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Citibus receives \$1.49 million for services

SPENDING PACKAGE: President Bush signs \$5 million spending package Friday for Tech, Lubbock.

By Sally Gunter/The University Daily

Texas Tech students will see additional buses on the Tech campus in 2005 as Citibus received \$1.49 million for new buses and the expansion of services on the Tech campus.

President George W. Bush signed a \$5 million spending package on Friday for Texas Tech and Lubbock.

"We needed that for the expanded buses on campus," said John Wilson, general manager for Citibus. "We are more short on some days, and now we can increase the fleet to meet the needs of the university."

The bus company will also receive \$230,000 for the Job Access Reverse Commute program that helps low-income resi-

dents travel to employment across town and during the night shift, Wilson said. An additional route, Route 25, will extend from 19th Street to 24th Street, passing by the Tech campus.

The 14 new buses will be full-sized, low floor with an alternative-fuel, he said. Although the ultra low sulfur diesel will be more expensive to buy, it will be cheaper to maintain, and the mechanics will not have to re-train, Wilson said.

Citibus could receive the additional buses as soon as Jan. 31, 2005, Wilson said.

Citibus employs 110 drivers and operates 80 revenue vehicles, including 24 vans for the

night shift on campus.

"These services will help improve the quality of life for community members and ensure Tech can meet the needs of its growing student population," said Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas, who help push the federal funding.

The other part of the federal funding will be split between two Tech projects.

Tech will receive \$994,100 for the Institute for Forensic Sciences.

The Institute for Forensic Sciences was established in 2003 with federal start-up funding.

The institute features a toxicology laboratory and advanced telecommunications which will be continuously modified to allow authorities to view autopsies without leaving town, said Glen Provost, vice president for health policy at the Health Science Center.

"The new funding is going to be used to utilize a number of things," he said. "It's going to involve research, education and forensic services."

The funding will further develop the forensic toxicology that identifies the chemicals contributing to a person's death, Provost said.

The Institute for Forensic Sciences performs the duties of the medical examiner's office and performs autopsies for Lubbock, he said.

Degree programs in forensic science will be developed as well as training on forensic techniques for law enforcement and judiciary departments, Provost said.

A conference will be held in late summer to inform the media of the techniques and technology of forensics.

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FEDERAL FUNDING

\$1.9 million
for Experimental Sciences Building

\$994,100
for TTU Institute for Forensic Sciences

\$1.49 million
for Citibus expansion

\$230,000
for Citibus night route

\$397,640
for ITS system

TURF TESTING



DAVID JOHNSON/The University Daily

STUDENT ASSISTANT PAUL Madewell, a senior turf grass management major from Aledo, separates two different samples of buffalo grass from each other in the Horticulture greenhouse Tuesday before trimming the grass shorter. The two samples will be taken out to the Jerry S. Rawls Red Raider Golf Course in the spring and plugged into 4 feet by 4 feet squares to test which grows the best in that environment.

Student Response

Tech reacts to graduation contract proposal

By Beth Aaron/
The University Daily

A new graduate-on-time plan proposed by Texas Tech's President Jon Whitmore is aimed at giving incoming freshmen incentive to graduate from college within four years.

However, current Tech students wonder what will be done to help them.

Meghan Lairson, a junior public relations major from Dallas, said though she likes the idea of attempting to help students spend less on tu-

ition by graduating on time, she believes there should be incentive for everyone to do so.

"Every plan has to start somewhere," she said. "I think it's a plan on its way to becoming something good," she said. "I don't think it's fair that freshmen get to utilize a plan and nobody else does."

In order to be effective, Whitmore said the plan must start at the beginning of a student's career. He said students should make similar contracts with themselves.

"(Current students) can create



(their) own contract and stick to it," he said. "The same principle applies," he said. "If a current student would apply the principle of taking at least

15 credit hours a semester, or taking summer school to catch up - the whole idea of the plan is to keep on track."

The four-year contract being offered to incoming freshmen would put a burden both on the student and the university. Students who sign the agreement will be required to take at least 15 hours per semester. However, there is no penalty for betraying the contract.

Sammie Stavlo, a junior commu-

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Political News

Kerry wins New Hampshire primary; Dean finishes second

MANCHESTER, N.H. (AP) — John Kerry overpowered Howard Dean to win New Hampshire's primary Tuesday, scoring a second-straight victory to establish the four-term senator as the Democratic Party's presidential front-runner.

"I ask Democrats everywhere to join us so we can defeat George W. Bush and the economy of privilege," Kerry told supporters, promising to "reduce the poverty of millions rather than reducing the taxes of millionaires."

Sen. John Edwards of North Carolina and retired Army Gen. Wesley Clark were in a distant race for third. Sen. Joe Lieberman of Connecticut,

sagging to fifth place, rejected advice from some advisers to abandon his bid.

After trooping through coffee shops, country stores and living rooms of Iowa and New Hampshire, the candidates now move to the cold realities of a national campaign — airport rallies and multimillion-dollar ad buys in seven states holding contests next Tuesday.

Kerry, who reshaped the race with his stunning win in Iowa's caucuses Jan. 19, steams toward the cross-country contests emboldened by the aura of success to argue that he is the candidate best suited to oust President Bush in November.

With 87 percent of the precincts reporting,

Kerry had 39 percent, Dean had 26 percent, Clark 13 percent, Edwards 12 percent, and Lieberman 9 percent.

Dean, the former five-term governor of Vermont who finished third in Iowa, lost New Hampshire by double digits — less than he needed for a complete rebound or to erase doubts about his viability.

He did manage about twice as many votes as either Edwards or Clark, and found solace in gaining a bit of ground since his disastrous Iowa finish and shrill election-night address.

Dean kept his emotions in check Tuesday night,

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Student Affairs

SGA discusses adding gathering areas on campus

By Andrew Bell/The University Daily

When Texas Tech President Jon Whitmore came to the university, he noticed there was something missing from campus.

With a campus of just fewer than 30,000 students, Whitmore realized there were not many places for students to gather and relax in their spare time away from class. So the administration and executive officers of the Student Government Association will be working closely together to develop a plan to provide this luxury to students. The proposed plan is to develop external gathering areas for students.

Vice President for Student Affairs Michael Shonrock said the grouped benches would serve as gathering pavilions that would create a good place for students to be on campus.

"We want to create an environment where you feel belonged," he said. "The question is — what direction can we provide for Tech?"

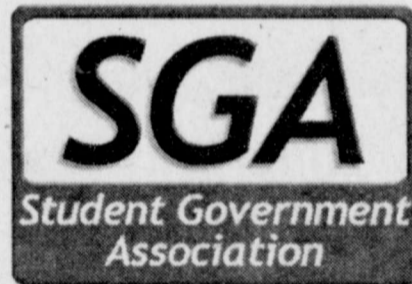
Vice President for Operations Max Hinojosa said the proposed areas would not only have benches for students but tables, as well. The gathering areas would be located in areas on campus where there is shade so students would have a place to take a break and take advantage of the arid climate during the spring and summer.

New gathering areas built on campus could be ideal for commuter students because the students could find places to stay on campus without having to shuffle back and forth between residences and Tech, Hinojosa said.

"It doesn't make sense for students to walk back to their car, drive back to their apartment, go home and come back when we can have areas put in the shade where students can relax in between classes," he said.

When the gathering pavilions are built, the university would use a special South American wood ensuring the benches would last and not rot.

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State News

UT recommends cap on top 10 percent applicants

■ Task force wants cap as part of strategy to control the university's growing population

AUSTIN (AP) — A University of Texas task force wants the Legislature to put a cap on the number of students admitted under a law guaranteeing admission for those who graduated in the top 10 percent of their high school class.

The recommendation is part of a strategy to gain control over the university's ballooning population. UT is the nation's largest single-campus university based on enrollment.

A report from the Task Force on Enrollment Strategy released Monday recommends lowering enrollment from 51,438 to 48,000 over the next five years.

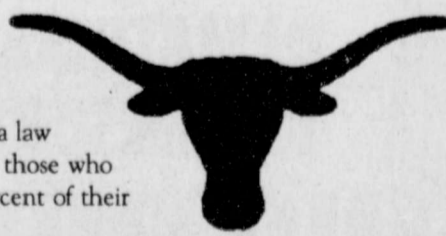
The task force recommends lobbying the Legislature to cap the top 10 percent applicants at 60 percent of enrollment. From 1998 through 2003, the number of top 10 percent freshmen enrolling through automatic admission has increased to 65 percent.

The Legislature passed the top 10 percent rule as a means to diversify colleges without a race-based admissions policy.

The task force will take public input for 45 days before meeting with university President Larry Faulkner to discuss implementing the recommendations.

"At stake is our ability to offer Texans educational programs comparable with the best in America, but in an affordable, public context," Faulkner said.

The 19-member task force also endorsed the university's recent recommendation to the UT System that race and ethnicity be among the criteria considered in the holistic review of applicants for admission to the university.



Judge throws out lawsuit from slaves' descendants

CHICAGO (AP) — A federal judge on Monday dismissed a lawsuit brought by descendants of slaves against corporations they say profited from slavery, saying the plaintiffs had established no clear link to the companies they targeted.

The court still left the door open for further litigation.

"Plaintiffs' attempt to bring these claims more than a century after the end of the Civil War and the formal abolition of slavery fails," U.S. District Judge Charles R. Norgle said.

He said the plaintiffs' claims "are beyond the constitutional authority of this court." He said the suit alleged no specific connection between the plaintiffs and the companies named as defendants.

The ruling dismissed the case "without prejudice," meaning the slave descendants seeking reparations from U.S. companies can file an amended complaint.

Lionel Jean-Baptiste, a lawyer representing two women who are descendants of slaves, said he expected to do exactly

that. "I had an expectation that this would happen," Jean-Baptiste said after Norgle released his opinion.

The lawsuit was first filed in U.S. District Court in New York in 2002 and later moved to Chicago. The suit names companies like the Lehman Brothers brokerage firm, Aetna Insurance and R.J. Reynolds Tobacco, saying they or their corporate ancestors made money off slavery. Lawsuits filed around the country seeking reparations for slavery have been combined into a single court action.

In his opinion, Norgle acknowledged "the historic injustices and the immorality of the institution of human chattel slavery in the United States."

He said longstanding doctrine in matters involving political questions "bars the court from deciding the issue of slavery reparations, an issue that has been historically and constitutionally committed to the legislative and executive branches of our government."



Texas groups suing to protect salamanders

AUSTIN (AP) — A lawsuit by Central Texas environmentalists and others seeks to force the federal government to determine whether six pesticides detected in a popular swimming hole are harming endangered salamanders.

The Save Our Springs Alliance sued the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on Monday in Washington, contending it has repeatedly failed to consider the extent to which common pesticides may be harming certain endangered species.

The Center for Biological Diversity, a Tucson, Ariz.-based group, joined in the lawsuit.

The suit urges a federal court to force the EPA to assess the risks and determine appropriate safeguards in consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

The USFWS has repeatedly cautioned the EPA about potential risks that pesticides pose to Barton Springs salamanders, particularly the herbicide atrazine, but agency officials have ignored those warnings, SOS Alliance Deputy Director Brad Rockwell said.

President "Bush's EPA is looking

The Rundown



Toddler lives five days in car after accident

GLOBE, Ariz. (AP) — A 3-year-old girl survived five days alone in a car after an accident that killed her mother.

Angel Emery was airlifted Monday to Maricopa Medical Center, where she was being treated for dehydration and severe frostbite on her feet. She was listed Tuesday in good condition.

"The only thing she could share with us is that she had been eating crackers and that's how she was able to survive these long days out in the elements," said Sgt. Frank Valenzuela, a spokesman for the Arizona Department of Public Safety.

Authorities said Angel's 44-year-old mother, Patricia Marie Emery-Wade, died in the wreck, which apparently happened the afternoon of Jan. 21 on U.S. 60 in the east-central part of the state.

The woman's car hit a tree about 40 feet off the highway and 20 feet down an embankment, making it nearly impossible to see from the roadway.

A passer-by finally saw the smashed car Monday morning and alerted authorities, who found the girl inside, wrapped in a blanket and cuddled next to her dead mother. Authorities say they believe Angel got out of her car seat and got under the blanket.



Carter: Venezuelans need to trust officials

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — Seeking to ease mounting tensions, former President Jimmy Carter urged Venezuelans on Monday to trust election officials charged with deciding whether to approve a petition for a recall referendum on President Hugo Chavez's rule.

The Nobel Peace Prize laureate said he felt the National Elections Council had handled the divisive referendum process in "complete compliance with the laws and constitution."

"The political future of Venezuela rests on their shoulders, and we are very gratified and satisfied with the performance of the CNE," Carter said.

Carter met with the council's directors on the second day of his three-day visit. He said he was satisfied with access granted to Carter Center observers.

Carter's Georgia-based Carter Center and the Organization of American States have led international efforts to broker a peaceful solution to Venezuela's political crisis after an April 2002 coup briefly ousted Chavez. Venezuela, a top oil producer, has also seen crippling strikes and scores of street protests as opponents seek to oust a president they accuse of becoming increasingly authoritarian.



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Committee investigating latest trends in insurance fraud

AUSTIN (AP) — From intentional property damage to unnecessary surgeries, investigators say they are hustling to keep up with new conspiracies aimed at bilking insurance companies for payments based on false or distorted claims.

"We see the gamut," said Janet Ferguson, assistant district attorney for Dallas County. "There is a trend that these are the type of crimes that white collar criminals are committing."

The new Texas Committee on Insurance Fraud will huddle Wednesday to discuss the latest trends in insurance fraud and strategies for stepping up prosecution of insurance crimes.

The Insurance Council of Texas, which represents more than 500 insurance companies, formed the committee in conjunction with the Texas Department of Insurance Fraud Unit.

The insurance department also is addressing fraud crimes with a conference on Thursday and Friday that will bring together local, state, federal and insurance industry investigators.

Mark Hanna, spokesman for the Insurance Council of Texas, said the committee hopes to combat insurance fraud by elevating public understanding, encouraging stricter law enforcement and developing possible legislation to strengthen enforcement and penalties.

Insurance officials said the public tends to view insurance fraud as a "victimless crime" that only affects wealthy insurance companies.

The insurance department estimates 10 percent of claims nationwide are fraudulent and that associated costs add from \$200 to \$300 to the average household's auto and homeowners' insurance yearly premiums.

"Nobody really thinks about what insurance fraud is," said Rep. Jack Stick, R-Austin, a committee member.

"If you got into a car wreck and saw it as an opportunity to get that ding fixed on the other side of your car, a lot of people don't see that as insurance

fraud, but it is," he said.

The insurance department's fraud unit received 4,490 reports in 2003, more than double the number received in 2000, according to the unit.

Most of those complaints were made by insurance companies, said Dennis Pompa, head of the fraud unit. But they also included complaints made by individuals who fear they've been jilted by unlicensed insurance agents or insurance scams.

That prompted the involvement of the Office of Public Insurance Counsel, a state agency charged with advocating for consumers in insurance issues.

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HSC prof improving organ transplant process

By Katie Hepburn/
The University Daily

Duke University mistakenly gave Jessica Santillan a heart with the wrong blood type last year, resulting in a transplant that aimed to save the teenager's life but instead killed her.

With the work of Samuel Prien, director of clinical and research labs for obstetrics and gynecology, and his team of researchers at Texas Tech Health Sciences Center, such mistakes in transplant operations could be eliminated in the future.

Prien said he is researching new technologies for storing organs used in organ transplants. Currently, organs have a four-hour window of time from when they are harvested from the donor's body to when they must be transplanted in the recipient's body, Prien said. He said he wants to double that time frame and possibly extend it to a 24-hour window.

This is important because that four hours provides insufficient time for evaluating the heart for hepatitis and

other diseases. Had doctors at Duke University had more time, they might have discovered the heart about to be given to Santillan had the wrong blood type.

Prien is partnering with Organ Transport Systems, a company that developed a device for transplanting organs. The research has been under way for about three years.

Peter Cotter is a graduate student assisting Prien with the research.

At the time he heard about the project, he said he was an animal sciences undergraduate student, and the research interested him.

Cotter said the research is conducted using pig hearts. The hearts are immersed in a solution known as the University of Wisconsin solution, which reduces pollutants and feeds the heart nutrients. In addition, the hearts are given oxygen to maintain normal levels, thus keeping the heart from becoming acidic, Cotter said.

About two-thirds of donated organs go bad before they can be transplanted. So far, he said the research

has lengthened the organs' time frame from four hours to 12 hours before they go bad.

Cotter explained how the research is conducted.

He said a donor pig, bought from Tech's agricultural department, arrives in the lab in the morning. The pig's heart is removed and stored in a box kept between four and six degrees Celsius, which Cotter said lowers the heart's metabolic rate.

When it is time for the heart to be transplanted,

Cotter said Dr. Ari Halldorsson, an HSC heart surgeon, performs the operation. The pigs are given anesthetics,

and the heart transplant is performed in a professional operation.

After the transplant, Cotter said the pigs are monitored for about 20 minutes to ensure that the heart is properly functioning. The pig is then euthanized and the heart is removed and tested for various metabolites.

Cotter said the pigs must be euthanized because, like a human heart transplant, the sternum has to be broken, but the pigs cannot be expected to remain on their backs while healing.

"It costs a fortune to raise these pigs," Cotter said. "They're treated

better than most house animals."

Cotter said this research is in preparation for Food and Drug Administration trials, which he hopes will occur in a few years. The FDA trials will test this technology on humans, and, if successful, the technology might then be approved for use on humans.

"The FDA doesn't do anything very quickly," Cotter said.

He said the process usually takes four years.

Cotter said thus far, 13 pig heart transplants have been conducted. All have been successful, he said, expect for two. In one of those cases, the heart froze in the box, and in the other case, the pig died an anesthetic death, which Cotter said can sometimes occur in humans.

Prien said his research is not going unnoticed. In December, he was named a member of Who's Who in America for receiving two research patents and for winning a national teaching award for his work at Tech.

"We're doing research in a number of different areas," Prien said, "part of

them in the area of cryopreservation, others are in the area for improved parameters in male reproductive production, and the last is in a technology for storing organs for organ donation."

He explained the importance of research patents.

"(A patent) says it's new and unique," Prien said of the research.

If a patent is received for research, the information and technology it yields is limited to those the researcher chooses.

Prien said filing for a patent requires proving how one's research is different from other patents already in existence. He said he hopes to have six patents by the end of the year.

"All the projects, basically, in essence, are state of the art, and Tech will receive national attention for each of these," he said.

Prien said he and Halldorsson have received a \$145,000 grant for their work on transplant technology, and Organ Transport Systems will contribute \$120,000.

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— SAMUEL PRIEN
Director of Clinical Research Labs for Obstetrics and Gynecology

Gathering

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Gene Gibson, unit assistant director of grounds maintenance, said diamond-decking wood would be preferable because the wood is durable and dense.

"The wood is hard and durable, and we like it over metal," Gibson said. "It is warmer to sit on in the winter and better in the summer."

Throughout campus, gathering areas have already been created for students who would like to sit and relax during breaks from class. Hinojosa said the Southwest Collections Library, Frazier Alumni Pavilion, United Spirit Arena and the Human Sciences building have areas built for students.

Despite the areas in place, Hinojosa said a plan is to renovate the area in between the library and the English/Philosophy/Education

complex.

Currently, the area is a dusty plot of land that holds not much more than the dairy barn. Members of the administration at Tech have considered adding sidewalks, benches and tables in the area, Hinojosa said. On Arbor Day, students would get the opportunity to plant trees in the renovated section.

Other additions on campus would include an enhancement in landscaping, Hinojosa said.

Enhancing the landscape would provide an opportunity to place benches and tables in areas that would attract students.

Any other ideas for gathering areas for students would be brought up by the SGA when members of the administration and the student government meet for the first time on the subject Wednesday morning, Hinojosa said.

SGA President Jeremy Brown said he would like to see future stu-

dent gathering areas in high student traffic areas near pedestrian walkways.

"We are looking at campus and looking at where the students would want to hang out," he said.

Of the many places available on campus to place gathering areas, Brown said he would like to see benches and tables placed on the main corridor of campus between the Engineering Key and the Student Union building because of the number of students who pass by that area in a given day.

The surrounding area near the Jerry S. Rawls Business Administration building would also be a consideration for student pavilions, Brown said.

The most ideal location on campus would be near the Student Union, but Brown said he would want a response from the students first to make sure the idea is something the student body would use.

Citibus

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Provost said the Institute for Forensic Science will expand greatly with the additional funding received.

"This has the potential to be a very significant program for Tech," he said.

The Experimental Sciences building, which is under construction on the Tech campus, received \$1.9 million.

The federal funding will purchase movable equipment for the building upon completion, said Bob Sweazy, vice president for research, technology transfer and economic development.

Environmental growth chambers, imaging equipment and audio visual equipment will be bought with this funding, he said.

The chambers are light and humidity and temperature are variable, enabling the growth of plants and algae.

"We can then look at how changing the environmental conditions have an impact on plant growth," Sweazy said. "We reserved the money exclusively for equipment purchasing."

This is the second year of a five-

year program to obtain \$10 million in funding for equipment inside the building, Sweazy said.

"We are very pleased to have it," he said. "We are asking for \$2 and a half to \$3 million for the next year, but you never know whether you're going to get any."

An Intelligent Transportation System funded with \$397,640 will install message boards and syn-

chronized signals on Loop 289, Interstate 27 and the Marsha Sharp Freeway.

"I am pleased Congress supported our request to fund an ITS system in the Panhandle," said Hutchison.

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nications major from Gruver, said she does not believe the contract will work without repercussions for breaking it.

"If they sign a contract and stick with 15 hours, they'll graduate faster and get out," she said. "I don't see a lot of students signing it for four years (and sticking to it). They should make them re-sign every year."

Having a fine or some kind of penalty for a betrayed contract would make more sense, Stavlo said.

Lairson said she thinks a penalty or larger incentives could help ensure more students do not break their contract.

"If you don't have a penalty, it's like saying 'I'm going to graduate in four years,' she said. "It's just not in writing."

Students who sign the contract and have trouble getting into classes needed to graduate, will be allowed to either take an alternate course to fulfill the requirement or the required class could be waived.

Jonathan Aelmore, a sophomore business major from Rich-

mond, said he disagrees with the stipulation in the contract concerning required courses.

"It's not going to work if they graduate in five and a half years, and they get the classes they need," he said. "It's not fair at all. If he did it for all classifications, then it'd be fair."

"If that class is full, it's full," he said. "Everyone who was a freshman went through the same thing. If anything, I would cut some core classes for upperclassmen so they can graduate faster, and they can get some new people in."

Aelmore said students should work hard and get out of college quickly, with or without a contract.

"You're paying for school whether you graduate in five and a half years or not," he said. "You may as well take as many hours as you can that way you can get out and start making your money back."

Tuition has been increasing steadily because of the state of the U.S. economy throughout the past two years, Whitmore said.

Fewer tax dollars coming into public institutions means the money has to be made up for in other areas, such as tuition.

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Guest Column

Good things come to those who wait

Rushing down the aisle wrong path for young couples

By Sarah Davidson/Contributing Writer

Setting the standard for weddings to come, former star of ABC's "The Bachelorette" Trista Rehn and her choice Ryan Stutter's elaborate nuptials were one of the top televised events of last year. After watching the glamorous event, girls across the nation want to have their own fairytale weddings. Sucked into the whirlwind of weddings and romance, many women think this is really what marriage is all about.

Minor problem — the honeymoon is over! Reality has to sink in sooner or later. You are stuck with this person for the rest of your entire life. It sounds a little harsh to put it that way, about a person you love, but you do need to realize that marriage is supposed to be forever.

In our society weddings are glamorized to the extent that people forget marriage is not just about that one day when you say your vows. True love is so much more than a wedding; it's even more than a single emotion. Couples are blinded, and they marry for the wrong reasons.

What a revelation! Maybe this is why our divorce rates are skyrocketing and more so every year. In fact, studies are done to support this association between young age and divorce rates.

Most previous divorce surveys have reported that 80 to 85 percent of divorces are caused by getting married too young. Immaturity with financial issues, thinking you can change someone and lack of com-

munication also play a big role in conflict along the way.

Young marriages have you going from your parents straight to a spouse, and that leaves no time to be an independent single person. What happens if you are without your spouse at one point in your life? Will you have good skills to make independent decisions?

If you marry now and stop your education to start a family, you will give up a lot of opportunities that may only be available at the current time and not later down the road. Financial stability is a good foundation to establish to make things easier along the way. Then again, some young married couples chose to continue school, and that is a huge burden.

Cohabitation is not the best alternative to marriage either. If a couple decides to eventually get married, the odds are going against them. Living with your significant other before getting married only gives the opportunity for an easy out if things do not work according to plan.

When you get married, part of the joys and hurdles of living with your spouse is discovering his or her habits and tendencies. This can be reassuring to know they have made a commitment to stick it out, even if they have a bad day.

We live in a throw-away society. Everything is disposable, from diapers to contacts, to marriages. What happened to through thick and thin, until death do us part, in sickness and in health? Things are never going to be perfect. Most people do not have the patience or faith to see the rough times through.

Yet, in defense of young Christian married couples, most are eager to marry for

In our society weddings are glamorized to the extent that people forget marriage is not just about that one day when you say your vows. True love is so much more than a wedding; it's even more than a single emotion. Couples are blinded, and they marry for the wrong reasons.

biblical reasons. They plan to give a special gift of purity to their spouse. True love waits is a commitment many Christians promise to make, in order to remain sexually pure until marriage.

Waiting is hard to do when you think you have found your soul mate, and that is why some are in such a hurry to marry. This idea sounds responsible, but couples still do not completely think things through and make careful decisions.

When the time comes for me to settle down, I hope I've experienced enough of my independent single life because that aspect of my life will no longer exist.

Even though I am saving myself for marriage, I am in no hurry to rush to the altar. Trista and Ryan's wedding looks like a dream come true, but there is plenty of time. It is worth the wait.



Not buying Bush's marriage initiative

Last Tuesday night I was flipping through TV channels trying to find something to watch.

I knew this was a futile gesture, as the only shows worth watching on TV are HBO and Cartoon Network's "Adult Swim" block. I don't have HBO and "Adult Swim" was a few hours off, so I was left with the option of watching the little Coke-monkey-in-Chief outlay his plan for boning us over the next few years (code name: State of the Union Address.)

It's best absorbed in small doses, so I busied myself with some light cleaning around the house. Every time I bent over to pick something up, though, this big white billow of smoke floated up from behind me. I don't eat Mexican food, and I knew where my cigarettes were, so I was puzzled. Finally, I feigned picking up a pile of towels but then spun right around. There he was, George "AWOL" Walker Bush, on my TV actually trying to blow smoke up my but.

I rummaged through a pile of receipts, past due notices and comic books to find my cable bill because I'm sure I hadn't elected to pay for this service. Looks like that's but the first of many "services" I don't want but will be footing the bill for anyway. Like, \$1.5 billion for a "marriage initiative?"

Foremost, I'm pretty peeved my tax dollars will be going to support marriage while, if the religious right's puppet show has its way, I will be legally barred from enjoying any of the benefits of this institution.

I don't give a flying fark if you think gay people are "icky" or whatever; when you create legislature specifically designed to withhold rights from a specific group of people while still relying on those people to work to build your infrastructure and pull an equal share in society, you are creating a second-class citizenry, which I thought went out of fashion with desegregation.

Aside from all that, let's talk about how much business the government and Republicans specifically have meddling in social mores. Bush's plan is to allocate money to "faith-based" (read: white and Protestant) social programs to support the idea of marriage among lower-class families.

The idea is: if poor people are married, ummm ... they won't be poor anymore? Yeah, yeah, that's it. That's the problem with poor people; they're not arbitrarily trapped in legal property-sharing partnerships. I suppose using that money to support job-training, reforming welfare, improving education or renovating low-cost housing projects is out. That'll never happen because it doesn't kowtow to some whiny special-interest group (conservative Christians, I'm talking to you here) and because it would work.

There's that word, conservative. It used to mean something. It meant that you believe that government should try to curtail

J.P. Acreman



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spending and keep its nose out of social and moral affairs. I could be on track with this idea; I think most people could.

The government's job is to bring my mail, keep people from killing each other and act according to the will of the people. At least I still get my mail. Now "conservative" must mean "I agree with what these people throw-



ing all the money at me are saying. We will do what they want," which is a good strategy if you want people to start throwing things much heavier than money at you.

Deciding who should and should not get married is up to the two people wearing rings and maybe some person in a robe. Ideally, this would be it.

The world is such that we require legal protection for the benefits marriage confers: co-ownership of property and capital and equality of decision-making authority for the partnership. Tax breaks and the like are part of a pre-existing incentive for people to get married because people still believe this status is of some inalienable value.

Har-de-bleeding-har. It does have a value: \$19.95 at the Drive-Thru Elvis Chapel in Las Vegas, Nev.

Most of the people reading this just assume they'll get married someday. In fact, we wonder if there's not something wrong with people if they're not married by some age. Marriage is not an obligation; it's something you earn by being committed, steadfast and prepared. Oh, and in love. If you are not all of these things, marriage will not change that. It will make you bitter and alone and in debt up to your ears with alimony and divorce lawyers.

Hmmm. Maybe I'm glad that I can't get married. Who needs the pressure?

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View from another university

Why we can't wait for affirmative action

By Andrea De Vries/The Observer

(U-WIRE) SOUTH BEND, Ind. — Affirmative action would not be necessary if race was no longer a factor in everyday life. Race is just one factor in deciding admissions; it is not the only factor. If you want a completely "fair" system, then all forms of identity should be taken out of the admissions process.

If we should not use race as one of many factors then we should not use athleticism, legacy status or geographic location. Let's make college and graduate admissions a pure numbers game. The applications could consist of four things: Social Security number, SAT score, GPA and an essay on Thomas Jefferson. If you want a completely fair system, the application should consist of three things: Social Security number, GPA and an essay on Jefferson since it is possible to basically buy a higher SAT score.

Maybe I am just over-cynical because I saw first hand how SAT scores and college admission can be "bought" for the right price. My high school put its \$20,000 tuition to good use by hiring three college advisors to counsel 54 girls. The SAT was a complete and utter joke as girls used Kaplan, Princeton Review

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and private tutors to study their way from low 1000s to 1400-1500s. My best friend's parents shelled out almost \$8,000 on SAT prep courses to help raise their daughter's score from a 970 to 1420. She now proudly attends her daddy's alma mater — Princeton.

Now, I know that these experiences are not the norm but they do exist on a fairly large scale. Where is the outrage? Spending thousands on SAT prep classes is out of the question for most blacks since the average black family income is \$31,778 and

26.1 percent of all blacks live in poverty while white families are earning an average of \$51,244.

For Mr. Parnell to use Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. against affirmative action is a distortion of all Dr. King stands for. While it is true that Dr. King wanted people to be judged by merit not by the color of their skin, this is not a reality in American society today. Dr. King had the ability to recognize that "A society that has done something special against the Negro for hundreds of years must now do something special for the Negro."

In his speech "Why We Can't Wait," Dr. King also stated "Whenever the issue of compensatory treatment for the Negro is raised, some of our friends recoil in horror. The Negro should be granted equality, they agree; but he should ask nothing more. On the surface, this appears reasonable, but it is not realistic."

Maybe if Mr. Parnell was more familiar with Dr. King's work and speeches he would know that in 1965 a reporter asked Dr. King if he "feels it is fair to request a multi-billion dollar program of preferential treatment for the Negro or any other minority?" Dr. King replied, "I do indeed."

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Winter storm kills 48 people

(AP) — A storm carrying the threat of heavy snow for the Northeast coated a wide swath of the East Coast in ice Tuesday, stopping trains, closing schools and courts, and knocking out electricity to a quarter-million people.

At least 48 deaths have been blamed on snow, ice and cold from Kansas to the Carolinas since the weekend.

While one low-pressure system pushed a wave of icy weather that stretched from Georgia into Maryland, another propelled snow across the Midwest and Great Lakes. Up to 27 inches of snow was possible in northern Michigan by Wednesday morning.

The two systems were converging over the Northeast, threatening Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, Connecticut, Rhode Island and Massachusetts.

Nearly a foot of snow was expected in parts of New Jersey, with a chance of 15 inches in New York's Catskills.

"I don't like it at all," said Gisselle Garcia of Newark, N.J., as she waited for a train because roads were too slippery for her to drive. "It's too cold. My toes get frozen. It's not safe for kids to be outside. And old people slip and fall on the ice. Enough!"

Freezing rain and drizzle fell from northern Georgia into Mary-

land during the morning, creating a layer of ice up to an inch thick in South Carolina, where Gov. Mark Sanford declared a state of emergency.

Because of ice on switches and electrical connections, Amtrak stopped four East Coast trains, including the New York-to-Miami Silver Meteor and the Auto Trains.

Towing services were kept busy pulling vehicles out of ditches.

"People don't slow down for nothing," Peter Ashenden of Lizard Lick Towing & Recovery said as he worked to right a sport utility vehicle that overturned near Wendell, N.C.

More than 250,000 customers lost power Tuesday in South Carolina, about 30,000 in North Carolina and 58,000 in Georgia, utilities reported.

The South Carolina National Guard was placed on standby as work crews worked to restore power and spread sand on icy roads. People across the state went to hotels or makeshift shelters in search of warmth. North Carolina Guardsmen patrolled Interstate 95 in Humvees, helping to tow vehicles that had slid off the highway.

In Virginia's Henrico County, outside Richmond, rescue workers were deluged with calls from

people who slipped and fell on sidewalks and front steps.

Tuesday's session of Delaware's legislature was canceled. Most schools, courts and businesses in Virginia were closed for a second straight day. Most schools in Maryland remained closed and local and state governments opened late or allowed many employees to stay home. Many New Jersey school districts also canceled classes Tuesday or planned early dismissals in anticipation of rain, freezing rain, sleet and snow.

New York City was closing schools Wednesday because of snow and below-freezing temperatures.

In the Midwest, snow and sleet fell across Michigan, Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin. Dozens of Illinois school districts called off classes because of slippery roads. Rush hour traffic was snarled in Chicago and hundreds of flights were canceled.

The weather was blamed for seven deaths in North Carolina; six in South Carolina; five each in Iowa and Missouri; four in Ohio; three each in Nebraska, Virginia, Minnesota and Maryland; two each in Indiana, Pennsylvania and Oklahoma; and one each in Kansas, New Jersey and West Virginia. Most of the deaths were in traffic accidents.

Texas farmers react to ban on cow blood in livestock feed

LUBBOCK (AP) — Some in the Texas cattle industry Tuesday questioned the need for a new federal ban on cattle blood in livestock feed but called it a welcome political move to try to reopen beef export markets following a U.S. mad cow disease scare.

"Do I see it as a good move? I do because unfortunately perception is reality," said Bobby Swift, assistant manager at Lubbock Feeders, a 40,000-head feedlot outside this West Texas city. "Really, it's more of a political move."

As many as 30 countries halted U.S. beef imports last month after the U.S. Department of Agriculture announced that a cow in Washington state had mad cow disease. The cow later was found to have come from Canada.

The Food and Drug Administration ban, announced Monday, is aimed at closing loopholes in the FDA's regulations on livestock feed ingredients. It bans the use of blood in feed for cattle and other grazing animals. It also outlaws use of cow brains and other parts in dietary supplements used by humans.

The new steps "are intended to provide even greater security," said FDA Commissioner Mark McClellan.

When cows are sent to feedlots, they are given protein and other feed to fatten them up by as much as 450 pounds before they're slaughtered. Protein sources other than cattle blood, such as soybean meal and cottonseed meal, have been used for years, Swift said.

"It's going to affect everybody," said Dennis Sigler, a nutritionist with Martindale Feed Mill north of Dallas. "I think it's a political move. I haven't seen any evidence that bloodmeal is a problem. It's going to create a lot of economic hardship on feed mills who have stock of this."

Dairy farmers already have phased out using bloodmeal, said John Cowan, executive director of the Grapevine-based Texas Association of Dairymen.

Burt Rutherford, a spokesman for the Amarillo-based Texas Cattle Feeders Association, said no bloodmeal is used in Texas' feedyards.

"I think it falls into that abundance-of-caution category," Rutherford said. "TCFA has always been of the opinion that we need to let science dictate what we do, and I'm not familiar with the science specifically on blood. However, FDA said there might be science to indicate that" using bloodmeal could be dangerous.

One Amarillo rancher said he was surprised by the ban.

"I just didn't see it coming," Jay O'Brien said. "But if it's what they need to do to get us back into export markets, I'm fine with it."

Other changes expected include more rapid testing of cattle at higher risk of mad cow disease because of age or the presence of neurological problems. Their meat will not be processed until test results are back.

Police find 11 bodies buried in back yard at Mexican house

CIUDAD JUAREZ, Mexico (AP) — Police have dug up 11 bodies in the backyard of a house in this Mexican border city, in what they called the latest evidence of a growing drug battle being waged along the U.S.-Mexico frontier.

Officials said Tuesday they believed they had found all the bodies buried at the property, but they were still searching to make sure none remained.

"If we have to demolish the house, we're going to demolish it," Deputy Attorney General Jose Luis Santiago Vasconcelos said in Mexico City.

Several victims had been strangled or suffocated, Vasconcelos said.

Mexican investigators said the property appeared to be a safe house for Humberto Santillan Tabares, who was arrested Jan. 15 across the border in El Paso, Texas. Mexican authorities identified Santillan as one of the chief lieutenants of Vicente Carrillo, alleged to be one of Mexico's major drug traffickers.

Leticia Zamarripa, a spokeswoman with the U.S. Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, confirmed that Santillan was arrested in El Paso with more than 10 pounds of cocaine, although she said his first name was listed as Heriberto.

Drug smugglers often use several different names, and it was unclear which was Santillan's real first name. He was in federal custody awaiting trial, and no date has been set.

Four bodies were found over the weekend, and seven others were uncovered under a concrete patio that officials ripped up Monday.

Authorities said they also discovered three bags of clothing. Some of it was identified by the relatives of two people who disappeared on Jan. 14.

Neighbors said the house, in a quiet, middle-class neighborhood, was the home of a couple with two children. Asking that their names not be used, they told reporters that they often saw people dressed as federal police officers coming and going, but noted nothing else

peculiar.

Drug groups often pose as police, but sometimes also enlist corrupt lawmen.

The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration says Carrillo is one of the key figures who took over a Ciudad Juarez-based drug organization that had been led by his brother Amado, who died in 1997 after plastic surgery in Mexico City.

In July, U.S. federal prosecutors arrested an FBI translator in El Paso who was accused of selling sensitive information that was believed to have reached Carrillo.

The bodies appear to be part of a recent wave of drug-related violence and not connected to a notorious string of murders of young women here over the past decade.

Authorities say the arrests of several major traffickers created a power vacuum, and the resulting turf battle has left dozens dead along the border and in Mexico's interior.

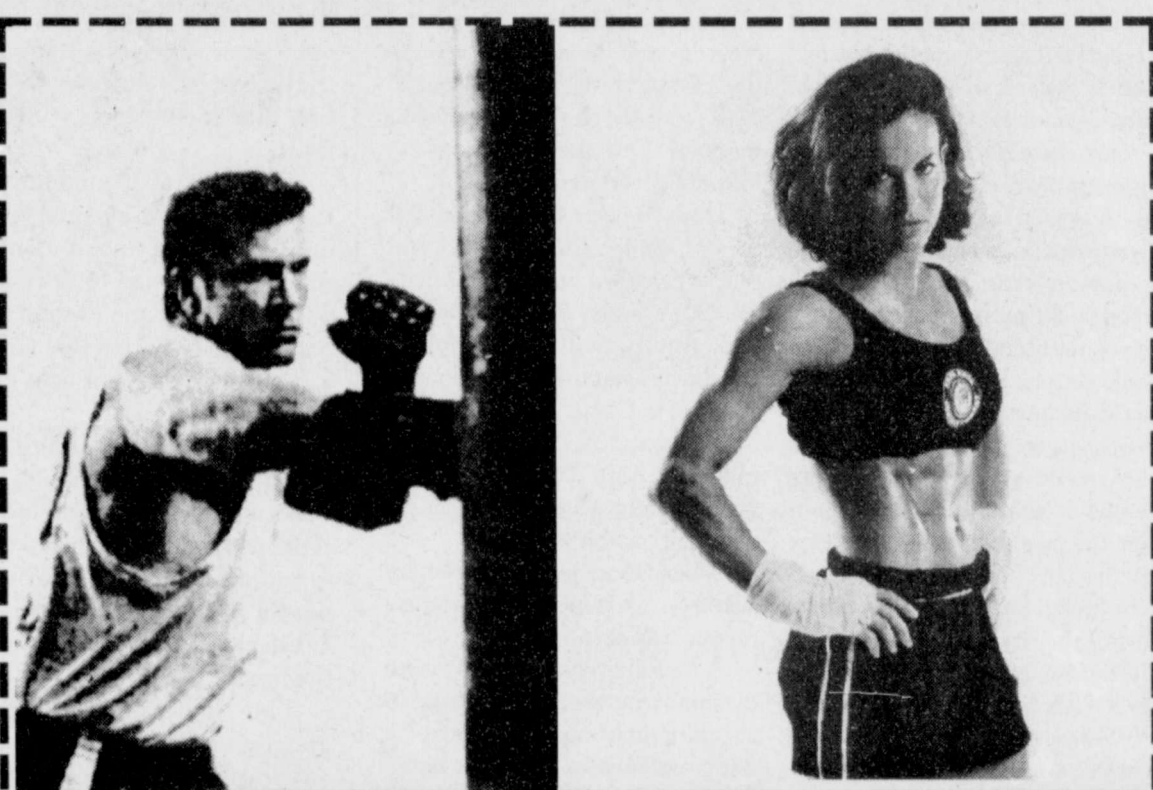
On Sunday, an apparently drug-related shootout killed three people in the border city of Nuevo Laredo. Federal officials have said deserters from an elite Mexican army unit who formed a drug gang have been fighting for control of that border town.

On Friday, a shootout between police and several presumed drug traffickers in the northern city of Anahuac, 50 miles southwest of Nuevo Laredo, killed two state police officers and another person.

Authorities also say traffickers apparently were involved in the ambush slaying of two federal agents and a soldier last week on a highway west of Mexico City and in many of the 57 slayings so far this year in the northwestern state of Sinaloa.

Santiago Vasconcelos said the violence was evidence the battle against traffickers was serious.

"This makes all of us uneasy," he said, "but it is better to have these incidents, clashes over the application of the law, than to permit in silence" the operation of the gangs.



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Prosecutors present case against Stewart

NEW YORK (AP) — Martha Stewart sold stock based on "a secret tip" that no one else had, then told an avalanche of lies to save her reputation and enormous fortune, prosecutors said Tuesday as they laid out their case against the homemaking queen.

Stewart's attorney insisted the case was based on "speculation, surmise and guesswork" and suggested the government's pursuit of the domestic style-setter was reminiscent of George Orwell's Big Brother novel "1984."

The jury of eight women and four men listened to three hours of opening statements that outlined starkly different portrayals of Stewart's sale of nearly 4,000 shares of biotechnology company ImClone Systems on Dec. 27, 2001.

The government contends Stewart, on her way to a vacation in Mexico, was tipped that ImClone founder Sam Waksal was trying to dump his shares, then ordered the sale of her own stock.

Federal prosecutor Karen Patton Seymour said Stewart then conspired with her stockbroker, Peter Bacanovic, to tell a series of cover-up lies about the sale.

"The reason that Martha Stewart dumped her shares is because she was told a secret," Seymour said. "A secret tip that no other investors in ImClone had."

Stewart was almost motionless as the arguments unfolded in front of her, resting her chin on her hand and occasionally tapping an index finger against her lips.

Stewart faces up to 30 years in prison on charges that include obstruction of justice and securities fraud, but would get a far lighter penalty if convicted. Bacanovic is also charged with five counts and faces 25 years.

Attorneys for Stewart and Bacanovic aimed to convince jurors that the two defendants had done nothing out of the ordinary for a diligent broker and responsible client, arguing they had decided six days before the ImClone sale to get rid of the stock if it fell to \$60.

Waksal later admitted he was tipped that federal regulators were about to issue a negative report on ImClone's star product, the cancer drug Erbitux. That report sent the stock plummeting.

Stewart attorney Robert Morvillo

pointed out that 7 million shares of rapidly falling ImClone were sold on the same day Stewart unloaded hers. And Bacanovic attorney Richard Strassberg said the broker made a paltry \$450 on the sale.

"They have rushed to judgment to bring a case against Ms. Stewart, and in that rush to judgment they have charged an innocent man," Strassberg said.

Morvillo's strategy was clear: His face red and voice rising, the defense lawyer demonized Waksal, the federal government and Doug Faneuil, the former brokerage assistant who will be the star prosecution witness.

At one point, Morvillo banged his fist on the front rail of the jury box and said there was no record Stewart and Bacanovic had talked after the stock sale to discuss their supposedly cooked-up \$60 story.

He also lashed out at Congress for leaking in the summer of 2002 that Waksal had directly tipped Stewart about the Erbitux decision, suggesting it was the work of politicians hungry for attention in the midterm election.

"Same government - leak it on one side, prosecute it on the other," Morvillo said disdainfully. "I think that George Orwell was just about 20 years too early," he said, alluding to the novel "1984" that described an all-intrusive government.

Morvillo never flatly denied that Stewart was tipped to the Waksal sale. But he described Stewart in December 2001 as weary from the holidays, and finally willing to follow Bacanovic's repeated suggestions to get rid of ImClone.

He also said Stewart was telling the truth in an April 2002 interview with investigators in which she said she did not recall such a tip.

When testimony began Tuesday afternoon, jurors heard from two prosecution witnesses.

A Merrill Lynch official discussed the firm's requirement that it keep its clients' transactions confidential — a rule prosecutors say Bacanovic broke. Also, acting ImClone CEO Daniel Lynch briefly discussed the mechanics of the company's application for government approval of Erbitux.

Mars rover gets its closest look at rock

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — A NASA rover got its closest-ever look at bedrock on the surface of Mars on Tuesday, and scientists were eager to determine whether the layering could have been formed in water.

The Opportunity rover spied the fine-scaled layering just days after it landed in a small crater on the far side of the planet from its twin, Spirit. On Tuesday, NASA unveiled a high-resolution photograph of the horizontally striped and fractured slabs of bedrock.

"Look at the wonderful layer cake-structure in there," said Steve Squyres, the mission's main scientist, as he excitedly narrated a slow pan of the black-and-white image. "It's going to be fascinating beyond words to get up close and personal with this thing."

The find is a significant one: Each roughly half-inch thick layer represents an event in the geologic history of the Red Planet that Opportunity should be able to reconstruct with its complement of cameras and scientific instruments.

Scientists believe the layers were laid down billions of years ago, piling up either as ash spewed by successive volcanic eruptions or as sediments borne by wind or water.

Some scientists believe the 18-inch-high band of layered rocks is cross-bedded in part, suggesting a sedimentary origin that would require the presence of water.

If so, the rocks could provide tangible evidence that Mars once

was a wetter place capable of sustaining life. Images taken from orbit already suggest vast amounts of water once flowed across the surface of the planet.

The slabs of bedrock rim a portion of the shallow depression near where the six-wheeled robot sits atop its lander.

The Opportunity rover was in good shape after its weekend landing but had developed a small, 15-watt power loss that worried NASA.

Engineers believe a heater in the shoulder of its robotic arm has been turning on unnecessarily when temperatures drop. Engineers continued to monitor the situation, unsure if it could harm the rover.

"We're very paranoid people," mission manager Jim Erickson said.

The Spirit rover, 6,600 miles around the planet, continued to recover from computer problems that last week brought its science work to a halt. Engineers received additional data they hope will help them understand the problem.

Opportunity should roll off its lander sometime in the next two weeks. This week it is scheduled to put to use its mini-thermal emissions spectrometer, an instrument that measures infrared radiation, to reveal what minerals the rocks contain.

Together, the pair of 384-pound rovers make up an \$820 million mission to prospect for geologic evidence that Mars was once capable of supporting life.

\$755,000 fine proposed for Florida radio station

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government proposed a \$755,000 fine against Clear Channel Communications on Tuesday for a sexually explicit radio show on Florida stations, the highest levy ever imposed at one time for indecency violations.

The Federal Communications Commission also proposed only the second fine in its history for a television broadcast — \$27,500 against the owner of a San Francisco station that aired a segment in which a man exposed himself.

The FCC, whose chairman recently urged that penalties be substantially increased for indecent programming, proposed the radio fines against Clear Channel for objectionable segments of a show titled "Bubba the Love Sponge."

The segments included graphic discussions about sex and drugs that were "designed to pander to, titillate and shock listeners," the FCC said.

The segments ran 26 times

and the commission proposed fining Clear Channel the maximum \$27,500 for each airing, or \$715,000.

San Antonio-based Clear Channel, the nation's largest radio chain, also was fined \$40,000 because of record-keeping violations at the stations. The company has 30 days to pay the fine or appeal.

In response, Clear Channel called for an industry task force to develop clear indecency standards for radio, television, cable and satellite networks.

"We believe the time has come for every sector of the media to join together and develop consistent standards that are in tune with local community values," said Mark Mays, president of the company. "Our audiences deserve nothing less."

FCC Commissioner Michael Copps was the only member of the five-person commission to oppose the fine. He said the penalty was not severe enough and suggested the FCC consider revoking the stations' licenses.

"The message to licensees is clear. Even egregious repeated vio-

lations will not result in revocation of license," Copps said.

The FCC also announced a \$27,500 fine against Young Broadcasting of San Francisco Inc. for indecent material aired on its "KRON 4 Morning News" show.

During the program on Oct. 4, 2002, one of the performers from a show titled "Puppetry of the Penis" briefly exposed himself. The FCC said the station should have expected that such a display could have occurred and should have taken steps to prevent it.

"I hope this step today represents the beginning of a commitment to consider each indecency complaint seriously, and to recognize that indecency on our airwaves is not limited to the radio," FCC Commissioner Kevin Martin said.

In 1995, Infinity Broadcasting paid \$1.7 million in cumulative fines for indecency for various violations by radio host Howard Stern. Last October the FCC proposed fining Infinity \$357,000 for a radio segment on the "Opie and Anthony" show in which a couple

was said to be having sex in New

York's St. Patrick's Cathedral.

The head of Clear Channel Radio said his broadcasts are not meant to be indecent.

"We work hard every day to entertain, not offend our listeners," said John Hogan. "None of us defend or encourage indecent content, it's simply not part of our corporate culture."

The fines came a day before a congressional hearing on obscenity prompted by the FCC enforcement bureau's decision not to fine rock star Bono for an expletive uttered on NBC during the Golden Globe Awards show last year.

The lead singer of the Irish rock group U2 said, "This is really, really, f—— brilliant." The bureau said Bono's comments were not indecent or obscene because of the way the word was used.

FCC Chairman Michael Powell has asked his fellow commissioners to overturn the decision. In addition, legislation has been introduced in the House to prohibit broadcasters from airing eight specific words or phrases, including the word uttered by Bono.

Powell also has urged Congress to approve a tenfold increase in the maximum fine of \$27,500 per incident.

He said the current fine is not large enough to dissuade huge broadcasters from airing objectionable programming.

Rep. Fred Upton, R-Mich., chairman of the House telecommunications subcommittee holding Wednesday's hearing, has introduced legislation to boost the fines.

Under FCC rules and federal law, radio stations and over-the-air television channels cannot air obscene material at any time, and cannot air indecent material between 6 a.m. and 10 p.m.

The FCC defines obscene material as describing sexual conduct "in a patently offensive way" and lacking "serious literary, artistic, political or scientific value."

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Twenty-one years ago, Texas Tech hired a woman who would fight to get a student enrolled in the university.

Wynne Hutcherson retired Tuesday after helping and guiding students for more than two decades.

"She was a tremendous asset to Texas Tech," said Don Wickard, the registrar. "She'll be hard to replace. She was a real friend to the university."

Last year, Hutcherson, a specialist in the admissions department, received the "Top Techsan" award. The award is given to five outstanding faculty or staff members every year. She said it was her most memorable moment at Tech.

The receiver has to be nominated and approved by the alumnae committee.

Liz Hall, vice provost, nominated Hutcherson, and Bill Dean, associate professor for mass communication, called Hutcherson to inform her she had won.

"I think my exact words were, 'You've got to be kidding me!'" she said.

Hutcherson said she began working here on Oct. 5, 1982, in the office of Admissions and Student Relations, which is now the office of Admissions.

She has seen a lot of change during her employment, but the thing she said strikes her most is the number of students.

"When I came here in '82, I think our enrollment was, like 2,200 or 2,300 which included graduates and undergraduates," she said. "We're at about 30,000 now, and it just amazes me."

The number of students enrolled at Tech influenced her job.

When she started working here, students would enroll in their classes without computers and wait in long lines to see if the class they wanted was available.

"It would get pretty stressful," Hutcherson said. "The kids had to wait in lines out to the sidewalk."

The students are what she said made her stay here at Tech worth-

while. "The students on this campus are so nice," she said, fighting back tears. "Either dealing with them on the phone, or when they come in to the building, they were great."

She said one of the things she will miss most is walking down the hall and having a student smile and say hello.

"Even under stress, they still have a handle on things," Hutcherson said. "You walk down the hall, pass five or six students and they've got a bright smile and a cheery face makes your day."

One tear dripped down her face, and she smiled, remembering the students she would inform about their admission to Tech.

"Talking to a student really sweating getting into Tech and letting them know they got in — talk about crying, that's when I cry," she said. "Just because kids don't make good test scores doesn't mean they won't bust their butt to make the grades."

Wickard said Hutcherson treated the students she worked with like children of her own, and some students



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KAY AND TOMMY Cloninger of Lubbock converse with Wynne Hutcherson during her retirement party Tuesday evening in West Hall. Wynne has worked at Tech for 21 years.

looked to her as a mother figure during their time at Tech.

"She took many students under her wing," he said. "A lot of students will miss her. They would come in and ask her all kinds of questions."

Other co-workers agreed. Marlene Hernandez, the associate director of admissions, said Hutcherson's commitment to students during the years

shows in the students and parents who come back to thank her.

"She cares. She's been showered with flowers and gifts over the years," Hernandez said. "Students love her; parents love her; we love her."

Celina Lopez, a student assistant in the office of admissions, said she will also miss Hutcherson.

"She's hilarious; a very sweet per-

son," the junior music major from Corpus Christi said. "I think she was definitely an asset to the office of admissions."

Marlene Hernandez, the director of admissions, agrees with Lopez.

"She's very student-oriented and goes the extra mile," she said. "She has worked with thousands and thousands of students and she will be missed."

Fans of the King get chance to buy recording

NEW YORK (AP) — A New Jersey company is offering Elvis Presley fans a chance to buy what it says is a slice of history.

And it really means a slice — 2-inch snips of a tape reel featuring some of the King's earliest recordings.

"This is a piece of the history," said Tony Bongiovi, an engineer and record producer involved with authenticating the reel. "Here's a chance to get something that nobody has."

At a news conference at a recording studio in Manhattan on Tuesday, Michael Esposito, president of Bloomfield, N.J.-based Master Tape Collection, showed reporters and guests the reel of tape, which was purchased at an auction in Tennessee in 1992. He cut off a 2-inch section, meant to be put in a plaque and presented to Presley's estate.

On the reel are recordings of the first songs Presley put together in a studio in the early 1950s. They're known as the "Sun Sessions," a series of songs released by Sun records before Presley moved to a major label.

The reel is in bad condition and could barely be played. Copies have been made of what was recorded on it. Bongiovi said he doubted the original could be heard again without falling apart.

"Within the next 10 years, no matter what kind of technology is available, this tape will never, ever be able to be played," he said.

Faced with that deterioration, Esposito decided to offer it to Presley fans. Those who are willing to pay \$495 can get a 2-inch cutting of the tape preserved in a plaque.

The tape had not been unspooled to determine how many cuttings could be made.

Elvis Presley Enterprises has given a license to the project.

Esposito said cuttings would be made only in response to the demand from fans and each piece would be notarized and registered.

The songs have all been released, and RCA Records, which controls all Presley recordings, says it has the existing original tapes of those sessions and won't comment further. But Esposito says his reel is a master, perhaps one of nine that were supposed to have been destroyed in the late 1950s.

After his company, which looks for master tapes from artists to reissue their music, got the reel and realized what it could be, it tried to have it authenticated by Sam Phillips, the producer of the Sun sessions. But Phillips died without looking at it, and the task fell to Bongiovi.

Bongiovi tested the tape for 20 hours and said he was convinced of its authenticity after comparisons with the existing versions of the songs.

He played a piece of the released version of "That's All Right" for reporters, then the same song from the reel, which doesn't have all sound ef-

facts that the released version has. He said that showed the reel has the original recording, which was then augmented for public release.

He also played an excerpt of a conversation in which Presley, Phillips and others in the studio discuss a track.

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Oscar nominations hail 'King,' leave 'Mountain' in cold

It's that time of year again. The Oscars are upon us. While this year's winners will be easier to predict than most years, there were more than a few surprises when the nominations were announced Tuesday morning.

After battling studios' ban on screeners for voters and moving Oscar night from March to February, there were bound to be a few surprises. But along with surprise nominations come surprise snubs.

This year there were some wholly shocking omissions and some interesting replacements in major categories.

Leading the nominations this year is "The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King" with 11 nominations, followed by "Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World" with 10.

The biggest surprise, however, was the Academy's harsh snub of Miramax's "Cold Mountain," which was expected to do well.

The film Civil War epic was shut out of the major categories of Best Picture, Director and Actress for Nicole Kidman, and only garnered seven nominations in total.

My guess is this was the Academy's way of raging against the Miramax machine, and it made a very loud noise when the door was slammed shut on "Mountain."

But there are more surprises to come — along with a rundown of the nominees in the major categories. I also will include my early predictions (which I reserve the right to change at any time) and a few notable omissions in each category.

Best Picture

This year will definitely be a battle between Peter Jackson's "The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King" and Clint Eastwood's "Mystic River."

Also in the running is Sofia Coppola's "Lost in Translation," which is a lock for original screenplay. The aforementioned "Master and Commander," I'm guessing, will get "Gangs of

James Eppler



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New York'd" and not win a single one of its 10 nominations.

The final nominated film is "Seabiscuit," which undoubtedly took the "Cold Mountain" slot. All of these are good choices, however "Cold Mountain" was wronged.

Not that it matters — New Line will go to war for "King." It's a popular theory that the Academy has been waiting for the last installment of the series to let the "Rings" clean house. If it were any other year, the high drama of "River" would be a lock.

Eppler's Prediction: "LOTR: The Return of the King"

Notable Omissions: "Cold Mountain," "The Last Samurai," "Big Fish," "City of God"

Best Director

Each film that was nominated for Best Picture also has its director nominated, save for one film.

"Seabiscuit's" director, Gary Ross, was substituted for Fernando Meirelles, the director of the wonderful Brazilian gang film, "City of God."

It really irritates me when the Best Picture category and Director don't line up. I'm guessing that "City" was just a sneeze away from the Best Picture nomination.

But I'm thrilled that Meirelles was nominated. Another point of interest: Sofia Coppola ("Lost in Translation") is only the third woman to be nominated for Director in Oscar history. She'll be honored with her screenplay, however, and lose this category to Jackson.

Prediction: Peter Jackson, "LOTR: The Return of the King."

Notable Omissions: Gary Ross, Anthony Minghella ("Cold Mountain")

Best Actor

The best surprise of the morning came when Johnny Depp was announced as a nominee for Best Actor for his brilliant performance in "Pirates of the Caribbean."

Another slightly comedic performance was honored in Bill Murray ("Lost in Translation.") Jude Law's nomination for "Cold Mountain" kept that film from totally being suffocated, and Ben Kingsley (my favorite of the year) was recognized for his wonderful work in "House of Sand and Fog."

My guess, however, is that Sean Penn will win for his superb performance in "Mystic River." However, Academy voters may be turned off by Penn's outspoken belittling of awards and his

negative relationship with Hollywood. He was not present for his Golden Globe win, and voters may not feel the need to honor him if he's not even going to attend.

If that's the case, it will open the door for a surprise. I'm wondering, if voters are quirky enough to nominate Depp, could they be edgy enough to give him the win?

Prediction: Sean Penn

Notable Omissions: Russell Crowe ("Master and Commander"), Tom Cruise ("The Last Samurai"), Jeff Bridges ("Seabiscuit"), Jack Nicholson ("Something's Gotta Give")

Best Actress

This category featured the most surprise nominations with nods for Keisha Castle-Hughes ("Whale Rider"), Samantha Morton (excellent in "In America") and Naomi Watts received a nod for "21 Grams."

These surprises left expected nominees Nicole Kidman and Scarlett Johansson begging. Diane Keaton was recognized for "Something's Gotta Give," and while she was charming in the film, I feel it was a wasted nomination.

Although "Monster" has not been released in Lubbock, Charlize Theron is said to be nearly a lock for her portrayal of serial killer Aileen Wuornos. Let's hope that her acclaim will soon bring that film to Lubbock.

Prediction: Charlize Theron

Notable Omissions: Nicole Kidman ("Cold Mountain"), Scarlett Johansson ("Lost in Translation"), Cate Blanchett ("The Missing" or "Veronica Guerrin"), Uma Thurman ("Kill Bill Vol. 1")

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Other Acting/Writing nominations

Supporting Actor:

- Alec Baldwin — "The Cooler"
- Benicio del Toro — "21 Grams"
- Djimon Hounsou — "In America"
- Tim Robbins — "Mystic River"
- Ken Watanabe — "The Last Samurai"

Supporting Actress:

- Shohreh Aghdashloo — "House of Sand and Fog"
- Patricia Clarkson — "Pieces of April"
- Marica Gay Harden — "Mystic River"
- Holly Hunter — "Thirteen"
- Renee Zellweger — "Cold Mountain"

Writing (Original Screenplay):

- "The Barbarian Invasions"
- "Dirty Pretty Things"
- "Finding Nemo"
- "In America"
- "Lost in Translation"

Writing (Adapted Screenplay):

- "American Splendor"
- "City of God"
- "Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King"
- "Mystic River"
- "Seabiscuit"

A complete list of nominations can be seen at www.oscar.com

Golden Globes earns record-setting ratings

NEW YORK (AP) — Hobbits and Hollywood stars were an irresistible combination as NBC drew a record-setting audience of 26.8 million people to the Golden Globes telecast Sunday night.

"The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King," won the best dramatic film award, and the ratings bode well for the upcoming Academy Awards on ABC since the movie was nominated Tuesday for a best picture Oscar.

The biggest Golden Globes audience in the past was the 24.3 million who watched in 1998, Nielsen Media Research said Tuesday.

The awards show enabled NBC to be a close second last week to Fox, which snared the week's three most popular shows with the three editions of "American Idol."

The "Idol" shows, featuring cringe-inducing auditions, drew between 28.6 million and 29.4 million viewers, Nielsen said.

Those numbers helped lift other Fox shows, including the premiere of the reality show, "My Big Fat Obnoxious Fiance," which was seen by 19.6 million people.

For the week, Fox averaged 12.8 million viewers (7.5 rating, 12 share).

NBC averaged 12.7 million viewers but had a higher rating — 8.2 rating and 13 share — an indication that more TV sets were tuned in to NBC but fewer people were watching.

CBS was third with 11.3 million viewers (7.3 rating, 12 share), ABC had 7.5 million (4.9, 8), the WB 4.1 million (2.7, 4), UPN 3.5 million (2.3, 4) and Pax TV 1 million (0.7, 1).

NBC's "Nightly News" won the evening news ratings race, averaging 11.6 million viewers (7.8 rating, 15 share). ABC's "World News Tonight" had 10.6 million (7.3, 13)

and the "CBS Evening News" 8.7 million (5.9, 11).

A ratings point represents 1,084,000 households, or 1 percent of the nation's estimated 108.4 million TV homes.

The share is the percentage of in-use televisions tuned to a given show.

For the week of Jan. 19-25, the top 10 shows, their networks and viewerships: "American Idol" (Wednesday), Fox, 29.4 million; "American Idol" (Monday), Fox, 29 million; "American Idol" (Tuesday), Fox, 28.6 million; "Golden Globe Awards," NBC, 26.8 million; "Friends," NBC, 20.8 million; "CSI: Crime Scene Investigation," CBS, 20.7 million; "Friends" special, NBC, 20.7 million; "My Big Fat Obnoxious Fiance," Fox, 19.6 million; "CSI: Miami," CBS, 16.3 million; "60 Minutes," CBS, 15.8 million.

As Oscars approach, Moore showing no regrets for last year

TRAVERSE CITY, Mich. (AP) — Michael Moore isn't the apologetic type.

Any regrets over proclaiming to millions around the world during last year's Academy Awards ceremony that George W. Bush was a "fictitious president ... sending us to war for fictitious reasons"? No way.

But the crusading author and filmmaker does have a small confession: That rip-roaring acceptance speech after his "Bowling for Columbine" won the Oscar for best documentary almost went undelivered.

"Every bone in my body wanted to just thank them, blow them a kiss and walk off the stage," Moore confides, stirring whipped cream into a steaming cup of hot chocolate during an interview at a local bookstore. "This was my night! How many times in your life do you win an Oscar?"

"And yet that good Catholic schoolboy inside me is saying, 'You know, this life is not about being honored with golden statues.' ... In the end, I have to do what is right as a human being and a citizen. But I was fighting it. I'm a normal person, you know."

And that's one thing Moore wants to make clear — that he is normal. A regular guy.

Fair enough ... at first glance. With his bespectacled, bearded face, tousled brown hair flecked with gray, jeans-and-baseball-cap ensemble and pudgy build, he'll never be mistaken for a Hollywood hunk.

But there's nothing ordinary about this formerly obscure, muckraking journalist becoming an international celebrity — nor about having two best-selling books and an Oscar-

winning film in the same year. And not everybody can write books and make movies that have people rolling with laughter one minute and fuming with righteous indignation the next.

That delicate mixture of anger and humor is Moore's weapon of mass denunciation. In books, films, speeches and on his Web site, the 49-year-old gadfly fires rhetorical fusillades at the National Rifle Association, conservative politicians, corporate executives and assorted "stupid white men," grinning all the while.

Now he's working on another film, "Fahrenheit 9-11," due for release late this summer. As the title implies, the subject is terrorism.

It will feature Moore on a quest for answers to troubling questions — a recurring role he first assumed in "Roger & Me," the hilarious and heartbreaking 1989 tale of woe in his hometown of Flint after General Motors Corp. shuttered 11 auto manufacturing plants and laid off 33,000 workers.

True to form, his queries will be verbal whacks on the head; diplomacy isn't Moore's strong suit.

"You know the question a lot of people were asking after Sept. 11 — 'Why do they hate us?' The question I want to ask is, 'Why DON'T they hate us?' — and then take my camera around the world a bit and show what's done in our name," Moore says.

Terrorism is wrong, he says. But when he has finished cataloging misdeeds by the U.S. government and corporations, viewers will feel lucky their country hasn't drawn more attacks.

And why, he continues, are Americans so obsessed with terrorism in the first place? Sept. 11 was horrific. But the typical citizen has almost no chance of encountering terrorists.

He accuses the Bush administration of exaggerating the danger to frighten voters into giving the president another term: "It is one of the most successful lies ever perpetrated upon a people."

Such gloves-off rhetoric is one reason why Moore's critics — and they are legion — just don't get the joke. One of many Web sites devoted to him is labeled: "Michael Moore Hates America." "He is beyond mean-spirited."

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Sports

Tech's focus set on Aggies

By David Wiechmann/
The University Daily

The Lady Raiders are hoping a rivalry will spur a revival.

Texas Tech will play host to the United Spirit Arena, and the Lady Raiders will attempt to prove the team's Big 12 Conference record, which is now 3-2.

Despite A&M being a bottom tier team in the Big 12 for years, the Lady Raiders do not expect the same this year.

"They may be the most athletic team in our conference," Sharp said. "They have that new coaching staff, and the things they are learning from them make them better every time they play. I think they're playing much harder and much smarter than a year ago with the same athletes."

The Aggies were 10-18 overall and 3-13 in Big 12 play last season. This season, first-year head coach Gary Blair has his team at 7-10 (0-6). Although the Aggies are without a win in conference play, they are still a dangerous team losing by two points to Texas in the squad's last game.

Sharp said her team cannot afford to overlook A&M because it is a conference game, and the Big 12 is strong, top to bottom.

"We're not even a month into it right now, and there's not a team that hasn't lost a game. So I think that talks about the parity we have in the

Big 12 and how tough it is to get through it."

She also said the Aggies will play a major role in how the Big 12 standings finish if they continue to improve and learn from Blair.

"I think we're gonna be ready," she said. "The longer we go, the more effect they're gonna have on the conference race."

The Big 12 has handed Tech two losses thus far, both on the road, but freshman Brooke Baughman said she and her teammates want to forget about Saturday's loss at Oklahoma State and focus on winning this game.

"I think we're gonna be ready," she said. "We've been down for a little bit, and we came back, and I think we can turn back around and have a great game and really step up as a team."

The Lady Raiders have been solid at the free-throw line this season but missed a few at crucial times in both losses. The players and coaches said they are looking to improve that aspect of the game and not let the game have to come down to toeing the line.

Looking forward on the schedule is hard to avoid, but point guard Erin Grant said Tech cannot be looking past A&M to Sunday's game at Texas because getting a win is the most important thing right now.

"We do want to get a win right away," she said. "I think mostly coming off the loss and wanting to get another win under our belt and another win in conference is really what we're



FILE PHOTO/The University Daily

TEXAS TECH POINT guard Erin Grant moves toward the basket while being defended by a Nebraska player during the Lady Raiders' victory against the Cornhuskers. Tech will face Texas A&M at 7 p.m. today in the United Spirit Arena. Tech is 3-2 in Big 12 Conference play.

focusing on and what's motivating us for the next game."

Grant knows the Longhorns are waiting on Sunday and also knows a win tonight would give the Lady Raiders a little jolt going into Austin, but she and the team have the Aggies on their minds right now.

"It would give some more momentum to us, and we're gonna have to win this ballgame. We're not even thinking about Texas, but just winning because we need to win another ball game to help us advance in confer-

ence."

A win could also give Tech some added momentum not just entering Austin, but heading into what Sharp said was going to be her team's toughest month on the schedule. She deemed February "the killer" earlier this season.

Baughman said beating the Aggies would help with some added momentum, but the heartbreak of a loss motivates the team enough to give its all.

"It's important to always get wins because we don't like losing," she said.

Louisville's Pitino has to take medical leave

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Rick Pitino arrived at a clinic Tuesday to begin treatment for severe pain that forced him to take an indefinite leave from his Louisville coaching job.

The 51-year-old coach requested that no other information about his condition be released to the media, Cleveland Clinic spokeswoman Marion Moseley said.

"I'm a very positive person," Pitino said Monday. "We're going to hope for the best in every situation."

Pitino said his undetermined condition has caused him pain for months. He did not know how many games he'd miss, but hoped to return before the end of the season.

He said the pain was "urological related" and doctors have ruled out prostate cancer.

"Most men my age have these types of problems. We'll get through this in a positive way," he said. "We'll come back and hopefully have a good run in the tournament."

Pitino first noticed the pain in his left side during a golf outing late last summer. Doctors at Louisville's Jewish Hospital first treated it as a muscle tear, but when it didn't heal, they began looking for another cause.

"It's gotten to the point where it's gotten a little too painful to lead the type of coaching lifestyle I lead," Pitino said. "We'll take it from there."

This season had already been emotionally draining for Pitino. He's dealt with the deaths of a former player, his mother's caretaker and his former nanny's 3-month-old daughter.

In December, sophomore forward Francisco Garcia's brother was shot and killed in New York and senior forward Ellis Myles' father died in California. Myles is redshirting this season.

In 2001, Pitino lost two brothers-in-law - one in a car accident and another in the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center.

"All of us have been through a lot and they know how to react positively," Pitino said of his team.

Pitino's announcement came the same day the Cardinals (15-1) reached No. 4 in The Associated Press Top 25, their highest ranking of the season. Louisville had won 15 consecutive games heading into Wednesday's home game with Houston.

The Cardinals defeated Tennessee 65-62 in Knoxville on Sunday night. Pitino said when he returned home early Monday morning, the discomfort was unbearable.

"I have been in excruciating pain the last three or four games," Pitino said. "It's getting worse day by day."

Kevin Willard, Pitino's top assistant, will coach the team in Pitino's absence. Willard was arrested Jan. 18 and pleaded guilty two days later to

driving under the influence of alcohol.

Pitino said he disciplined Willard internally after his arrest. He had no reservations about turning the team over to Willard, who also worked as Pitino's assistant with the Boston Celtics.

"My confidence level in him is off the charts," Pitino said.

Pitino met with his players before practice Monday to discuss the situa-

tion. He joked that he would run practices through a speaker phone during his absence.

"They all realize that if I have to miss some time, I'll have the tape and I'll get back to them," he said, joking.

"It's up to our players, the rest of them, to rise to the occasion," Pitino said.

Two years ago, Pitino spent a night

in a hospital undergoing tests for an undisclosed illness. He said at the time tests revealed nothing seriously wrong, and he was quickly back on the sidelines.

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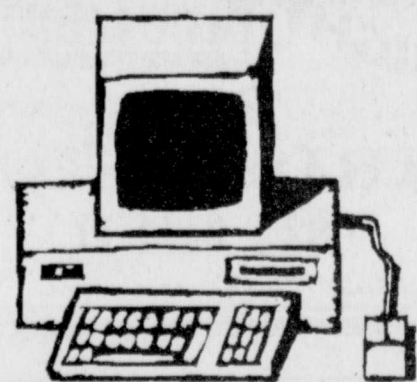


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Nijaki begins quest to return to tennis court

By Joey Kirk/The University Daily

A familiar face walks the courts at the McLeod Tennis Complex at Texas Tech during practices. But on Sunday, he will not step out on the court for the Red Raiders' first match of the year.

Sophomore Radek Nijaki can only watch his teammates from the stands rather than pick up a racket himself.

Nijaki entered into the Tech tennis program as a freshman in the fall of 2002. After only three months of 2002. Red and black, he left the West Texas town to return to his eastern European home.

"I had to go home. It was for personal problems," the Poland native said.

Nijaki did not go into depth about

the reasons for going home. He could only offer his feelings about giving up Tech tennis.

"I hated to leave my teammates, but it was more important for me to be with my family," Nijaki said.

He remained in Poland for two semesters. During that time, Nijaki said he got a chance to figure out the plans he wanted for his life.

"I talked with my parents and asked what should I do," he said. "Then I told them about Tim (Siegel)."

Nijaki said men's tennis coach Siegel is the reason he chose to come to Tech in the first place.

"Tim can prepare me for a higher level of play; he's a hard worker, and he knows a lot about tennis," he said.

"I realized playing here is good prac-

rice, and I want to compete as much as I can."

The only competition Nijaki can participate in this season is during practice. After leaving the Red Raiders, he was marked ineligible to play this year.

"I feel bad because I don't get to play. I love tennis, and I like competition," he said. "I've been playing for 12 years."

While watching, Nijaki said he will give his teammates all the support they need, but one thought will be in his head.

"I get to see them out there playing, and it's great," he said. "But it pisses me off that I don't get to be out there with them."

Siegel said although Nijaki does not get to play this semester, he still adds a lot to the team.

"The guys love him, and it's going to be tough not having him play," he said. "Last year, we had a good team and when he left, it was hard. But he is one of the few players I would give a scholarship to who can't play."

The explanation for Siegel's reason of giving Nijaki a scholarship is simple.

"In 11 years of coaching, Radek is one of the two best players I've had," he said. "He has everything you need to be a great tennis player, physically. He moves well, he's strong and big." Siegel said Nijaki's year away from

Tech was an obstacle to their success, but it may pay off in the end.

"In a way, his year away has helped us," he said. "In fact, it might have been a blessing. He has the potential and ability to turn pro."

Despite knowing he is that good of a player, Nijaki tries to play it off. He said in college tennis is more about teamwork than the individual aspect.

"Tennis is an individual game, but in college it's different," he said. "At a point, it's all for the team."

As for turning to the professional ranks of the tennis world, Nijaki said he is undecided.

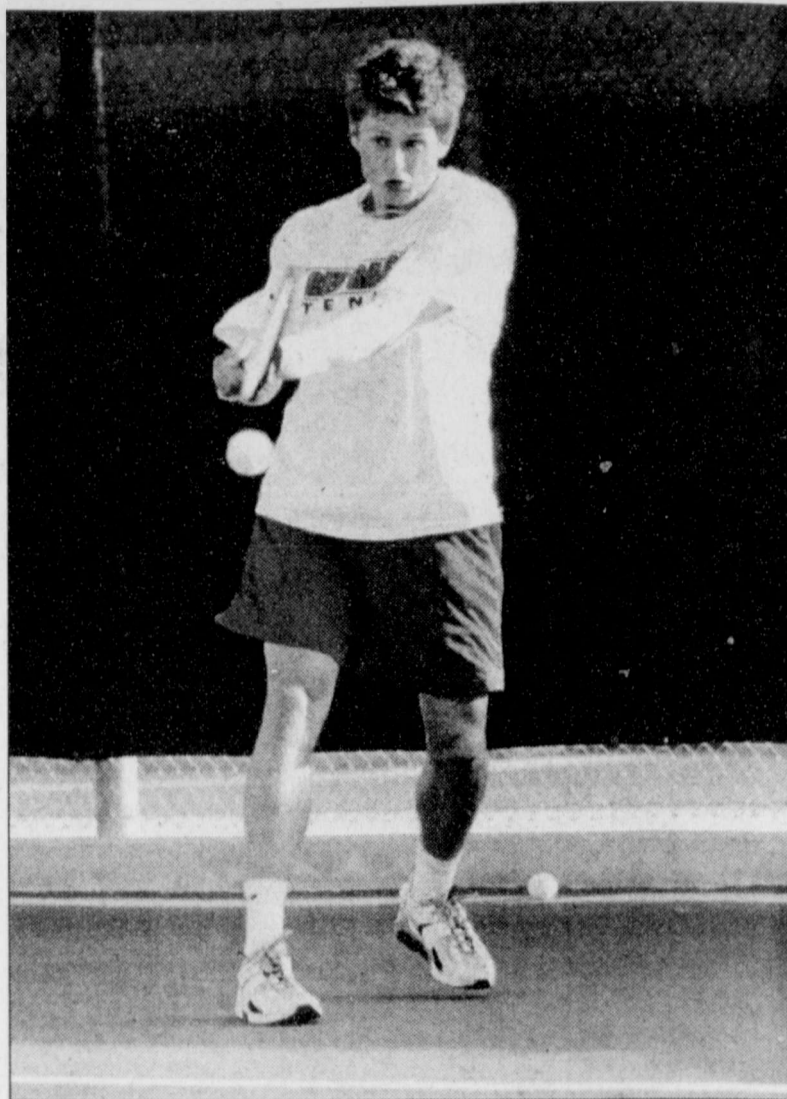
"I will be here next spring to play," he said. "I'll see what's going on and make a decision. I know I just need to improve more and coach can help me with that."

The Red Raiders will begin this season's tennis schedule at 9 a.m. Sunday at the McLeod Tennis Center against Lamar.

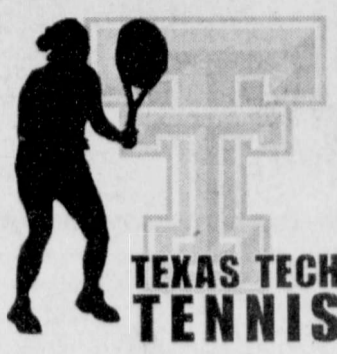
The team will also face Abilene Christian at 1 p.m. Sunday.

Despite not having Nijaki, Tech was ranked No. 62 in the International Tennis Association preseason rankings.

The Raiders' spring schedule includes 12 opponents that were also ranked in the ITA preseason rankings, including Texas A&M, Baylor, Oklahoma, Oklahoma State and Texas.



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TEXAS TECH TENNIS player Radek Nijaki practices his shot during practice at the McLeod Tennis Center.



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Former Kansas City defensive coordinator Robinson selected to lead Texas defense

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas coach Mack Brown reached into the ranks of the NFL and to a former Division I head coach Tuesday for help in shoring up the Longhorns defense in pursuit of elusive Big 12 and national titles.

Texas hired former Kansas City Chiefs assistant Greg Robinson as co-defensive coordinator. Former Hawaii and Arizona coach Dick Tomey, who spent last season as an assistant with the San Francisco 49ers, was hired as assistant head coach with duties coaching defensive ends.

"We need to get from 10 wins, 11 wins to 13 or 14," Brown said.

Brown also said he'd take a more active role in the offense, including possibly some play calling.

Texas was 10-3 last season and finished ranked No. 12. The Longhorns haven't won a Big 12 title since 1996 or an undisputed national title since 1969. The Longhorns also have a four-game losing streak to rival Oklahoma, getting embarrassed by scores of 63-14 in 2000 and 65-13 last season.

Carl Reese resigned Jan. 6 after six seasons as Texas' defensive coordinator. Former defensive ends coach and recruiting coordinator Hardee McCrary resigned Jan. 21.

Robinson has spent the past 14 seasons in the NFL and was the defensive coordinator for Denver when the Broncos won the Super Bowl in 1997 and 1998. He spent the past three seasons as defensive coordinator for the Chiefs and resigned Jan. 13, following Kansas City's 38-31 loss in the AFC playoffs.

He will share defensive coordinator duties with secondary coach Duane Akina, although Robinson will have final say in developing schemes and calling defenses, Brown said. Robinson also will coach the linebackers.

"You never dream of getting a guy like that back to college," said Brown, who said he studied the pro-style influences on the programs at LSU and USC. Louisiana State won the Bowl Championship Series

while Southern Cal finished No. 1 in The Associated Press rankings.

Robinson said the chance to coach with Brown made it easy to leave the NFL.

"I think he has a vision for what he wants," Robinson said. "I like to feel it and hear it."

Tomey posted a career record of 158-110-7 in 24 seasons as a head coach. At Arizona, his "Desert Swarm" defense was among the best in the nation. He spent one season as a defensive assistant in the NFL. Akina was an assistant under Tomey for three seasons at Arizona.

"I've always been about the way you play defense, is not just the scheme," Tomey said. "I think you should be known for how hard you play and how hard you hit."

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Astronaut crew celebrates Super Bowl week in space

HOUSTON (AP) — Astronauts orbiting the earth aboard the International Space Station tossed a colorful mini football to show off for NFL Commissioner Paul Tagliabue, who toured NASA's Johnson Space Center Tuesday while in town for the Super Bowl.

"It's not a scale model, I'm afraid, and not quite the usual color scheme," astronaut Michael Foale said as he and Alexander Kaleri played with the purple, green and red football and talked to Tagliabue via satellite to Mission Control.

"The Super Bowl must be the grandest and greatest sports event on the planet. There's not much that can be contest for that, unless maybe the World Cup" soccer championship, said Foale, who grew up in England.

Tagliabue said he asked to tour the Johnson Space Center because the Super Bowl takes place on the first anniversary of the space shuttle Columbia disaster. The shuttle disintegrated over Texas on Feb. 1, killing all seven astronauts aboard.

A tribute to the astronauts will take place before the kickoff at Sunday's game, he said. Tagliabue said he was on a flight home from Hawaii last Feb. 2 when he realized the game would be played in Houston on the shuttle anniversary.

"From that point forward, I talked to our people about making certain whatever we did was secondary to what the real priorities are, which includes what NASA does," he said.

Tagliabue asked Kaleri and Foale whether they were tethered to the space station and how they were dealing with weightlessness. Kaleri quickly did a front flip and Foale pulled his boots out from under a rail he was using to help hold him still. "People don't think we use our legs much, but we use our legs all the time," Foale said. "Once you have been on the space station for a while, you spend most of your time hopping from one hand rail or foot loop to another."

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Super Bowl teams have intrigue despite style

HOUSTON (AP) — Two teams built on dominating defense not awesome offense, rosters bereft of big names, coaches with a public persona as dry as the Texas sand.

On the surface, the Carolina Panthers against New England Patriots seems a super bore of a Super Bowl.

But, as any NFL linebacker will tell you, a bone-jarring defensive struggle has a certain beauty of its own.

"I don't think it's going to be boring. I think it's going to be a damn good game," New England linebacker Ted Johnson said. "It's two teams that have very strong wills, have a lot of confidence in what they do. It's going to be a war of wits, and I think that makes for a pretty exciting game."

The Panthers' defense is simple power, featuring a front four that applies severe pressure without the help of a blitz, backed by solid linebackers and an ever-improving secondary.

The Patriots are more complicated, adjusting under coach Bill Belichick's tutelage to take advantage of the perceived weakness of an offense.

"At the end of the day, I think we both play well," Carolina coach John Fox said, "not just against yards, but in allowing points. They are two different styles, but the end results are the same."

The Panthers blend their strong defense with a ball-controlling offense, featuring the running of Stephen Davis and DeShaun Foster. It's no "Greatest Show on Turf," but it works.

"We know our defense is going to take care of their job, and hopefully we'll do what we've done all year long," Carolina guard Kevin Donnalley said, "keep it close and find a way to win in the end."

Seven of the Panthers' 14 victories were by three points or less. Four of their wins were in overtime. They were seven-point underdogs against New England, but they were supposed to lose in the second round in St. Louis, and in the NFC championship game in Philadelphia, too.

Maybe most NFL fans would rather see the Rams, Packers or Eagles in Houston, but the Panthers

made their case on the field. They are the ultimate no-name playoff team, with a quarterback - Jake Delhomme - who wasn't even drafted.

"We've been dealing with this all through the playoffs," Fox said. "The perception on the outside is something I can't change. The perception on the inside is that we believe we belong, and we'll give it our best shot."

Odds makers often are the Super Bowl.

Last year, Oakland was a 31/2-point choice and was routed 48-21

by Tampa Bay. Two years ago, New England came into the big game a 14-point underdog to St. Louis and not only covered, but won 20-17 on Adam Vinatieri's last-second field goal.

Since the 1996 Super Bowl, only two favorites have covered - Denver in 1999 and Baltimore in 2001.

The Patriots, after winning as an underdog two years ago, aren't going to get carried away with being favored.

"We know this is going to be our toughest game of the year and that's what we're preparing for," Belichick said. "If we don't play that way, I'm sure we'll have plenty of problems."

Belichick has had two weeks to prepare a defensive game plan to

counter Carolina's grind-it-out style. His reputation as a defensive maverick is a big reason New England is such a big favorite.

New England has the closest thing to a superstar in Tom Brady, who won this game in his second pro season two years ago.

"In my opinion, he's probably the best quarterback we're going to face all year," Carolina linebacker Dan Morgan said. "We've faced some good ones, but he's so precise at what he does. We just need to play a smart game because we know he's going to play a smart game, too."

Delhomme has studied Brady's style.

"Watching him two years ago, his second year in the league, it didn't

bother him," Delhomme said. "The game wasn't too big for him. That's the one thing I tried to take from him. He's a winner. I tried to do that this year with this team."

To finish as a winner, Delhomme must succeed against a Patriots' defense that led the league in fewest points allowed (14.9), shut out three opponents and allowed just one touchdown in its last six home games. Quarterbacks threw 11 touchdowns against New England, and were intercepted by the Patriots 29 times.

"I really don't care if it's 3-0," Patriots defensive lineman Richard Seymour said. "If we get another ring on our fingers, that's the only thing that matters."



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 3/2 for rent, no deposit. Call for more information 632-9255 or 781-8777.

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 3424 Frankford, Green fields, trees, shrubs, and flowers. New Stucco walls, metal roofs, and tile porches. New ceramic tile flooring. Approved pets welcome. 792-3288. Like nothing else in Lubbock! Ask about specials.

DUPLEX FOR Lease. Large 2/21. Wet bar, fenced yard. All appliances. 7716 Albany Ave. Call 782-5573.

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FOR RENT 3/2/1 near Tech, 2510 38th. \$750/mo. 4 BDRM 5526 96th, lots of extras. \$900/mo. 795-1939.

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HOUSE FOR rent. 2/1 + game room or three bedroom. Washer & dryer connections. Dishwasher, disposer, central heat/air. Extra nice inside. Close to Tech. No pets. 2411 35th St. \$800/month. 745-4227 or 745-8077.

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LARGE 2/2 Brick House w/ carport. 2 living areas and office. Central Heat and Air. Basement, 2000sq. ft. Appliances, W/D connections. 2218 25th \$700/mo, \$500 dep. 787-2323 789-9713.

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 Brand new, spacious 3/3/2. Manicured lawns, trees, shutters. No rent increase! 773-2543, 773-2544.

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THREE BEDROOM, three bath, two car garage. Brand new. \$800/month. Call 747-5236.

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 New 3/3/2. North Brentwood, Chicago. Tech Neighbors. Manicured lawns. Amy 773-2544, Joel 773-2543.

WILL BEAT ANY PRICE
 New Duplexes! 3/2. Great move in specials. Call 787-6571 or 632-2114.

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 1 FEMALE roommate needed immediately to share 2/2 apartment. \$210/month. Available Mid-February. Call 239-3977.

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EXPERIENCE Rec Sports



Intramurals
InnerTube Water Polo
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Special Events
Rec Center All-Nighter
Ironman Triathlon Challenge
Long Course Swim at Pool
Marathon Workshop (Running)
Couples Massage Workshop
Vertical Plains Festival

Entries Due
February 3-5
February 12

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January 30
February 6
February 7
February 9
February 12
February 14

STUDENT RECREATION CENTER HOURS

Open Recreation Hours

Mon. - Thurs. 6a.m. - Midnight
Friday 6a.m. - 10:30pm
Saturday 9am - 9pm
Sunday noon - 11pm

Aquatic Center Hours

Monday - Friday 6:30am - 8:45am
Noon - 1:20pm
3:00pm - 8:45pm
Saturday-Sunday 2pm - 6:45pm

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Heartbeats
A quick pulse around the Rec Sports world...

Sports Clubs Updates
Club Baseball General Try-outs - McKenzie Park Jan. 31st at 2pm. Come prepared to play with own equipment. For more information contact Randy Yates at 785-4881.

Ironman Triathlon Challenge
Can you go the Ironman distance: 2.4 mile swim, 112 mile bike and a 26.2 mile run? I bet you can if you have 2 weeks (3 weekends) to complete the distances. Register for this fun and exciting challenge and see what some do in one day! It is \$8 for the t-shirt (\$2+ for XXL) and the deadline for entry is February 6.

Aquatic Center Classes
Lifeguard Instructor
Become certified to teach Lifeguarding and CPR/PR. The cost is \$140 for TTU students.
Wednesdays February 11th - March 24th (5-10pm) and Sat/Sun Feb 14th & 15th (all day). Register soon this is the only LGI course offered in Lubbock until October!

Kid's Swimming Lessons
Get the kids ready for summer with swimming lessons now!! Classes are Feb 3rd - 26th, (TTh) 5:30-7:30pm. Register at the Recreational Aquatic Center during open hours. Cost is \$32 for TTU students and staff.

Adult Beginning Swimming
For those of you who have always wanted to swim but were afraid to try, this course is for you! Basic water skills and safety will be taught by an American Red Cross instructor. Classes are Feb Feb 2nd - 18th (M/W) 6:30-7:30 pm.

Try Something New!
Irish Dance: Learn traditional Irish dances including the reel and jig in this fun class that moves Mondays from 5:30-6:30pm. You can register for this specialty class in the Fitness/Wellness center.

rec sports tournament of champions
24th ANNUAL ALL NIGHTER

Friday, January 30th Student Recreation Center

Texas Tech Federal Credit Union Tournament of Champions
Grab your friends and compete as a team or try an individual sport. Events are open to all TTU students, faculty and staff. There's an event for everyone!

FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

TOURNAMENTS
Indoor Soccer, Badminton, Squash
3 on 3 Basketball, Table Tennis,
4 on 4 Volleyball, Inner Tube Water Polo, Racquetball, 3 Point Shootout, Rock Climbing & Dodge Ball

Free t-shirts courtesy of TTU Federal Credit Union to all participants. **Entries due today @ 5pm; Register on-line at www.recsports.ttu.edu**

Special Events!
Stop in from 6pm-9pm and try your talents at:
Vegas Games, Chipping/Putting, Slap Shot, Goofy Bowling, Hot Shot Basketball, Racquetball Speed Serve, Progressive Shot, Badminton Bucket Challenge, Disco Fitness (5:30pm), Hit and Win Volleyball, Complimentary Chair Massages, much much more!

Did We Mention All This Is FREE!

Scoggin-Dickey Hummer Shootout
Don't Miss Your Chance To Drive Away In This!



All you need to do is sign-up Friday from 6pm-9pm at the Rec Sports All-Nighter. Then enjoy the ever popular Tom DeLuca, and see if your name will be called during the drawing at 11:15pm.

Guaranteed Laughs!



Tom DeLuca's "Hypnosis Show"
3 Time Campus Entertainer of the Year
Don't miss one of the funniest nights of the year!
SHOW STARTS AT 9PM

INTRAMURALS

Basketball Captains Meeting Tonight
Tonight's captains meetings are at 6:30pm and 8:00pm in the Room 116 of the Student Rec Center. Both meetings will be the same, so attend the one that is best for you. The intramural staff will review Texas Tech Policies, basketball rules and the *sportsmanship policy*. Teams attending this meeting will receive 1 point towards the sportsmanship goal.

Inner-Tube Water Polo
What more do you want from a sport? Inner-Tube Water Polo has 2-teams, bathing suits, 1 ball, and NO horses. The Intramural Department is signing up teams for this year's 2004 Inner-Tube Water Polo season. This sport is played at the Student Rec - Aquatic Center.
How do you play, you ask? The game is 2 (10-minute) halves and players must keep their rear end in the inner-tube at all times. A team scores when a player throws the ball in the goal - 1 point per goal. This sport is all about fun in the water and not much skill. So, the IM department invites all students, faculty, and staff members to sign up.
Sign ups are Tue, Wed, & Thurs, Feb. 3rd - 5th between 8-5 in SRC room 203. Play starts Thursday, February 12th. If you do not have a team but are interested in playing - we are going to have a free agent meeting on Wednesday, February 4th @ 6 pm in Room 206 of the Rec. Center.

OUTDOOR PURSUITS

Kayaking Class and Trip
Come sign up for an exciting opportunity to learn about whitewater kayaking. This class consists of five pool sessions and a weekend kayaking trip on the San Marcos River. No experience necessary, just an adventurous attitude.
When is the class and trip? The five-pool sessions are on Thursday nights begin February 26. The class ends with the kayaking trip on April 2-4.
What does the kayak class and trip cost? \$180.
What is included in the class and trip cost? The cost of the class includes the five pool sessions and the trip includes leadership, transportation, camping and kayaking equipment, food at the activity site, and instruction.
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. Call 742-2949 for more info.



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