum 14 ⁹⁵ 42° 750ml

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