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Found tests create campus identity theft concern

By Andrew Bell/Staff Reporter

Last week, two separate incidents occurred on campus where Scantrons and graded quizzes were out in the open with student's names and Social Security numbers on them. With the threat of identity theft, the communication studies and chemistry departments have been working to ensure the protection of Texas Tech students.

Identity theft affects half a million new victims each year in the United States, according to identity theft documents from the

Tech Police Department. Identity theft is the taking of a victim's identity to obtain credit cards, steal money from a victim's account or rent an apartment, among other things.

With a person's Social Security number and a fake driver's license, someone could apply for instant credit, and the victim could be violated for months or even years without knowing about it, according to the identity documents. Maj. Gordon Hoffman of the Tech Police Department said that as technology grows individuals have a higher chance of becoming a victim.

"With more and more use of credit and debit cards, we are seeing ourselves open more for that crime," he said.

According to a recent computer crime survey, nearly 13 percent of the respondents became a victim of identity theft in the past year. Hoffman said the losses from identity theft in the past year are about \$50 billion nationwide. The most common targets of identity theft are credit cards and bank account information.

In response to the growing national crime, President Bush signed into law last Thursday

the renewal of the Fair Credit Reporting Act. Hoffman said Americans would be able to receive a free copy of their credit report every year.

The law would also require businesses to credit out Social Security numbers, parts of bank card and debit card numbers on receipts and include the coding of medical information on credit reports, according to the Associated Press.

In the Department of Communication Studies, David Williams, course director for the department, said he has been working

hard to track down students to ensure their protection. At this point, the appropriate students have been returned to the every Scantrons.

"I have the Scantrons and the print-outs of everyone who took the test," he said. "This is the only certain way to do it. It is the longest way, but the only certain way."

After accidentally dropping a stack of Scantrons last Monday, Williams said he visited every section of courses, told the situation to the students and went through

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Tech administrators in Austin for conference

RIISING GROWTH: Smith hopes enrollment numbers will increase.

By Adam Boedeker/Staff Reporter

Texas Tech officials will be attending a Closing the Gaps conference today and Thursday in Austin to discuss issues regarding increasing the numbers of college students in Texas and how the growth will be funded.

Senior Vice Chancellor Ben Lock said the conference aims to increase the number of college students at Texas public universities by 2015.

"The basic thrust of (the conference) is that by 2015 Texas needs to close the gaps in the number of high school graduates who go on to participate in college and graduate," he said. "We need to have 500,000 more students enrolled in college by 2015 than when the report was adopted in 2000."

Tech Chancellor Dr. David Smith said many of those 500,000 new students in the next 15 years will be minority students and first-generation students.

"These students, by definition, lack in the resources that are necessary to attend college and will require more outside resources such as scholarships," Smith said.

The main problem with the growing student numbers is how it will be funded by the state, Smith said.

"How will we close the gaps if the legislature can't put more money into education and the money has to come from tuition?" Smith said. "If Tech plays its part and grows by 2,000 or 3,000 students do we receive formula funding, or will it have to come from tuition increases?"

Smith said the answers to those questions are all still unanswered.

The Closing the Gaps initiative also incorporates better involvement of minority high school students regarding college admissions.

"As you increase participation you need to increase access by all segments of the state population," Lock said. "Whether you look at it by income level or by race and ethnicity. If we don't provide access to educate the changing demographics in the state we won't achieve the number of college students we need to provide an educated workforce in the future for the state of Texas."

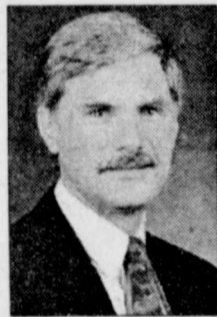
Today will be a training session for new members of governing boards, such as university Board of Regents.

New Tech regents Rick Francis and J. Frank Miller III will attend the training session and will get an orientation of Tech on Dec. 18 before the Board meeting on Dec. 19.

The state law requires new regents to attend a training session within the first two years of their term, Lock said. The Board of Higher Education likes to incorporate the regent training with the Closing the Gaps conference because in many ways the two go hand and hand.

"They address the fundamentals of governing boards roles and responsibilities of the policy making for their system or institution," Lock said. "Part of that is knowing what it takes to be good stewards of resources provided to the institutions."

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Smith

playing SANTA FOR SOLDIERS

Students send gifts to U.S. Troops

By Megan LaVoie/Staff Reporter

Some Red Raiders are spreading their holiday cheer in support of the red, white and blue all the way to the American troops in Iraq.

Katie Hamala, a junior landscape architecture major from Deer Park and the community adviser for the second floor of Hulen Hall, coordinated a drive to send Christmas packages to soldiers in Iraq because one of her residents, Rachael Schaubberger, has a boyfriend stationed there.

"Rachael was pretty upset when her boyfriend left, so we as a floor decided to send some Christmas packages to her boyfriend and his friends to help them get through the weeks," she said.

Hamala asked each room on her floor to fill up a box with magazines, candy, cards and snack food items and donate \$1 for postage.

"Along with filling the boxes with food, the girls also included letters and we took a floor photograph to include in the boxes so

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PHOTOS BY DAVID JOHNSON/Staff Photographer
LEFT: COURTNEY CHRISTMAS, a sophomore restaurant hotel institutional management major from Tyler, packs boxes to send to U.S. troops in Iraq. Above: Her friends help.

Houston Bowl tickets half price for Texas Tech students

■ Seats in Tech fan section are \$28.50.

By Joey Kirk/Staff Reporter

Since the Texas Tech football team is playing in a bowl game close to home unlike last year, students are being offered tickets at discounted prices.

The Red Raiders will face Navy in the EV1.net Houston Bowl at Reliant Stadium at 3:30 p.m., on Dec. 30. Last season, Tech beat the Clemson Tigers, 55-15, in the Mazda Tangerine Bowl, located in Orlando, Florida.

The official Tech fan section is located at the lower level of the east side of the stadium from goal line to goal line.

Dave Welsh, Tech assistant athletic director for ticket operations, said each student can buy one ticket at a discounted price. The regular ticket price is \$57 for the Tech section in the lower level.

"Right now, current Tech students, undergraduate or graduates, can get one ticket for \$28.50," he said. "They will stop being sold on Dec. 22."

The catch of the deal, Welsh said, is that students must buy the tickets in person and have a valid student ID.



"You can order over the phone or on the Web, but if you want one for half price," he said. "You have to buy it in person at the Jones SBC Stadium Ticket office."

In less than two days, Welsh said the ticket office has sold over 3,000 tickets total.

"This year is better because the game is after Christmas, and it is a drivable game," he said. "It's only eight hours away."

Associate Athletic Director for External Operations Craig Wells said there are a total of 10,000 tickets allotted to the Big 12 team, which is Tech, in the Houston Bowl this year. "There are about 8,000 lower level seats and 2,000 upper level between the 40- and 50-yard lines that we can sell," he said. "They are the best seats in the house."

With Reliant being the venue, Wells said it is twice as nice as last year. "The Super Bowl is being played there next month and it's such a great facility because it's designed specifically for football," he said.

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Tips offered to keep home, car safe during holiday break

By Sally Gunter/Staff Reporter

Even though she lives in a safe part of town, January Tejeda, a senior public relations major from San Antonio, said she took precautions to prevent her house from robbery.

"Word gets around if stuff piles up," she said. "A month away is a long amount of time for someone to realize you're not there."

Maj. Gordon Hoffman of the Texas Tech Police Department agreed that students should take protective measures. He said students should safeguard their valuables and make sure doors are locked before leaving on holiday break.

"Safeguard valuables as best as you can or take them with you," he said. Hoffman said if students leave their vehicles on campus, make sure to park in a well-lit area. Remove detachable faceplates from stereo systems and take them home.

To prevent identity theft, Hoffman said to remove personal identification documents and credit cards from the vehicle.

Whenever possible, he said to engrave the driver's license number on stereo equipment and record the serial numbers of the vehicle stereo equipment.

The Flint Avenue parking garage will be available for students with any valid Tech parking permit from Dec. 15 until Jan. 11, Hoffman said.

Tech police officers will patrol the on-campus parking facilities during the break.

Holiday Safety Tips

- Have car checked
- Make sure tires are aired
- Check inside of car before getting in
- Place items in trunk
- Park in well lit areas
- Honk horn if in danger
- Never pickup hitchhikers

Source: www.mytravelsafety.com

To ensure safety while driving, Hoffman said to make sure to sleep well prior to departure.

"It seems real common that students get tired and fall asleep while driving," he said. "Make sure to get plenty of rest."

Stopping at a gas station to stretch and buy a drink is helpful in staying awake, Hoffman said.

"Stop for breaks as often as you need to," he said. "Stay alert and don't become so fatigued you can't drive."

Corp. Mark Long of the Lubbock Police Department neighborhood service unit discussed ways to protect residences.

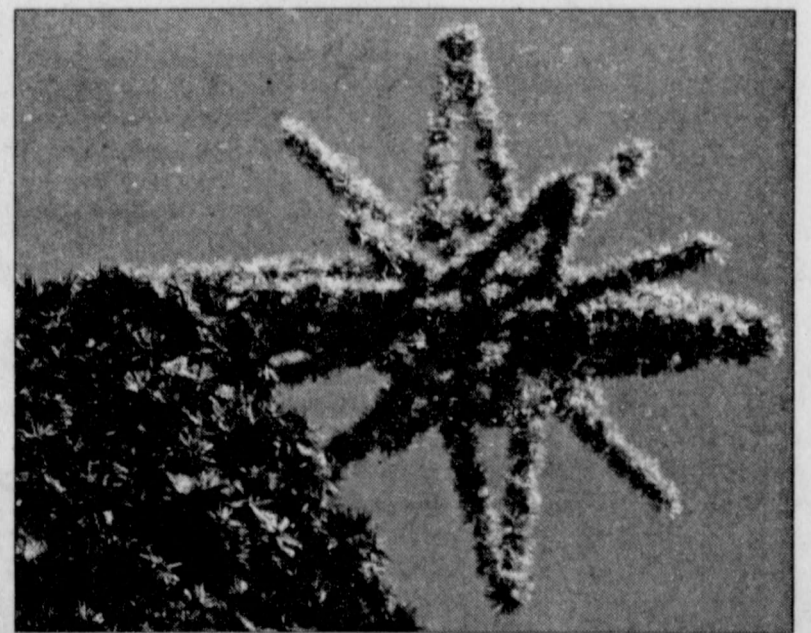
"The most important thing is to make it look like its being lived in," he said.

To do this, Long said to clean up the front yard prior to leaving so that it does not look as if someone is not there.

Make sure to lock the back gate as well as leave a light on outside or

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FALLING STAR



ANDREW WEATHERL/Staff Photographer

THE STAR ATOP the Christmas tree at Memorial Circle nearly falls because of high winds that hit the Lubbock area on Tuesday afternoon.

The Rundown



Perry unveils \$130 M high school project

ARLINGTON (AP) — In the first of several "College Ready" summits statewide to introduce a \$130-million effort to improve high schools, Gov. Rick Perry said Wednesday that educators and business leaders must lower dropout rates and prepare students for a tougher standardized exam.

Among his recommendations, Perry said educators must create a personalized study guide for 10th-grade students who fail part of the Texas Assessment Knowledge Skills test.

"I will not support lowering standards or weakening our level of accountability," Perry told some 400 people while discussing the Texas High School Project, a public-private partnership. "We will not back away from the requirements ... simply because the test is hard. We cannot send the wrong message to our children that we're going to give up on them."

Students are required to pass all portions of the test to graduate. Last year, more than 1,000 Texas high schools had a lower than 50 percent passing rate on the TAKS test.

Perry outlined the challenges facing the Texas High School Project and also touted previous successes, touting achievements such as the \$9,600 raise for teachers in four years.

He pointed out that the passing rate on standardized tests has risen from 52 percent to more than 80 percent in just a few years.

15th shooting added to Ohio investigation

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — A bullet hole found in a van has been linked to a string of shootings along a stretch of interstate, bringing the total number of cases under investigation to 15, authorities said Tuesday.

The shooting at a used car lot on U.S. Highway 23 was reported on Nov. 15, 10 days before a woman was killed while driving on nearby Interstate 270, where most of the shootings happened.

The van incident was the sixth shooting police have connected through ballistic tests, Chief Sheriff's Deputy Steve Martin said. Although the rest of the shootings could not be linked through bullet testing, police believe they, too, are related.

On Monday, workers installed cameras on I-270 in an attempt to find who is behind the shootings.

A passer-by reported a hole in the van to the car lot owner, police said. When police initially investigated the hole, they gave the car lot owner the bullet, which was found on the ground. After the shootings started happening, the lot owner returned the bullet to investigators, Martin said.

At least two shootings along I-270 have happened since Nov. 25, when Gail Knisley, 62, was killed as she was being driven to a doctor's appointment. She is the only person hit in the shootings.

N. Korea offers proposal to nuclear standoff

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — North Korea announced Tuesday it would freeze its nuclear weapons projects in return for energy aid and being removed from Washington's list of countries that sponsor terrorism. The White House reacted coolly, but did not reject the offer outright.

The North's terms amounted to a response to a plan offered a day earlier by the United States, Japan and South Korea for ending the nuclear crisis. Pyongyang's counterproposal comes as the other nations race to arrange another round of six-way talks on easing tensions.

"We, along with the rest of the members of the six-party talks, are ready for a new round of talks at an early date, and without any preconditions whatsoever," White House spokesman Scott McClellan said Tuesday.

He repeated President Bush's demand for a "complete, irreversible, verifiable" halt to North Korea's nuclear program, and said Pyongyang "has yet to commit to doing what is necessary to achieving a de-nuclearized peninsula."

Details of the U.S.-backed proposal are unclear, but South Korean officials say it calls for "coordinated steps." Media reports say it seeks agreement on three principles: a peaceful solution to the nuclear crisis; a complete, verifiable and irrevocable dismantling of North Korea's nuclear program, and security assurances for North Korea.

SAVING THE STAR



CRAIG SWANSON/Staff Photographer
GENE MONTALVO, CREW leader for the Texas Tech ground maintenance, and Charles Leatherwood, foreman for the grounds crew, take the star off the Christmas tree, located in Memorial Circle, for repair. The wind bent the star sideways nearly destroying it Tuesday afternoon. The star will be replaced sometime today.

Democrats block Senate passage of spending bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democrats blocked the Senate on Tuesday from quickly approving a \$373 billion year-end spending bill, leading Republican leader Bill Frist to postpone debate on the sweeping legislation until late January.

The House voted 242-176 Monday to approve the measure that finances nearly every federal domestic agency and weighs in on President Bush's side on policy fights ranging from overtime pay to food labeling.

With most senators out of town on a recess that began before Thanksgiving, Frist wanted to win final congressional approval for the

package by voice vote. But as they had said they would do, Democrats angry over provisions on overtime pay and other issues denied Frist the unanimous consent he needed to hold that vote.

Frist, R-Tenn., immediately scheduled a vote for Jan. 20 — the first day of Congress' new session — to try to end delays against the spending bill. Bush had personally lobbied Frist in recent days to call the Senate back to the capital next week to complete the pending legislation.

But Frist and Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., told colleagues last month that they would not have to return to Washington until late January, a timetable both leaders have

been reluctant to alter. GOP aides said Frist believed it would be hard to pull enough senators back this month for Republicans to garner the 60 votes they would need to end procedural delays and pass the bill.

The 1,182-page package combines seven spending bills due when the government's budget year began Oct. 1. Thanks to divisions among Republicans, the GOP failed to meet its goal, even though it controls the White House, the House and the Senate for the first time since the 1950s.

Republicans said the measure, which controls a sixth of the \$2.2 trillion budget, was an ode to fiscal responsibility.

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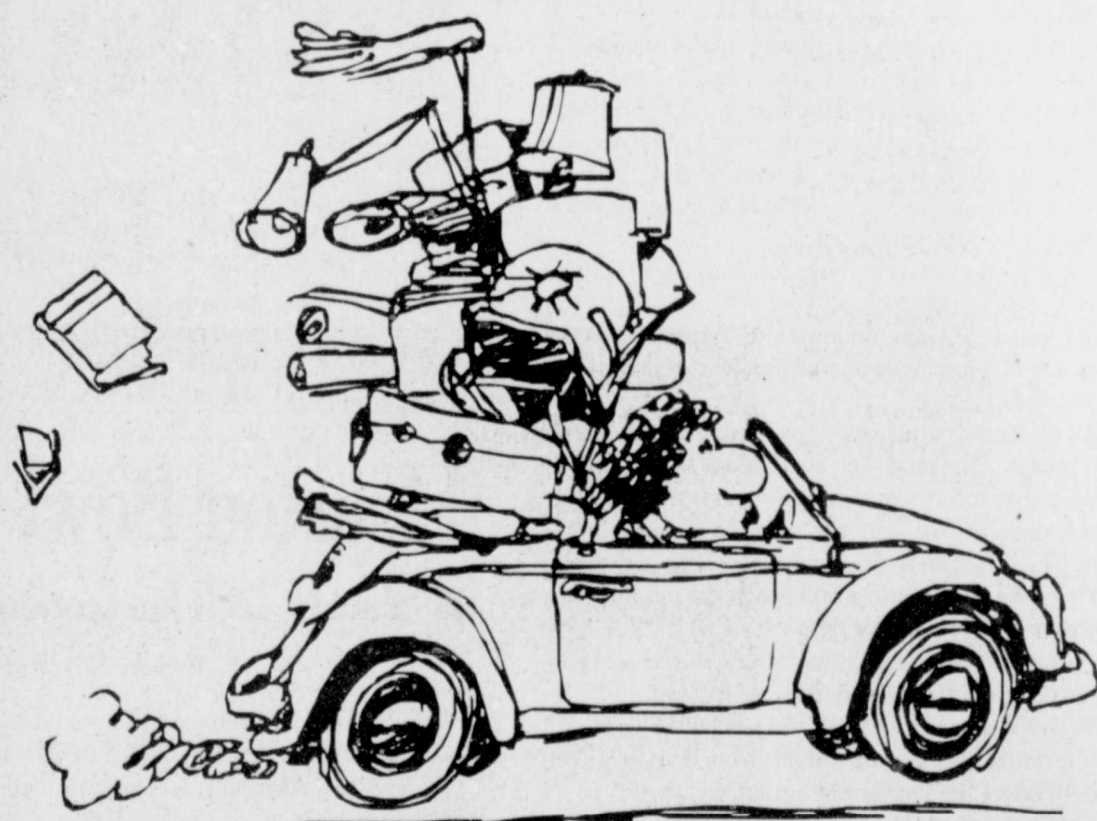
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Ticket

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he said. "It has the latest amenities, and I think it is one of the finest facilities in the nation."

One of the reasons for the discounted prices, Wells said, is to encourage a higher attendance at this year's game.

"We definitely expect a change in attendance," he said. "People can make a day trip out of it, and it's real important for a huge Tech crowd to be there."

Even though the students pay for only half of their ticket, the other half still has to be paid in full. Wells said students do not have to worry about that.

"The athletic department is put-

ting the bill for the other half of their tickets," he said. "We want everybody to understand how important this is to Tech and our team."

With a few of the players from Houston, Welsh said there should be a good home crowd to cheer on Tech.

"There are a handful of players from the Houston area, which was not the case last year in Florida," he said.

If there is a high demand for tickets in the office, Welsh said the operators will stay longer than normal.

"We are there from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.," he said. "But I know we can stay longer if we need to."

For more information about tickets, visit the Jones SBC Stadium ticket office, call 742-TECH or 1-888-GO-BIG-12, or visit their Web site at www.texastech.com.

Identity

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the proper documents to fix the error.

The chemistry department officially said they would not make any changes to the policy that is in place because accidents do happen. Robert Shaw, associate chair for the Chemistry Department, said one problem he has noticed is that some students voluntarily give out identifying information.

"Some students volunteer to put their Social Security numbers on papers without the professor asking for it," Shaw said. "I don't know if that happened in this case."

To ensure the protection of students, Don Wickard, the registrar for Tech, said the office does not release the Social Security number of any student to a third party or someone from off campus.

On campus, offices such as admissions, housing and student business services are able to have access to a student's Social Security number through the student information system Web site. However, to get the information, an individual would need to complete a form through the system. Wickard said once a department chairman signs the form, it would be given to a security officer who would make the final decision to give out the identifying information of a student.

Hoffman said he encourages people to protect documents that have identifying information on them. Also, students should be careful of what information they give over the phone when dealing with banking information.

"It is not desirable to have a name and Social Security number available to someone that may cause you harm," Hoffman said.

Safety

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purchase a light timer, Long said. "The best thing to do is to leave a porch light on and a back light," he said. "Make sure all doors and windows are locked."

Students should write down the serial number for items such as televisions, DVD players or computers, Long said.

"If there are expensive valuables," he said, "students should take that with them or put them in a safe deposit box."

Long said students should let trusted neighbors know they will be gone. Ask them to pick up mail and watch for any type of unusual activity, he said.

Neighbors also should have a contact number in case something does occur during the holiday break, Long said.

"It's the common sense things you need to do," he said.

This includes removing items from vehicles if it will be left in the driveway, Long said.

"Cars are at the whims of a burglar," he said. "Put everything in the trunk or in the house."

Meeting

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C. Robert Black, chairman of the Tech Board of Regents, said the main goal of regent training is to ensure the new regents understand their responsibilities to their university.

"It's mainly from the standpoint of what our legal responsibilities to learn to do things for the benefit of the university and not your own benefit," he said.

The main reason for the regents' training is to assure they are prepared to serve the university, especially in Tech's situation, where it has two new regents with possibly more coming before the December meeting.

"It's important to the learning curve before the regents come for the first meeting," Black said. "If not it could take a couple of meetings before you fully understand the operations of the university."

Black said the Board's strategic plan is tailored to the goals of closing the gaps.

"We have tailored our strategic plan to meet the needs of the state for closing the gaps," he said. "We see Texas Tech as one of the major institutions that can and will accommodate the growth within the state."

Gift

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the guys can see who was sending their gifts," she said.

Schaubeger, a freshman physical therapy major from Austin, said her boyfriend and his platoon have been in Iraq since April.

"He is really excited and knows that the boxes are coming. It is the only thing they have to look forward to," she said.

Schaubeger said she speaks with her boyfriend occasionally and gets letters and packages every now and then.

"He came home a few weeks ago for two weeks of R&R, and I don't get to send him a lot of packages cause they are always moving around. These will really boost the troops' morale because they really miss home and want to come back," she said.

Courtney Christmas, a sophomore restaurant, hotel and institutional management major from Tyler and a member of the Air Force ROTC, said the troops in Iraq need things to take their mind off the war in Iraq.

"My brother just got back from Iraq, and he had been there for five months. It is funny how much they appreciate getting packages and hearing from people back home," she said.

Christmas said one of the reasons she wanted to send packages

to the troops in Iraq for the holidays is because many of them do not have families.

"Some of the troops don't have families, so they don't have anyone constantly saying we are proud of you or you're doing a great job, and that is so important," she said.

Many people have conflicting opinions about the Iraq war, and the troops take the heat for it, Christmas said.

"It doesn't matter if they want to be there or not, because they are doing it wholeheartedly, and we need to support our troops because they are just doing their job," she said.

Christmas said the best types of gifts to send the troops are silly toys one would play with as kids.

"We sent my brother race cars and silly putty, and the troops got a kick out of it. Anything to take their mind off of what is happening. They really appreciated it," she said.


Hamala said her floor is not just representing Hulen Hall, but Tech as a whole.

"I think what we are doing is great because we are representing the whole campus; we think about the troops on a daily basis and we want our troops to know that we care," she said.


Hamala plans on sending packages to the troops again in the spring.

"We are definitely going to do it again because it is a good cause. I like to promote community service in this hall because it is good for the girls and good for Tech as a whole," she said.

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Season about priceless gifts worth giving

Last Friday I witnessed something that made me question just how wonderful the Christmas season is.

It was bitter cold, and I'd just left my apartment to come to school. I was sitting in my car, waiting for it to warm up, wrapped up in my six layers of clothing.

As I pulled onto the street, I saw a boy, probably about 11 years old, walking to school. He was wearing shorts and a T-shirt. But what he was wearing was nothing compared to the deadened expression on his face. It was like he didn't care anymore because he didn't think anybody cared about him.

The sight broke my heart, and I wanted to pull over and offer him a ride, give him my coat or take him home and make him warm. But I couldn't, or didn't, do any of it. And that broke my heart even more.

We live in the most advanced, and wealthiest, nation in the world. Even as a poor college student who struggles to pay bills each month, I am better off financially than many people throughout the world.

No matter how much we all complain, most of us are not destitute. We have clothes, we eat three meals a day and we fill up our cars when we run out of gas. We can survive.

So many others cannot. That boy should not have had to leave his house that morning dressed like that. I tried to tell myself that he had just had a fight with his parents, or he was being a rebel, or he had some choice in the matter, but I didn't do a very good job of it.

But instead of dwelling on the past, I'm looking ahead with a few Christmas wishes for the season.

I want to make up for this incident by helping someone else. Somewhere in my Christmas shopping this year I want to find time and money to buy a gift and give it to one of the many Toys for Tots collectors.

So many parents don't have the money to buy Christmas presents, and their children, many of whom are too young to understand a suffering economy, layoffs and overdue bills, just know that their friends are getting presents from

Heidi Toth



Santa Claus and they are not, and they wonder if they have been bad.

I want to do the Twelve Days of Christmas for someone who will be spending Christmas alone. Christmas was never meant to be a single holiday — it's meant to spend quality time with family, friends and loved ones.

But not everyone is as lucky as me, who will be spending my holiday surrounded by my parents, brothers, sisters and the cat and the dog. The least I can do for those people is to let them know that somebody does care about them and is wishing them a merry Christmas.

I want to dump all my change, and

maybe a couple of dollars, into the Salvation Army buckets outside of stores. I know those bells can get annoying, but those people epitomize the idea of Santa Claus. That money is going to feed hungry people.

I hope I remember how that feels the next time I skip a meal for whatever reason and remember that some people don't have the option of going hungry; it is simply a way of life.

I want to volunteer at a homeless shelter. Once finals are over I'm going to have an abundance of time to fill, and serving others is one of the best ways to do it.

I want to go Christmas caroling to the people who have really made a difference in my life.

I want to truly appreciate the gifts in my life, which aren't wrapped and nestled under a lighted tree.

Instead, they are the wonderful people I work with, the friends who listen to me when I need to brag, complain or cry, my family who supports me through thick and thin.

The best Christmas present I could ask for is more time with my father, who was diagnosed with cancer 27 months ago and according to every doctor should have

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died two years ago.

The gifts that mean the most to me are the people who make me a better person just by my knowing them.

I heard something else Tuesday morning that restored my faith in humanity. I was listening to Kidd Craddick's morning show, and I tuned in just in time for their Christmas wishes program, as they called a woman with two children who could not afford presents and told her the radio show would provide the presents and Christmas dinner.

As I listened to the grateful recipient cry, I couldn't help but join her as I realized just what that meant to her and to her family. For her 7-year-old, having a dirt bike would make his day.

But for her, knowing she had a friend who cared enough about her to call the show and ask for this, and knowing there were people who wanted to help, probably gave her the real Christmas spirit, the one we should all be feeling.

It's the warm fuzzy one that doesn't come from eggnog, but instead comes from love.

I just hope that this morning, that boy I saw last week and others like him are not out in the cold.

Merry Christmas!

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Good luck on finals and have a safe and happy holiday

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Jason Lenz



It's hard for me to fathom, but my time as a paid employee for *The University Daily* has finally come to an end.

For the past three semesters, I have been a sports reporter, but now, with a semester of student teaching ahead of me, the time has come to move on. In my final column as a sports reporter, I would like to take some time to share with you what I've learned and experienced.

First, I want to apologize to each team I've ever covered, with the exceptions of cross country, and track and field. Although I was certainly unaware of this problem when I became a sports writer, it turned out I cursed each beat I had, except for the two aforementioned, who improved tremendously on my watch. Let's recap the others though.

Last fall Texas Tech soccer entered the season with relatively high expectations. Spirits were high, and a berth in the Big 12 Conference Tournament seemed to be in the cards. After starting the season 2-0, including a victory over a solid Syracuse program, the Red Raiders collapsed, losing 17 straight to close the year.

Then last spring I covered baseball. The Raiders are led by one of the greatest coaches in collegiate baseball history in Larry Hays, who has made Tech one of the nation's preeminent places for baseball.

Unfortunately for the Raiders, though, they had drawn me as their beat writer. The Raiders did not make the NCAA Tournament and only won one series in all of conference play. Following the season, the most common term used by the players and coaches to describe the year was disappointing.

This semester it seemed the fates might be prepared to change their mind, as Tech volleyball entered the year with a spirit of optimism. Led by a junior and a senior outside hitter and a junior setter, all with good experience, the talented group had high hopes.

However, the theme continued as injuries devastated the team and the squad was knocked out of contention for the NCAA Tournament roughly midway through the season.

By the way, this semester the soccer team logged three victories, including two in conference play. One of those wins was against Missouri, the team who upset Colorado, the best team in the conference, in the Big 12 Tournament.

I guess we'll have to wait to see how the baseball and volleyball teams fare, but I wouldn't be surprised if they both win the Big 12.

Despite the struggles of the teams I have covered, I look at my tenure as a writer as one of the best experiences of my life. Here are just a few things I have learned.

First, athletes and coaches can be pretty damn funny at times. One such example came from a cross country runner who, after I did a story about Benson Cheserek, a

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runner from Kenya, lightheartedly commented, "I wish I was from Kenya so I could have a story written about me." Believe me, that's just one example of many.

Another recurring theme is how people often think they are far more interesting than they really are. We'll have people call us all the time demanding that we do some sort of story on them because what they're doing, for instance studying the mating habits of squirrels, is so unbelievably cool...to them. I'm not going to criticize someone for being interested in a discipline, but just because you and your friends think it's the most exciting thing ever doesn't mean everyone else will.

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Finally, I have forged some genuine friendships because when one works for *The UD*, one's co-workers inevitably become one's social circle as well.

As a result, I could almost always count on a little *UD* drama to keep things interesting. More importantly, I could always count on my fellow employees for a few laughs to lift my spirits.

Though I'm no longer one of their co-workers, the people I leave behind at *The UD* are still my friends. I'm gonna miss you guys (tear).

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View from another university

Confessions of a typical nice guy

By Kevin Collins
Daily Pennsylvanian

(U-WIRE) PHILADELPHIA — There are, in my experience, two types of rejection. First is the de facto denial of avoidance. Say, for example, every time you try to move conversation from her questions about your common class to weekend plans, she immediately remembers an unspecified "something" that she must run off to do. The unavoidable translation leaves a sinking feeling in your stomach as you walk away.

Cues are not always so clear though. Mixed signals befuddle men's minds and just generally mean trouble, for when we read them wrong and ask a girl out for coffee or similar pleasantries, rejection arrives overtly.

It's much like how I imagine Wile E. Coyote must feel after running off the side of a cliff, only to look down and see nothing but air between him and the canyon floor; he shrugs and begins his whistling fall to the crash far below.

You see that look in her eyes, hear the awkward pause in her voice and know what she's going to say. In that stark moment of realization, you miss hearing all the words she says except for the one that matters: "Friends."

Whhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhh. Splat.

Of course, there are plenty of guys without such problems; this column mostly applies to one subgroup of my gender: "Nice Guys." The Nice Guy is the one who walks you women to Freshgrocer for Kleenex and Haagen-Dazs to reassure you not all men are jerks.

We listen, laugh and do our best to make you laugh. We'll help you out with your paper even though we have to write our own as well. We put you first because that's what friendship means, even if "friends" follows "just."

Alternatively, you might know us by our wistfully optimistic music: Counting Crows, Coldplay and Maroon 5 for good days, with David Gray and Dash-Dash Confessional in reserve for the not-so-good days. We own and constantly reference "Casablanca" and

"High Fidelity" (well, that might just be me), and our literacy extends well beyond Maxim.

The Nice Guy can be understood best by contrast to his opposite. At Penn's recent Model U.N. conference, I met the person who embodies all I'm not: Herr Eurotrash, as I will refer to this staff member, had hands that quickly attached themselves to the body of whichever woman was nearest at the time, regardless of whether she wanted them there or not.

Over the course of the conference, I personally saw his florescent orange-shirted arm wrap around at least 10 different women, most with anxiety visible on their faces. He blatantly grabbed one female staffer's ass, claiming afterwards that he "tripped," and at another point was alone in a hotel room with two naked 40-year-old drunk women. Isn't sketchiness grand?

Herr Eurotrash was attempting what I will charitably call the direct approach. Even if it fails 49 times out of 50, the ass-grab is time- and cost-efficient because he can find out real damn fast if she's interested in hooking up — considerations Wharton student Herr Eurotrash probably takes into account.

There are also hot-yet-sketchy guys who are currently interviewing candidates for their hookup waitlists, and if that's what you want, I can forward your application. Furthermore, there are also those who don't take the risk to ask that girl out, and such a spinal deficiency is a common criticism of Nice Guys.

I am uniquely me, yet just like other Nice Guys: real people who go unnoticed all around you. The only difference is that I have a column.

Honestly, I'm not bitter. Really, I'm not; sometimes things just don't work out, a fact that I fully understand and for which I blame no one. And somewhere, there's someone who thinks in the same ways as me. To quote Adam Luvitz, "All my friends and lovers leave me behind. I'm still looking for a girl."

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Packing on the pounds not holiday tradition

By Beth Aaron/Staff Reporter

It is no secret that packing on the pounds can make some people's holidays blue.

However, Courtney Bruce, a freshman pre-pharmacy major from South Lake, said she is not worried about gaining weight when she goes home for the holidays.

"It's not that big of a deal to me, really," she said. "Everyone puts on weight during the holidays."

Bruce said she is fairly active while in school, and she is sure if she does indulge during the holidays, taking off extra pounds will be a snap.

"I know that I'll end up taking whatever I gain off after I gain it," she said. "If I gain a pound, I gain a pound - I'm not really concerned."

Brent Shriver, associate profes-

sor of food and nutrition, said balance is the key to maintaining a healthy weight in spite of tempting holiday trimmings.

"It's simple in theory, maybe not so simple in practice," he said. "(People) need to be aware what their habits are going to be."

Shriver said as long as people watch their food intake and realize they are gaining weight, losing the weight should be fairly simple if they are prepared to work for it.

"If you're going to have an ex-

tra piece of pie or an extra serving of turkey," he said, "plan on doing some extra exercise as well."

Shriver said if a person is expecting to eat a large dinner, they should take care in eating a small breakfast and a small lunch in anticipation of the larger meal later.

He said when dessert time rolls around, people should enjoy them in small portions.

"Desserts are the ones where people need to focus," he said.

"Pumpkin pie tends to be a little bit lower (in calories) than pecan. Nuts have a lot of calories."

Shriver suggested watching the use of gravy, because of its high fat content, and eating more white turkey meat rather than dark meat because white meat has a slightly lower fat content.

"Take the skin off," he said. "Be careful about that. Try to control the amount of extra things you're eating."

Shriver said people should also take notice of how many calories they are consuming when sipping on holiday eggnog or watching the big game with a beer in hand.

"Alcoholic beverages have calories," he said. "Any source of calories is going to promote weight gain."

Cutting alcohol out of one's diet is a good way to make a step in the right weight loss direction, Shriver said.

The caloric content of alcohol is often overlooked, and it is not a needed source of nutrients, he said.

The average amount of weight a person will gain during the holiday season, beginning with Thanksgiving, Shriver said, is anywhere from 3 to 7 pounds.

"If you put it on and don't take it off, it becomes a problem," he said. "People need to take corrective action so that it doesn't accumulate over time. Lose that and get back to normal - don't let it compound."

Shriver said strenuous activity is not necessary to burn away holiday pounds.

Walking the dog, ice skating or walking around the mall are alternatives to the gym.

"Anything where you're moving around," he said. "If you fall into a trap, go to the gym."



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— BRENT SHRIVER
Associate Professor of Food and Nutrition

8 soldiers injured in Iraqi suicide bomber attacks; military repulses both bombers

TALAFAR, Iraq (AP) — The U.S. military repulsed two suicide attacks on American bases Tuesday — one in the far north and a second in Baghdad — thwarting bombers with stepped-up defenses after a series of deadly suicide attacks stretching back to August.

Only eight U.S. soldiers had to be evacuated for treatment in both attacks, the latest in the string of suicide missions that have hit mainly non-American targets.

Near Fallujah, 30 miles west of the capital, witnesses said guerrillas hit a U.S. reconnaissance helicopter with a rocket-propelled grenade, forcing it to make a hard landing. The two crew members walked away, the military said.

The attack on this base 30 miles north of Mosul occurred at 4:45 a.m. when an explosives-packed car drove to the base gate. Guards there and in a watchtower opened fire on the vehicle. Moments later it exploded, leaving a large crater just outside the base gate.

Col. Michael Linnington, commander of the 3rd Brigade, 101st Airborne Division, which controls the Mosul region and the area west to the Syrian border, said the attacker's remains were "all over the compound."

Maj. Trey Cate, spokesman for the 101st Airborne Division, said 59 soldiers were injured.

"Eight soldiers were medically evacuated, of which four were sent to Baghdad," Cate said. The other 51 soldiers were slightly injured by debris and flying glass, he said.

Several Iraqis were injured, including a translator at the base. The blast damaged nearby homes. A 2-year-old girl was among many civilians hurt by flying glass.

The early morning blast occurred when most soldiers were still in their barracks, and there was no traffic around the gate.

Pieces of the attacker's car were scattered hundreds of yards away. A school across the street from the military compound was heavily damaged, but no pupils were injured. School was not yet in session.

Hazem Ismail, a 40-year-old school teacher, said several pieces of the car hit his house, shattering the window of room where his five children were sleeping.

"The kids woke up terrified from their beds, but thank God none of them were harmed," he said.

Later Tuesday, the second suicide attacker blew himself up outside a U.S. Army compound near Baghdad, slightly injuring two soldiers, the military said.

A man acting suspiciously walked toward the gates of the base in Husseinia, 15 miles northeast of Baghdad, said Maj. Josslyn Aberle, a U.S. military spokeswoman. When military police opened fire after the man refused to stop, he blew himself up.

Suicide attackers in Iraq have seldom, if ever, attempted attacks with explosives attached to their bodies. Vehicle bombs have been the norm.

Also Tuesday, the military reported three U.S. soldiers from the 2nd Infantry Division's 3rd Brigade died and one was injured in an accident when an embankment collapsed beneath their armored personnel carriers north of Baghdad.

The deaths bring to 448 the number of U.S. soldiers who have died in Iraq since the U.S.-led invasion on

March 20. Of those, 308 have died as a result of hostile action.

In Baghdad, three people were killed and two were injured early Tuesday when a bomb exploded in the courtyard of a mosque in western Baghdad, police said. Firefighters said the bomb consisted of two or three rocket-propelled grenades that had been placed near the wall of the mosque.

"Those who carried out the attack have nothing to do with any religion," said Farouk Khamis, the mosque's imam. "They are ordinary criminals who targeted believers doing their prayers."

Ahmed Hussein, the mosque's prayer leader, said the explosion occurred at 6:45 a.m. and that it damaged the building and several cars parked nearby.

Giving a boost to the U.S.-led occupation, Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi's Cabinet on Tuesday approved a plan to send about 1,000 soldiers to help in Iraq's recon-

struction in that nation's biggest overseas troop deployment since World War II.

The Japanese troops will go to southeastern Iraq, where they will restore water services, offer medical and other humanitarian assistance and help rebuild schools.

The troops will involve elements of Japan's land, sea and air forces and were to begin leaving within the month.

After the Cabinet meeting, Koizumi told the nation the troops were necessary. Opposition leaders say the move could draw the troops into combat and violate Japan's postwar pacifist constitution.

"We are not going to war," Koizumi said. "The situation in Iraq is severe. We know it is not necessarily safe. But our Self-Defense Forces must still fulfill this mission."

On Tuesday, guards at the embassy of Bangladesh in Baghdad said the ambassador and his staff had left the country. There was no immediate ex-

planation for the departure.

In Saddam Hussein's hometown of Tikrit, U.S. troops arrested eight suspects in pre-dawn raids Tuesday.

Three of those captured were believed to have ties to guerrilla cells attacking American troops and Iraqi civilians, the U.S. military said.

"They were involved in bomb making and bomb placing activities...and we have found evidence to suggest that is true," said Lt. Col. Steve Russell, commander of the 1st Battalion, 22nd Infantry Regiment of the 4th Infantry Division, which is based here. "We were after trigger-pullers this time."

U.S. soldiers have been battling guerrillas in Tikrit for months, raiding homes and villages in an attempt to round up those organizing and funding the ambushes, and those building and placing roadside bombs that have killed or wounded dozens of soldiers.

Student Community Committee meets to discuss housing ordinance

The Student Community Committee of Lubbock is hosting its next meeting at 5 p.m. today in the Student Government

Association's Conference Room of the Texas Tech Student Union Building.

The main topic of interest deals with the Lubbock ordinance of more than two unrelated people living in a single-family residence. The SGA Zoning Law Task Force will be discussing their opinions about repealing the ordinance.

Colton Batchelor, SGA external vice president, said the meeting is open to the public.

"This is the third meeting of the

year for this committee," he said. "It's open to the public, but people will be asked to leave if they get out of line during the meeting."

Batchelor added the committee was designed to make students' voices heard in the community.

"We want Lubbock to be a student friendly community," he said. "We want to better other citizens' perceptions, and one of the ways is to become a community member."

Another issue the committee will tackle is finding ways to make Lubbock a more student-friendly area, which directly relates to the Lubbock zoning ordinance.



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Texas executes No. 25 for year

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) — Confronted by gunman Billy Frank Vickers and asked if he wanted to die, Arthur City grocery store owner Phillip Kinslow had his own gun in his pickup truck and was quick to respond with the same question.

Then both men opened fire. Kinslow, 50, wound up with three wounds March 12, 1993. One was a fatal shot to the chest. Vickers, who never got the bag of money Kinslow had with him, also took three bullets but survived, was arrested and condemned for the slaying.

He died Tuesday night. Vickers was the 25th condemned prisoner to receive lethal injection this year in Texas and the first of three scheduled to die this week.

Vickers already was a career criminal with numerous convictions and prison terms when he and a couple of buddies set out to rob the Lamar County grocery store owner.

They'd inspected his store several times and watched his pattern of taking a money bag with him home to a rural area outside Arthur City, about

120 miles northeast of Dallas and just south of the Red River that divides Texas from Oklahoma.

"It didn't go the way it was supposed to," one of the robbers' girlfriends would testify at Vickers' trial.

Vickers, arrested the next day hobbling on makeshift crutches about two miles from the shooting scene, gave a written confession to police, according to court records.

"With his past ... in my opinion, this is exactly what the capital murder sentencing scheme was for," said Kerje Ashmore, a prosecutor at Vickers' capital murder trial. "And the death penalty, he's just a poster child for it."

Vickers, now 58, insisted in a re-

cent death row interview that he was not responsible for Kinslow's death.

"I'm innocent," he told *The Paris News*. "I never confessed to shooting anyone."

In appeals, Vickers' lawyers argued the evidence was insufficient to tie him to Kinslow's fatal wounds.

A bullet taken from Vickers' knee came from Kinslow's .38-caliber pistol. His shoe print was found at Kinslow's gate. A hat found nearby had hairs that matched his hair. And .22-caliber hollow-point shells found at his home matched the bullets fired at Kinslow.

"There was too much and he was nailed," Ashmore said, disputing Vickers' claims of innocence. "It was pretty clear cut on guilt-innocence.

And by the time we proved up his priors on punishment, I think the jury saw its duty pretty clearly."

Vickers first went to prison in 1967, getting a 2 1/2-year term for burglary. Then he picked up at least two more burglary convictions, plus multiple arson convictions and a federal gun possession conviction.

"He certainly ruined some lives," Ashmore said. "I've tried six death penalty cases, and he certainly is high on the list of bad folks I've dealt with in 20 years of prosecuting."

Tommy Perkins, 51, who was with Vickers at the shooting scene, received a life prison term. Jason Martin, 34, who was supposed to be the getaway driver and was waiting a short distance away when the gunfire erupted, got 25 years.

On Wednesday, Kevin Lee Zimmerman, 42, was set to die for the 1987 fatal stabbing and robbery of a California man at a Beaumont motel. On Thursday, Bobby Lee Hines, 31, was set for injection for the 1991 robbery and fatal stabbing of a woman at a Dallas apartment.

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— KERJE ASHMORE
Prosecutor

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DAVID JOHNSON/Staff Photographer

IAN THOMAS, A first-year graduate student from Pennsylvania, makes ceramic baby toys to border a screen print he is making for his graduate screen printing class, as associate professor of art Juan Granados gives him an individual critique.

Nightclub owners indicted for manslaughter for February fire

WARWICK, R.I. (AP) — The owners of the nightclub where 100 people were killed in a fire last February were indicted on involuntary manslaughter charges Tuesday along with the tour manager for the heavy metal band whose pyrotechnics ignited the blaze.

Club owners Jeffrey and Michael Derderian and Great White tour manager Dan Biechele were each charged with 200 counts of involuntary manslaughter — two for each death.

All three men pleaded innocent during an arraignment in which bail was set.

Attorney General Patrick Lynch planned to meet with reporters later to comment on the indictments. He was not available for immediate comment.

The indictment marks the first criminal charges to result from the Feb. 20 fire at The Station nightclub. About 200 people were injured in what was one of the deadliest nightclub fires in the nation's history.

The fire started after the pyrotechnics were shot off just seconds into Great White's first song, quickly igniting the highly flammable foam that had been placed around the stage as soundproofing. Thick smoke quickly spread through the club and within minutes, the one-story, wooden building was engulfed in

flames, trapping clubgoers as they rushed toward the same exit.

The cause of the fire was known almost immediately, and the victims' final moments were captured by a local television cameraman who was gathering footage for a story on safety in public places.

While the band maintained it received permission to set off the fireworks, the club owners insisted permission was never given.

Members of Great White, who have been named in several civil suits, were not charged by the grand jury. Great White was a popular band during the 1980s heavy metal era, with hits such as "Once Bitten, Twice Shy" and "Rock Me."

The band's guitarist, Ty Longley, was

among those killed in the fire. The fire in the blue-collar community of West Warwick, about 12 miles south of Providence, seemed to touch everyone in this small state.

"They say there are six degrees of separation in this world. In Rhode Island, there's a degree and a half," Lynch said after the blaze. "The pain rips through this community quicker than any other."

Authorities investigated the blaze for more than nine months, picking through the charred remains of the site for evidence and interviewing witnesses. They seized computers, documents, club records and appointment books from band members and the club's owners. Investigators also took inspection reports from the town and receipts from a foam manufacturer and collected dozens of

items from the site of the fire, including club doors, wiring, spray paint and foam samples.

In the wake of the fire, Gov. Don Carcieri called for emergency inspections of all public buildings similar to The Station nightclub, and the state formed a commission to investigate the blaze. State lawmakers passed stringent new fire-safety standards, including stricter rules on sprinkler requirements for older buildings.

The blaze also led other states to propose tougher fire regulations for nightclubs and prompted finger-pointing among local officials. Fire and building inspection reports released by the town of West Warwick never mention the foam that surrounded the stage, and the club had passed its last inspection — two months before the fire.

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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- Enthusiastic player
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- Colorado tributary
- Locked like a lion
- Small valley
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- Possesses
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- High-flyer of myth
- Backers
- "Unsafe at Any Speed" author
- Word of woe
- "My Gal"
- London landmark
- Maria, casually
- "la Douce"
- Incited
- Western Hemisphere
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White House hosts Christmas party for soldiers' children

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush told children of troops stationed overseas that the nation should be grateful for their parents' sacrifices.

The president and first lady then joined the dozens of children in a brightly decorated East Room on Monday to celebrate a White House Christmas party.

mas, with sugar plums, dancing candy canes and a dash of patriotism.

"We're really thankful for our blessings, and one of the great blessings of America is the fact that we're free," the president told the group of young children sitting on the floor. "We love our freedom. And we're blessed with great

people like your moms and dads, who are working to make sure we are free."

He told the children, many with parents serving in Afghanistan and Iraq, "Your loved ones are on a courageous mission."

First lady Laura Bush, who helped organize the event, gave the children a

short explanation of the story behind Piotr Tchaikovsky's Christmas classic, "The Nutcracker." The story, about a little girl and her toys that come to life and dance, was performed by the Washington Ballet and local ballet students.

As the president and Mrs. Bush watched the performance from a wooden bench, several young children climbed onto the bench with them. A little girl with a pacifier sat in Mrs. Bush's lap, and a little boy with an American flag on his sweat shirt sat with the president. Parents took pictures of their children with the Bushes during the performance.

Bush joked with the children before the performance that he had "the guards watching to make sure you weren't eating pieces of the gingerbread house." One of the White House decorations for Christmas is a 2-foot-high gingerbread house.

Mrs. Bush said on CNN's "Larry King Live" that the children at the Christmas party "have at least one parent deployed either in Afghanistan or in Iraq."

She said having those children visit the White House was particularly appropriate because "every holiday season is always slightly bittersweet for everyone because of people that aren't with them over the holidays."

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Students discuss plans for the holidays

By Jennifer Prieto/Staff Reporter

Texas Tech students are welcoming the upcoming break from school as a chance to get away and relax for a while, but many have not filled their holidays with road trips and big plans. They are staying home.

Nadine Spindler, a junior public relations major from Houston, said she is not doing anything exciting for Christmas, but she is looking forward to getting out of Lubbock.

"I'm just going home to Houston," she said. "I'm going to go spend time with my family, and I just need to spend some time out of this town."

She said Lubbock is a small town compared to Houston, and it is great to

get out and go to a big city sometimes.

Spindler said she is excited to see her two sisters during the break because she has not seen them in a long time.

"I have two sisters," she said. "One lives in Portland, Ore., and the other one lives in Washington, D.C., and it is going to be great to see them both."

Spindler said she wants to sit in her living room and eat all day because she will not be traveling during the break.

She said she did not ask for anything for Christmas, but money will be more than welcome.

Christmas shopping will be done after finals because she has not had time to go to the mall, she said. Finals are not a concern because the hardest part was finishing all the projects she had

last week.

Clint Pachar, a sophomore business major from Houston, said he is going home so he can relax and forget about school for at least two weeks.

He wants to go home and spend time with his family and some of his high school friends that he has not seen in a while.

"I didn't really ask for anything," he said. "The only thing I really want is money, but I know I won't get much. I can tell you that right now."

Pachar said he wants to go home and eat some homemade food. There is not one specific Christmas food that he likes or that his family makes, but he will eat whatever his mother makes.

Students should go and cheer on

Tech at the Houston Bowl, he said. It is going to be an exciting game, and Tech's football team needs students' support.

"The only thing I want for Christmas is for Texas Tech to (beat Navy) at the Houston Bowl," he said.

Procrastination is the way to go when it comes to Christmas shopping, he said, but he will buy his family's presents when he gets to Houston.

New Year's will be fun, he said. There might be some drinking, but it will mostly be a time to relax and wait for the year 2004.

Emily Morgan, a senior math major from Austin, said she will be going to Florida to go visit her grandmother.

"We go to Vero Beach every Christ-

mas because that's where my grandparents live," she said. "I don't like going there that much because there is not much to do."

She said it is fun to spend time with her family and share stories about what happened during the year.

Morgan said her family is funny so whatever they do, they always have a good time.

"Most of the time we end up watch-

ing movies, playing games and eating a whole lot," she said. "It's just fun being able to go walk on the beach in the morning and listening to my grandma tell me stories that she has told me a billion times before."

She said her perfect Christmas would be to have her family members who meet in Florida come to Austin so she can show her cousins a good Texas Christmas.

Extended Studies offers enriching courses for students

By Justin Vallejo/Staff Reporter

This holiday season, Texas Tech students, faculty and staff will have the opportunity to give the gift of learning.

The Division of Outreach and Extended Studies of Tech is making this possible by making gift cards for personal enrichment courses available.

The division offers educational programs to a variety of individuals including college students, K-12 students and adults.

As of now, a variety of personal enrichment courses from an array of personal interest topics are being made available for the spring semester.

Some of the topics the personal enrichment courses will cover include art, creative writing, theater and dance, leisure activities such as tree planting, introductory conversational Spanish, music, photography and relationships.

As well as enrichment courses, courses through the Lifelong Learning Community program and the Adults Connecting with Kids program are offered as extensions of the division.

All courses are open to the general

public but tend to attract a more mature audience, said Michele Moskos, marketing director for the division.

"We have a lot of participants from faculty and staff," she said. "We're kind of directing the courses to the faculty and staff."

Moskos said participants usually take the courses as a fun activity for their spare time.

"It's unique because you learn something new and have fun at the same time. It's a great idea for students whose parents live in Lubbock," Moskos said.

Moskos mentioned that one of the more popular courses is Introduction to Wine, which is one of the courses offered as a food and beverage type course.

She said courses are reasonably priced ranging from \$18 per course to \$89 per course, with Tech employees receiving a 10 percent discount.

Lisa Eggemeyer, a freshman pre-physical therapy major from Garden City, said the opportunity to take courses focused on personal interests sounds like a good idea.

She said she would be interested in

taking photography, relationship and food and beverage courses.

She believes learning about topics of her own interest can be a valuable experience.

"Personally, you'll probably get more out of it," Eggemeyer said.

Moskos said, The Adults Connecting with Kids program, designed to foster the well-being and development of children as well as promote the strengthening of relationships between family members and children, will feature courses such as mother and daughter belly dancing, social dining etiquette

and "May the force be with you: The Star Wars Phenomena."

Moskos wanted to make clear that personal enrichment courses taken by students cannot be taken to receive college credit, only for personal gain.

To purchase gift cards for courses or to get more information about the various courses offered through the Division of Outreach and Extended Studies Program visit the Web site at <http://www.dce.ttu.edu/ProfDev/> or call the office (806) 742-7200 ext. 270.

The office is located at 6901 South Quaker.

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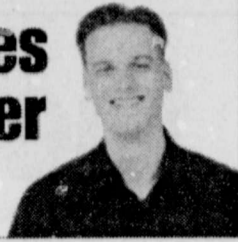
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Keaton, Nicholson offer much in 'Give'

Like it or not, the Baby Boomers are getting (gasp) older. So it only makes sense that Hollywood should start catering to a growing older audience. But writer and director Nancy Meyers ("What Women Want") has managed to produce a smart and sophisticated romantic comedy in "Something's Gotta Give" that manages to be appealing regardless of age or retirement status.

Jack Nicholson stars as Harry Langer, a man in his early 60s who claims to be an expert on women in their 20s—mainly because he has been dating them for more than 40 years. He is a rap/hip hop music mogul with a libido that could match a young pup yet to be neutered. His current girlfriend, Marin (Amanda Peet), has taken him out to her mother's beach house in the New York Hamptons because she is sup-

James Eppler



posed to be out of town. But Harry is caught with his pants down — literally — when Marin's mother, Erica (Diane Keaton), comes home unexpectedly.

Erica is less than thrilled that her daughter is dating this old fogey, but decides she must consent. She can only hope Harry will be gone soon.

Later that evening, they are forced to rush Harry to the hospital when he has a heart attack in the middle of fooling around with Marin. His doctor, (Keanu Reeves), recommends he stay

close to the hospital so he can keep an eye on him. Erica, against her will, is forced to let Harry stay at her house for a while.

Erica, who is a renowned playwright, decides to throw herself into the work of writing her new play. She is also being pursued by Harry's young doctor who has become enamored with her.

Gradually, Erica and Harry develop somewhat of a friendship, which then blossoms into mild affection, which then blooms into love. Harry is confused as to why his taste in women should change so drastically. Erica finds that she has an untapped sexual side.

We are in a different world in terms of romantic comedies. Before the love scene, she decides that it would be best to strap on the pump and take his blood pressure, which is then ripped off and tossed onto the ceiling rafters like a bra.

The two also decide that there is no better birth control than menopause.

The film relies heavily on the dialogue shared between the two characters rather than on action or sight gags.

But the film does go astray in the final third as Harry resorts to some of his old habits, and Erica decides to write a play about their relationship. The film even incorporates a "Six Months Later" bit that really does not work at all and only prolongs the inevitable end.

Even though the film has third act problems, Keaton and Nicholson remain charming throughout. Keaton is extremely sexy with a sense of vulnerability. Jack is, well, Jack, but he has now entered a point in his career with his recent films ("About Schmidt," especially) where he embraces his age. Both actors are admirable for their work here.

Diane Keaton is generating Oscar

rumoring for her performance in this film. While I admired her delightful and sometimes brave performance, (especially that nude scene), I am not so sure that it is better than Cate Blanchett in "The Missing" or Scarlett Johansson in "Lost in Translation." Keep in mind, also, that we have yet to see Julia Roberts in "Mona Lisa Smile" and Nicole Kidman and Renee Zellweger in "Cold Mountain."

As for "Something's Gotta Give," the film itself is just different enough to be worth seeing. It is not your typical boy meets girl, boy loses girl, boy gets girl back. It is more like boy dates girl's daughter, boy meets girl, boy has heart attack, boy gets girl, boy loses girl, boy has another heart attack and so on.

Despite the wayward third act, Meyers' film is still better than 80 percent of the romantic comedies that get churned out

of Hollywood these days and still manages to leave a sweet aftertaste. Opening Friday.

EPPLER'S RATING:



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

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New Year's resolutions can carry more weight than usual

By Nikki Siegrist/Staff Reporter

As the end of the year draws near, students start looking ahead to next year and what kind of changes they should be making in their lives.

New Year's resolutions are common, and while many plan to lose weight or quit smoking, some students are looking to improve themselves in other ways.

Amy Kubes plans to be nicer to her new sister-in-law. She is the youngest, and her five older brothers treat her like a princess, she said.

"I've never had a sister," said the junior broadcast journalism major from Fort Worth. "Since she's here, I'm not the princess anymore. She's the second, but hopefully by New Year's, I'll let her be a princess too."

To accomplish her goal, Kubes

said she would include her sister in more family events and make her feel more welcome by calling her more often and inviting her to lunch from time to time.

She does not plan to reward herself except in knowing she has made herself a better person.

"I'll be less jealous of another girl in the family," he said. "I'll learn new things because I've never been around a girl before except my mom."

She has fulfilled other resolutions in the past and thinks she can fulfill this one as well.

Brian Brigham wants to make better grades next semester.

"I want to make As across the board next semester," the sophomore human development and family studies major said. "That way I can graduate and get out of college."

He said he found a good place to study and will be able to accomplish his goals as well.

"I didn't have a place to study, and now I'll be able to enjoy the new Student Union," she said. "The modernness of it — it's not crammed in here like the library. No one is looking over your shoulder. I get to chill out, eat, drink and study."

He is motivated and said he does not want to live dependently anymore.

"I can be on my own," he said. "I won't be supported by anyone."

Last year he resolved to lose the weight he gained after moving out of the residence halls.

"I started living off-campus, and I started gaining weight," Brigham said. "I wanted to get rid of it."

Thirty-five pounds and a year

later, he has still kept the weight off.

He said he plans to reward himself with a trip to Las Vegas.

"It doesn't matter where anyone else wants to go," he said. "It's where I want to go."

Alan Korinek, associate director of the Employee Assistance Program in the department of neuropsychiatry at the Health Science Center, said one of the main reasons people make resolutions is the awareness that some things need to be improved upon or changed.

"Sometimes, there's a sense of, 'I need to do this, and I haven't been doing it,'" he said. "People ask themselves, 'what in my life is not what I want it to be?'"

Many people, he said, find keeping their resolutions hard because of many factors. They may make the

resolution for the wrong reason such as to please others, they may not be very passionate about the goal to begin with or they may lack the self-discipline to carry out the goal.

To carry out the goal, he recommends three steps.

He said making specific goals is very important. If someone wants to exercise more, the person should specifically want to exercise for 20 minutes three times a week.

Making the goal attainable is also important, he said. A person should start with small things and work up, such as eating a balanced meal while exercising more to lose weight. Also, make the steps simple and easy to achieve.

"The goal needs to be challenging," Korinek said. "On the other hand, if it's too difficult and unreal-

istic, it can lead to self-esteem issues. If it's easy to achieve, then I can be successful and success builds on success."

Lastly, making goals measurable, Korinek said, is important. A progress chart may be helpful, and tracking the progress a person makes will increase his or her motivation. Also, asking someone to hold the person accountable will help keep him or her on track and motivated.

"We need to find a way to motivate ourselves," he said. "If someone holds me accountable, then they motivate me. After the holiday, people tend to go into a funk. It's a natural post-adrenaline let down, and people don't have as much energy because resolutions are often made in the height of the season. (Motivation) is extremely important."

Study finds increasing numbers of acts of violence in mainstream television programming

NEW YORK (AP) — Fights, gun battles and blood are increasingly making their way into homes each night through television, according to a study

released Tuesday. The study by the Parents Television Council counted 534 separate episodes of prime-time violence on the six ma-

ajor broadcast networks during the first two weeks of the November ratings "sweeps" in 2002. That was up from 292 violent incidents during the same pe-

riod four years earlier, the organization said.

Although the study is slightly outdated, the PTC says preliminary data from last month shows the trend toward increased violence is continuing.

The violence is getting more serious, too. The study found 156 incidents where guns or other weapons were used during the two-week period in prime-time in 2002, up from 67 four years earlier.

"In both quantity and quality it is getting worse," said Brent Bozell, founder of the conservative media watchdog group. "I think it is a cause

for concern."

Fox narrowly beat CBS, 151 to 148, for having the most violent incidents, the PTC said, even though Fox broadcasts an hour less each night than ABC, CBS and NBC. Fox executives say they never comment on PTC studies, although they privately note that some of their more violent shows in 2002 have since been canceled.

Four of the networks — ABC, Fox, the WB and UPN — had more than double the violent incidents in 2002 than they had four years earlier, the study said.

NBC was the only network where

the level of violence went down, from 51 in 1998 to 42 last year, the PTC said. During the four-year period, CBS' forensics drama, "CSI: Crime Scene Investigation," became the nation's most popular television program. CBS has already completed one spin-off of its most successful show and is planning another.

At the same time, HBO's "The Sopranos" was one of the nation's most influential programs. Although its violence level wasn't studied here, the broadcast networks took note of the drama's success and tried to imitate it.

There was no immediate comment from the TV networks on the PTC's study.

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Raiders hope to beat zone against Frogs

By Matt Muench/Managing Editor

Today is the last day of classes. Review time is over as finals approach. The same concept is on the basketball court as Big 12 Conference play nears.

Tech's next opponent is Texas Christian at 7 p.m. today in the Red Christian Arena. It will be one of the United Raiders six-review assignments in non-conference play before the real test of Big 12 play beginning Jan. 10 at home against Oklahoma State.

Tech players could not be reached for comment Monday or Tuesday. Tech's (6-2) biggest problem in

the early season has been scoring.

After Tech scored 89 and 90 points in its first two games, the Raider offense have lost its grip on the ball. Here's the history.

The Raiders have not scored more than 70 points since their first two wins and the scoring problem has been early in games. Check in the stats. Tech is averaging 29 points in the first halves of the last six games.

One factor is the zone defense. Teams have been using the zone to make it easier to cover Bob Knight's motion offense that features numerous screens, a number of crosses and a lot of speed. But to beat the

zone, Tech has to hit outside shots to force a team back into the man-to-man defense. Problem is, the basket has not been friendly to the Raiders when they are shooting outside the paint.

"That's what I'd do if I was playing us," Knight said at Saturday's press conference. "We haven't shown yet that we can really shoot the ball. Until we show that we can really shoot the ball, why try to guard us? We're hard to guard if we're playing against man-to-man, we've proven that all along."

Tech had a low 37 percent shooting clip during its last game against New Mexico.

Tech center Robert Tomaszek was the only Raider who made friends with the basket as he hit 9 of 11 shots, most from 18-feet out to beat Tech's shooting zone.

Enter Tomaszek. "Suddenly I got the feeling, like last year. It's a great feeling, especially when the team needs somebody to shoot the ball," he said on Saturday.

Tech's leading scorer this season, Andre Emmett, liked what he saw concerning scoring balance on Saturday.

"I'm finally looking at a star sheet

where it's more than 1 for 2 and 1 for 6 and 1 for 5," Emmett said Saturday. "It's beautiful, man. I'm proud. I'm happy."

The Horned Frogs have been a walkthrough for the Raiders the last two seasons under Knight by beating them both times by more than 13 points. Early TCU results show the same result this season.

TCU is 2-4 after beating Stephen F. Austin Monday night. That win snapped a four-game losing streak which included losses to basketball power Kansas, but also mid-major McMurray State.

Tonight's game also will involve

the return of two former Raiders, junior guard Marcus Shropshire and senior guard Ronald Hobbs. Hobbs played at Tech from 1999-2001 under James Dickey.

During three of those six games, including Monday night when he scored 17 points, Shropshire has led the team in scoring. He left Tech for TCU after playing in Lubbock from 2000-02. He is averaging 9.5 points per game.

Tech also will have to keep an eye on Frogs' leading scorer Corey Santee. He put up 17 points against Tech last year and is pacing the TCU offense with 13 points per game.

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Assists with all aspects of client program, maintains client database and reports, detail-oriented, computer literate, excellent customer service skills, able to handle multiple tasks, bilingual preferred. High school graduate required, degree preferred. Full time hourly position (\$8-\$9hr) with benefits. Send resumes to Lubbock Meals on Wheels, 2304-34th St. Lubbock, Texas 79411 At:Human Resources.

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SEMESTER BREAK WORK

\$13 BASE/APPT. 1-5 week program, can continue in spring. Flex sched, sales/service, all ages 18+, conditions apply. Call AFAP 747-8440. www.workforstudents.com

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EXPERIENCE Rec Sports



Intramurals
Basketball

Special Events
Dead Day Fitness Jam
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Entries Due
January 22

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Dec. 11
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Did You Know?
The Student Rec Center and Facilities will close tomorrow, Dec. 11th at 7pm for our Student Appreciation Dinner.
Complete Holiday Hours Available at: www.recsports.ttu.edu

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Heartbeats

A quick pulse around the Rec Sports world...

Fitness Jam Tomorrow

Tomorrow is your time to take a moment to reduce your stress and have some fun. Come and workout with all your friends at the Fitness Jam at 5:30 pm in the Student Recreation Center. Be ready for some kickboxing, double step, hip hop and toning. It is free to all rec members so don't miss the fun!

2003 Slam... "Ice Cold"

Saturday's basketball tournament had a record field of 24 teams competing for the chance to be the 3rd Annual Winter slam champion. Once the day ended, Ice Cold captured this year's crown by defeating Austin B's Team in the finals 15 to 13. Prior to their final game, Ice Cold had a relatively easy time with their competition in pool play throughout the tournament. As for Austin B's Team, their road to the finals included three games that went the full 25-minute period to determine a winner. Members of Ice Cold are: Zach Egbert, John McFarlin, David Marvin, Brian Lobert, Clay Whitehead, Jacar Bray, Donnell Moore, and Victor Garza. Congratulations to these gentlemen for playing some excellent Basketball. The Intramurals department would also like to thank all the players who participated in this year's event.

Last Call For 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 or call 742-2949.

FITNESS/WELLNESS

Massages At The Rec

Licensed massage therapists are available each day from 3-7 pm through Wednesday, December 17. There is still time available for you to take a moment for yourself or to buy a gift certificate. Massage gift certificates are great for that special person in your life or that individual that you have no idea what to get for 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 treat a moment your fitness/well-being and take care of your Christmas shopping at the same time.

Group Exercise Finals Schedule

Dec. 11	5:30 pm	Fitness Jam
Dec. 12	12:10 pm	Step Express
	5:30 pm	Cardio Step
	5:30 pm	Shape & Tone
Dec 13	3:00 pm	Cardio Step
Dec 14	3:00 pm	Shape & Tone
Dec 15	12:10 pm	Step Express
	3:00 pm	Power Ball
	5:30 pm	Cardio Step
	5:30 pm	Shape & Tone
Dec 16	12:10 pm	Shape & Tone
	3:00 pm	Cardio Step
	5:30 pm	Total Body Conditioning
	5:30 pm	Power Ball

OUTDOOR PURSUITS

Winter Break Ski Rentals And Swap

Now is the time to start planning for your winter break ski trip. The Outdoor Pursuits is offering ski and snowboard rental packages over winter break. The Outdoor Pursuits has freshly tuned snowboards, new snowblades and new shaped skis for rent. The OPC will also be selling shaped ski December 8-17.

Package price includes: skis, boots, and poles or snowboard/snowblade and boots. Cost for a Wednesday, December 17, pick-up and a return date of Monday, January 5, is \$60 for skis or \$90 for snowboards/snowblades. Another option would be for December 17 pick-up and a return date of January 14. The cost for this option is ski \$84 and snowboards/snowblades \$105.

Choose Your Own Adventure...

Spring Break Canoeing

The Outdoor Pursuits is returning to the Lower Canyons of the Rio Grande for their annual Spring Break Canoeing Trip. The Lower Canyons near Big Bend National Park possesses some of Texas's most isolated and scenic river canyons. These canyons host many geological, historical and cultural features. This is your chance to experience the great outdoors on your Spring Break. This trip is targeted toward the experienced canoeist or the adventurous beginner.

Dates: March 13-21

How do I sign-up for Spring Break Trips?

To explore more, checkout our website at www.ttu.edu/reports 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.

For Spring Break!

Spring Break Backpacking

The OPC is offering a Gila Backpacking trip through southwest New Mexico. This trip will consist of 5 days hiking through alpine meadows, river 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.

Dates: March 13-21

2003 FALL SOCCER AND VOLLEYBALL INTRAMURAL CHAMPIONS

Outdoor Soccer "Out with the old, in with the new" was the motto used this year in intramural soccer. Not one team that won the All-U last year, won this year. The first team to make news was the residence hall champs, Massengil FC. They first knocked off open champs, Red Devils, and then followed that by beating the greek champ, Kappa Alpha. This is the first time, since the All-U was realigned, that a residence hall team won the All-U championship. In other finals, Phi-Lamb rallied the squad to a 3-1 victory over the Knockouts to capture the women's championship and Larry's BBQ topped Wankstaz. Larry's BBQ defeated Wankstaz 1-0 to capture the Co-Rec title.



Women's Champions: Phi-Lamb



Men's Champions: Massengil FC



Co-Rec Champions: Larry's BBQ

Volleyball Champions



Women's Champions: Chi Omega



Men's Champions: Beta Theta Pi 'A'



Co-Rec Champions: Crunk 4 Christ

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By maliciously pulling **false fire alarms** and discharging extinguishers, you are taking a chance that someone will receive bodily injury while attempting to evacuate. You are also causing residents to mistake a real alarm as false possibly resulting in lost lives.

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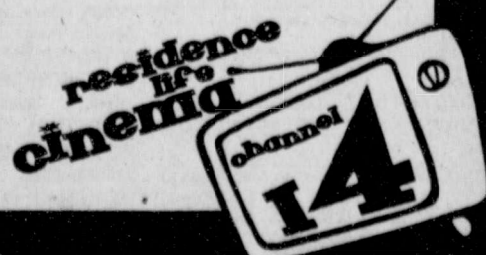
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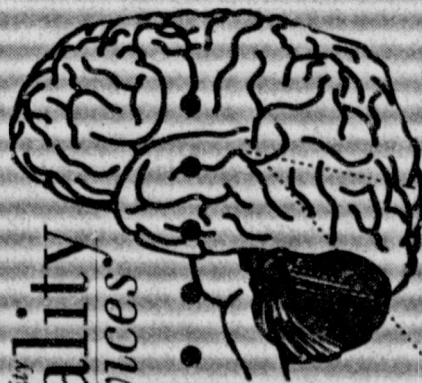
The Residence Life Cinema Programming Board is looking for new members to assist with movie programming for the spring semester. If you are interested in becoming a member, contact Cody Charles at codyk9@hotmail.com.

Want to request a movie? E-mail your request to reslife.cinema@ttu.edu.



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