



Leaders mark 60th anniversary of Auschwitz

By Vanessa Gera/
Associated Press

BRZEZINKA, Poland (AP) — As candles flickered in the snowy, winter gloom, world leaders and Auschwitz survivors Thursday remembered victims of the Holocaust on the 60th anniversary of the liberation of the Nazi death camp.

The ceremony, which opened with the recorded rumble of an approaching train, was held on the spot where new arrivals were brought in by rail to the vast camp and put through "selection" — meaning those few who were deemed able to work were separated from the rest who were taken immediately to the gas chambers.

"It seems if you listen hard enough, you can still hear the outcry of horror of the murdered people," Israeli President Moshe Katsav said. "When I walk the ground

of the concentration camps, I fear that I am walking on the ashes of the victims."

Joining in the commemoration were Vice President Dick Cheney, and presidents Aleksander Kwasniewski of Poland, Vladimir Putin of Russia, and Jacques Chirac of France. German President Horst Koehler sat on the platform without speaking in recognition of his country's responsibility for the Holocaust, in which 6 million Jews died during World War II.

Barbed wire and brick barracks stretched as far as the eye could see. The ruined crematoriums loomed nearby, all covered with a layer of fresh snow.

Girl Scouts brought blankets to elderly survivors sitting in the freezing cold.

"For a former inmate of Auschwitz, it is an unimaginable and overwhelming emotion to be able to speak in this cemetery without graves, the largest one in the his-

tory of Europe," said Wladyslaw Bartoszewski, a survivor who later became Poland's foreign minister.

When he arrived in 1940, he recalled, "I never imagined I would outlive Hitler or survive World War II."

Soviet troops liberated Auschwitz and the neighboring camp at Birkenau, or Brzezinka in Polish, on Jan. 27, 1945. Some 1.5 million people, most of them Jews, had died at the two camps from gassing, starvation, exhaustion, beatings and disease.

Other victims included Soviet prisoners of war, Poles, Gypsies, homosexuals and political opponents of the Nazis.

"We think of the suffering of our brothers, of the special ties that link us, Poles, with the Jewish nation," Kwasniewski said.

Putin compared the Nazis with the terrorists of today.

"Today we shall not only remember the past but also be aware of all the threats of the modern world," he said. "Terrorism is among them, and it is no less dangerous and cunning than fascism."

The leaders placed candles, in blue glass holders, at a memorial as they left. New Ukrainian President Viktor Yushchenko made the sign of the cross after gently setting his down.

Earlier in Krakow, Cheney noted that the Holocaust did not happen in some far-off place but "in the heart of the civilized world."

"The story of the camps shows that evil is real and must be called by its name and must be confronted," he said.

Putin won long applause when he acknowledged that

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SGA representatives return from Austin

By Brandi Fleming/The University Daily

Texas Tech Student Government Association members returned Wednesday from attending "Lubbock Day" at the state capital in Austin.

Nathan Nash, SGA internal vice president, said several members of SGA also are members of the local leadership organization, Focus Lubbock.

Many students from Wayland Baptist, Lubbock Christian and South Plains Colleges also are in the organization and went on the trip.

Members left early Tuesday morning and returned late Wednesday from the event.

Nash said the trip was a big help in preparing the SGA for its lobbying trip, which is scheduled for later this month.

"We spent Tuesday at the capital listening to the legislative briefing," he said. "Many representatives spoke with us including Sen. Duncan and Lt. Governor Duhurst."

Nash said many ideas were discussed at the capital, but not much new information was given. Updated statistics given were helpful for the SGA to know in planning for the lobbying trip, Nash said.

"They talked about their individual goals and the legislative goals in general," he said. "They spoke about funding for higher education and viewing it as a K-16 concept instead of K-12."

Much of the information students heard this week was positive, Nash said. The trip will help get the SGA ready for the upcoming trip Feb. 8-10, Nash said.

"There was just a lot of really good information for us on this trip, and we heard several good speakers at the capital," he said. "We were very excited to be a part of it."

Students and faculty are being encouraged to participate through a card-stock program next week, Nash said. The cards will give people a chance to contribute thoughts about Lubbock to give SGA members and Austin officials an idea of what is important to the campus population, he said.

"Hopefully, the cards will be back from printing in time for us to begin passing them out on Monday outside the Student Union," Nash said. "We are asking people to drop them back off at the SGA office so we can take the ideas with us to Austin."

Nash said getting as much student feedback and participation as possible is important.

Casey Harmon, SGA journal clerk, said the next SGA trip to Austin will be geared more specifically toward Tech.

"This trip to Austin was for Lubbock Day, but when we go in a couple of weeks, it will be to specifically talk about Texas Tech," she said.

SGA members will be speaking privately with representatives in



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Strait Singing

George Strait croons to sold-out crowd at the USA

By Jeremy Martin/The University Daily

The concert stage at the United Spirit Arena is an open square with rows of seats on every side. Performers must face one side at a time, leaving the rest of the audience staring at their backs.

Dierks Bentley, opening act for Thursday's George Strait concert, solved this dilemma by running back and forth across the stage while he sang, swinging his guitar and dodging equipment.

But Strait took a different approach. He strolled onto stage through the screaming and applause after his band started the first song and without a word began to sing "Fireman." He stood in one place while he sang, his legs slightly bent and his head nodding along with the rhythm.

When he finished the first song of the night, he glanced out at the audience for a moment.

"Thank you Lubbock," he said.

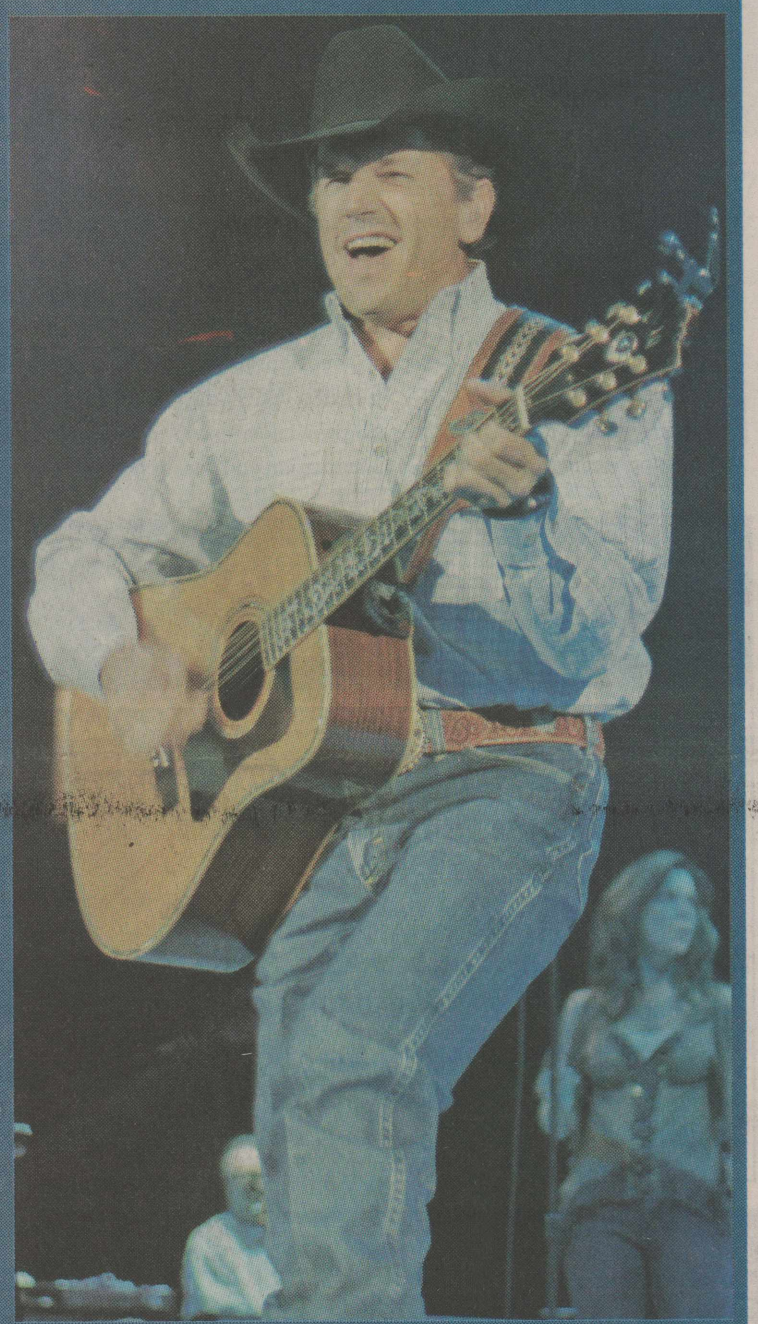
He thanked Amber Dotson and Bentley for opening the show, adding he had several songs to play for the sold-out crowd.

"We're going to get right back to it with a song called 'Stars on the Water,'" he said.

The audience cheered loudly.

Many of Strait's fans were not shocked by this performance. Christal Sessions, a sophomore nursing major from Aledo, said she thinks Strait's simple style is more genuine than a flamboyant act.

"I like the way he performs," she said. "I don't like that flashy



COUNTRY MUSIC SUPERSTAR George Strait plays to a sold-out crowd at the United Spirit Arena Thursday night.

rock 'n' roll stuff. He's more down to earth."

Besides, sophomore Andrea Gilmore would argue, worse fates exist than a night of looking at Strait from behind.

"Look at him, he's a living legend," she said as she giggled. "We like his backside."

Like many college-age fans, Sessions said she was introduced to Strait's music at an early age by her parents.

"He's been my favorite artist like ever since the day I was born," she said.

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Inauguration experience unique for Tech students who attended ceremony

By Brittany Barrientos/
The University Daily

Millions of people around the world watched the recent inauguration. Every major television network carried the event, and many Americans have seen or read about it.

For several Texas Tech students, the experience was slightly different, as they watched President George W. Bush recite the 305-word inaugural oath from seats on Capitol Hill.

Shauna Albert, a senior human development family studies major from San Angelo, said she was able to go to the inauguration because of her political activist parents and

her work on Bush's campaign.

"Everyone was so excited and happy," she said. "It was like a big prom, only with older people."

Albert said she is both excited and hopeful to see what develops in Bush's second term.

"I am very excited, (I) think he is going to do a great job," she said. "Hopefully better than the first."

Albert said she attended numerous inaugural balls, but still thinks the Black Tie and Boots was the best.

Joe Biles, a senior history major from Mineral Wells, also attended the inauguration and inaugural balls and said as a member of the Texas State Society, and he also enjoyed

the Texan-oriented ball.

"(The parties) were fun," he said. "They are like the senior prom of politics."

Biles said he is active in politics, and although the inauguration was probably more enjoyable for the Republicans, the Democrats seemed to enjoy the event, as well.

He said he encountered several groups of protesters, but classified them as well-behaved.

"I got the impression it was fun for both sides," Biles said.

The most enjoyable part of the inauguration was the Texas-Wyoming Ball, even

though Biles arrived in time to miss Bush and Vice President Dick Cheney's speeches.

Both students commented on the overwhelming amount of security personnel.

Biles said he was intermixed with Bush supporters and protesters while waiting in line to enter the inauguration.

Albert described Washington as having a carnival-like atmosphere and being extremely crowded with security everywhere.

The inauguration was not all about the security and blending protesters and supporters, they said.

Biles said the actual inauguration was

moving, especially when United States Supreme Court Chief Justice William Rehnquist came onto the national stage.

According to the CNN Web site, Rehnquist underwent surgery for thyroid cancer in October and primarily has been out of the public eye since. Rehnquist has continued to serve on the Supreme Court.

Biles said as far as he knows, Rehnquist has been wheelchair-ridden, and he was moved to see him walk down the stairs onto the stage to inaugurate Bush for his second term. He said though he looked better than he expected, Rehnquist was still an emotional sight to see.

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Professor appointed to State Health Services

By Lindsay Wharton/
The University Daily

Gov. Rick Perry selected Dr. Rodolfo Arredondo Jr., professor of neuropsychiatry at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, as the Presiding Officer of the Texas Department of State Health Services.

"This agency provides service in health, mental health and substance abuse," Arredondo said. The newly-reorganized agency has been effective since September. The organization includes the Texas Department of Health, Texas Commission of Alcohol and Drug Abuse and the Texas Department of Mental Health Services, Arredondo said.

These agencies were combined to prevent identical services being provided by each

agency, he said. Now all their services can be combined into one organization, making business more efficient.

The Texas Department of State Health Services will convene March 3 to begin electing officials.



"It is an honor and a privilege to serve Gov. Perry and the State of Texas."

DR RODOLFO ARREDONDO
Professor of Neuropsychiatry at the HSC

Arredondo said the Council is still getting organized, so no full agenda exists yet. Arredondo said his new position will consist of be-

ing the chair to the council and advising Texas government officials.

Arredondo said new training options have reformed mental health. The Texas Department of Health Sciences Center currently has 1,100 employees. George W. Bush appointed

Arredondo as a bureau member of the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation, Arredondo said. Perry reappointed him after Bush became president for a second term.

"It is an honor and a privilege to serve Gov. Perry and the state of Texas," Arredondo said.

The Rundown

STATE NATION WORLD

Parents say dealer Bush lowers goals At least 12 Iraqis, threatened children for his second term one marine killed

DALLAS (AP) — Parents of elementary school students say a drug dealer has threatened them over as much as \$100,000 found near their South Dallas campus.

Police and educators moved to protect students and staff of J.J. Rhoads Learning Center Wednesday after learning of the threats.

Parents at the school said the money was shared among several students and possibly others in the neighborhood. However, the identity of those who found the money was not immediately known.

"We do know there are persons of all ages involved," said Donald Claxton, a Dallas Independent School District spokesman. "We are aware of multiple people that have received varying amounts."

Claxton told Dallas television station WFAA that as many as half of the school's 579 students were absent Thursday.

District officials began hearing Monday about students showing up at school with large amounts of money.

Erie Roy said she was watching television with her 12-year-old son Tuesday afternoon when two men stormed through her open front door with two of the boy's friends. She said one of the men kept his hand in his pocket as if he had a gun, and one of the boys was crying.

Roy said one of the men threatened him, saying, "I don't have no problem with killing you. I want my money right now."

The 39-year-old office worker for American Airlines Center ordered her son into the kitchen and called 911, describing the men as they drove away.

"These are drug dealers. If they come back — I'm afraid," she said, sobbing. "I know they're going to hurt me. What am I supposed to do?"

WASHINGTON (AP) — After setting lofty second-term goals, President Bush is suddenly lowering expectations.

He committed the nation to eradicating tyranny from the Earth, then acknowledged it would take generations to do so.

He put oppressive rulers on notice across the globe, then allowed that some will not immediately embrace democracy — "and I fully understand that."

He predicted that Sunday's election in Iraq will be "a grand moment" for the war-torn nation, then set the lowest possible standard for success: "The fact that they're voting in itself is successful."

Reality is catching up with his rhetoric, something that happens to virtually every president.

"Having lofty goals is showing that you have vision, that you are leading the country in a certain direction. But then to be held quite literally — What do you mean by that?" — has gotten this administration in a fair amount of trouble," said Charles Franklin, a University of Wisconsin political science professor.

"If we had asked John Kennedy the day after his inaugural, what do you mean by bear any burden, pay any price? that would not have gone over very well," Franklin said. "He wouldn't have had an easy answer."

And neither did Bush after last Thursday's inaugural address, which set as U.S. policy the promotion of democracy "in every nation and culture, with the ultimate goal of ending tyranny in our world."

But he also called it "the concentrated work of generations," and repeated that admonition six days later at a White House news conference. "This will require the commitment of generations," Bush said Wednesday. "But we're seeing much progress in our own time."

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Insurgents stepped up attacks Thursday against polling centers across Iraq, killing at least a dozen people, including a U.S. Marine, in the rebel campaign to frighten Iraqis away from participating in this weekend's election.

As part of an intensifying campaign of intimidation, an al-Qaida affiliate led by Jordanian terror mastermind Abu Musab al-Zarqawi posted a videotape on the Internet showing the murder of a candidate from the party of interim Prime Minister Ayad Allawi.

The tape included a warning to Allawi personally: "You traitor, wait for the angel of death."

To protect voters on Sunday, hundreds of American soldiers began moving out of their massive garrison on the western edge of Baghdad to take up positions at smaller bases throughout the city to respond more quickly to any election day attacks.

Sunni Muslim insurgents have threatened to disrupt the balloting, when Iraqis choose a 275-member National Assembly and governing councils in the country's 18 provinces. Voters in the Kurdish self-governing area of the north will select a new regional parliament.

In the former rebel stronghold of Fallujah, where opposition to the balloting is strong, U.S. Marines drove through the city Thursday, urging people through loudspeakers to turn out Sunday. Spokesman 1st Lt. Lyle Gilbert said the Marines were "encouraging people to capitalize on this opportunity to exercise their voice by voting in the upcoming free elections."

Iraqi newspapers also published for the first time the names of some 7,000 National Assembly candidates, many of whose identities had been kept secret to protect them from assassination.

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Lawmakers considering vanity tax

OLYMPIA, Wash. (AP) — Nip, tuck and ... tax?

Lawmakers trying to plump up the bottom line are considering a "vanity tax" on cosmetic surgery and Botox injections in Washington, Illinois and other states.

Plastic surgeons and their patients say the idea is just plain ugly.

"It makes no sense. Where does it stop — massages, facials, teeth cleanings?" asked Karen Wakefield, 51, who has had a nose job, dermabrasion,

liposuction, tummy tuck and breast lift — plus a little Botox here and there.

"Even having a baby is elective surgery," added Wakefield, an event planner in Woodinville. "Why not tax that, too?"

The Washington state senator who proposed the tax said she has not gone under the knife for beauty, but would not rule it out.

"I, too, look in the mirror and see my mother," said Seattle Democrat Karen Keiser, 57. But she thinks

cosmetic surgery patients can afford the state's 6.5 percent sales tax. She wants to earmark the money for poor children's health insurance.

"We could do Botox-for-babies parties. It might be the new thing," Keiser said. "Anyone who can afford the money for cosmetic procedures, I don't think they would be deterred by a little sales tax. You pay it on your lipstick."

The tax would not apply to reconstructive surgery for, say, burn victims or women who have undergone mastectomies.

In September, New Jersey became the first and so far the only state to

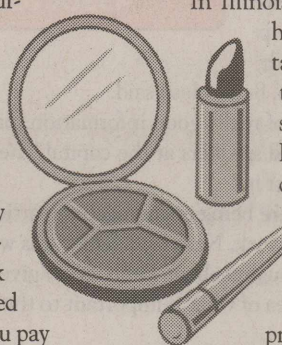
tax plastic surgery, at 6 percent. The tax is projected to bring in \$25 million a year.

In Illinois, the state comptroller has proposed a 6 percent tax on cosmetic surgery to create a stem cell research institute. If the Legislature approves, the question could be put to the voters in 2006.

In California, the very capital of cosmetic surgery, such procedures are tax-free.

The cosmetic surgery tax is a cousin to the "sin taxes" many states slap on drinking, smoking and gambling during tough budget times.

"In this anti-tax climate, these user-based, selective tax proposals are more palatable than broader ones," said Bert Waisaner, tax policy analyst for the National Conference of State Legislatures. The American Society of Plastic Surgeons frowns on this new wrinkle, calling New Jersey's law a "dangerous precedent."



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Donations brighten school days in Africa

By Kelly Gooch/
The University Daily

Eta Omicron Nu, an organization within the Honors College at Texas Tech, helped fund a playground in Namibia, Africa, that was completed on Oct. 25.

Nathan Poerner, president of HON, said the playground, constructed by England-based Raleigh International, has a lot of equipment including a slide and jungle gym.

HON did several fund-raisers to help fund the materials needed including raising the price of HON T-shirts and a Krispy Kreme sale that took place in October, Poerner said.

Doughnut orders from faculty were taken and then delivered to their offices, he said.

Tara DiTommaso, a returned Peace Corps volunteer, was the program manager of the three-week playground project.

She said the playground is in the village of Fransfontein, near the Fransfontein Primary School for first through seventh graders.

DiTommaso said although the school does not include kindergarteners or pre-

schoolers, kids from all grades use the playground.

"The point of building playgrounds is to encourage education," she said.

One hundred children live in the hostel, or boarding school, and they use the playground along with children from the farming community and the 250 children from Fransfontein, DiTommaso said.

Three unemployed, out of school youth from England worked with Raleigh International to construct the playground, DiTommaso said.

Kenneth Davis, professor in the Honors College, said he went to Namibia in August where DiTommaso told him about the playground. He said he came back and told HON.

Davis said he believes the playground is beneficial for the children in Fransfontein.

"I think it's an incredible gift for the children," he said.

More children play on the playground when school is in session, DiTommaso said.

So many children have played on the playground that chains were sawing through the wood and had to be rein-

forced, she said.

Joshua Davis, a former Peace Corps volunteer and Tech alumni, said he was in the neighboring village of Wuis teaching English when the playground was built.

He said he is thankful for the funds the children of Fransfontein received.

"We just really appreciate the support HON gave," he said.

DiTommaso said the playground cost \$2,500, and HON raised \$500 of that money.

She said building the playground was the first time the school and community came together.

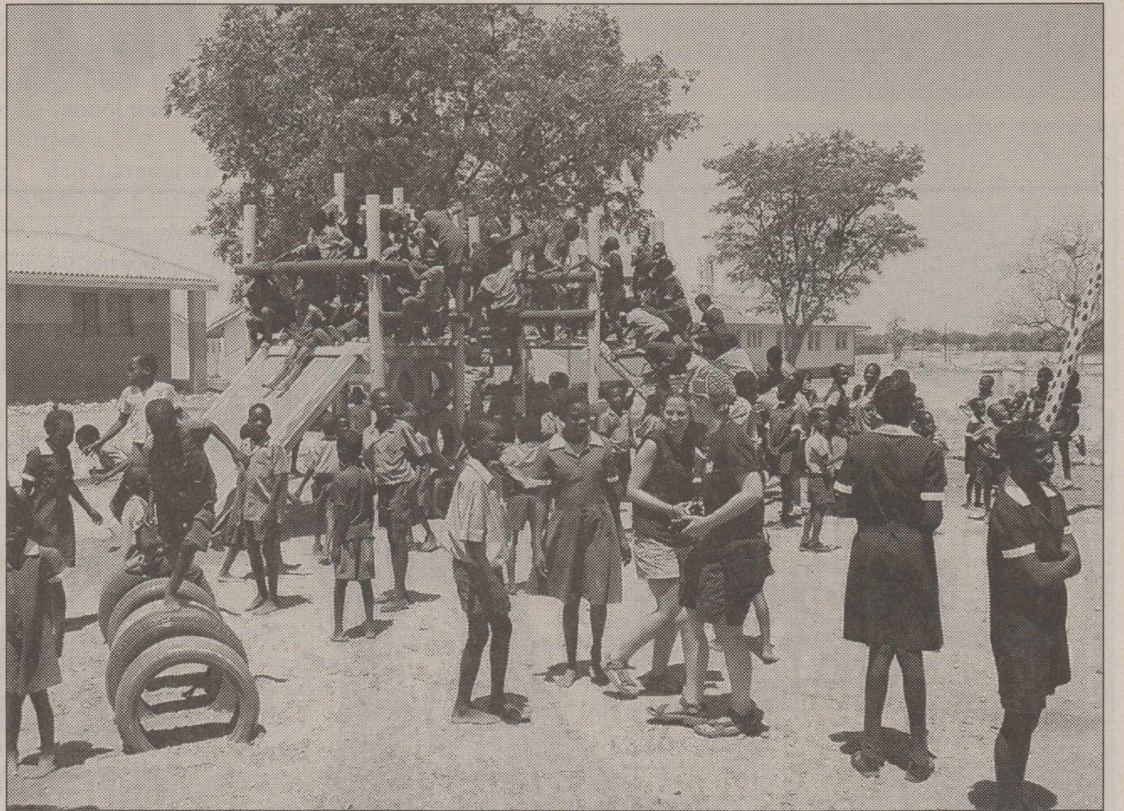
"It was a significant experience for them," she said.

Other than helping with the playground, DiTommaso said she read books to children in Fransfontein to encourage literacy and facilitated school and community interaction for cultural exchange.

Poerner said he does not regret helping fund the playground.

"I think it's a worthy cause... definitely worth the time and effort," he said.

Kenneth Davis said he agrees with Poerner, and he is excited for the children who are enjoying the new playground.



Courtesy Photo

NAMBIAN CHILDREN PLAY on a newly built playground outside of their boarding school located in Fransfontein, a village located in Southwestern Africa. The playground's construction was made possible in part by Eta Omicron Nu, a Tech organization within the Honors College.

A&M president takes steps to block repeat of apartment explosion

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — Texas A&M University president Robert Gates on Thursday announced sweeping organizational and procedural changes dealing with health and safety issues related to a campus fire and explosion that left two people dead.

The explosion was at an apartment complex July 31, the same day workers found a gas leak outside the building. Workers had decided to wait until the next Monday to make the repairs.

"I take this tragedy and the factors that contributed to it most seriously," Gates said, responding to an internal investigation. "I am prepared to take all steps necessary to ensure that everyone at this great university has a safe and healthy environment in which to work, live and learn."

The explosion killed Lamiya Zahin, the 4-year-old daughter of A&M doctoral student Saquib Ejaz, as well as his 62-year-old mother, Rabeya Chaudhury. It seriously injured Ejaz's pregnant wife, Lufthansa Kanta, and his father, Ejaz Chaudhury, 69.

Rabeya Chaudhury, who was severely burned, died after she was removed from life support about six weeks later. She and her husband had traveled from Bangladesh in May to visit family in Houston and to stay with Ejaz and his family.

Ejaz, who did not attend Thursday's announcement, previously said he reported smelling gas at his building the night before the

explosion. He said he also smelled gas again early the next day, but did not report it.

"Clearly, in hindsight, there were opportunities that were missed," Gates said. "But I think it's always difficult to know whether something could have been prevented, given what was known at the time."

He said about a dozen university employees were notified Thursday they face possible discipline ranging from reprimands to dismissals.

"Organizational and procedural problems will be fixed, but individuals must also be held accountable," he said.

Several people have been subpoenaed by Brazos County prosecutors, who also have been investigating although no charges have been filed.

The state fire marshal's office determined leaking natural gas from an exterior service line provided fuel for the blast. The source of ignition is not known.

Organizational changes include review of maintenance procedures, better training of employees, improved oversight and accountability, and changing the priorities for making repairs.

Gates said the complex is about 40 years old and that maintenance costs have been escalating. Still, the apartments have a 97 percent occupancy rate and a waiting list to get in, primarily because rent, as low as \$313 monthly, is relatively inexpensive.

After the blast, all external gas lines have been replaced, and a campus-wide hotline system has been implemented for health and safety problems, Gates said.

In a 21-page report, the task force he appointed said university housing officials "may have over-generalized residential safety," ignored warnings about natural gas concerns and "overly diffused responsibility for pertinent issues."

The task force also cited an inadequate reporting system for maintenance problems at the complex, inadequate leadership and supervision and numerous "procedural breakdowns, communications failures and inadequate responses" from apartment personnel and others.

In addition, the report cited concerns from students who live at the complex, which primarily houses international students. Some

said they are perceived as being discriminated against.

"We are very happy with the task force recommendations, and I believe this has set a new standard," said Sandeep Bhatnagar, a former president of the apartment complex community council.

The fire prompted the State Fire Marshal's Office to start testing natural gas lines at all state-owned housing facilities.

Before the blast, state officials did not require inspections of gas pipes at prisons, university dormitories or other state housing facilities where some 300,000 people live.

Murder charges filed for train derailment

GLENDALE, Calif. (AP) — A suicidal man who allegedly parked his SUV in the path of a commuter train and triggered a horrific wreck that killed 11 people was charged with murder and could face the death penalty, authorities said Thursday.

Prosecutors have not decided what punishment they will seek against Juan Manuel Alvarez, 25, who had been ordered by a court to stay away from his family after his wife alleged he abused drugs and threatened them.

Authorities say he also had slashed his wrists and stabbed himself at some point during his aborted suicide attempt. He remained hospitalized Thursday, and a court hearing was set for Friday.

District Attorney Steve Cooley said Thursday prosecutors were evaluating Alvarez's mental state in deciding a possible punishment, but he asserted the man's mental issues were no defense.

"His despondency doesn't move me," Cooley said. "The mere fact that he was a little upset or despondent doesn't mean he has a defense for anything. It may actually work to support our case."

Authorities say Alvarez drove his Jeep Cherokee into the path of a Metro link commuter train early Wednesday.

He then changed his mind and got out of the vehicle just before the Jeep was struck by a train heading to Los Angeles, police said. That train derailed, plowed into a parked freight train and struck another train heading in the opposite direction.

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VIEW FROM ANOTHER UNIVERSITY

American empire unlike its critic's accusations

By David Liang/
The Kansas State Collegian

(U-WIRE) MANHATTAN, Kan. — Every time I hear someone complaining about America's oppressive role in the world, I'm reminded of a scene from the comedic classic "Monty Python's Life of Brian."

In this scene, The People's Front of Judea is holding a secret meeting about conducting a raid on Pontius Pilate's palace. Reg, the tough-talking anti-imperialist leader of the group is psyching up his followers.

"And what have the Romans ever given us?" he asks smugly.

His question is clearly rhetorical but his group sees things in a different light.

"The aqueduct?" suggests one man.

"Sanitation," says another.

"And the roads."

Men around the room nod and murmur in agreement.

Reg, looking clearly irate at this point, replies sharply, "Well obviously the roads. The roads go without saying."

Apart from the roads, sanitation, aqueduct, baths, education and public order, what have the Romans done for us?"

In the modern world, we often

hear a slightly different but equally Pythonesque question: "What have the Americans ever given us?" Well, for starters, there's electric light, airplanes, computers, Starbucks, victory in World War II, green cards and a better way of life. We live in a world that has "made in America" written all over it, and it's time for people to acknowledge that.

When it comes to the international scene, America leads the world in the promotion of democratic ideals and human rights. The truth is, no other nation in history has devoted as much time, energy and resources as the United States to the betterment of the human condition around the globe.

The Office of Economic Cooperation and Development noted that in 2003, the United States donated more than \$15 billion in foreign aid to developing countries, outstripping Japan, the second highest donor, by nearly

\$7 billion.

Critics of the United States have long shaken their fists at the American "empire," calling it the same old British imperialist production with an added democratic soundtrack. But there are real differences between what the United States is doing today and what the British Empire did during the 19th century and the early 20th century.

The American approach rests on a belief in open markets and free trade, as well as the gradual promotion of democracy to people who would otherwise not know it.

The British, in contrast, were far more pragmatic rulers. They saw themselves as masters of the world and just wanted their subjects to shut up and pay their taxes.

After World War II, they left their colonies in a hurry and often

in shambles. Comparing that with the economic miracles of post-war Japan and Germany made possible by development aid from the United States, which would you prefer?

Sure, the United States has acted in self-interest before and still does.

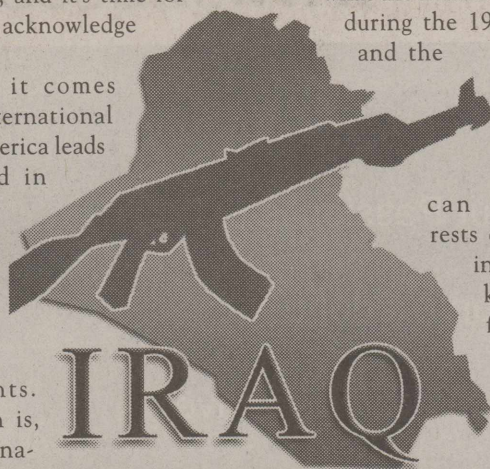
Anyone who thinks the Iraq invasion was only about WMDs or "liberating the Iraqis" is blind. Still, can no good come of it?

Traditionally, the United States has always treated its protectorates far better than, say, the Soviets ever would have.

It will take time, money and a lot of goodwill before the Iraqis will even begin to trust America, but the goal of setting up a functioning democracy, however secondary, is still in place, so we may yet see a free Iraq in the future.

In a utopian world, no single power would reign supreme as a global hegemon and every nation would uphold the principles of democracy and human rights.

But since we don't live in an ideal world, having the United States on top may just be the next best thing.



The U.S. president should stay American

Allowing a foreign-born president would be dangerous to the country

Should a foreigner be allowed to run for president? With another election four years away, this is a question you're going to hear thrown around more than a few times. Some will say it's a good thing, while others will refute that vehemently. As for myself, I'm completely against it.

Now, having said that, some people will mention how nonsensical it is to allow foreigners some offices but not all. Sorry, folks, this isn't the mayor of Cross Plains we're talking about, it's the president of the United States.

Whoever holds this office represents our country to the world, he or she is the embodiment of what we are all about. In my eyes, for someone to fit the aforementioned criteria, he or she has to be a natural-born U.S. citizen.

This is no dig against foreigners by any means. I have the utmost respect and admiration for people with enough guts to leave their country and seek a better life. After all, improving the quality of life for you and your descendants is something for which most aspire. I firmly believe these people who legally enter our country positively contribute to society. They are strong-minded, hard-working individuals.

However, I am still strongly opposed allowing them a chance to run for president. American-born citizens have a natural, innate patriotism that runs in their blood. It's something that cannot be taught or learned.

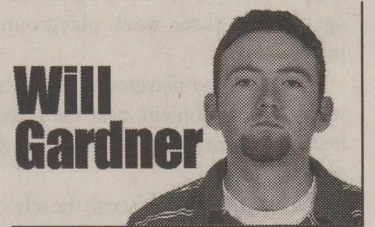
I am willing to bet an American-born person would die for this country. Would someone born elsewhere feel the same? Some would, but there would be others who would have to think about it or decline.

When you are speaking of the office of the president of the United States, that person must bleed red, white and blue.

Here's another scenario. Let's say foreigners are allowed to run for president, and someone from France gets elected. He's a great, upstanding individual with great ideas for this country's future. How do you think he would react if, during his term, we had to go to war against France, his homeland, a place where many of his relatives still reside?

Would he be able to do it? It would be an obstacle this man would have to overcome. There are enough hurdles to leap over already. It would be foolish to add another one.

Now, while this is purely hypothetical, it could come to pass if a foreigner were elected.



Will Gardner

It's my main fear that one day we will elect someone president who doesn't understand or realize what it is to be an American. That, or maybe I'm petrified that one day, I will be stuck choosing between Hillary Clinton and The Terminator.

For all you conspiracy theorists out there: What if a vehemently anti-American migrated here with the purpose of running the United States into the ground? Don't think for a second there wouldn't be someone out there with this notion. If people are willing to attach bombs to their bodies and blow themselves up, this would be a walk in the park.

I know the chances of these two scenarios actually taking place are at best minute, but still, we cannot allow the possibility.

What it all comes down to is the fact that the president should be the epitome of American. Should the leader of an organization like the NAACP be Hispanic, Caucasian or Asian? No, because he simply cannot grasp the hardships or ideals of blacks. He can sympathize with them and even lend a helping hand, but unless you are born with that understanding, you never can relate truly.

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TECH TALKS BACK

It's not about money — it's about morale

Somewhere in a smoky apartment, a pseudo-intellectual student sits, chain smoking and watching "The Daily Show" while pondering on what to base her next column.

"I got it! I'll poke fun at all the people who are still flying the American flag and all those morons who display magnets and stickers supporting our troops! Now won't that be a riot!"

No, I suppose it probably didn't happen exactly that way. It's called an allegory, right? Personally, I don't see how car ribbons can do more harm than good, nor how they do any harm for that matter. Didn't troop morale in Vietnam reach an all-time low when American public support for the troops waned?

Having actually spoken to peo-

ple who have served in Iraq, moral support often means more than money or casseroles.

It may seem like a stupid magnet to some, but to many, seeing that magnet gives purpose to the sacrifice the troops overseas are making. Not just the soldiers themselves, but their parents, children and spouses as well.

Next time, when considering criticizing those who choose to show their support through magnets instead of through donations or baked goods, remember which with which political party you align.

— Rachel Whitehead, senior public relations and marketing major from Ruidoso, N.M.

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Ten Thumbs Down The worst films of 2004

Being a film critic is probably one of the greatest jobs in the world. But, as with any profession, there is a downside.

James Eppler



Ben Affleck is becoming a "worst of the year" all-star. The man needs his own support group.

Critics do not usually get to choose which movies they see — we have to see them all. That is, of course, unless we conveniently decide to take a vacation around certain films' releases.

Here are the top 10 films that made my job a chore this year. No. 1: "White Chicks"

While my favorite film of the year, "Baadasssss!" represented a huge step forward in race relations, "White Chicks" is the complete opposite. Not only is this Wayans brothers film painfully unfunny, it furthers the hypocrisy

of race relations that films like "Baadasssss!" and even "Coach Carter" are trying to dismantle. Need proof? You'll never see a white director permitted to make a film called "Black Chicks."

No. 2: "Godsend" The low-point of Robert DeNiro's career (aside from "The Rocky and Bullwinkle Movie").

No. 3: "Catwoman" Halle Berry wins the Oscar and then makes "Gothika" and "Catwoman." That's two strikes. The S&M Catwoman costume was interesting, but Berry is going to have to work hard to redeem herself now.

No. 4: "The Chronicles of Riddick" The video game is better than the film. Vin Diesel now not only has to answer gay rumors, but work to save a dwindling film career.

No. 5: "Torque" This motorcycle mush makes "2 Fast

2 Furious" look like poetry.

No. 6: "Welcome to Mooseport" Not everybody loves Raymond. I can't stand Ray Romano, and Gene Hackman, along with DeNiro, has reached a career low.

No. 7: "Envy" Ben Stiller and Jack Black star in a film about a spray that makes poop disappear. It wouldn't be strong enough to work on this film, though.

No. 8: "Surviving Christmas" Ben Affleck is becoming a "worst of the year" all-star. The man needs his own support group. Or maybe an intervention. Regardless, "Surviving" had the fastest theater-to-DVD turn of the year — only two months.

No. 9: "The Grudge" This film proves that not everything with the claim "Made in Japan" is quality. The film goes nowhere, all while incorporating ultra-cheap scares.

No. 10: The historical epic four-way tie: "The Alamo," "Alexander," "King Arthur" and "Troy."

"The Alamo" is the result of Disney's willingness to cut corners. The film was originally to be directed by Ron Howard and to star Russell Crowe as Sam Houston. Instead we get "The Rookie" director John Lee Hancock and his pal Dennis Quaid.

Director Oliver Stone now readily admits he blew "Alexander," his three-hour bore-fest about the Greek warrior, and "King Arthur" is a cookie-cutter epic that was soon forgotten after a good night's sleep.

"Troy" was probably the least horrible of the four, but the film has the authenticity of a computer screensaver, and Brad Pitt looked like he should have been on a runway instead of a battlefield.

Ten films I conveniently missed: "Anacondas: Hunt for the Blood

Orchid," "AVP: Alien vs. Predator," "The Big Bounce," "Christmas with the Kranks," "Connie and Carla," "My Baby's Daddy," "Seed of Chucky," "Soul Plane," "Taxi," "The Yu-Gi-Oh Movie."

More Worst Awards:
The Beautifully Boring award: The beauty of "Vanity Fair" is the only thing that kept me awake.

The Wasted Weight-gain award: Renee Zellweger's 20-pound pork-up for the horrible "Bridget Jones" sequel.

The Soap-Opera in an Action Movie award: "The Punisher," with John Travolta having a love triangle with his wife and his best friend.

The It's Only Funny if You're Smoking what they're Smoking award: "Harold and Kumar go to White Castle," about two stoners looking for fast food.

The Walking Small award: "Walking Tall," in which The Rock hits people with a two-by-four.

The Worst Sunset award: Do not confuse the ultra-lame "After the Sunset" with the wonderful "Before Sunset."

The Cookie-Cutter award: Have you ever seen an Ashley Judd movie? Then you've seen "Twisted."

The Self-Knockout award: "Against the Ropes" is like a boxer that repeatedly punches himself in the face until he's down for the count.

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Hummer, hypnotist stars of tonight's Rec Sports All-Nighter

Last year, Chris Sowers won a \$50,000 Hummer by sinking several basketball shots, including one from half court, in less than 24 seconds. He got the opportunity when his name was drawn at the Recreational Sports All-Nighter. This year, winning is someone else's turn.

The event is scheduled to take place tonight at the Robert H. Ewald Recreation Center. Drop-in activities like free chair massages and scuba diving lessons will begin at 6 p.m. and hypnotist Tom DeLuca is scheduled to perform at 9 p.m. DeLuca, who has performed at the event for 21 years in a row, has been featured on "Dateline" and the "Maury Povich Show."

The slam-dunk competition is scheduled to take place after the hypnotist show. The competition is a new edition to the all-nighter. Six of the recreational center's best ballers will have a chance to show off their dunking skills.

The Tournament of Champions, including basketball, Texas Hold'em and dodgeball competitions will continue throughout the night. The center will draw names for door prizes such as T-shirts and tickets to a Cotton Kings hockey game. The final drawing, to determine who gets to shoot for the Hummer, will take place after the slam-dunk contest.

This year marks the 25th anniversary of the original all-nighter. The event began as a way to provide an alternative activity for students on a Friday night.

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Tech hosts Nebraska, looks to rebound from loss to Texas

By Joey Kirk/
The University Daily

Ronald Ross respects his coach; therefore, he listens to his advice. "Coach (Bob) Knight always says and quotes that victory favors a team that makes fewer mistakes," the Texas Tech guard said. Because the Red Raiders failed to follow the words of the Hall of Fame men's basketball coach against Texas Tuesday night, Ross said describing the 80-73 loss as big only could be considered an understatement. "Every loss is a heartbreaker, but this came down to making mistakes," he said. "And what ultimately killed us down there was that we made too many mistakes."

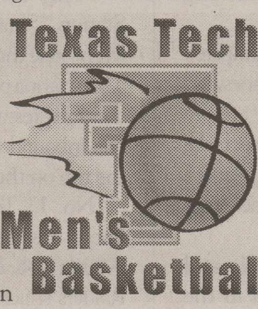
Even scoring 29 points against the No. 16-ranked team in the nation was not enough for Ross. Offense was not the only side of the court the Raiders had trouble with, he said. "Shot selection, defensive mistakes, just all around really," he said. The fact that Tech hit only 10 of its 40 shots in the first half put the Raiders in a tough spot. With other players not available for comment, Ross had to step up and be the spokesman for the team. "They hit a lot of shots and really put us in a hole," he said. "The only way to come back was to start making shots right back." And Ross stepped up, hitting six of nine shots from the 3-point range during the game, because something

had to be done. "I tried to be more aggressive and put up some more shots as well," he said. But with Texas' putting 14 of its 21 3-point attempts in the bucket, the Longhorns continued to keep their lead throughout the night. After the game, Longhorn fans showed their disdain for Tech and its coach. But Ross said Knight is one person any true basketball fan should respect. "To me, it's disappointing," he said. "Like fans should know that if they have any respect for the game of

basketball, coach Knight is one that should be respected above all." Players often try to stay away from the comments of fans, but Ross said some of the statements made after the game perturbed him. "It does bother me to a certain degree, but I try not to get caught up all in that," he said. Falling to 3-2 in the Big 12 Conference, Ross said 11 games still remain in the season, and the Raiders have to leave this loss in the past. "Even though it hurts as it does to get over it, we have to do it to be successful in this conference," he said.

The next opponent Tech plays is Nebraska, a team that lost to Big 12 leader Kansas in Lawrence, Kan., by two points last week. "We have to start thinking 'bout them after the Texas loss," Ross said. "We know Nebraska's a very good team, and they're better than they've been in the past." Joe McCray and Marcus Neal lead the Cornhuskers, scoring 14.8 and 10.4 points per game, respectively. Ross said Tech has followed Nebraska, but he knows the Cornhuskers will come ready to play. "We know as a team, they just all bring it," he said. With a growing team, Ross said Nebraska has the talent to beat highly-ranked opponents, as it already has

proven thus far this season. "That just shows how much depth and character and how much pressure they play with on the road," he said. "We just gotta try and not let it be a close one in the end." Nebraska (9-7, 3-3 Big 12) is tied in the win column with Tech, so Ross said this game comes down to which team is more willing to put up the fight, and the game will be significant for each squad. "It's very important," he said. "We've got goals for our team in conference, and winning this game will put us in a better position." So, against Nebraska, what will it take? Ross gave a simple answer: "Fewer mistakes."



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Holocaust

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anti-Semitism and xenophobia had surfaced in Russia, tackling an issue that the Kremlin had long failed to confront directly.

Putin said many in the world should be ashamed of new manifestations of anti-Semitism six decades after the defeat of fascism.

"Even in our country, in Russia, which did more than any to combat fascism ... we sometimes unfortunately see manifestations of this problem and I, too, am ashamed of that," Putin said.

Survivor Franciszek Jozefiak, 80, said efforts to educate new generations about the Holocaust should be strengthened.

"Today I'm remembering my father, gassed here. I'm remembering the atrocious things they did to us here," said Jozefiak, who is from Krakow. "I drank water from a dirty pool and, to punish me, an SS man jumped on my arm and broke it and jumped on my chest and broke two ribs."

One day, he said, the Nazi guards

lined them up and told some to go right, others left. He went left, and his father went right and was taken to the gas chamber.

"The message today is: No more Auschwitz," Jozefiak said. "But the world has learned nothing so far — you see they are fighting and killing each other everywhere in the world."

"Today they are saying a lot because of the anniversary, but tomorrow they will forget," he warned.

Earlier, at a youth forum in Krakow, participants applauded several surviving Soviet soldiers awarded for liberating the camp and saw a video message from 92-year-old Maj. Anatoly Shapiro, who commanded the Soviet unit that captured Auschwitz. He was too sick to travel from his home in New York.

"I would like to say to all the people on the earth: Unite, and do not permit this evil that was committed," Shapiro said in the recorded greeting. "This should never be repeated, ever."

In Brussels, members of the European Parliament stood in a minute of silence to mark the anniversary.

Strait

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Sessions said her father has met him several times on the professional roping circuit, and she is very jealous. Strait's rodeo activities make Sessions believe he is a legitimate cowboy.

For her, Strait represents the quintessential western man.

"He's the way more traditional cowboy," she said. "He wears the Wranglers and the western shirt and the cowboy hat. He started all that. He's the reason everybody does it now."

Gilmore, a pharmacy major from Dallas, said her love of Strait is well known among her friends. She and a friend were singing along with his CD in the car, when the friend accidentally

called someone on her cell phone.

"They answered the phone and heard us in the car, totally jamming out to George Strait," she said.

Not all of Strait's fans are female, however.

Cody Lester, a junior civil engineering major from Ovalo, said he cannot remember a time before Strait.

His parents are fans, and he always has understood why. To Lester, Strait is everything right about music.

"It's pure," he said. "What country music is supposed to be — good tunes and a good jam."

Strait's appeal to women, Lester said, can come in handy for a male fan.

"I always like to listen to his music on dates," he said. "All those love songs. I figure they might help me out."

Inauguration

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Albert said during and after the inauguration, everyone was pumped and optimistic.

Biles said he thought Bush's speech was a bit idealistic, but he still enjoyed being a part of the inaugural experience.

"(He was) really worried about foreign policies," he said. "(Bush) might be over-promising."

British troops laughed, joked as Iraqis imitated sex, court said

OSNABRUECK, Germany (AP) — British troops laughed and joked as they made two Iraqi men simulate sex acts after detaining them for looting, a soldier testified Thursday at the court-martial of three comrades accused of mistreating civilians.

Fusilier Gary Bartlam, who photographed the alleged abuse at a British base outside Basra in 2003 — sparking the scandal — seemed nervous at first and spoke haltingly as he faced his former colleagues for the first time in court.

The photos, taken after soldiers rounded up looters who stole humanitarian aid stockpiled at the base, included images of naked detainees and of a tied-up Iraqi hoisted on a forklift, shocking Britain when they first emerged in court.

Bartlam, 20, said he went to his quarters after the roundup. When he re-emerged, he saw two naked Iraqis with soldiers around them being forced into sexual poses, he said.

"People were laughing, bantering, joking around about what they were

doing," he said. Those watching included Cpl. Daniel Kenyon, 33, the highest-ranking of the three defendants and the commander of Bartlam's anti-tank platoon, Bartlam said.

About 15 minutes earlier, he said, Kenyon was standing next to a bound Iraqi lying on the dusty ground and asked Bartlam to get some water. Bartlam said he complied, then poured water on the man to refresh and clean him.

Another defendant, Lance Cpl. Mark Cooley, 25, drove the forklift, Bartlam said.

Kenyon, Cooley and Lance Cpl. Darren Larkin, 30, are charged in the alleged abuse at the aid warehouse being guarded by British troops in southern Iraq in May 2003.

Kenyon and Cooley have pleaded not guilty to all the charges against them, while Larkin has pleaded guilty to one count of battery and not guilty to other counts.

Bartlam, whose rank is the equivalent of private, brought his film back to England to be developed, and

the photo lab called the police. He was convicted separately of charges related to the incidents, but the judge imposed reporting restrictions on details of his trial.

Kenyon's lawyer accused Bartlam on Thursday of lying and ridiculed him for telling the court that he took the photos to show to his parents.

"You were from start to finish the prime mover," lawyer Joseph Giret asserted. He claimed prosecutors dropped four counts charging Bartlam with actively taking part in the abuse as part of a plea bargain. Prosecutors did not immediately respond.

Bartlam sat facing the defendants in the courtroom at a British barracks, but they seemed not to look at each other. Kenyon took notes, while the other two just looked on the proceedings.

Bartlam said Thursday the troops in his unit believed they were supposed to show captured civilians that day that "we do mean business," based on an order he said Kenyon passed along the day before.

Kenyon told the unit to take poles used to hold up camouflage netting with them for their protection and to "beast" the Iraqis, Bartlam testified, using a slang term for making the captives work hard.

"We were told to use them if they stepped out of line — beast them — basically tap them to show that we do mean business," Bartlam told the court-martial.

The compound's commander, Maj. Dan Taylor, has said he gave an order to capture looters and "work them hard" by making them pick up garbage and bring stolen food supplies to a collection point in the compound.

Taylor has sought to portray the defendants as rogue soldiers who exceeded his order without his knowledge.

Defense lawyers argue that Taylor's instructions to his men were so vague they invited misunderstanding, and that he encouraged an undisciplined atmosphere by telling soldiers to wear track suits instead of uniforms so they could better chase looters.

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their offices, Harmon said.

"We will be talking to representatives from across the state of Texas," she said.



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Track team looks to continue success in this weekend's Wes Kittley Classic

By Anne Gepford/
The University Daily

Deer hunting season is over — at least, track and field coach Wes Kittley said it is.

With the second meet of the indoor season approaching this weekend, Kittley has the team focused on meet-by-meet improvement.

"I think you'll see us at every meet get better and better," Kittley said. "That's what I'm really looking for."

He said experience is the best teacher of all when it comes to racing.

"They had the deer-in-the-headlights look on their faces last week," Kittley said. "Experience is such a big deal. It really just comes with the territory."

The second meet brings an experience the first was lacking. Many athletes, like Tori Polk, focus on just getting back into the feel of racing their first meet.

"The first meet is a point of figuring out where I was," Polk said. "This one's just to tune and get past that hump."

Polk said she is working on getting back into race shape.

"It's just going to take many weekends to get back in shape," Polk said. "I'm thinking about long jump; I'd like to jump further."

Polk may be thinking about racing shape, but another athlete is focused on Kittley's experience idea. His confidence has come with training this year.

Tyree Gales, a sprinter, said he currently is ranked in one of the polls, which has surprised people.

After missing part of last year's season because of injury, Gales said he is focused on starting this season off right.

"I'm just going to run a faster time," Gales said. "Everything else is kind of working out for me right now. They just want me to focus on the time."

This weekend, Gales said he will run the 200-meter dash. He said he is focused on changing the rankings.

Kittley said even having Gales on the track at this point in the season is an improvement.

"Tyree has come into this year with a tremendous amount of confidence," Kittley said. "I'm excited to see what comes out of him this year."

Another Red Raider with big expectations is Jonathan Johnson.

Johnson did not compete last weekend, but said he is looking to get back on the track this weekend.

"I just want to come out and get back into the routine of racing," Johnson said. "I've been training hard this fall."

Johnson said he has not competed since August, but the nervousness has not crept up on him yet.

"This is not a pressure meet like the Olympics are," he said, "and I usually look at this like a time to get another practice in."

The Wes Kittley Classic and Masters meet will be held in the Athletic Training Center, with field events beginning at 8 a.m. Saturday and running events beginning at 12:30 p.m.

Lady Raiders look to continue winning ways Sunday at A&M

By David Wiechmann/
The University Daily

Lady Raider coach Marsha Sharp describes wins on the road in the Big 12 Conference as steals. She and her squad are hoping to do just that against Texas A&M on Sunday, especially since the Aggies have a tendency to be a stingy opponent on their home floor.

"They really play well in College Station," Sharp said. "They play a different style than anybody in the Big 12. They wanna play a full court game with you and pressure you from the moment you inbound the ball till you get it to the rim on the other end."

No. 13 Tech (15-3, 6-1 Big 12) knows just how tough an opponent A&M (11-6, 2-5) can be since the Lady Raiders snuck out of College Station with a one-point win last season. Sharp said her players have not forgotten what happened last year on the road in Aggieland and will not be short on motivation for the matchup.

"I think they remember it. They know what we had to do to win it there last year," she said. "I'll be honest with you and tell you if we can escape with a one-point victory this time, I'll be fired up. I'll be excited about doing that."

Leaving A&M with a win will mean avoiding playing the style of basketball the Aggies bring to the court. Not getting caught up in the pressure defense and the running game the Aggies play on offense will be key to a Lady Raider victory. The answer to A&M's style will be a strong inside presence, which Tech has received from Cisti Greenwalt and LaToya Davis the last two games.

Davis sustained a right knee injury in Wednesday's game. She sprained her LCL and is listed as probable for Sunday's game. Sharp said Davis will be 50-50 whether she will play, and the junior forward will wear a brace for the remainder of the season to prevent any further wear or damage to the knee.

Freshman forward Darrice Griffin stepped in for Davis on Wednesday, and Sharp anticipates her earning more playing time with her play of the last two weeks. Griffin may be a freshman, but she knows the team is about to enter a strong testing ground and needs to be on top of its game to take on a pesky Aggie defense.

"The coaches have stressed how well they play on the perimeter. They're like

gnats is what coach (Krista) Gerlich said," Griffin said. "They're gonna get after our guards the entire game, so that's gonna open up a lot for us inside. Hopefully, the posts can take care of business and side, and we can come home with a win."

The Lady Raiders are hoping to survive those problems, overcome the environment in College Station and not slip up on the road for the first time in conference play. Sophomore guard Alesha Robertson said not underestimating the quickness of A&M, like she did last season, will be important.

"Their fans are hard to play in front of, but we just gotta motivate ourselves, and last year I personally think they were a whole lot more athletic than I expected," she said. "We just gotta bring everything we got on Sunday. If we come motivated and come ready to play, we'll be OK."

With an off week approaching, giving the Lady Raiders six days to prepare for No. 7 Baylor next Saturday, it may be easy to look past the Aggies, but Sharp said teams cannot afford to shrug their shoulders at them even if A&M is near the bottom of the conference standings.

"Sometimes you have a tendency to look at a record and think maybe this is one of those that's gonna be a W, and that's not true," she said.

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