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## Tech, community reacts to Butler verdict

### ■ HSC not concerned about affects of Butler.

By Beth Aaron/Staff Reporter

In the wake of the conviction of Dr. Thomas Butler, a top plague researcher, questions arose about what effects there could be on Texas Tech's Health Sciences Center.

Butler was found guilty of 47 counts of the 69 filed against him. The jury found him guilty of embezzlement and mail and wire fraud. He was not convicted of lying to the FBI, tax evasion or smuggling.

Dr. M. Roy Wilson, HSC president, said he does not believe Butler's conviction will have adverse effects on the HSC.

"The fact that he was convicted does not blemish the HSC at all," he said. "If we had not done an investigation and something bad happened, that would have been catastrophic."

Wilson said he does not think the Butler case will deter prospective students and faculty members from coming to HSC or hinder HSC's ability to acquire funds.

"I don't think that it is really going to affect the HSC at all," he said. "This is an isolated case with an individual faculty member. We have a good faculty. 99.9 percent of them follow rules."

However, Wilson said he is concerned about Butler's conviction

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DR. THOMAS BUTLER, center, walks with his son Thomas, left, and wife Elisabeth to his lawyers' office moments after he was found guilty of 47 counts Monday afternoon.

### ■ McDougal not worried about city's image.

By Sally Gunter/Staff Reporter

A guilty verdict in the trial against Dr. Thomas Butler will not damage the reputation of Lubbock or Texas Tech, said Mayor Marc McDougal.

"I don't think the verdict reflects bad on the city or university," McDougal said.

Texas Tech, the Health Sciences Center, the Tech Police Department and the city of Lubbock handled the situation professionally and quickly and then moved on, he said.

"Communications were very good," he said. "I'm not sure how it could have been better organized."

McDougal said the situation has been unfortunate and he prefers it had not happened.

"When there are 69 counts, you expect some to come back not guilty," he said. "The fact that the jury found him guilty on 47 pretty much speaks for itself."

Pete Brewton, an adjunct instructor of journalism at Tech, said he disagrees with the verdict and how the situation was handled.

It's a travesty," he said. "The feds and jury should be ashamed of

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## Large stack of graded tests found on campus

**SCATTERED SCANTRONS:** Students finds stack as thick as a dictionary; identity theft becomes issue.

By Andrew Bell/Staff Reporter

The West Texas wind has been known to almost blow away a few people, but Tuesday large groups of used Scantrons were carried by the wind across campus and into parts of Lubbock.

Jason Conklin, a junior civil engineering from Amarillo, said he was walking from Gordon Apartments to Murchison Residence Hall when he saw a large stack of orange Scantrons lying on the ground between the former English building and the Electrical Engineering building.

"I saw the Scantrons on the ground, and I thought they were free. I could use a few of them, so I went over to the stack and noticed that they were tests," Conklin said.

After Conklin noticed the Scantrons were finished tests from the department of communication studies, he began to pick them up because he said he would not like his name and Social Security number floating throughout campus.

Although another student began to help pick up the scattered tests, the wind took the tests through different parts of the Engineering Key, Conklin said. The northern wind carried other tests to the new Marsha Sharp Center for Student Athletes building and then to Jones SBC Stadium. Despite his efforts, he said he knows there are many more Scantrons that were blown through campus.

Normally after a test has been completed, each group of tests is scanned individually by the Computer Center. After the tests have been scanned, the Scantrons and a printout of the test results are taken back to the building from which the tests came, David Roach, chairman for the Communication studies department, said.

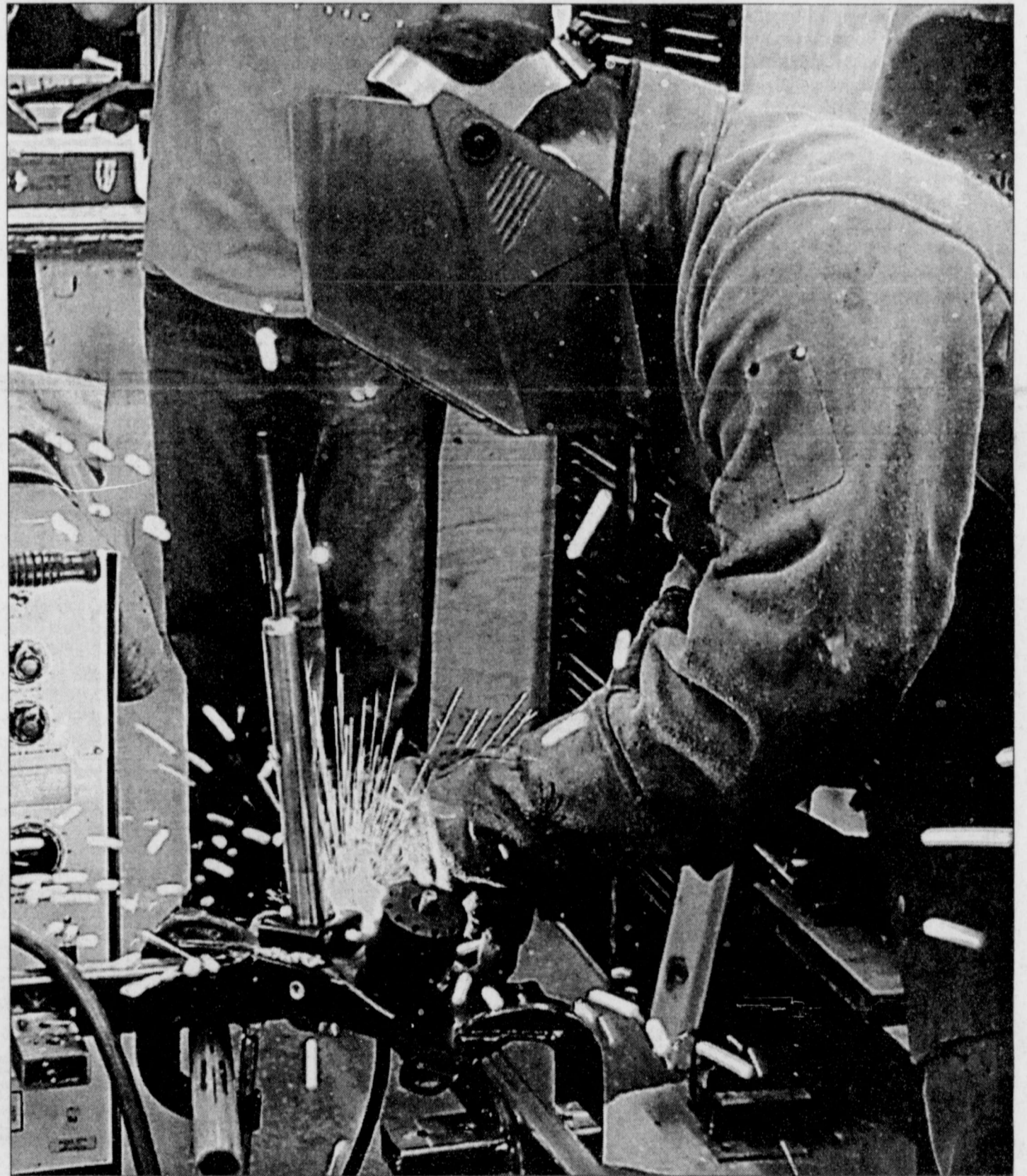
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JASON CONKLIN, A junior civil engineering major from Amarillo gives a large stack of Scantrons to Mass Communications secretary Deborah Simpson Tuesday afternoon. Conklin spent more than an hour picking up the Scantrons.



CRAIG SWANSON/Staff Photographer

## WELDER AT WORK



CHRIS MAZZA, A senior architecture and business major from Houston, welds an item onto his future pool table in the Architecture building's woodshop Tuesday afternoon. Mazza hopes the pool table will be ready for display by Dec. 15.

ANDREW WEATHERL/Staff Photographer

## Free parking offered in Flint Avenue Garage

■ Tech students who stay in Lubbock during holidays will not be charged.

By Jennifer Prieto/Staff Reporter

Traffic and Parking will offer students who choose to stay in Lubbock for the holidays or leave their cars in campus the chance to park their cars in the parking garage starting Dec. 15 through Jan. 11. The Garage is located on Flint Avenue and 19<sup>th</sup> Street.

Raymond Knox, director of Traffic and Parking, said the second, third and fourth floors of the parking garage will be open for students who will stay in Lubbock for the holidays and for students who decide to leave their cars on campus.

Students will only be able to use those designated floors because reserved or visitor parking is available on the first floor.

Student will not be given a park-



ing ticket if they park in the garage for the holidays, he said. This will provide students with a secure place to park their cars because there are 16 cameras in the facility, which are monitored by Texas Tech's security center.

Cameras will record actions that take place in the garage, so if anything happens security personnel can take a second look.

"If we can get a large number of cars in the same place, the Tech police will be able to keep an eye on the cars better," he said.

He said it is a shame to see the number of cars that were broken into

during the Thanksgiving weekend, and it will be a great accomplishment if it can be prevented from happening again.

Knox said he does not know the exact number of students who leave their cars or stay in Lubbock for the holiday season, but he knows that there are some students who will benefit from the facility during the break.

"I will like to see all students find their stereos in their cars when they get back," he said. "We are trying to be human and help out students. They will not get a ticket if they are parked there on Jan. 12, but they have to get their cars out that morning."

Teresa Lopez, a psychology ma-

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## SGA hoping to get bicycle lanes on campus

■ Student Senate passes resolution; Tech administration has next move.

By Joey Kirk/Staff Reporter

Every morning, more than 1,500 students on bicycles carefully make their way to class on the congested streets of the Texas Tech campus because they are not allowed on the sidewalks.

To alleviate this problem, the Student Government Association is working with Tech administration to provide a bicycle transit system throughout the campus, which was passed by the Student Senate in resolution 39.21 at the Nov. 20 meeting.

Cameron Buckner, chairman of the facilities, planning and construction committee for the SGA, said the idea of bike lanes has been in the Tech Master Plan for more than 10 years.



"Ideas need to happen, and we have to begin work on this," he said. "They've been in the Master Plan for 10 or 15 years now, unimplemented, and every time money is an issue, it is the first to get cut."

With students having to walk their bikes on the sidewalks, Buckner said streets are a dangerous place to have to get off of their bikes.

"We're even considering dis-

mounting areas near the bike racks," he said. "Having to get off of them in the streets is dangerous and silly."

Safety for students on bikes as well as pedestrians is a primary concern of the SGA and Buckner during the planning of this idea.

"There are usually three to six accidents involving bikes and motor vehicles every semester, some of which are very serious," he said. "Also, I've heard of students getting hit by bicyclists on the sidewalks."

SGA External Vice President Colton Batchelor said the implementation of bike lanes or trails can help relieve parking issues students also are facing.

"If we add bike lanes, I think it will encourage more people to ride

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### LOOKING DOWN THE ROAD



ANDREW WEATHERL/Staff Photographer  
LAURA OWEN, A junior human development and family studies major from Plainview, views photos contained in the "High and Dry" photography exhibit at the International Cultural Center on Tuesday afternoon. The exhibit will be open until Jan. 15.

## U.S. military denies report of capture of top Saddam aide

KIRKUK, Iraq (AP) — U.S. troops conducted a big raid near the northern city of Kirkuk on Tuesday, but a military spokesman denied that a top former deputy of Saddam Hussein was captured during the operation.

A member of Iraq's Governing Council said Izzat Ibrahim al-Douri — the top Iraqi fugitive after Saddam — was the target of the raid.

"We get our information from the 173rd (Airborne Brigade), and the 173rd is saying they don't have him," said Sgt. Robert Cargie, a spokesman for the U.S. Army's 4th Infantry Division.

The Americans have pointed to al-Douri as a coordinator of the insurgency against U.S. forces, and last week offered a \$10 million reward for information leading to his arrest.

The U.S. raid took place in Hawija, 30 miles west of Kirkuk, and witnesses said American soldiers had arrested dozens of people.

In other violence Tuesday, a U.S. soldier from the 4th Infantry Division was killed near Samarra, the site of weekend fighting between American troops and guerrillas, the military said.

Mowaffak al-Rubaie, a member of the U.S.-picked Iraqi Governing Council, told the Arabic television

station Al-Jazeera that those killed or captured in the Kirkuk operation included a "big fish."

A senior Kurdish official in Kirkuk said, speaking on condition of anonymity, said earlier Tuesday that he heard al-Douri had been "killed or captured," citing sources in his political party.

U.S. Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld in Belgium and White House spokesman Scott McClellan both said they could not confirm the reports on al-Douri. Later, Cargie, in Iraq, denied al-Douri had been netted.

For months, U.S. officials have pointed to al-Douri as a coordinator of incessant attacks on American forces in Iraq — and that he could be working with the al-Qaida-linked militant group Ansar al-Islam.

U.S. commanders claimed that up to 54 guerrillas were killed in the clash in Samarra on Sunday, but this has been disputed by residents and hospital officials who say less than 10 people died.

U.S. forces said Samarra attacks demonstrated a greater level of coordination in the Iraqi insurgency, although U.S. forces said they had anticipated the attacks and blunted them with superior firepower.

In Tuesday's attack outside Samarra, an Associated Press photog-

rapher who arrived at the scene Tuesday saw American soldiers using a stretcher to carry a body covered in plastic to a military truck.

Witnesses told the photographer that a roadside explosive was detonated under a U.S. military Humvee, which then collided with an Iraqi civilian vehicle. The incident occurred on the highway just south of Samarra, 60 miles north of Baghdad.

No. 6 on the American military list of most-wanted Iraqis, al-Douri was vice chairman of Saddam's Revolutionary Command Council. U.S. troops last week arrested a wife and a daughter of al-Douri in an apparent attempt to pressure him into surrendering.

In Baghdad, workers on Tuesday began dismantling four giant bronze busts of Saddam Hussein that have long been a landmark in the Iraqi capital.

The workers used a construction crane to take down the busts in the Republican Palace, in yet another move aimed at eradicating the former leader's influence. The U.S.-led Coalition Provisional Authority announced last month that it would dismantle the 13-foot-high busts. It was not clear how long the operation would last.

Rebels in recent days have killed a number of nonmilitary personnel, including two Japanese diplomats, two South Korean electrical workers and a Colombian contractor.

### The Rundown



#### Five children dead in Alvin apartment fire

ALVIN (AP) — Five children were killed Tuesday when a fast-moving fire swept through their apartment in Alvin, authorities said.

The blaze struck the apartment unit rented by Salim Charina and Candace Town shortly before midday, according to Police Chief Mike Merkel.

Merkel said the victims were Zain, 4; Zohaib, 3; Shafna, 2; and 2-month-old twins Amann, a boy, and Cyra, a girl. All were found upstairs in the two-story unit.

Firefighters initially recovered four bodies, but later found a fifth victim underneath debris.

The father was in critical condition at Memorial Hermann Hospital in nearby Houston with severe burns, Merkel said.

The apartment complex's resident manager, Carla Hernandez, said the mother injured her leg after she was pushed to safety from a second-floor window by her husband.

Hernandez was talking to a resident next door when she heard a noise and went outside to see Charina already badly burned with clothes smoking, screaming in his native Pakistani tongue.

The man went back into his apartment, pushed out his wife, and emerged again. He went back in a third time to search for his five children, Hernandez said.

#### Bush expands law promoting adoption

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush signed legislation Tuesday expanding government incentives that promote adoption.

Bush renewed a law passed in 1997 that sends \$4,000 in federal money per child to state governments that exceed their placement performances from the previous year. His signature also provides new financial incentives for states to place children 9 and older with adoptive families.

Under the updated law, states will get an additional \$4,000 for every adoption of a child 9 or older, over a baseline set by the Department of Health and Human Services. The department is also required to monitor efforts on adoption by the states, which oversee the foster-care system.

Bush said the 1997 law, an expansion of an adoption tax credit he enacted in 2001 and a new government Web site had fueled a surge in adoptions.

"In just five years, from 1998 to 2002, the states placed more than 230,000 children in adoptive homes, about the same number that had been adopted in the previous 10 years," he said, speaking in the Roosevelt Room surrounded by four adoptive families.

And 33 states and the District of Columbia have at least doubled foster-care adoptions, he said.

"We're making some progress here in America," he said.

#### Rumsfeld: allies promise to keep troops in Iraq

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) — Nearly all of the NATO countries with troops in Iraq have pledged to remain there in 2004 to help stabilize and rebuild the country, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said Tuesday.

In an interview with American reporters after two days of talks with NATO allies, Rumsfeld said he was encouraged by allied support for the U.S. effort in Iraq in the face of attacks by insurgents.

He said 18 of 26 NATO member countries have troops operating in Iraq as part of the U.S.-led coalition. They number about 24,000, compared with the 130,000 American troops on duty there.

"Most if not all have pledged to stay on," he said, "to work to sustain their contributions and to not be dissuaded by the fact that there have been some high-profile casualties that have been taken by some of the coalition countries."

He was referring to the slaying Saturday of seven Spanish intelligence officers, as well as the killing of two South Korean workers and two Japanese diplomats in separate incidents on Sunday.

Spain vowed to keep its 1,700 troops in Iraq, and Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi on Tuesday stood by his pledge to send troops to Iraq, even as Japanese media reported that Japan would postpone sending a team of engineers and doctors there.

## Lotto Texas could be hurt by Mega Millions

AUSTIN (AP) — Texans dreaming of mansions, limousines and Lear jets can buy a shot at the whopping Mega Millions multi-state lottery jackpots on their home turf for the first time Wednesday.

"There are people out there ready to step up first thing in the morning, people that are motivated by high jackpots," said Reagan Greer, executive director of the Texas Lottery Commission.

The jackpot for Tuesday night's 11-state drawing was an estimated \$33 million. If no one wins, Friday's jackpot — the first one Texans can play for — will be even bigger.

But while gamblers look forward to the bigger prizes and the state expects to make more money through Mega Millions, lottery commission is concerned about sales for the 11-year-old Lotto Texas game.

"For a lot of people, Lotto Texas is the state's flagship game.

Initial estimates have predicted a 21 percent shift away from Lotto Texas and into Mega Millions. If sales dwindle

much lower, Greer said he is prepared to take steps to protect the game.

That could mean changing the bonus ball feature, changing the way the game is played or possible changes to the newer Texas Two Step game, which is played on the same nights as Mega Millions.

At least one critic says Mega Millions could mean the end of Lotto Texas.

"Mega Millions is going to kill it," said Dawn Nettles, publisher of the lottery watchdog Lotterreport.com. "It's already dying. This is going to absolutely kill it completely and totally. And it's going to hurt the other games."

Nettles said lottery players in Texas just want a "reasonable chance to win" rather than huge jackpots.

"There is no reasonable chance to win in Lotto Texas now, nor is there a reasonable chance to win Mega Millions," Nettles said.

The odds of winning in Mega Millions are 1 in 43, with jackpot odds 1 in about 135 million. The odds of winning in Lotto Texas are 1 in 47 million.

Mega Millions jackpots start at \$10

million and have averaged \$42.3 million over the past year.

The Texas Lottery Commission estimates a five-year-average of \$121.6 million in net revenue from Mega Millions. Texas makes money on ticket sales regardless of where the winners live.

Last year, \$888 million from all lottery sales in Texas was transferred to the Texas Foundation School Fund. Lottery officials estimate that Mega Millions will generate an additional \$92 million for the fund by the end of this fiscal year, which ends Aug. 31.

"The Texas Lottery has the potential again to be delivering over a billion dollars to the Foundation School Fund, and that's a positive thing," Greer said.

Texas joins Virginia, Georgia, Illinois, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Jersey, New York, Ohio and Washington in Mega Millions drawings. Multistate lottery games like Mega Millions and Powerball are designed to generate jackpots into the hundreds of millions of dollars, creating a frenzy of ticket purchases.

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# Staff Senate to discuss additional paid leave

**POLICY POSSIBILITY:** Senators asking for more leave to be awarded on a merit basis.

By Adam Boedeker/Staff Reporter

The Texas Tech Staff Senate meets today to discuss a recommendation to offer staff members more time off with pay than they currently receive.

President-elect Brent Guinn said Senate Resolution 02.01 was brought to the Senate two years ago.

"It was prepared to present to the president, and we don't know what happened to it," he said. "We found it recently and looked it over for any possible changes that may have needed to be made, and we will bring it up to the Senate tomorrow for ap-

proval."

The recommended program is similar to a policy already in place for the Health Sciences Center staff, Guinn said. The plan would implement a program allowing a maximum of 16 additional hours per employee per year in addition to sick leave and other types of leave.

Guinn said there are two levels of awards under the resolution.

"The first level is a service excellence award," he said. "It's for someone who exceeds expectations on a consistent basis. Their supervisor would be able to give them up to 16 hours extra paid leave. The second

level is to reward a singular act. If the employee does something above and beyond, they can be rewarded."

Each departmental supervisor is given 25 percent of their total employee time to allocate the extra hours of leave, he said.

"Some employees may get the full 16, some get four and some don't get any," Guinn said. "It's meant to be merit based for those who regularly exceed expectations."

Senate President Chance Dragich said the program will be beneficial for the staff members.

"It's a good thing that a lot of people will benefit from," he said. "It can be either an immediate award with one type, and the other type of award comes from your evaluation."

Michael Shonrock, vice presi-

dent for Student Affairs, is the guest speaker at the meeting. He will discuss the students' importance to the university and situations of student abuse directed toward staff members.

Guinn said the relationship between students and staff members is a two-way street.

"Staff should realize they wouldn't have a job without the students," he said. "Students need to realize that they may have a problem that can't be resolved to everyone's interest and to have pa-

tience. The reason we're here is to obviously run a business so students

have a place to come to receive an education."

Shonrock said he will explain how to go about mediating problems between staff and students, saying usually problems can be solved in an informal

manner.

"I'll approach it in proactive ways," he said. "First I'd say talk to

the person to resolve the problem, then if needed go to further possibilities. It's a case-by-case situation, and I think some staff members just want advice for the best way to resolve difficult situations with students."

Some of the specific problems from students that staff members have reported are from custodial workers and the guards at the campus checkpoints, he said. Students may be difficult when they cannot drive on campus during business hours.

"We just want to work on ways to deal with civility issues," Shonrock said. "We will look at strategies dealing with those issues and relay them to the staff members."

## React

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themselves."

There are more important issues facing society that should have attracted the attention of the FBI, Brewton said.

The FBI treated Butler like Al Capone. They could not convict Capone of murder, so they caught him on tax fraud, Brewton said.

"It is ridiculous that they treated a noted scientist like a Mafia don," he said. "It's beyond the pale of one's imagination that the feds did this."

Brewton said he hoped the judge would give Butler probation.

The regulatory agencies overseeing research should have handled the situation, Brewton said.

"The dispute between (Butler) and Texas Tech should have been handled in arbitration or civil lawsuit," he said.

"They can't find Osama bin Laden, so they go after a scientist helping to neutralize nuclear weapons," he said.

Chancellor Dr. David Smith declined to comment to *The University Daily*.

Lindsey Miller, a junior broadcast journalism major from Albuquerque, N.M., said the university is not to blame in the accidental destruction of the bu-bonic plague by Butler.

The university can take steps to enforce stricter rules to ensure deadly materials are kept in good hands, Miller said.

"I think when situations like this happen, it's a freak incident," she said. "I think we can trust people in charge, and (safety) is not something to be real worried about now."

Miller said she did not doubt that Butler committed a crime.

"It was definitely an eye opener to have such a big story happen on our campus," she said. "I was kind of astonished because you don't think it could happen where you are."

Tech and HSC should have known what type of research Butler was doing prior to any problems, said Brent Hall, a senior psychology major from Littlefield.

"You can only look at a man's word so much," he said. "It boils down to (the university) really, really should have known what was going on."

Hall said he did not think Butler was

as ignorant of safety policies as he testified to being.

"I think he knew what he was getting into," he said. "The charge fits the crime."

The trial could negatively impact Tech's ability to hire better people for research jobs in the future, Hall said.

The number of charges of which the jury found Butler guilty surprised Bobby Anderson, a junior interior design major from Clovis, N.M.

"I felt without a doubt that he was guilty," she said. "But I was surprised to see all the charges. I was expecting quite a few, 20 at the most, but 47 is a lot."

Butler's research is important to the development of science technology, and other research projects should not suffer, Anderson said.

"Research on campus and at the HSC is valuable," she said. "If students didn't learn about it and professors didn't research, how would we learn more about it? It starts at the university."

The university should enforce stricter bookkeeping and documentation on research projects and have someone that oversees researchers, Anderson said.

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their bikes to school and maybe increase the number of riders by 50 percent," he said. "That will help out by decreasing the number of cars by 1,000 or so."

The SGA is in the process of requesting a proposal for a consultant to determine the exact costs, Batchelor said.

"It is the best way to go about doing this," he said. "We have the support of several administrators and faculty, as well as the students, to go ahead with this."

The SGA and Tech are attempting

to get state grants and funding for this project rather than introducing another fee students will have to pay.

"We don't want to place another cost on the students for this," Batchelor said. "We don't want to impose on them, so we are locating other ways to take care of it."

A phased plan would be developed to construct the transit system properly. Buckner said budgets will have to be made for each of the phases and implemented as soon as possible.

The SGA took a survey last semester of 170 students, and they found that one of five rode a bike to campus.

"That is a very compelling number for bikers," he said. "With the bike lanes, we can increase the number of students riding bikes, which will lower vehicle congestion on the roads, raise student health and help the pollution to decrease. It's just a better option all around."

Buckner said the SGA is optimistic, but the process will be long.

"It's significant to our campus," he said. "We're not going to wake up one day and have bike lanes, but we will have a specific plan in mind. It's getting on the same page of specifics with the rest of the administration that will get it done."

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for from Austin, said it is great that Traffic and Parking is doing this.

She said she will be driving home for the holidays, but she knows some students whose cars were burglarized last winter break after they left their cars parked in campus.

"I didn't think those guys had a

heart," she said. "I think it is great that they are willing and trying to help the students."

Lopez said she has never felt her car was not safe while parked on campus, but she has never left her car for more than six hours.

"I hope students take advantage of it and use the garage because it is going to be better than coming back to school and finding out that their car was broken into," she said.

John Webber, a junior mechanical engineering major from Plainview, said he would never leave his car on campus unless it was in a place with security.

"I have never left my car here," he said. "But I read that a lot of cars got broken into this past weekend."

It is great that Traffic and Parking is providing students with space in the parking garage, he said. Students can go home and not have to worry about their cars.

## HSC

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having an impact on the public's perception of research programs in academic institutions nationwide.

"The fact that he was convicted in areas of research and money and all of that—I think it will affect academic health centers everywhere," he said. "It's yet another thing the public can point toward."

Wilson said there are some unresolved issues that HSC is looking into regarding the Butler case, such as the conduct of human trials.

"There is always going to be a situation where an individual faculty member may step out of line in one

way or another," he said. "But we have processes in place to make sure human trials are done in a proper manner."

Overall, Wilson said the investigation was handled well.

"We did a great job," he said. "Our job is to look at issues that look like they're not proper, and that's what we did."

Wilson said his opinion of Butler's conviction does not matter.

"What matters is what the jury thinks," he said. "They have spoken, and we abide by the decision."

Jana Langley, a junior communication disorders major from Jourdan, takes classes at HSC. She said she has been paying attention to the developments in the Butler case.

Langley said she believes the con-

viction will reflect poorly on the HSC.

"I think it's going to make HSC look bad," she said. "They need to look into things more, and they need to be more careful."

Langley said she believes Butler's conviction was just.

"He did something wrong," she said. "He needs to be punished."

Dr. Richard Homan, dean of the School of Medicine, said Butler is still a tenured faculty member and is still on Tech's payroll.

"We're in the process of reviewing what needs to be done as far as timing of dismissal proceedings," he said.

The School of Medicine will be in more of a position to be more explicit about the timing of Butler's termination next week, Homan said.

## Test

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Roach said the story he had heard was that the person bringing back the material accidentally dropped the stack of Scantrons, and the wind began to carry some of the tests away. Upon returning to the Mass Communications building, the person reported some of the Scantrons had been dropped. However, no one was sent to retrieve them.

The Scantrons were tests that had

already been graded and were on the way back to professors. When the Computer Center grades the tests, there is an electronic and hard copy of the test grades to ensure that the professor of the course will be able to convey the grades to the students.

The stack of tests is given back to the proper professors, and the professors will be informed that the other tests are gone, Roach said. Each graded Scantron contained the name and Social Security number of the student who took the test, which caused Conklin to worry about identity theft.

"The tests don't just stay on campus, but they go into Lubbock," Conklin said.

One student whose test was recovered said he did not feel too safe having some of his information out in the open.

"It's not too safe having Social Security numbers all over town," Tony Pasek, a freshman pre-law major from Houston, said. "They could have been more careful with the tests."

Maj. Gordon Hoffman of the Tech Police Department could not be reached for comment on the possibility of identity theft.

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# Appreciate life no matter what

Before this weekend, I had forgotten how unbelievably crappy it feels to get the flu. It had been a few years since my last bout, so when this one hit over the weekend, it caught me somewhat by surprise.

After the surprise wore off however, all I could think about was how bitterly pissed-off I was at this bug for entering my system at this critical juncture in my academic career.

Here it already is December, there are papers and films and tests and letters of recommendation and applications and caps and gowns and family and all other sorts of bullcrap to do.

But does influenza care? Hell no.

So I wallowed in misery for a couple days and nights, wishing I had gotten my flu shot at work when it was free. Through the delirium and coughing came a revelation — You are such a nan Dave.

There are people out there who would KILL just to only have the flu.

And that is true. Sure we have the end of the semester weighing down on us just waiting to whittle away all sense of freedom and pleasure until we ask why the hell we came to college in the first place. The rest of the world should be so very fortunate.

For instance, in countries around the globe, those men who survived to be my age aren't worried whether or not they get paperwork done on time, they are more concerned with finding food and ammunition to guarantee their future.

We, on the other hand, have the luxury to sit and argue about same-sex couples and why they should or should not have the right to marry.

American society has become a culture of spoiled citizens, many impervious to the world around them. I hear all the time from college students and adults alike, how little they care to watch the news or hear what is going on in the world.

Nothing frustrates me more than this. I want to scream, "Are you kidding me! Do you know how good you have it here! How hard is it to take 30 minutes of your day and devote it to reading a couple headlines?"

You see, as much as one wants to get all the facts and sides straight, one can only do so up to a point.

According to my source, mass media in the states is controlled by the five wealthiest people in the world, known as The Pentaveret, who run everything in the whole world, including the newspapers, and meet tri-annually at a secret country mansion in Colorado, known as The Meadows.

Or something like that.

The point is that we live in the cushiest country in the world, next to Monaco of course. But since our residents don't all have nine-figure bank accounts, we feel the need

**Dave Ring**



*Maybe a little shift in your perspective will help you relax during these last five days of classes. Maybe as you start wiggling out at three in the morning trying to write that paper, you'll remember how great it is that you have a roof. Maybe you'll just go back to living with your head in the sands of American ignorance.*

to whine and complain when things seem down and out.

But there is always — always, always, always someone doing way worse than you. And chances are you can do something to help them out.

I'm not going to tell you that you have to go collecting cans or volunteer at a homeless shelter to help people out.

All I'm saying is that it is refreshing to take a step back from what you think is your hectic, flu-filled week and remember that most human beings on the earth don't have access to, nor could they afford if they did, the relatively-clean water we here in Lubbock spray over patches of dying grass.

Maybe a little shift in your perspective will help you relax during these last five days of classes.

Maybe as you start wiggling out at three in the morning trying to write that paper, you'll remember how great it is that you have a roof.

Maybe you'll just go back to living with your head in the deep sands of American ignorance.

When it comes down to it, the flu still sucks, but at least I'm around to catch it.

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## Words carry weight greater than sticks

So, there I was a couple of weeks ago doing my regular Friday ritual: hanging out at Bash Riprocks after class was over, well on my way to total inebriation. (By the way: if you're ever doing the same, come over and say hi and have a pint on me.)

The place was hopping, and in front of it all was a traditional Texas bar mainstay: country-fried white guy with a guitar singing songs both of his own creation and Merle Haggard's. I like this sort of thing sometimes, but it's also frustrating to try to carry a conversation with your friends when some guy is lamenting about how his wife don't work and his truck left him over a PA.

Still, we're far enough away and engaged in engrossing-enough dialogue to relegate this Pat-Green-come-lately to the status of muzak and continue on about our business. Not listening, don't care.

Not until I hear a line that stands out because it's much louder than the one that preceded it: "and I hate queers."

Briefly concerned that knee-jerk liberalism had finally got the better of me, causing me to hear things, I glanced around the table to see if anyone heard that too. Looks ranging from "did he just say what I think he said?" to "what the hell did he just say?" confirmed my suspicions. I tuned in long enough to discover that the singer also hates Pat Green (go figure), Jesse Jackson and additionally, "anyone named Jackson." I deduce that, by extension, this must mean he hates \$20 bills, the Lord of the Rings movies, and the ultimate blasphemy: he hates Thriller. How can you hate Thriller? Must be dancing zombies ate his family and he's still a mite raw about it.

Oh, it also means he hates a good number of people who simply had the misfortune of being related to people owned by a guy named Jackson a couple hundred years

**J.P. Acreman**



*Let's talk about wronged. Let's talk about teachers looking the other way while jocks beat the crap out of you. Let's talk about how being gay has become some universal joke. Let's talk about Matthew Shepard. About signs that proclaim, "God hates fags."*

ago. But I let it go. I rationalized: "Hey, dumb redneck. In Lubbock. Go figure."

I continued about the task at hand. But you don't buy beer; you just rent it. So I was in the bathroom, avoiding the late fees, when guess-who strolls on in.

Normally, I don't believe in talking to guys at the can — it's not the place for it. But when the beer comes in \$4 pitchers the rules get relaxed, so I asked, casually, "so, what do you got against queers?"

"Huh? Oh, nothing. Nothing."

"Really? Then what's up with the 'I hate queers' song?"

"Is it backwards day and I missed it?" he asked, and I confirmed that I was "a queer,"

and then he explained that he's got nothing against queers, just the "girly-boy-dress-wearing ones" and that he's had quite a problem with them in the past, "being a redhead and all."

Uh-huh.

A quick glance southward confirmed my suspicions — no balls.

Oh, he makes a good point. Every gay man's dream is a no-talent, two-bit barsinger with a beer paunch and a bleary look in his eye. And "queer" is inherently negative and practically synonymous with being a flaming transvestite. The term never applies to frat boys, or NFL players, or construction workers or anyone who's a regular guy outside of what he does in his own bedroom.

I wasn't offended per se, as this sort of thing is old hat to me now. Still, I'm not numb to the stings of prejudice. What always gets me, though, is when confronted, how bigots so quickly become the wronged ones. "What's the big deal? It doesn't mean anything."

Let's talk about wronged. Let's talk about teachers looking the other way while jocks beat the crap out of you. Let's talk about how being "gay" has become some universal joke. Let's talk about Matthew Shepard. About signs that proclaim, "God hates fags." About watching friends die of AIDS, about wondering when you're next, about the sea of hate and ignorance we face every day so neatly summed up in those words "I hate queers."

When you say that, it does mean something. It means some day some nancy-boy is gonna haul off and pop you one in the nose and drop you like a big sack of stupid and weak. And I hope I'm there, with an ice pack on my hand and uncontrollable-frigging-laughter pouring out of my throat.

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### View from another university

## Keeping the positive legacy of women in wartime

By Donna Gentile O'Donnel  
Daily Pennsylvanian

(U-WIRE) PHILADELPHIA — This week, the Thanksgiving news was dominated by President Bush's trip to Iraq. More than a few political pundits wondered aloud if the mid-night mission was an insurance policy against the airwaves being dominated by Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton, as she spent her Thanksgiving holiday with troops in Afghanistan. I'm glad the president joined our troops for turkey. Morale-builders, like the presence of the commander in chief, matter. Regardless of how one feels about the war, these soldiers are Americans who are in harm's way. They deserve every show of support that we can muster.

The trip prompted broadcasters to do a look-back to other presidential visits during wartime ... Eisenhower in Korea, Johnson in Vietnam. While watching those old clips run, there was one difference worth noting: The visibility of the presence of women on the front lines. In every old clip I saw, women soldiers were not seen. But they were fully visible in every Thanksgiving clip that rolled with Bush and Clinton.

Both President Bush and Senator Clinton were seen sitting next to, standing next to or shaking hands with women soldiers. We know that women have served across the wartime span. In the Civil War, Clara Barton, Dorothea Dix and many others redefined womanhood beyond the notions of socially acceptable, benevolent behavior, regarded then as the "woman's sphere." In World War I, 33,000 women served. Some historians assert the

noble, voluntary service of these World War I women soldiers was the principal driver for the passage of the 19th Amendment, giving women the right to vote.

During World War II, almost 500,000 women served, many of them nurses. And the nurses who served on the front lines faced, head on, what it meant to be a woman soldier in a man's army. In her recent book "We Band of Angels," Elizabeth Norman details the extraordinary lives and heroic service of POW nurses imprisoned in the Bataan peninsula of Japan.

War has, historically, served as a significant pivot point in defining our view of women's roles. In the aftermath of each of the major wars, the traditional roles of women, "unfrozen" in the context of war, were, by necessity, reconsidered. Following the American Revolution, Mrs. Adams was known to have written to her husband, reminding him to "remember the ladies." After the Civil War, many of the heroines of the war used the political capital they accumulated to press on the issue of suffrage. An ever-present symbol of World War II, "Rosie the Riveter," became embedded in the American psyche. Implicit in the message of her strength in time of war was the undercurrent of "why not have her accomplishments in times of peace?"

In the years that followed the Vietnam War, a whole new generation of women activists picked up the gauntlet thrown down by its mother-predecessors and pressed on for more of everything. Grassroots organizations pushed for state, local and federal legislation to protect a whole array of women's rights,

political power in elected and appointed office was achieved and the standing to pursue opportunities, regardless of gender, became part of the fabric of the workplace.

The consistent theme emerging from the presence of women in war is that women's opportunities for more advantaged political and social positions grew out of the travails of these conflicts. Like the Southern women who rioted against the Confederacy's food distribution program declared, "necessity has no law, and poverty is the mother of invention." The poverty of the social and political constructs, which limited the role of women, could not withstand, over time, what women found within themselves — full personhood.

Even today, these notions are finding tangible expression. President Bush's National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice is barreling down misplaced ideas about the role of black women in international foreign policy. It was Rice who accompanied Bush on the stealth mission to Iraq. It is Rice who is part of the innermost circle of the Bush administration and who made the rounds on the talk shows as the face of the mission after its successful completion. As the first black woman in this visible, critically important role, is there any question that she would demand gravitas as a presidential candidate in a future election?

These women stand on the shoulders of their noble-serving predecessors. The "mothers of invention" live on, reincarnating from one generation to the next, meeting the challenges and capitalizing on the emerging opportunities born from the labors of war.

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## Deckin' out the dorms holiday style

Students find ways to bring cheer and festivity to the residence hall rooms this holiday season

By Nikki Siegrist/Staff Reporter

Not even a small residence hall room could keep some Texas Tech freshmen from displaying their holiday spirit.

Ember Isom's room is decked out in holiday decorations.

"I'm excited about Christmas," said the freshman restaurant, hotel and institutional management major from Idalou. "I've been counting down the days. People made fun of me for it before Thanksgiving."

Her room in Stangel displays her holiday spirit with big colored lights strung across the ceiling and red and green garland wrapped around the shelves. She has bows stuck to her mirror and a sign with Santa counting down the days to his visit. She has seven holiday albums ready to play in her car.

Rudolph and another Santa adorn her doorknobs, and when her phone rings, the tune of "Frosty the Snowman" fills the room. In the center of the room she has a tree decorated with more lights and decorations.

"I've been buying stuff for Christmas

for as long as I can remember," she said. "We've had the counter up since 50 days before (Christmas)."

Christmas is Isom's favorite holiday, and every year she said her parents would immerse her in holiday spirit. Her favorite part of the holiday is the lights.

She said her mother loves to hang lights on their house during the holiday season, and Isom will probably do the same when she gets her own house.

"We live out in the country, and you can see our house from town," she said. "Every year people joke that you can see our house from airplanes because of the lights."

The thing she said she likes most about the holidays is the joy other people seem to radiate. Decorating her room helps remind her that she also should be cheerful and merry.

"Everybody is always so happy around Christmas," she said. "It's just a happy time of year."

Decorations remind Kris Stoeppel of the holiday season also.

The first thing she did when she got back from Thanksgiving break was decorate her Stangel room for the holidays.

"No one decorates in our hall," said the freshman public relations major from Katy. "I wanted to be festive. I love Christmas, and I wanted to decorate for it."

She has a tree just less than two feet tall with lights and traditional ornaments. A golden bell wreath hangs from her door, and a stocking hangs from her wall. Between the stocking, Christmas paraphernalia hangs on a twine string.

"I put the wreath up, even though it's so noisy," Stoeppel said. "I figure people on our floor won't like it, but it's so worth it."

She said she enjoys the holiday season for more than just the tinsel. She also likes spending time with those closest to her.

When she was old enough to no longer believe in the jolly old elf, she said Christmas was still her favorite holiday and her decorations will stay up until the middle of January.

"It puts me in a good mood and it makes me happy," she said. "It'll be so empty without them."

Taylor Peterson, also a Stangel resident, said some of her holiday decorations might stay up for the rest of the year.

She has had red and white lights strung around her room since mid-October, and she said she plans to keep them.

"It's so cute. I love decorating," said the freshman education sports science major from Lubbock. "I love the holiday spirit and the Christmas music and the lights."

She also has a small tree up in her room decorated with teddy bears and red and gold round ornaments.

"The colors are my sorority's colors, and the teddy bear is the mascot of my roommate's sorority," she said.

She said Christmas is a major holiday in her family, and that is one of the reasons she has so much holiday cheer.

"Santa Claus still visits," she said with a giggle. "He's a good guy."

She said she hopes to hang lights on the door as well as a wreath and stockings on the wall.

But more than decorating, she said family and friends are on the top of her Christmas list.

"I love the fact that I get to spend Christmas with my family and friends," she said.



DAVID JOHNSON/Staff Photographer

THE ROOM OF Ember Isom, a freshman restaurant, hotel and institutional management major from Idalou, and Sara Findley, a freshman accounting major from Alice, is decorated for the holiday season.

## No pain, no gain? Stylish shoes may have dangerous results

By Megan LaVoie/Staff Reporter

In paying homage to the no pain, no gain slogan, women are frolicking to the new fashion trend of pointed-toe shoes and experiencing first hand that a fashion gain could be accompanied by a fashion pain.

Dr. Mimi Zumwalt, an assistant professor of orthopedic surgery and sports medicine at the Texas Tech Medical Center, said the problem with pointed-toe shoes is they don't fit people's rectangular shaped feet.

"Trying to squish a rectangular shaped foot in a triangular shaped shoe just doesn't work," she said.

Zumwalt said the end result of wearing pointed-toe shoes is a big problem most women do not realize until later in life.

"Women as a whole pay a price for

vanity. We suffer through the pain and the more educated we get, the more women will realize that these shoes could cause long-term problems," she said.

According to www.consumer.org, the American Orthopedic Foot and Ankle Society said pointed-toe shoes distribute body weight unevenly and place excess stress on the ball of the foot and the forefoot.

The society also said the shoes could lead to discomfort, hammertoes and other deformities.

Zumwalt said most of the patients she treats for wearing high heels or pointed-toe shoes have a variety of discomforts.

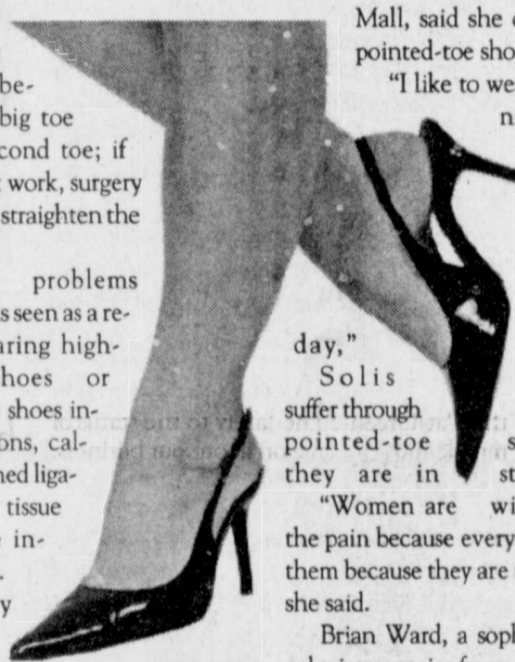
"One of the main things I see is when the big toes drifts toward the other toes. This problem causes pain and difficulty walking," she said.

Zumwalt said the problem can be

fixed by putting spacers between the big toe and the second toe; if that doesn't work, surgery is needed to straighten the toes.

Other problems Zumwalt has seen as a result of wearing high-heeled shoes or pointed-toe shoes include bunions, calluses, stretched ligaments, scar tissue and severe inflammation.

Wendy Solis, an assistant manager with Baker's Footwear in South Plains



Mall, said she does not wear pointed-toe shoes to work.

"I like to wear them out at night, but they are way too hard on my feet to wear for an eight-hour work day," Solis said.

Solis said women suffer through pointed-toe shoes because they are in style.

"Women are willing to take the pain because everyone is wearing them because they are the style now," she said.

Brian Ward, a sophomore political science major from Arlington, said he does not understand why women

wear shoes that cause them pain.

"They look like witch shoes to me. I look at girls who wear them and feel sorry for them because you know their feet have got to hurt," he said.

Zumwalt said women who start wearing heels and pointed-toe shoes frequently at a young age are setting themselves up for long-term problems.

"If women wear the shoes once a week for a few hours it shouldn't cause them too many problems, but if they wear them every day to work they are looking at long term effects," she said.

Zumwalt said feet are not the only body part affected by pointed-toe shoes and high heels.

"While high heels accentuate the calves, they tighten the Achilles tendon and can cause tendonitis and bursitis," she said.

Zumwalt said women who feel pain

after wearing high heels or pointed toe shoes can ease their troubles by massaging the area, using sports creams, soaking their feet in bath water or if their feet are really inflamed, using ice and over the counter pain killers can help.

"I recommend to my patients that they do regular stretching exercises for their feet, and after they wear the shoes they can kneed out their soreness by rolling a tennis ball around their arches and toes," she said.

Tara King, a freshman public relations major from San Antonio, said she did not think she would feel the ill effects later in life from wearing pointed toed shoes.

"I don't wear them to class, just to go out. I think they add a sense of elegance to any outfit; sometimes your feet hurt, but you get use to it after a while," she said.

## Re-appearing in classes after semester-long absences may make low grades appear

By Justin LaVoie/Staff Reporter

If there are strange and unfamiliar faces in classes or if the student parking lots seem unusually crowded this week, do not be alarmed—you are not trapped in Michael Jackson's Thriller video. This means Texas Tech is in the last week of the semester before finals begin.

Full classrooms are the sign of the times. This week, some students will begin to make their re-emergence into the educational environment in an attempt to guarantee a passing grade in their classes this semester.

Samantha Bouquin, a college algebra instructor from Monahans, said usually underclassmen believe they can get away with consistently missing classes during the semester.

"They think the class is going to be easy, so they don't come to class," said Bouquin, a graduate part-time instructor in the mathematics department. "I notice a lot of them only show up for tests. The highest grade that most of them will make is a D."

She said she believes it is mostly students who do not care and the av-

erage or below average students that try to get away with this.

"My best students are most of the older students," Bouquin said. "Mostly freshmen are the ones I have problems with."

She believes the trend is consistent across the board for many classes.

Unfortunately for most of the newcomers, this strategy is not an effective way to succeed in college.

Kevin Medley, an undecided freshman from Lubbock, said he will be certain to attend every class for the remainder of the semester. He admits he missed more classes than he should have this semester and wants to make sure he is present for all his tests; he also wants to try to make up anything in which he has fallen behind.

"I would have had better grades if I would have been in every class," Medley said.

Medley expects to make B's and C's for the semester.

Stephanie King, a sophomore business major from New Braunfels, said she has recently missed many classes



Some students blame other concerns for skipping classes during the semester.

Kelly Pearson, a freshman pre-law major from Sulfur Springs, said she has one class she has not attended regularly this semester.

"I have a 9 a.m. class that is really boring, and with all my other obligations it's kind of hard to go," Pearson said.

From now on, she has to go to every class to earn the best grade possible, considering what she has missed so far. She hopes to earn a C in the class.

Vice Provost Elizabeth Hall said the provost's office tries to encourage students to attend every single class.

Hall said Tech does not have a set

attendance policy that governs the entire university, and it is up to professors to design their own policies.

Hall, who has also taught for more than 20 years, has witnessed the tendencies of students during the years.

She said the best predictor of success is to attend every class.

"I have had students that have tried to make their way without attending classes, and it's not very effective," Hall said.

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## Jayhawks No. 1 in AP men's poll

(AP) — Bill Self didn't have to wait to be No. 1 at Kansas.

The Jayhawks, taking advantage of losses by the top four teams last week, jumped from sixth to No. 1 in The Associated Press men's college basketball poll Monday.

Their move to the top was the biggest in almost 40 years and matched the second biggest in the history of the poll, which started in the 1948-49 season.

"I don't believe we're deserving of it, but I don't know if anyone is right now," the first-year coach said before Monday morning's shootaround. "There are probably 10 to 12 teams out there who could be No. 1 the way things played out last week."

Kansas (2-0) beat then-No. 3 Michigan State 81-74 in their only game last week, and combined with losses by Connecticut, Duke and Arizona (Nos. 1, 2 and 4 last week) and an unimpressive win by then-No. 5 Missouri, it meant another trip to No. 1.

Florida beat Arizona to move up from eighth to No. 2 this week. Georgia Tech defeated Connecticut, and Purdue beat Duke, moving them into the rankings for the first time this season. Georgia Tech was 13th, and the Boilermakers were 20th.

Kansas was ranked No. 1 for four weeks in the 2001-02 season, its first stint at the top since getting there for five straight seasons from 1992-93 through 1996-97.

Nine teams received first-place votes this week, backing up Self's point of not being deserving of the top spot.

"Although it's very early, we'll enjoy the time we have it, and we certainly hope to maintain it," said Self, who took over when Roy Williams left after 14 seasons to become coach at North Carolina.

The Jayhawks beat Texas Christian on Monday night, their first game since starting guard Michael Lee broke his right collarbone in practice last week. He is expected to be out for up to two months.

Kansas' jump from No. 6 to No. 1 matched Duke's rise on Dec. 14, 1965, and those were second only to West Virginia's moving from No. 8 to No. 1 on Dec. 24, 1957.

The Jayhawks received 52 first-place votes and 1,750 points from the 72-member national media panel, 146 more than Florida (2-0), which was No. 1 on eight ballots.

Connecticut, which was a runaway No. 1 in the preseason poll and for the first two weeks of the regular season, dropped to third.

Missouri, the only member of last week's top five that didn't lose, moved up one place to fourth.

Illinois moved up one spot to 11th, followed by Saint Joseph's, Georgia Tech, Oklahoma, Wisconsin, Syracuse, Gonzaga, Wake Forest, Cincinnati and Purdue.

The last five ranked teams were Stanford, Pittsburgh, Notre Dame, Marquette and Oklahoma State.

## Raiders attempting to regain focus

By Matt Muench/Managing Editor

Texas Tech guard Andre Emmett said three weeks ago he does not want this year's team to mirror last season's squad.

"We can't have mental lapses this year," he said Nov. 12. "We lost focus too many times last year in games we should have won."

Emmett might want to break that mirror now. The focus he was talking about was lost Monday night when the Red Raiders were shocked by Southern Methodist 62-59.

Just ask Bob Knight, Tech's head coach.

"We were able to come back and get in the game and actually be in a position where we can win the game, and we have not been very good at that," he said during Monday's press conference.

"We weren't very good at it last year, and it doesn't look like we're very good at it this year."

After looking like a top 25 team for the first four games of the season, Tech's (4-0) direction has changed by losing two consecutive games.

The Raiders look for a detour back to success when they face Texas-El Paso at 7:05 p.m. today in the United Spirit Arena.

Tech players were not available for comment Tuesday afternoon, Tech men's basketball spokesman Randy Farley said.

Tonight's game will pit Tech against a Miner (3-0) team that is more athletic and quicker than what the Raiders saw the last two seasons during victories against the Miners.

UTEP recruited well as it brought in two of the nation's best junior college players: guard Filiberto Rivera and forward Omar Thomas.

Thomas led all junior college players in

scoring the last two seasons and Rivera was last year's junior college MVP.

The pair of transfers has combined to score 20 points in an offense which has four other Miners averaging double figures led by senior guard Chris Craig's 13 points per game. Balance has been the Miners strength during their first three wins.

Different story for the Raiders. Their balance is hiding somewhere with Tech's focus. Like last year, Emmett has been the only major scoring threat for Tech.

He leads the Big 12 Conference with 22.7 points per game and has scored 25 and 28 points during Tech's last two losses. But during the de-

feats, Emmett had no help. That was evident Monday night as no other Raider reached double digits.

Enter Knight.

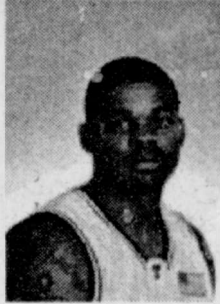
"I think (Emmett) really competed hard," Knight said Monday night. "I thought he competed really well, far better, really, than anybody we have on our team. If we would have had everybody competing like he did, we'd be a little different team."

Shooting from beyond the arc was a Tech problem Monday night as it hit only 2 of its 17 long ball attempts.

"That was a problem for us last year," Knight said, "and apparently it's still a problem for us."

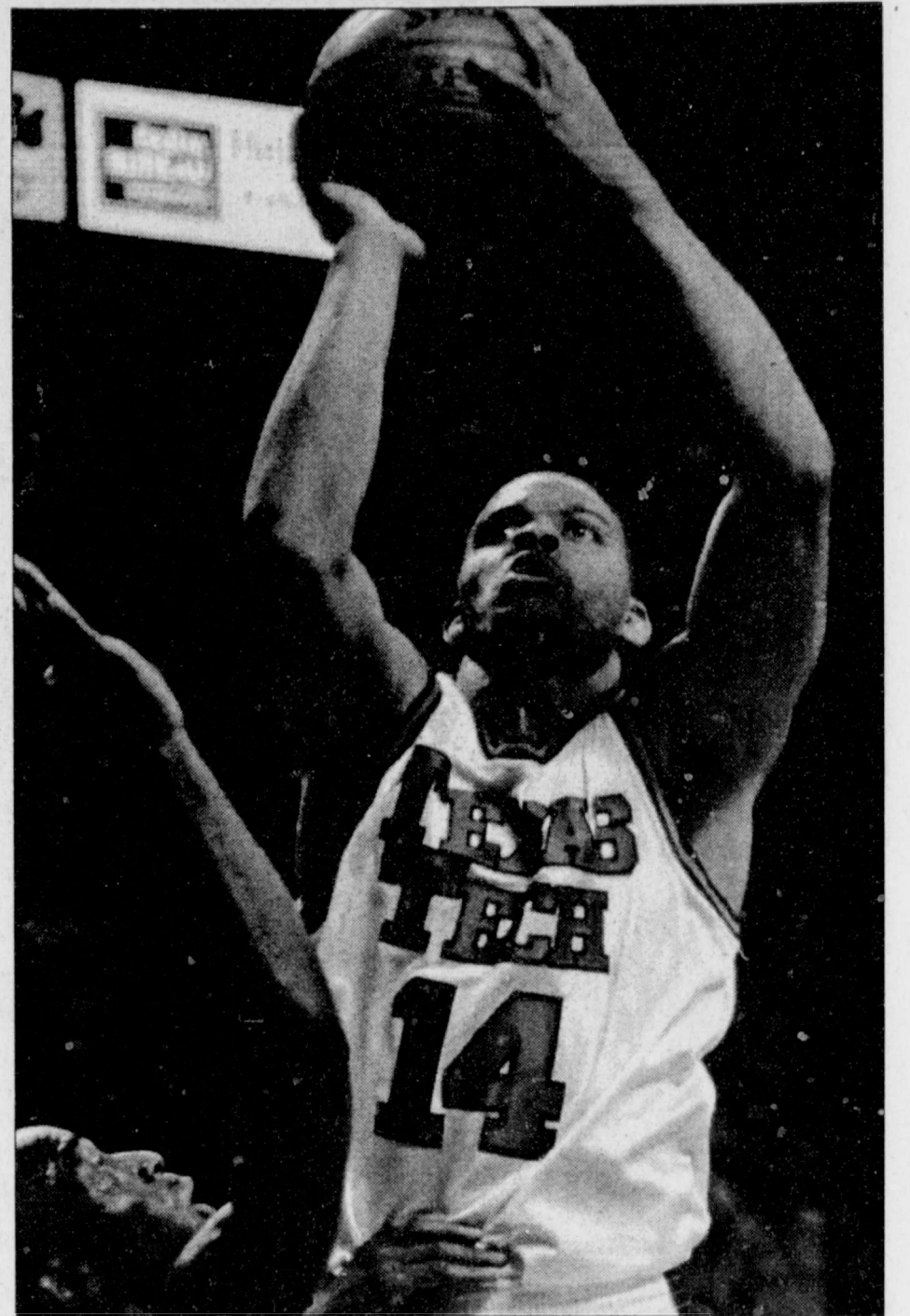
The Raiders have a month to rebuild their mirror as Big 12 play nears. Last year's image finished 6-10. Image is everything when the calendar says March.

### PLAYER SPOTLIGHT



STATS: Is averaging 22.7 points, 6.8 rebounds and 3.7 assists per game.

NOTES: Leads the Big 12 Conference in scoring. Is also No. 11 in the NCAA in scoring.



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TEXAS TECH FORWARD Andre Emmett pulls up for a jump shot during the Red Raiders' victory against the Massachusetts Minutemen on Nov. 21.

## Guards pace Sooners scoring attack

(U-WIRE) NORMAN, Okla. - Five Oklahoma Sooners from the No. 14 OU men's basketball team are averaging double figures.

All five are guards. Sophomore De'Angelo Alexander is averaging 14 points per game, freshman Lawrence McKenzie is averaging 12, freshman Drew Lavender is averaging 11.3, senior Jason Detrick 11.0 and junior Jaison Williams is at 10.7.

The guards are hoping to continue the double-digit scoring streak against Arkansas-Pine Bluff Tuesday night. The Sooners and the Golden Lions will play at Lloyd Noble Center.

The Sooners are headed into

the game with a 3-0 record. They defeated Tulsa last week 69-59.

OU played the Golden Hurricane neck-and-neck throughout the game, and the Sooners' defense left much to be desired.

"We aren't very good right now," OU men's basketball head coach Kelvin Sampson said. "We have to get better."

Arkansas-Pine Bluff is 0-3 and plays 11 of its first 12 games on the road.

The Golden Lions fell to Air Force Nov. 22, Texas A&M Nov. 24 and Tulane last Saturday.

Senior forward Justin Lloyd is the only Golden Lion averaging double figures in scoring, with 10 points per game.

The Sooners will extend their streak of wins to 28 over nonconference teams at home if they defeat Arkansas-Pine Bluff.

OU is still playing with the walking wounded. Sophomore Kevin Bookout and Detrick are recovering from injuries.

The Sooners are also trying to find the right lineups with a team full of new faces.

"We're not always going to look

pretty, especially this time of year," Sampson said. "We are still trying to find our identity."

The Sooners are improving on certain aspects of the game. They are out-rebounding opponents by an average of 10 boards per game. They also shot 70 percent from the free-throw line last Tuesday against Tulsa.

"You achieve what you emphasize," Sampson said. "We emphasize offensive rebounding, not turning the ball over and shooting well from the free-throw line. We want to be able to hang our hat on defense, but we aren't there yet."

For the fourth game in a row, McKenzie is projected to start in place of Detrick.

"Jason Detrick did a lot in the first half [against Tulsa]," Sampson said. "He came out in the second half and had nothing left. You can see what he can do when he becomes healthy."

In the meantime, McKenzie is starting to become one of the Sooners' better offensive threats. He averages 12 points per game.

Without question, Williams, the Sooners' sixth man, has been valuable in all of the wins so far. He led the Sooners in scoring with 16 against Tulsa last week.

Men's ESPN/US Today Coaches Poll			Men's Basketball Associated Press Top 25		
Rank/Team	Record	Prvs	Rank/Team	Record	Prvs
1. Kansas (25)	2-0	5	1. Kansas (52)	2-0	6
2. Florida (2)	2-0	8	2. Florida (8)	2-0	8
3. Kentucky	2-0	9	3. UConn (1)	4-1	1
4. UConn (1)	4-1	1	4. Missouri (3)	1-0	5
5. Missouri (1)	4-0	6	5. Mich. State	3-1	3
6. Mich. State	3-1	4	6. Duke (1)	3-1	2
6. Duke	3-1	2	7. Arizona	1-1	4
8. Arizona	1-1	3	8. Texas (2)	3-0	11
9. Texas	3-0	11	9. Kentucky	2-0	10
10. UNC	3-0	10	10. UNC (1)	3-0	9
11. Illinois	3-0	12	11. Illinois	3-0	12
12. Oklahoma	3-0	13	12. Saint Joe's	3-0	13
13. Wisconsin	3-0	15	13. Ga. Tech	5-0	NR
14. Saint Joe's	3-0	14	14. Oklahoma	3-0	14
15. Ga. Tech	5-0	NR	15. Wisconsin	3-0	15
16. Wake Forest	3-0	18	16. Syracuse	1-1	7
17. Stanford	3-0	17	17. Gonzaga	3-1	16
18. Syracuse	1-1	7	18. Wake Forest	3-0	18
19. Cincinnati	3-0	19	19. Cincinnati	3-0	19
20. Notre Dame	2-0	20	20. Notre Dame	4-0	NR
21. Purdue	4-0	NR	21. Stanford	3-0	20
22. Pittsburgh	4-0	22	22. Pittsburgh	4-0	22
23. Marquette	4-0	23	23. Notre Dame	2-0	21
24. Gonzaga	3-1	21	24. Marquette	4-0	23
25. Maryland	3-0	24	25. Okla. State	3-0	24

Paraneticals is number of first place votes  
Bold is Big 12 Conference teams

## Kansas' Simien, Longhorns' Tucker earn Big 12 honors

DALLAS (AP) — Wayne Simien's 28-point performance in Kansas' 81-74 win over Michigan State earned him Big 12 honors as player of the week, while Texas freshman P.J. Tucker repeated as rookie of the week.

Simien, a 6-foot-9 junior from Leavenworth, Kan., hit all nine of his free throws and shot 9-of-12 from the floor in reaching a career-high point total. He's 20-for-21 from the free throw line through three games this season.

Tucker averaged 16.5 points in two Texas victories last week. The 6-5 freshman from Raleigh, N.C., had 18 points and 11 rebounds against Sam Houston, then recorded a team-high 15 points along with four rebounds against Centenary.

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7:00	Body Etc. Calico	Today Show	News	Paid Program	Good Morning	K. Copeland Paid Program
8:00	Bernstein Barney		Early Show	Paid Program	America	Grace/Fire Roseanne
9:00	Dragon Tales	Today Show	Paid Program	Judge Mathis	Regis & Kelly	Family Feud Family Feud
10:00	Sesame Street	Martha Stewart	Price Is Right	Hatchett	View	John Walsh
11:00	Mr. Rogers Teletubbies	Hynd Square Jeopardy	Young & the Restless	Paid Program	Home Impr. Paid Program	Access Extra
12:00	Woodwright Painting	News Days of Our	News Beautiful	Jerry Springer	All My Children	Good Day Live
1:00	Sit, Be Fit Dragon Tales	Lives Passion	As the World Turns	Paid Program	One Life to Live	People's Court
2:00	Zoom Beth/Lions	InEdition	Guiding Light	Street Smart	General Hospital	Divorce Court
3:00	R. Rainbow Cyberchase	Coprh Winfrey	Mary Povich	Dharma/Greg Dharma/Greg	Wayne Brady	Joe Brown Joe Brown
4:00	Clifford Arthur	Dr. Phil	Judge Judy	Sabrina That 70's	Mortal Williams	News & More
5:00	Liberty Nightly Bus	News NBC News	News CBS News	Pyramid	News ABC News	That 70's Simpsons
6:00	NewsHour	News Wifortune	News Lifetime	Access Extra	News E.T.	Friends Raymond
7:00	John Tesh	Christmas in	60 Minutes	Enterprise	My Wife PG Relative PG	That 70's Simple Life
8:00	Blues Road to Memphis	West Wing PG	King/Queens Becker	Jake 2.0	Trista & Ryan's	Q.C. PG
9:00	Highly Sus.	Law & Order TV14	48 Hours Investigate	King/Hill King/Hill	Extreme Makeover	News
10:00	Highly Sus.	News Tonight Show	News David	Friends Blind Date	News Nightline	Sainfield Freshman
11:00	Conan	Latterman Craig	Ent. Dating Blind Date	Ent. Dating Blind Date	MASH E.T.	Becker Shoot Me
12:00	O'Brien Last Call	Kilborn Paid Program	Ext. Dating Paid Program	Ext. Dating Paid Program	Jimmy Kimmel	Spin City Paid Program

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### Wilderness First Aid Workshop

The Outdoor Pursuits Center is hosting a Wilderness First Aid workshop January 9-11. This workshop is an introductory course designed to teach participants the basics in patient assessment and treatment when an ambulance isn't an option. The cost for this workshop is \$175 if you register by December 15. For more information or an outline for this course checkout our website at [www.recsports.ttu.edu](http://www.recsports.ttu.edu) or call 742-2949.

### Got Game?

#### Basketball Tournament Saturday

Calling all ballers! This is your LAST CHANCE to get your friends, buddies, classmates and whomever else you think has GAME to take part in a day long, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Winter Slam Basketball Tournament this Saturday at the Student Rec Center. It is a great warm-up to the Intramural BB season. Who knows? Your team might even be ranked coming Spring basketball season. The Winter Slam is a full-court, 5-on-5, self-officiated tournament with one team reaching 15 baskets first. There will be a 25-minute running clock, the team ahead at the end of 25-minutes is declared the winner. There is a \$10 entry fee per team; however, the Winter Slam Champion will receive specially design tournament champion t-shirts. Sportsmanship is key in a self-officiated tournament so get rid of your hotheads and sign up in the Intramural Office @ Student Rec Center. All entries close on Thursday, December 4<sup>th</sup> and spaces for this tournament is limited; so don't be left out in the COLD.

## FITNESS/WELLNESS

### Need Gifts For The Holidays?

Massage gift certificates are great for that special person in your life or that individual that you have no idea what to get them. Gift certificates for 60 minutes are \$35 for rec members and \$45 for non rec members. These may be purchased with Tech Express, check, cash or Credit card anytime the Fitness/Wellness Center is open. Stop by and take care of your Christmas shopping before it's too late.

### Fitness Jam Coming Next Week!

This is your chance to participate in the fun and exciting class that kicks off finals week. On Thursday, December 11, 5:30-6:50 p.m. try a little Double-step, Kickboxing, Hip Hop, Power Toning, with each section taught by a different instructor. Don't miss it!

### Chair Massages Available

It is getting close to finals and the end of the semester when it really starts to get hectic, busy and very stressful. Help your fellow students, co-workers, or employees relax during this crazy time of the year. Chair massages are \$40/hour per therapist for student organizations and campus departments. The therapist will come to where your group meets, to a residence hall and to campus departments so schedule your appointment now. Times are limited so call now at 742-3828 to schedule your group appointment.

## INTRAMURALS

### Students Shine On Regional Football Stage



Over the past two weekends Texas Tech students have traveled to Waco, Texas and Tempe, Arizona to participate and officiate in the Region 4 and 5 Flag Football Tournaments. The Region 4 tournament, hosted by Baylor, saw Texas Tech All-U Champs (The Franchise) compete and 6 Tech officials work this highly competitive tournament. The Franchise reached the semi-finals for the second year in a row, but came up short against the UTSA X-Bandits. Ryan Randle, a Tech official, was named an alternate to the National Tourney in New Orleans.

The Region 5 tournament, hosted by Arizona State University, was dominated by the Texas Tech representative (Kings). The Kings went undefeated during the tournament winning the 1<sup>st</sup> place trophy by a large margin. Two Tech officials, Jack Harper and Andrew Ruffin, were named outstanding officials and will work the National Tournament in New Orleans during the New Year's break. Also, Tech official, Patrick Ajiodo was named an alternate for the National Tournament.



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Basketball

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## Entries Due

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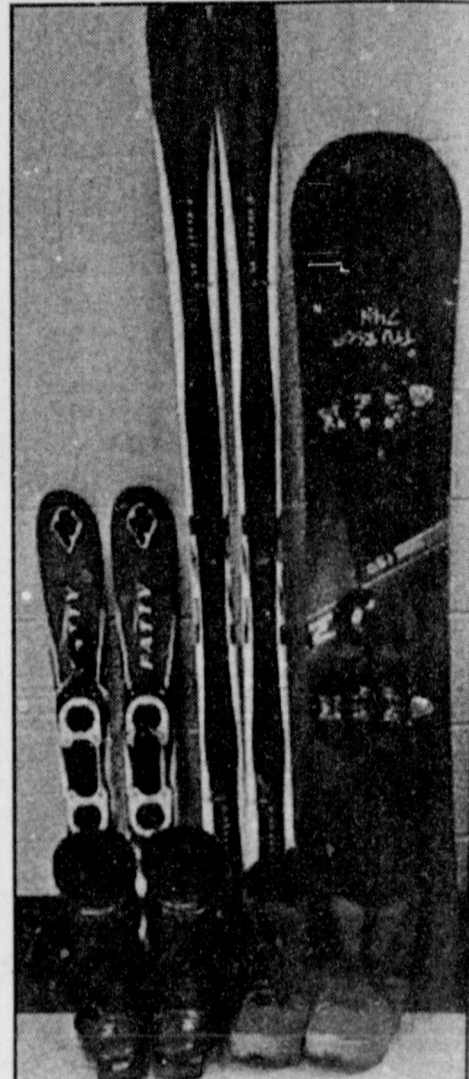
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#### What is included in the trip cost?

The OPC will provide transportation, lodging, skis or snowboard rentals. **What do you have to provide?** Personal clothing, lift tickets, and meals.

**What does New Mexico Ski Trip cost?** The trip cost is \$105

**How do I sign-up?** To sign up for this trip, stop by our office located at the north entrance of the SRC and fill out a trip registration form and pay the trip cost. You may also call 742-2949 or check out our website at [www.recsports.ttu.edu](http://www.recsports.ttu.edu) for more information. The deadlines for these trips are Jan. 29 and Feb. 12.



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**Dates:** March 13-21

**What is included in the trip cost?** Transportation, camping and canoeing equipment and food.

**What do you have to provide?** Personal clothing and a positive mental attitude.

**What does Lower Canyon Canoe trip cost?**

The cost of this trip is \$245.

#### How do I sign-up for Spring Break Trips?

To explore more, checkout our website at [www.ttu.edu/recreationsports](http://www.ttu.edu/recreationsports) or call 742-2949. Sign-ups going on now, so register you and your friends today at the Outdoor Pursuits Center located outside the North entrance of the Student Recreation Center. The sign-up deadline for this trip is February 19.

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The OPC is offering a Gila Backpacking trip through southwest New Mexico. This trip will consist of 5 days hiking through alpine meadows, river canyons and even a chance to soak in some natural hot springs. The Gila Wilderness is also home to ancient Indian cliff dwellings that are scattered throughout the park. Come join us for a week of memorable experiences, beautiful views and a whole lot of fun. This trip is targeted towards the experienced camper or the adventurous beginner.

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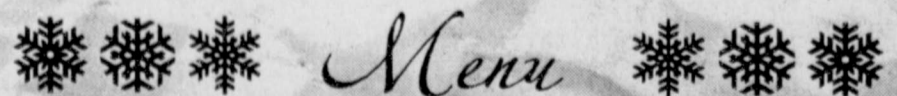
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