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Bombing kills 19 in former Soviet nation

By Burt Herman/Associated Press

TASHKENT, Uzbekistan (AP) - Two near the Afghan border. women set off bombs at a children's store and

ping 12 hours of mayhem that killed 19 people in this former Soviet republic closely allied with Washington in the war on terrorism.

The violence, including two assaults on police and an explosion at a bomb-making hideaway, also marked

the first outbreak of terrorism in this majority like this, to come forward against them as one

U.S. troops at a tightly secured military base

bus stop in the Uzbek capital Monday, cap- extremists and said there had been several ar-

rests. He also said backing for the violence likely came from a banned radical group that has never before been linked to ter-Tahrir, or the Party of denied responsibility.

country from enemies

Muslim country since the secular government fist," Karimov, the country's former Soviet killed 10 at a house used by alleged terrorists became a staunch U.S. ally after the Sept. 11, leader who has held power since before in the central region of Bukhara, Prosecutor-

2001 attacks. Uzbekistan hosts hundreds of Uzbekistan's 1991 independence, said on state- General Rashid Kadyrov said. run TV.

The tiny opposition, banned by Karimov's President Islam Karimov blamed Islamic authoritarian regime from working openly, feared the attacks would deepen a widespread crackdown against dissent and independent Islam that has led to the jailings of thousands and evoked international condemnation.

The U.S. Embassy in Tashkent warned that early Monday, killing three officers. "other terrorists are believed still at large and rorist acts - Hizb ut- may be attempting additional attacks."

"The attacks are yet another example of Liberation. The group the importance of continued cooperation against those who would stop at nothing to "I call on everyone to achieve their misguided goals," State Departunite and protect our ment spokesman Richard Boucher said.

The violence, which also wounded 26 people, began Sunday night with a blast that

Police found 50 bottles with homemade ingredients for bombs and instructions on how to make them, a Kalashnikov rifle, two pistols, ammunition and extremist Islamic literature, he said.

The two assaults on police took place at a factory Sunday night and a traffic checkpoint

The suicide bombings, carried out 30 minutes apart at a bus stop and the Children's World store near the Chorsu bazaar in Tashkent's Old City, killed three policemen and a young child in addition to the two female attackers, Kadyrov said.

One alleged terrorist was arrested Sunday night after police stopped his vehicle and found 10 homemade bombs inside, but another suspect escaped, he said.

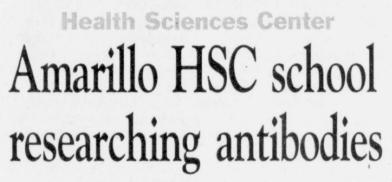
An eerie calm remained over the capital

for much of the day as officials declined to give any further details about the attacks, which went unmentioned on state-run TV until evening. Bazaars and shops were closed, and soldiers armed with Kalashnikovs were on guard outside Tashkent's central department store and across the city.

Police and intelligence agents closed off the Chorsu bazaar, one of the biggest in Tashkent, and vans carrying investigators were massed in front of Children's World. Uzbek TV showed a streak of blood painted across the sidewalk in front of the store and spattered on walls inside, with workers sweeping up heaps of shattered glass.

An eyewitness, a young woman with dyed blonde hair working at the bazaar who didn't give her name, said she felt the ground shake

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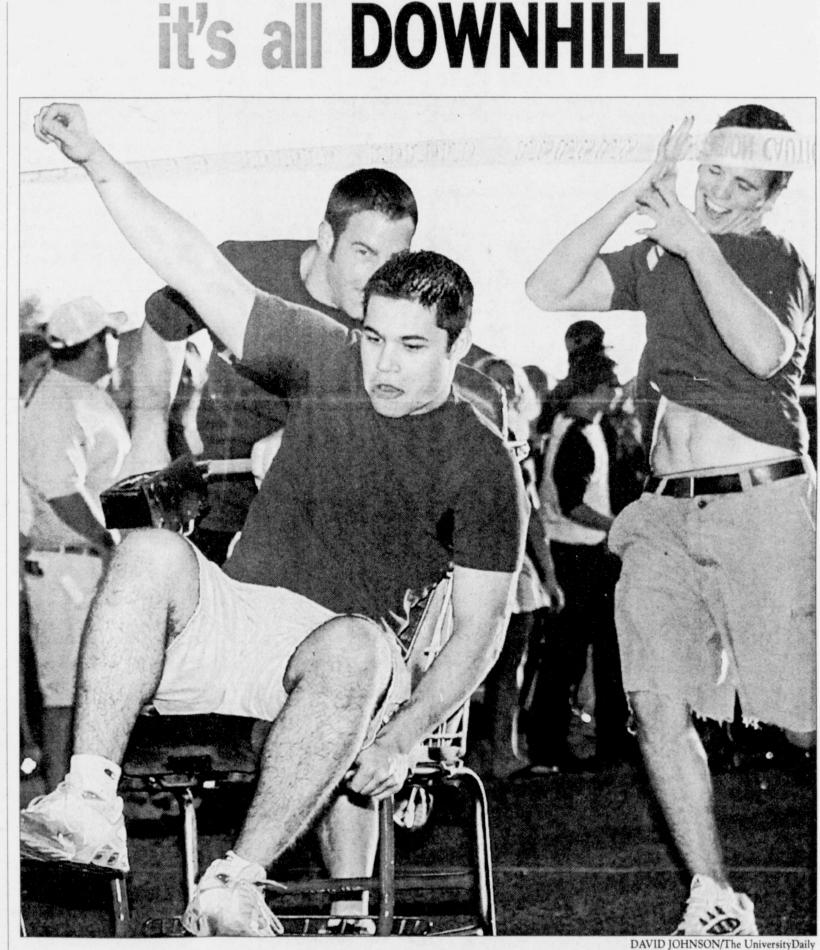
DRUG DISCOVERY: Technology to be used in design of disease treatments.

By Beth Aaron/The University Daily

If a police detective wanted to find out whether the Mafia inhabited a particular facility, he or she could find information by looking through a Dumpster outside of the building.

John Hoopingarner of Receptor Logic Ltd., compared new antibody technology being researched by Texas Tech Health Sciences Center School of Pharmacy in Amarillo to clever TV detective Colombo digging through a suspect's trash can.

"What we're doing is making antibodies that normally wouldn't look at the garbage cans," he said.





Emergent Technologies Inc., of Austin, a venture capital firm that formed Receptor Logic, licensed the Tech HSC School of Pharmacy in Amarillo to research antibody drug discovery technology on March 26.

According to a news release, Emergent Technologies Inc., forms and funds biotech companies for the purpose of converting university-based technology into high-return ventures.

Antibody drug discovery technology is a breakthrough integrated diagnostic and therapeutic approach to be used in the design of customized anti-cancer and infectious disease treatments for individual patients, according to the release.

Antibodies are part of the immune system. They stick to holes, called targets, in different cells and determine if the cell is a friend or foe of the body, Hoopingarner said. Sometimes, antibodies are not able to detect bad cells because targets are located inside of a cell.

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Student Affairs Wireless technology gains favor in U.S., at Tech

By Michael Castellon/The University Daily

More than a year ago, wireless Internet access seemed to be the next flash-in-the-pan technological trend. The technology used to implement wireless access was shaky and unreliable, and the cost of going unplugged far outweighed the hipness of net mobility.

But times have changed, and moving toward the dream of going without wires has become not only convenient and fashionable, but also attainable.

Where else can one look for the next and newest technology than universities? Tech-savvy students regularly lead the market for new computer and internet-based components, and students at Texas Tech are no exception.

Tech Information Technology officials are continuing to expand wireless Internet initiatives across campus, and the response so far has been positive.

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Andres Rivera, a sophomore civil engineering major from San Antonio (front), is being pushed by Brendon Brook, a sophmore business major from Lubbock, and Garret Holubar, a freshman business major from Lubbock. The team came in in third place in the "Pike Shaggin Wagon" during the Soap Box Derby portion of Greek Week on Monday evening.

Public Affairs

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HONORS STUDENTS AMANDA Clark, a junior nursing major from Alvord, Nicholas Huth, a senior management information systems major from Sugarland, Garrett Luft, a senior history and exercise sports sciences major from Midland, and Ben Chicka, a junior history major from El Paso, work together on a presentation using wireless Internet in the library Monday.

Tech students discuss Pledge of Allegiance controversy

By Sally Gunter/ The University Daily

Two words continue to cause controversy throughout the United States and on the Texas Tech campus.

The U.S. Supreme Court on Wednesday began reviewing whether a California public school district policy requiring teachers to lead willing students in reciting the pledge of allegiance violates the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment, as applicable through the 14th Amendment.

The case, originated in California by Michael Newdow, who contends that having public schoolchildren re- can Legion, the Knights of Columbus, cite the pledge violates the U.S. Constitution because it contains the words "under God."

The U.S. Congress added the controversial phrase to the pledge in 1954.

friend of the court brief on behalf of all 50 states supporting the Elk Grove Unified School District in California.

"From the time of her founding, our nation has recognized her religious heritage in historical documents, speeches and even her architecture," according to Abbott's brief. "The phrase 'under God' in the pledge of allegiance is one such acknowledgment, and I urge the Supreme Court to protect its continued presence in our public schools."

Focus on the Family, the Amerithe National Education Association and other organizations joined Abbott in his support for the phrase.

The Court also received briefs supporting Newdow from groups such as

Texas Attorney General Greg the American Atheists, United Fa-Abbott filed an amicus curiae, or thers of America, Religious Scholars and Theologians and the Buddhist Temples.

The Court could reach a decision at the end of June.

Texas has a statute which requires school districts to have students recite the Pledge of Allegiance once during each school day. It also includes an opt-out provision for parents opposed to their children reciting it in class.

phrase should be allowed in the Pledge to remind citizens of the foundational beliefs of the country.

Diane Soucy, a doctoral student in counselor education from Lubbock, said she understands why people from Midland, said she supports the would protest the phrase "in God" but does not think it violates the separation of church and state.

"I can see both sides," she said. "Our country was founded on those principles and religious beliefs, and I don't think they need to be taken out of an institution. An institution is what gives us our foundation and beliefs and values."

For 45 years Soucy said she has held the same thoughts and does not foresee those changing.

"For me personally, it's what I believe," she said. "But I know it doesn't Some Tech students agreed the fit all people, and it shouldn't cause that's what makes America a very multicultural place. It embraces all cultures and beliefs."

Tricia Marquez disagreed.

Marquez, a junior pre-med major separation of church and state and

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LINDI MCFADDEN, LEFT, a freshman biology major from Olton, Kristen Leon, a freshman pre-nursing major from Petersburg, and Maggie Hilburn, a visual studies major from Floydada, study outside on a towel in the fields by the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreational Center.

Ban on late-term abortions taken to court "Evidence at trial will illuminate

ban on a type of late abortion was challenged in three courtrooms across the nation Monday as abortion-rights activists argued that the law is so broad it in-

The Bush administration argued in defense of the law that fetuses feel pain during such "inhumane" procedures.

The law, signed in November by President Bush, has not been enforced because judges in New York, Lincoln, Neb., and San Francisco agreed to hear evidence in three trials before deciding whether it violates the Constitution.

The law is the first substantial limita-

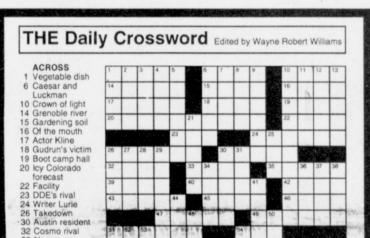
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NEW YORK (AP) - The federal tion on abortion since the Supreme Court's landmark Roe v. Wade decision. The current cases also appear likely to reach the high court.

Attorney A. Stephen Hut Jr., speakfringes on women's basic right to choose. ing for the plaintiffs, argued the law "in its stunning breadth would ... remove the range of abortion alternatives available to women in the second trimester." He cautioned that the evidence will include "very raw stuff" and that descriptions of surgery were "not for the faint of heart."

> Assistant U.S. Attorney Sean H. Lane described the law as an attempt to ban an "inhumane and gruesome procedure that causes pain to the fetus.'



that partial-birth abortion is never medically necessary and is an inhumane procedure that should be banned," Lane said in front of U.S. District Judge Richard C. Casey in Manhattan.

He said the law was specific in banning a procedure that kills a "partially born fetus just inches from birth."

The lawsuits center on what opponents call "partial-birth" abortion and what doctors call "intact dilation and extraction.'

In the procedure, generally performed in the second trimester and occasionally in the third, a fetus is partially delivered and its skull is punctured. An estimated 2,200 to 5,000 such abortions are performed annually in the United States, out of 1.3 million total abortions.

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The Rundown



Coast animals in Kerry, Cheney clash Al-Qaida intelligence danger from visitors over taxes, economy chief killed in raid

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) -Some pelicans, deer and other creatures John Kerry lashed out at Vice Presiat Padre Island National Seashore have dent Dick Cheney on Monday, accusto flee for their lives from threats that ing Cheney of distorting his Senate include poaching, target practice or cruelty from human visitors, park rangers say.

For the six rangers who patrol about 133,000 acres, some of the worst animal cruelty involves so-called "coyote fishing," where the predators are baited with food attached to a fishing line, then dragged and tortured.

Several people were arrested earlier for killing a coyote they caught with a hot dog on fishing line strung down the beach.

"They waited for it to swallow the hot dog, then yanked the coyote down the beach," Juan Rodriguez, National Park Service ranger and chief of education at the seashore, told the Corpus Christi Caller-Times. "It's almost hard to believe people can do some of these type things.'

Four endangered brown pelicans were shot March 22. Officials said a national seashore visitor witnessed a man get out of his car with a shotgun and take aim at the birds.

Two of the birds died after being shot and the other two were euthanized. A total of 38 brown pelicans and one white pelican were brought to the Animal Rehabilitation Keep this year, but officials acknowledge it is difficult to pinpoint the cause of each bird's injuries.

Some may have become entangled in traps, snared in fishing line, attacked by predators or terrorized by people. So far, 11 have been released, including the white one, and four died. Six were euthanized with an injection, five are in intensive care and 13 are in the yard.

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) record on taxes as the Democrat sought to shift the debate to President Bush's stewardship of the economy.

"This administration has one economic policy for America - 3 million jobs lost and driving gas prices towards \$3 a gallon," the presumptive Democratic nominee told students at a jobs training center in Sacramento.

Hours after Cheney called him "one of the most reliable pro-tax votes in the Senate," Kerry delivered a sharp rebuke, faulting the Bush administration for waging a campaign of "halftruths."

"They found Dick Cheney in an undisclosed location and brought him out to attack me," Kerry said at the start of a town hall meeting at the Charles A. Jones Skills & Business Education Center. "That seems to be his designated role, not to create jobs, but to attack John Kerry.

"They are running a campaign in March of mid-October desperation," said the four-term Massachusetts senator

Two weeks ago, Kerry and Cheney engaged in a cross-country, rhetorical fight over national security and the Democrat's credentials to be commander in chief.

taxes and the economy.

Kerry is on a two-day campaign swing through four California cities, where he is raising money and talking to voters about the need for jobs. While Kerry blames Bush for rising unemployment, Bush's campaign portrays Kerry as a habitual tax-raiser.



WANA, Pakistan (AP) - An al-Qaida intelligence chief was killed in Pakistan's massive military sweep through western tribal areas to root out members of Osama bin Laden's terror network and the Taliban, a military official said .

Army spokesman Maj. Gen. Shaukat Sultan identified the intelligence chief only as Abdullah. When pressed for details, including Abdullah's full name and nationality, Sultan said he had no more information.

The military declared the operation in South Waziristan province over on Sunday, and claimed it was a success. Some 167 suspects were arrested, but hundreds of other militants are still at large. Uzbek terrorist leader Tahir Yuldash was reportedly wounded in the assault but escaped.

Sultan said the army had confirmed Abdullah's death through "independent intelligence sources" but would not say if it had his body. Abdullah is a common name in the Islamic world, and it was impossible to know which of many al-Qaida and other terror suspects Sultan might be referring to.

Sultan said that 63 militants were killed in the operation, and 167 arrested. Security officials had said Uzbeks, Chechens and Arabs were among them.

He said 46 troops were killed and 26 injured.

Villagers have begun returning to their homes after seeking shelter in Wana On Monday, they sparred over and other villages during the operation, when thousands of Pakistani forces battled hundreds of foreign and local militants.

> Some tribesmen demanded compensation Monday for property they said had been damaged and looted in the operation, Pakistan's biggest and bloodiest to flush out al-Qaida fugitives.

Defense attorney says woman accused of stoning sons insane

TYLER (AP) - A deeply religious wrong when she killed her children last

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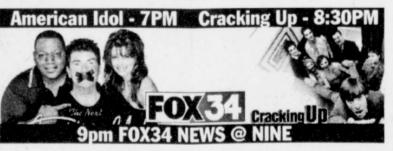
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to be God's will or does she turn her the jury, reminding them that expert back on her. God?" defense attorney opinions aren't fact and that they F.R. "Buck" Files Jr. asked the jury of should consider all other evidence in eight men and four women.

Deanna Laney, a 39-year-old stayat-home mother, pleaded innocent by reason of insanity to charges of capital murder in the deaths of 8-year-old Joshua and 6-year-old Luke and serious injury to a child for the beating of Aaron, a 14-month-old at the time.

The petite woman who homeschooled her children in the tiny town of New Chapel Hill, 100 miles southeast of Dallas, wept uncontrollably Monday and shook her head, at times burying her face in a tissue, as she listened to testimony and prosecutors showed gruesome photographs of her slain children.

Her husband, who has supported her, sat a few rows behind with friends and family.

Prosecutors are trying to convince jurors that Laney knew right from



"The issue of sanity is tried in the court, not the hospitals," Smith County "Does she follow what she believes District Attorney Matt Bingham told the case.



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Tech community reacts to lower voting age

By Andrew Bell/The University Daily

In a recent constitutional amendment for California, the state has considered giving an incoming high school freshman to high school - the right to vote.

According to Senate Constitutional Amendment No. 19, the Senate proposed a resolution for an amendment to the Constitution of the State. By amending Section 2 of Article II, the amendment would change the state's voting age to 14.

The amendment, introduced by Sen. Vasconcellos, gained two-thirds of the membership of each house during the 2003-2004 regular session. Through the concurring votes, the resolution proposes to the people of California that the constitution of the state be amended.

Under the 26th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, no state can interfere with the voting of an individual 18 years of age or older. Kevin Scott, an assistant professor of political science at Texas Tech, said although the state cannot interfere, the amendment does not say a state can extend voting rights to younger individuals.

The California Constitutional Amendment would give voting rights to a United States citizen 14 years of age or older. According to the amendment, votes by 14- and 15-year-old individuals would count as a quarter of a vote. Citizens who are 16 and 17 years old would have a vote counting as half of a vote.

The possible objective would be to get people involved in the political process as early in life as possible. Although some citizens may believe younger individuals would not make good decisions on a political platform, Scott said 14year-olds make decisions every day that have personal and communal impacts.

By lowering the voting age in California, the amendment would aim to increase the voter turnout in the state. However, because younger citizens'

detect cancer cells in the body, attack-

ing them before they become problem-

votes would count as a fraction, the

amendment would not increase the percentage of people who vote, Scott said. Instead, the question is whether the amendment is considered constitutional, Scott said. According to the 14th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, every citizen is granted equal protection

of the laws. If every citizen is granted equal protection, Scott said a 14-yearold should have a whole vote instead of "I'm not sure if California can do

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what it wants to," he said. "It might be OK for state elections, but I'm not sure if it would be OK for voting in a senator or president or any federal office."

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ful, Taylor said.

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cally."

According to the Lubbock County Clerk's office, there are federal mandates in place that states are required to follow during an election process. However, the federal mandates create room for each state to include its own mandates for voting. For example, the state of Texas has different voting regulations than other states in the country.

Regardless, Tech students discussed

"It's something, as far as I know, Tech

the response of a person's immune sys-

tem, Taylor said. Unique antibodies

would increase the likelihood of success-

AIDS and cancer," he said, "we meant

to get the immune system really in-

volved. We're trying to treat biologi-

"So, the really tough diseases like

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the issues of the experience and maturity of younger citizens to vote in an election.

Jamey Kinsel, a freshman advertising major from Mesquite, said the idea of giving younger citizens the right to vote is stupid. You could give those interested a

right to," he said. "But a fourth of a vote would not matter."

Those who would choose to vote might be voting purely on the influence of parents, Cassie Showalter, a senior photo communications major from Lubbock, said.

Jordan Polk, a senior telecommunications major from Lubbock, said individuals in the age bracket, especially those who are 14 and 15 years old, do not have the maturity level to do something as important as electing officials. "It is a positive thing to get them more interested in the government," he said. "Then again, schools could take the time to teach them about politics to better prepare them to vote."

AIDS patients could potentially benefit from this new antibody technology, though benefits are still far off. Vaccines for AIDS and cancer could possibly re-

sult from antibody technology. Jon Weidanz, assistant professor of pharmaceutical sciences at the HSC

School of Pharmacy in Amarillo, said the new antibodies are still in the research stages. Weidanz said he hopes physicians will have these new antibodies in their hands within the next couple of years

Weidanz said the antibody market has progressed very quickly. Current antibody treatments cost anywhere from \$1,000 to \$2,000 per month.

sponded. High-tech manufacturers are scrambling to keep up with home wireless networks.

Cnet predicts 40 percent of homes with broadband Internet access also have a wireless network, resulting in a 160 percent jump in the sale of wireless Internet accessories, which represents 6.8 million wireless devices.

Cox Communications, one of the leading providers of broadband service to Lubbock homes and businesses also provides wireless home networking solutions to their custom-

"In addition to home broadband Internet service, we offer home wireTHE SUN



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warned doctors and nurses not to talk.

ever reported in the five Central Asian

nations once ruled by the Soviet

Union: Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan,

Tajikistan, Kazakhstan and

planned six to eight months in ad-

vance and had been originally set to

take place around the Central Asian

new year holiday Navruz, which falls

on March 21, but that heavy security

prevented them. The planning and

money required to carry out such at-

tacks also indicated they had outside

Karimov said the attacks were

Turkmenistan.

support, he said.

The suicide bombings were the first

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TAYLOR WARREN, A freshman exercise and sports sciences major from Robinson, plays volleyball with friends outside of the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreational Center on Monday afternoon.

Bombing

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when one of the explosions went off. She said she saw a woman crying over the motionless body of a child.

At the nearby First City Hospital, a man in the hallway was crying "Where is my daughter? Is she alive or dead?"

A nurse tried to comfort him before a doctor approached and scolded her, telling her not to give any information to anyone - even victims' relatives. Another government official down the hallway also

fer that service in all areas of our cable footprint," said Vickie Bennett, community relations manager for Cox Communications. "The benefits of our wireless networking solutions accompanied with our broadband solutions include faster Internet connections than are typically offered by dial-up connections, and the ability of the user to not tie up phone lines."



Antibodies

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However, this new discovery technology could lead to more thorough antibody treatments, Hoopingarner said. MHC molecules are used to turn cells inside out so troubled cells can be seen clearly. MHC molecules scoop out junk from a cell, Hoopingarner said.

"We now have a way to stick an antibody on them and kill the cell or attack it," he said. "What makes it so powerful is every protein in the cell is brought up by these markers."

Antibody treatment can be used to

Wireless

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across campus, and allows for users of wireless-enabled laptop computers and handheld wireless devices to access the Internet without having to physically connect to a server with cables and cords.

According to information provided by Sam Segran, vice president for information technology and chief information officer for Tech, wireless access is available at most areas on campus, and officials expect the entire project to be complete by next fall.

atic, Hoopingamer said. This new technology would enable physicians to see tumors more clearly on Magnetic Resonance Imaging and CT scan read outs. Tony Taylor, vice president of busi-

ness development for Receptor Logic, said usually, treatments with antibodies are one size fits all. This new technology would break the antibody mold.

"They have a way to make antibodies that are specifically tailored to individuals," he said.

This antibody technology has been in the works since 1999. Other ventures have been made, but none were success-

able at more than 20 locations across campus, including the Jerry S. Rawls College of Business Administration, the Administration building, Holden Hall, the School of Law and the new addition of the Student Union, according to information from Segran.

Currently, wireless access is avail-

Although relatively widespread and reliable at most wireless-enabled points across campus, IT officials are still monitoring the system for usability issues. As more and more users begin to access the technology, more tweaking of the systems infrastructure

may be required. Another factor that prevents a is the rapid evolution of wireless technology, which is relatively new, and has yet-to-be-defined technical standards.

Currently, Tech's wireless infrastructure requires user authentication via e-Raider username and password, and the configuration of the user's hardware for 802.1x wireless security standards, according to documents.

According to cnet.com, wireless technology is one of the fastest and most expanding technologies being developed.

Although many institutions have wireless services, the trend is nudging home computer users toward seamless transition to wireless access wireless, and the market has re- less networking solutions, and we of-

is the only place doing this," he said. "There's been other people that have tried, but they didn't have the technol-How effective an antibody is at attacking and killing bad cells depends on

Pledge

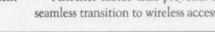
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thinks religion should not be included in government affairs, including the Pledge.

"I am a Christian, but I do believe firmly in separation of government and religion," she said. "Based on that, constitutionally they should take it out."

The United States is diverse in religious beliefs and Marquez said she thinks it is offensive to other beliefs.

"I believe that every religion has their god but I think it is discriminatory to just say God," she said. "It



is being biased toward Christianity or religions that say God."

Leaving the phrase in the Pledge would only create a pressure effect in which students would feel bullied by the majority into reciting it, Marquez said.

When he was in public school growing up, Josh Offield, a junior finance major from Fort Worth, said he recited the Pledge in the classroom and the tradition should continue.

"I don't really have a problem re-

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quiring people to say the pledge," he said.

The United States was founded on Judea-Christian beliefs that still have a bearing on what is done today, Offield said.

The recital of the Pledge of Allegiance in schools creates patriotism and a love of country at an early age, he said.

"I just think that it is something that is not going to hurt anyone to stand up and honor our country," he said.

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Guest Column

Keith singing for love, not for money

most of what you see, some of what Male Vocalist of the Year. you hear, and none of what you it ... or is it?

Lately there have been a slew of opinion articles printed in The UD that have In the first article that came up I found been completely unfounded. The latest addition to this anti-research protest ceding paragraph about Keith's "hits." comes from Lucas Flores on the Friday before Spring Break.

The column starts out well enough. Flores basically states that he is disappointed in Bush's campaign team for running re-election commercials containing footage of Ground Zero.

ow does that old saying go? Believe sen as the Country Music Association's

Now, I will admit I am a Toby Keith read in The University Daily. Wait, that's not fan, so I know all about his hits. Just for fun, though, I went online, typed "Toby Keith" into the textbox, and hit search. all the pertinent information in the pre-

This entire process took me four minutes and twelve seconds. I timed it.

Saying Toby Keith would have been forgotten had he not released "Courtesy of the Red, White, and Blue" is like saying Alan Jackson

> would have been forgotten had he not writ-

Natalie Maines used her microphone to bash our president in a foreign land, which is her freedom of speech right, but now she for the life of her can't understand why the Dixie Chicks can't sell albums. Only an uninformed person

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ever could relate these two singers to one

wall, but I have some advice for the opin-

for an opinion piece, stop, take a deep

breath, and do some research on the sub-

ject. I know it sounds crazy, but it's just

- Drew Vela, junior horticulture ma-

ion writers at The University Daily.

crazy enough to work!

Now, I know this may sound off the

The next time you get a delicious idea

another.

on for their ignorance. Case in point: a "Free Kobe" shirt I spotted on campus. Wow! How lucky for everyone! This young, enlightened Red Raider was actually THERE to witness the event and KNOWS Kobe is innocent! Whew! Somebody call him to Kobe's defense team. They obviously will need his extensive knowledge of the situation to "free" the powerful basketball star.

merous death threats. Kobe's defense team

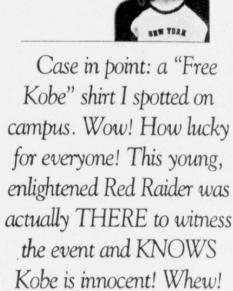
also is drilling her about her sexual history. News flash: even women or men who

are sexually active with multiple partners

Then there's your ubiquitous collegeaged males, who can always be counted

can be raped. Period.

But here is the point. I'm guessing and this is just a guess - this Tech student, so committed to freeing Kobe from his plight, was not there the night the althousands of other Americans sticking drunk, dressing cute, or what have you. their noses into the event and tossing out their opinions — not even me. I would not even be writing this, perhaps, if I hadn't seen someone with the audacity to wear a shirt that practically proclaims Bryant's innocence. There's really only three facts we know about this case. No. 1, Kobe's accuser had sexual relations with another man the night of the alleged attack. OK. So what? Who knows what circumstances surrounded that night. Kobe could have had sexual relations with 10 women that night, and no one would be making a huge deal about it. Oh, but I'm forgetting. This young woman is supposedly promiscuous and out for money, right? Except those are not facts. Those are assumptions. was in that room except for Bryant and the accuser. And third, we do know Bryant cheated on his wife. Now there is a fact we should be looking into. Apparently, it is permissible to hound this young woman about her sexual experiences while Bryant's major act of immorality (and promiscuity) goes virtually unnoticed since his public apology. Silly me. I thought we were living in an era of equality, where women can theoretically be as sexually active as men without being stigmatized. But no --- the wealthy sports icon seems to prevail again, just as O.J. Simpson and his infamous Bronco did years ago. Bryant cheated on his wife, so I'm going to go out on a limb here and say he might be capable of additional acts of immorality. Rape, whether it happened that night in Colorado or not, is a hideous act of immorality. Apparently, Bryant's accuser went up to his hotel room not expecting sex, but just to make out. Whatever she expected, if she didn't ask for it, she shouldn't have been subjected to it. That goes for every woman. I hear a lot of people saying "Well, what did she think was going to happen?" or "She brought it on herself." No.



Kobe is innocent! Whew! Somebody call him to Kobe's defense team. They obviously will need his extensive knowledge of the situation to 'free' the powerful basketball star.

and men should be afraid. It takes away our rights as citizens of this world to think, act and dress as freely as we wish without the ultimate violation - rape or sexual assault. Women, as well as men who have been atleged rape occurred. Neither were the tacked, apparently should fear getting That fear takes away our rights as free Americans. A guy could get drunk and run around naked in Graham's and probably strut away without being violated. A girl dresses in a short skirt she not only has the right to wear but is also encouraged to wear by mass culture, and suddenly, she "asked for" whatever consequences that skirt or her actions brought.

Fair enough.

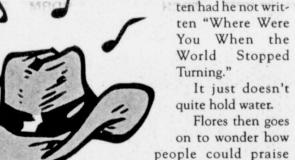
He then, however goes on to relate George W. Bush to Toby Keith and Natalie Maines. I will briefly summarize what he had to say on the subject.

Flores states that Toby Keith would have

been forgotten had he not written "Courtesy of the Red, White, and people would "disown someone for speak-Blue." Keith blatantly used 9/11 to boost his career.

Flores then uses a rhetorical question this song (notice that the quotes around "hits" are Flores', not mine).

Apparently when Flores wrote this piece he was not aware that prior to releasing "Courtesy of the Red, White, and Blue" in the summer of 2002 Toby Keith had charted seventeen top ten "hits," eight of which climbed to number one. He also had a pop-crossover "hit" ("How Do You Like Me Now"), a number one album ("Pull My Chain"), and was cho-



Keith for singing about his love for America when the same

ing a few words about her dislike for a president." For all those outside the loop, here

to sarcastically ask if anyone could re- Flores is referring to a concert in Lonmember any one of Keith's "hits" before don in which Natalie Maines, lead singer of the Dixie Chicks and a Lubbock native, bashed our current president to a foreign audience.

> Is there really even a comparison here? Toby Keith was raised in a military home and was taught to love his country and honor and support those men and women brave enough to defend it. He sings about America because he loves America.

Natalie Maines used her microphone jor from Needville

View from another university

Bush attackers operate on double standards

By Jonathon Williamson/The BG News

(U-WIRE) BOWLING GREEN, Ohio - Over the course of the last year I have had the opportunity to observe what a lot of people are saying about President Bush and I am struck by the double standard that I have found.

I have heard many people defend past administrations and attack Bush for similar acts or worse, attack him when he handles something one way and then again when he does the opposite.

One good example of this is a statement made by a prominent Democrat sitting on the 9/11 review commission in which he said "the fact that it's unpopular, that it's difficult, that our allies are not necessarily with it, shouldn't deter a president who believes that what we have is a serial killer on our hands." In that case, he was talking about attacking bin Laden but it could just as easily be applied to the attack on Iraq.

Another example could just as easily be the firestorm created by counterterrorism expert Richard Clarke in the past weeks when he asserted that Bush failed to recognize the pending 9/11 attack when just two years ago his impression was much different. In fact responding to an almost identical assertion by Time magazine, Clarke responded that Bush

I have grown progressively unsettled by the lack of reason and factual support behind some attacks against Bush. Statements saying he is a trigger happy cowboy or that he intentionally lied to the American people are unfounded and ridiculous.

was continuing the policies of the previous administration until an aggressive strategy could be devised.

Whether his recent change of heart is motivated politically or by financial gain from his new book, it is just one example of the double standard launched against President Bush as we near the election.

I have grown progressively unsettled by the lack of reason and factual support behind some attacks against Bush. Statements saying he is a trigger happy cowboy or that he intentionally lied to the American public are unfounded and ridiculous. I have heard allegations that his service during Vietnam in the National Guard was done so out of cowardice and that he dodged his required service.

At the same time I am reminded of a former president who literally fled the country to avoid the draft or a presidential candidate over whom questions have been raised about his service in Vietnam and suddenly that service is off limits and beyond the scope of the campaign.

I bit my tongue for months as literally a dozen Democratic candidates for president insulted and verbally attacked the President over his policies. But now, as Bush is fighting back and raising questions about his opponent, the story from the Democrats is that they are above such personal attacks.

I don't agree with everything Bush has done, but I am constantly amazed at the level of literal hatred and the lack of reason behind it that many use in attacking the President. We have become a nation that level attacks against the opposing party's leaders but find it unreasonable to find fault in those we support.

The situation sickens me, and I am shocked at the lack of knowledge on the sub-

This is what women and men alike are fighting for the world over. The mentality that individuals "bring it" on themselves, or should have "expected" something to happen, reinforces that women her at angela.n.timmons@ttu.edu.

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So humans really aren't as mentally developed as we like to think, then, if individuals cannot control themselves in a situation where they're thinking, "Hey, this chick is asking for it."

The times must change. Humans must evolve into a mentality that will bring an era of actual equality, not just lip service. To both men and women out there, I want to tell you this: do not be afraid to report Fact No. 2, as I stated before: no one any abuse that has happened to you. I know it is frightening and intimidating, especially watching what is happening to Bryant's alleged victim.

> Again, one person is sexually assaulted every 90 seconds. That is a lot of victims. I'm sure those victims are feeling encouraged to come forward at this moment when there are people running loose all over this country, just waiting to judge them.

> But only more awareness and more documented reports can cease stigmatization of rape victims. Just as last week's annual march stated, "take back the night."

> As I know from covering the march last year for The UD, a lot of people on campus think those marchers are angry lesbians. But that is not it at all. These are people who actually have the courage, not only in tight-lipped, conservative West Texas, but all over the world, to tell women and men who have felt powerless to regain control in their lives.

> Take every night back into your hands. Remember, no one is safe until enough legal action scares possible rapists back into their pants. Even the cool kid with the "Free Kobe" shirt could be a victim.

> Perhaps he might then consider what it is like to be on the side without the power, as Kobe's accuser is experiencing right now. I bet then he wouldn't wear his shirt so bright, proud and ignorant.

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Tech to host memorial run in honor of Red Raider

5K RUN: Alumni Association to host Courtney Nolen Memorial 5K Saturday

Red Raiders, get ready to break in your running shoes. The Texas Tech Alumni Association will host the 2nd annual Courtney Nolen Memorial 5K Run/Walk at 9:45 a.m Saturday .

Proceeds will benefit a scholarship held in Nolen's name.

Brenda Collins, a unit supervisor with the Tech athletic department said the scholarship will be presented to a member of the Tech women's track Team. Nolen was a four- year letter winner and co-captain of the cross country team, whose life was taken by a car accident days after graduating from

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Derrick Morgan, the associate vice president of the Texas Tech Alumni Association said he anticipates a big turnout this year.

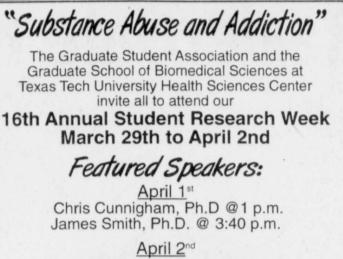
"Attendance was in the 600s last year," he said. "We are hoping to improve those numbers and make it an even bigger event this year."

Individuals interested in participating in the 5K can register at Hoots Bagels on Broadway Avenue. and online at www.cnm5k.com. Registration for college and high school students is \$12 and \$16 for the general public. Late registration on the day of the race will be \$20. All registration packets will include a T-shirt and race number.

"It is for a good cause - so hopefully the weather will be nice and everyone can come out and have a great time," Morgan said.



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RaiderGate makes baseball season debut

While baseball players are swinging for the fence at Dan Law Field on Saturday, other Texas Tech students will get a chance to feed their need for competition outside the gates.

As part of the first annual baseball RaiderGate and Student Appreciation Day, the Student Heckler Society is hosting a free Wiffle Ball tournament for teams in Segrist Grove, next to Thompson Hall and the baseball stadium, beginning at 10 a.m.

Student Heckler Garrett Luft said the "mini-Law" will be set up for perfection instead of their weekly traditional games against the Tech Hecklers and other teams created by baseball fans.

"We're gonna have portable fences and chalk for foul lines set up," he said. "It's gonna be for real instead of using carpet for bases like we do every weekend."

But, rather than only allowing Tech-affiliated teams to play, Luft said they are going to create the rivalry factor outside the gates of the Law as well. "I have talked to several Texas fans,

well," he said. "So we'll have UT fans too, which is added rivalry."

The Red Raiders play the No. 1ranked Longhorns this weekend in a three-game series beginning at 6:30 p.m. Friday. Prior to the 2 p.m. game Saturday, RaiderGate will feature free food and entertainment to pump up Tech fans for the game.

Student Government Association President Jeremy Brown said after success with RaiderGate before football games, the SGA wanted to branch out into other realms of Tech athletics.

"Last fall, we talked with several people about the concept. They were looking to when we did it before football games, and we wanted to make it for basketball and baseball," he said.

With Texas coming to Lubbock for the series, Brown said they could not have picked a better weekend.

"We want more student participation at these events, and the Texas game is huge for baseball," he said. "That's probably the best weekend, when it and say thank you." comes to atmosphere, for students to come out and have a good time."

Several Lubbock vendors will be

By Joey Kirk/The University Daily and they have said they would play as offering free food to students that But now, he said they have a chalpresent their Tech IDs, and Brown said the musical entertainment provided is one for the books.

"We really recommended the Scott McCurry band because they are really good," he said. "But another reason and the main reason is because he is a fellow student, as are the other members of the band."

With a great turnout, Brown said Tech could make this a tradition.

"We wanted a way to increase attendance at these games, and it's fun to get together outside of the classroom to have fun," he said.

Director of Marketing and Promotions for Tech Athletics Jimmy Frush said since the weekend is huge for Raider sports, he wanted some way to "gage interest" in baseball.

"This is a test run, and an event to set up student appreciation day," he said. "We want it geared toward Tech students, since they do pay an athletic fee. We want to give back something

In the past, when admission was required, Frush said they would have studenthecklers/ or contact the games students could attend for free. SGA office at (806) 742-3631.

lenge.

"We have a challenge to come up with new ways to give back to the students," Frush said. "We consider this one of the biggest rivalries for Tech, so we want a good gameday atmosphere." Frush said fans who come to the

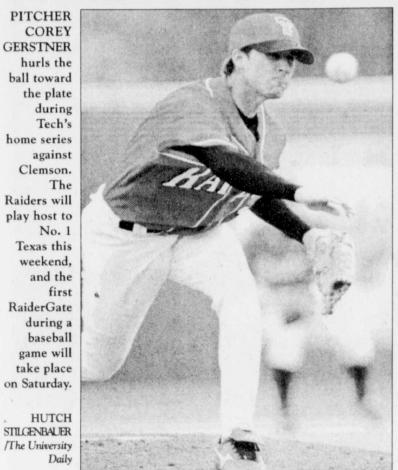
Law can expect a fun atmosphere. "Regardless what's happening on

the field, fans have fun in the stands," he said. "We want students to come out and enjoy themselves before the game, with the entertainment we provide and the food given."

Luft said Tech groups have tried this sort of thing in the past, but it never worked out.

"The Saddle Tramps held a tailgate party last year, but nobody showed up, except for us Hecklers and them," he said. "We want students to come out and join us, see what Tech baseball is all about and have fun."

For more information about the free Wiffle Ball tournament, log on to the Student Heckler Society's Web site at www.orgs.ttu.edu/



Baylor women's program surrounded by controversial calls

hat would Baylor coach Kim Mulkey-Robertson and her Lady Bears do if they were not surrounded by controversy? They could stop asking the question, why? They could stop talking about controversy, and most importantly, they might be going to the Elite Eight.

The Baylor program has seen its fair share of questionable calls and controversy since Mulkey-Robertson chance to do something that has been took over the team four years ago. She has risen the program from the bowels of the Big 12 Conference and Lady Volunteers home before the Elite



with, reaching the NCAA Tournament in three of her four years.

Sunday night the Lady Bears had a unheard of. They were seconds away from sending powerhouse Tennessee turned it into a force to be reckoned Eight. Tennessee has gone that deep

now nine of the last 10 years. Ten years! That's a decade's worth of dominance that was almost sent crashing to the floor of the Lloyd Noble Center in Norman, Okla., but Old Man Controversy came back to bite Baylor.

The game was knotted at 69 when Baylor guard Jessika Stratton drove to the hoop with nine seconds left. She lost the ball, and Tennessee ran down the floor. Shyra Ely missed the fast-break layup, and Stratton fought for the rebound with Tennessee's Tasha Butts. Butts missed a tip in, and Stratton was called for a foul. Referees reviewed the play to see if the ketball? How on earth can a call like foul was called with time remaining.

Remember, it is 69-69 at this point. It has been a tightly contested game most of the way, and this could be the biggest upset of the tournament in the makings if we go to overtime.

However, there was 0.2 seconds left when the whistle blew. Baylor is a private Baptist institution; you would think the heavens would at least be on the Lady Bears' side. Wrong - Butts goes to the free-throw line and makes both shots to seal the deal at 71-69 with 0.2 seconds remaining.

What is wrong with college bas-

sial call that involved Stratton stepping on the baseline with less than dia personnel did not get their wish to seven seconds left gave the Lady Raiders the ball and an opportunity to get to the foul line and pull away 64-63.

Last season, one of her players was called for a technical foul with three minutes left in the game, something Mulkey-Robertson would later say

call go her way, especially in the Sweet outcome of the game." 16 against a No. 1 seed?

This question is being asked all over Robertson's rant in Lubbock in Januthis be allowed to happen? Mulkey- the place. Writers wanted to speak with any. So we know Baylor has a few sup-

Just this year at Tech, a controver- explain a fight or if a committee deems it necessary to benefit the game. Mespeak with the officiating crew.

Women's basketball analyst for ESPN, Nell Fortner, said the call was an outrage. She, along with countless others, I am sure, wanted to see the game go to overtime.

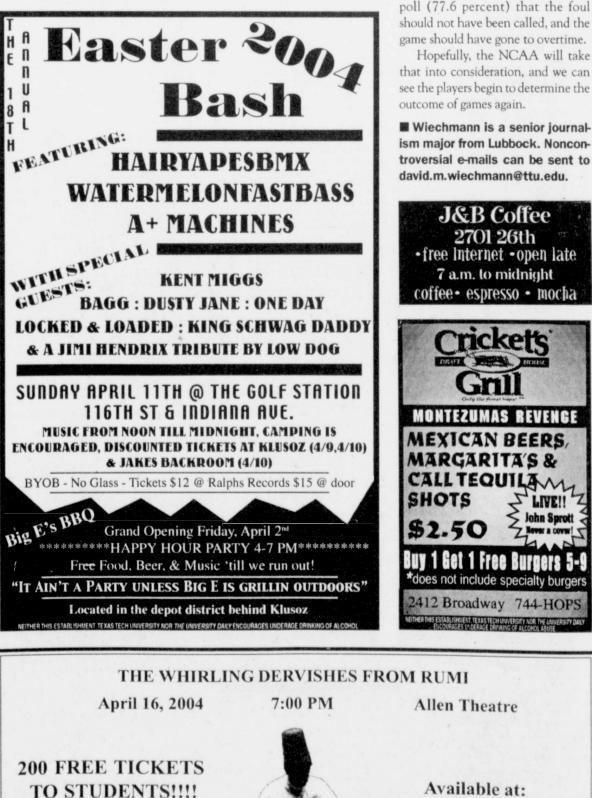
"This is unfortunate for all the changed the momentum of the game. players," she said. "In a situation like What does she have to do to get a this, you have to let them dictate the

That sounds eerily like Mulkey-



Robertson has had to deal with things the refs after the game, but according like this her entire career at Baylor. to NCAA rules that is only allowed to

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