



## Trench collapses; 22-year-old man dead

RESCUE WORKERS SEARCH for the body of Rafael Castillo Tuesday afternoon at a construction site. Castillo, an employee of Utility Contractors of America, was helping lay a drainage pipe when the walls of the trench collapsed on him.



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By Jeremy Martin/The University Daily

Rescue workers recovered the body of Rafael Castillo, 22, Tuesday night from the collapsed trench where he laid for more than 10 hours, trapped underneath several feet of dirt.

"He's up out of the hole, and he's not alive," Rhea Cooper, deputy chief of the Lubbock Fire Department said after workers recovered the body at about 7:30 p.m.

Cooper said Castillo was working to dig a trench for a water drainage pipe north of East Slaton Highway at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday when the trench collapsed on him. Castillo stepped out of the box supporting the walls of the trench before the collapse, but the reason for this is not known.

The cause of the collapse also is unknown, and Cooper said when trench walls cave in,

the reason often is never determined.

"It's called 'trench collapse,' and it's something that happens sometimes, but we aren't sure why," he said.

After more than nine hours of digging, workers located the body among the dirt, Cooper said. The digging had to be done carefully and deliberately to keep from harming Castillo if he were still alive, but when workers made initial contact with the body, Cooper said they could tell Castillo was probably dead. He had little chance of surviving the trench collapse several hours earlier.

"I don't think it's possible that he's still alive, based on what my rescue workers told me," Cooper said after workers located the

body's position at about 7 p.m. "Dirt is very heavy."

After workers located the body, they were able to dig it out enough to lower and basket into the hole and remove the body.

"Once we located him, we knew it was only a matter of time before we got him out," Cooper said.

None of the other construction workers, including Castillo's brother who also was at the site, were injured in the collapse.

A representative from the Occupational Safety and Health Administration was at the site to examine the incident, and the organization most likely will continue to investigate.

*"He's up out of the hole, and he's not alive."*

— RHEA COOPER  
Lubbock Fire Department  
Deputy Chief

## LPD officer pleads guilty to harassment

ASSAULT SUSPICIONS: Initial sexual assault lawsuit ends in lesser charge for Blake Littlejohn.

By Brittany Barrientos/  
The University Daily

A case initially thought to be a sexual assault case came to an end late last month when former Lubbock police officer Blake Littlejohn pleaded guilty to a lesser charge of harassment.

In June, an allegation was filed against Littlejohn, accusing him of coercing a female to engage in sexual acts with him during a routine traffic stop, said Sgt. Tony Gribben of the Lubbock Police Department.

"Basically an allegation was made that (Littlejohn) requested a young lady perform a sexual act at a routine traffic stop," he said. "(The police department) investigates and finds facts and evidence and then turn all that over to the district attorney so he can prosecute."

Gribben said along with the criminal proceedings, a policy and procedure investigation is held internally to determine the extent of the violation on the officer's part. He said Littlejohn resigned from the force soon after the allegation was made, so the internal proceeding was not necessary.

"Once (Littlejohn) left employment with the department and the city of Lubbock, he was being investigated the same way any other citizen would be," he said. "This is the only incident (regarding Littlejohn) that I am aware of."

According to police reports, Littlejohn said the woman offered him sexual acts to thank him for ignoring warrants for her arrest and destroying traffic citations against her.

Lubbock District Attorney Bill Sowder said when he was sent the case it was a possible sexual assault.

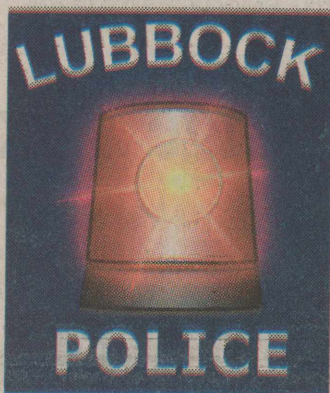
"What happened was he was investigated and the conclusions were sent over to us as a possible sexual assault," he said. "It was taken to a grand jury, but they refused to indict him on a second- or third-degree felony, but did indict him on a state-jail felony, as a violation of civil rights."

Sowder said the plea bargain that was reached between himself and Littlejohn's attorney was a Class B misdemeanor harassment charge. The terms include the removal of Littlejohn's peace officer license, which means he will never be able to be a police officer again. He will also serve one year of probation.

"I felt good about the plea agreement," he said. "We feel strongly that the plea agreement was in the interest of justice."

Sowder said the alleged victim was not as happy with the plea agreement, but the grand jury would not indict Littlejohn on any higher charges.

He said the alleged victim and her attorney are actively pursuing a civil suit against the city of Lubbock for \$1 million.



## PAPAL PREPARATIONS



Election arrangements continue for Pope John Paul II's successor

By Nicole Winfield/Associated Press

VATICAN CITY (AP) — The College of Cardinals met Tuesday for a second day to prepare for the election of Pope John Paul II's successor, which will be announced by a ringing of bells in addition to the centuries-old practice of sending up puffs of white smoke.

Tens of thousands of mourners continued to stream past the pontiff's crimson-robed body in St. Peter's Basilica, where it has lain in state since Monday, and an estimated 2 million Poles were expected to travel to Rome for Friday's funeral.

Vatican spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls said the cardinals hadn't yet decided on a date for the conclave,

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THE LUBBOCK DIOCESE displays a papal honoring the death of Pope John Paul II, which will remain until the Vatican chooses a new pope.

## Violence calls for more control at Mexican border

By Brittany Barrientos/  
The University Daily

Relations between the United States and Mexico have been strained recently because of a rash of border violence on Texas-Mexico border.

Earlier this year, the issue of safety really came in to the public eye when students were faced with the decision of whether to travel abroad.

According to the U.S.-Mexico Border Security Web site, the need for increased security on the borders has become apparent throughout the last few years. It cites increased illegal immigration, internationalized drug smuggling, cross-border violence and changes in the border environment as a whole as reasons for the increasing number of Border Patrol agents.

Many Border Patrol agencies encompassing areas bordering Mexico have upped security to help prevent the problems, but officials say this has also created more problems for their officers.

Rob Daniels, a spokesman from the Tucson sector of Border Patrol, said their increased presence along the Mexico border has created more hostility between Border Patrol agents and Mexican immigrants.

"(Border violence) is quite an extensive problem in our sector and has risen over the last 10 years. We have many more agents than we used to, and they often fall victim to these illegal immigrants," he said. "It is so much more difficult to get through the border illegally, and this frustrates (the perpetrators)."

Daniels said despite the fair relationship the Tucson sector has with Mexican officials, agents often re subjected to getting run off the road, run over by vehicles,

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## SGA plans to cut funding for off-campus bus routes

By Meghann Lora/The University Daily

The Student Government Association's plan to discontinue funding off-campus bus routes is causing tension between local apartment complexes and the SGA.

Ryan Worley, external vice president-elect, said as of now, the university's off-campus bus system will not continue after next year. The apartment complexes have until July 1 to sign a contract to ensure the continuation of bus services.

"Starting in the fall of 2006, there will not be any off-campus bus routes unless (apartment complexes) contact us with a plan," he said.



the off-campus routes. The SGA presented plans for subsidizing the routes for the next few years and gradually transferring the cost to the apartments.

"From that, we had a pretty poor reception," Worley said. "We tried as hard as we could to present this in a positive manner to get the best out of it for students and the apartments."

The SGA met with apartment complexes in February to discuss the bus routes and the fact that the SGA would no longer fully fund

There currently are three off-campus bus routes: Overton, Indiana/4th Street and West 4th Street. A fourth route, the Northwest route, was being discussed to serve students living in that developing area.

Worley said the Northwest route would not be running next fall, but all other routes would continue for the 2005-2006 school year.

Elroy Wisian, owner of Lynnwood Townhomes, said he is disappointed there will not be a Northwest route. Lynnwood Townhomes is located on Erskine Street and would have been served by the new route. Wisian said 2,500 students would benefit from the

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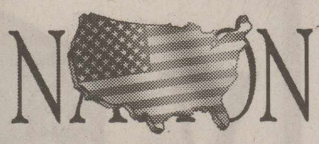
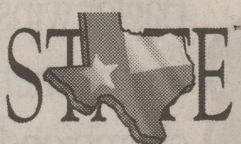


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STUDENTS EXIT A Citibus in front of the Heritage apartments Monday afternoon. The Student Government Association plans to discontinue funding for off-campus bus routes, which will be limited.

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The Rundown



House debates gay marriage amendment

AUSTIN (AP) — A marathon hearing dragged into the early morning hours Tuesday as a state House committee heard from dozens of gay rights activists opposed to a proposed constitutional ban of same-sex marriages in Texas.

Activists told the House State Affairs Committee the proposal also could prevent gays and lesbians from private contract privileges, including end-of-life decisions and children's guardianship issues.

The committee adjourned the hearing at 2:30 a.m. without taking any action.

Gay marriage and civil unions already are illegal in Texas, but some private arrangements are recognized under Texas law.

Republican Rep. Warren Chisum of Pampa has filed a proposed change to the constitution that would define marriage as "only a union of one man and one woman" in Texas. He said it was not his intent to prevent gay couples from arrangements such as joint-property ownership or power of attorney.

"I think the institution of one man and one woman provides the best atmosphere in which to raise children," Chisum said. "That's the purpose of this."

High oil, gas prices strain energy market

WASHINGTON (AP) — High oil and natural gas prices have put energy markets under a degree of strain that has not been seen in a generation, Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan said Tuesday, but he warned policy-makers against interfering with market forces he hoped would eventually stabilize prices.

The Fed chief expressed hope that market forces would spur conservation by businesses and consumers and greater energy exploration by energy companies. That should help get prices under control, he said.

He also urged policy-makers to be careful in any responses they might make to allow market forces to work. Greenspan, in prepared remarks to an energy conference, warned that they should avoid any action that would "distort or stifle the meaningful functioning of our markets."

Greenspan spoke via satellite to the National Petrochemical and Refiners Association meeting in San Antonio, Texas. A copy of his prepared remarks was distributed in Washington.

"We must remember that the same price signals that are so critical for balancing energy supply and demand in the short run also signal profit opportunities for long-term supply expansion," Greenspan said, in urging that market forces be allowed to take care of the problem.

The Bush administration has been pushing Congress to enact energy legislation. Lawmakers in the House are working on a bill with the aim of promoting increased production of a broad range of energy sources — from coal to natural gas. The measure is not expected to have much impact on the price spikes seen in recent weeks, however.

Blair calls national elections on May 5

LONDON (AP) — Prime Minister Tony Blair asked for a third term on Tuesday, calling a national election for May 5 that he is expected to win despite the unpopular Iraq war, continued public grumbling about public services and an apparent drop in his opinion poll lead.

"It's a big choice, and there's a lot at stake," Blair said after Queen Elizabeth II granted his request to dissolve Parliament. "The British people are the boss, and they are the ones who will make it."

Blair is seeking a third term in office — his last, he has said — after eight years in power, commanding a huge majority in the House of Commons.

Opinion polls published Tuesday showed Blair's Labour Party running anywhere from two points to five points ahead of the opposition Conservatives — more or less a statistical dead heat.

But Britain's electoral system favors Labour, whose share of the vote is spread more efficiently across the country, and analysts say Conservative leader Michael Howard needs to grab a lead of around 8 points to have a shot at winning. It is more likely, analysts say, that Blair will win with a reduced majority in the Commons.

Still, Blair's position is nothing like the double-digit poll leads Labour racked up before the 2001 election. And he may be vulnerable to apathy among his supporters — a MORI poll showed Conservatives more likely to vote than Labour supporters.

FALLING FORTRESS



STAFF MEMBERS OF the Vietnam Center take down the Moving Wall information tent temporarily because of a stiff wind Tuesday morning in Memorial Circle.

Attorney General to defend Patriot Act renewal

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration's two top law enforcement officials on Tuesday urged Congress to renew every provision of the anti-terror Patriot Act. FBI Director Robert Mueller also asked lawmakers to expand the bureau's ability to obtain records without first asking a judge.

"Now is not the time for us to be engaging in unilateral disarmament" on the legal weapons now available for fighting terrorism, Attorney General Alberto Gonzales said. He said that some of the most controversial provisions of the Patriot Act have proven

invaluable in fighting terrorism and aiding other investigations.

"It's important that these authorities remain available," Gonzales told the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Mueller said sections of the law that allow intelligence and law enforcement agencies to share information are especially important.

"Experience has taught the FBI that there are no neat dividing lines that distinguish criminal, terrorist and foreign intelligence activity," Mueller said in his prepared testimony.

He also asked Congress to expand the FBI's administrative subpoena pow-

ers, which allow the bureau to obtain records without approval or a judge or grand jury.

The Patriot Act is the post-Sept. 11, 2001 law that expanded the government's surveillance and prosecutorial powers against suspected terrorists, their associates and financiers. Most of the law is permanent, but 15 provisions will expire in December unless renewed by Congress.

On the same day Gonzales was speaking to the Senate committee, Sens. Larry Craig, R-Idaho, and Dick Durbin, D-Ill., planned to reintroduce legislation designed to curb major parts of the Patriot Act that they say went too far.

Senate committee to change Texas schools

AUSTIN (AP) — The Senate took another step toward answering the state's school funding dilemma Tuesday, rolling out the first part of its package to change public education.

The plan, proposed in the Senate Education Committee, would give all teachers an immediate \$1,000 salary increase and restore a \$1,000 health care stipend that the Legislature cut in half two years ago.

"We believe it is essential," said Sen. Florence Shapiro, R-Plano, who authored the bill. "We want desperately for our teachers to be at or above the national average."

Unlike the House plan ap-

proved last month, the Senate measure would institute a statewide property tax, which would eliminate disparities in property wealth between school districts. The tax would be slashed by one-third, to \$1 per \$100 of assessed property value.

A statewide property tax, which has been unpopular in the House, would

require approval by two-thirds of both legislative chambers and a public vote.

The plan, which would put about \$1.6 billion more into public schools per year, does not specify where that money would come from. A separate revenue bill, which will probably raise a variety of taxes to pay for the proposals, is expected later this month. At least \$5.4 billion a year would be necessary just to pay for the property tax reduction.

The Senate plan also updates the cost of education but does not change current funding formulas.

Funding would be increased to address the costs of educating bilingual students.

Current textbook orders would be funded, but money for future instructional materials would be rolled in with technology funding, giving schools the opportunity to use online or digital materials.

Other provisions in the Senate measure include electronic student records to better track transfers and dropout rates, funding for college entrance exams and incentive money for teachers.

Fifty percent of incentive funding would be used for programs designed by each school district, and up to 50 percent would be used on statewide incentives.

The Senate plan also provides tuition exemptions at state colleges and universities for children of teachers who have taught for 15 years or more.

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Sen. R-Plano

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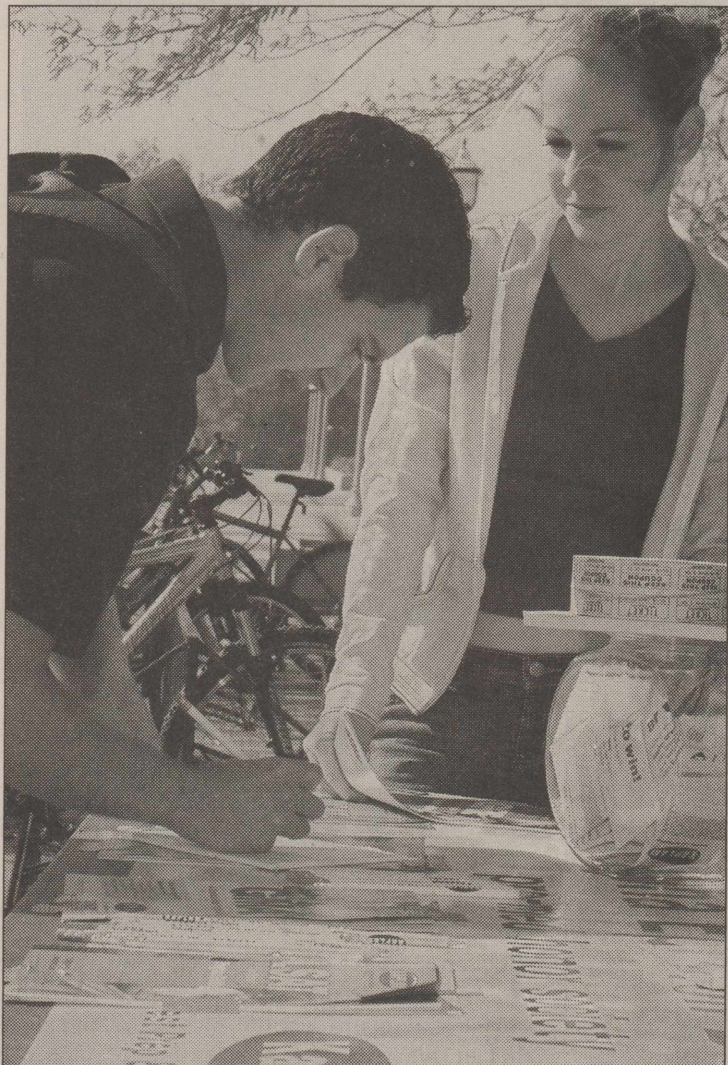
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## RAIDER RAFFLE



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STEPHEN SAFFIOTI, A senior engineering major from Houston, enters a raffle Tuesday to win a Kaplan graduate test prep course. Krista Van Winkle, a senior biology and public relations major from Roswell and member of Alpha Epsilon Delta, looks on. AED is sponsoring the raffle.

## Hospitals scramble to meet nursing ratio

LOS ANGELES (AP) — California hospitals are struggling to meet a new, first-in-the-nation requirement that they have one nurse on duty for every five patients at all times, and officials say most institutions are falling short.

Some hospitals have tried to close the gap by hiring nurses from outside agencies and making staffers work more hours. Others are closing beds or keeping people longer in the emergency room to prevent other parts of the hospital from becoming overcrowded.

The new requirement comes amid a severe nationwide shortage of nurses.

"Even if money came down from heaven and paid for all of the extra costs, you still can't find the nurses," said Jan Emerson, a spokeswoman for the California Hospital Association.

Several states have minimum staffing levels for certain hospital wards, such as intensive care. California is the only state to establish mandatory levels in all areas, said Ken August, spokesman for the California Department of Health Services.

The law, backed by California's biggest nurses union and signed by then-Gov. Gray Davis in 1999, said hospitals must adhere to a staffing level set by the Department of Health Services. DHS then decided on a 1-to-6 ratio beginning in 2004 and 1-to-5 starting in January 2005.

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger tried to have the 1-to-5 requirement delayed for three years. A judge ruled against him in March, and DHS notified the state's nearly 400 public and private medical centers that they

must immediately comply.

The 60,000-member California Nurses Association said the ratio will make hospitals safer.

Mary Bailey, a nurse in a diabetic ward at Long Beach Memorial Medical Center, said that years ago, some nurses had to handle 10 patients at a time.

"Those were the crying days — when it gets so overwhelming that you go home crying," she said. "We're not chopping broccoli. These are people's lives here, and there's nothing worse than going home and saying, 'I didn't pick up on that symptom.'"

Hospitals complain that it is virtually impossible to obey the law around the clock, when, say, a nurse takes a coffee break, or a ward is suddenly swamped with patients.

John Wallace, a spokesman for the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services, said county hospitals are closing beds when necessary and spending millions to hire nurses from outside agencies.

At Methodist Hospital of Sacramento, more patients are being held in the ER — though not just because of the staffing new requirement, said Holly Worley, an emergency room nurse.

## Computer-based training may be effective

By Meghann Lora/  
The University Daily

Texas Tech offers students, faculty and staff computer-based training courses to increase the technology skills necessary to be successful in the workplace.

Sam Segran, vice president of information technology and chief information officer, said the training programs are provided as a service to help enhance technology skills.

"The idea is to have quality training available in major areas of technology," he said.

The computer-based training programs are available at [www.cbr.ttu.edu](http://www.cbr.ttu.edu). The Web site has a course catalog that lists all of the available training courses. Segran said the available training ranges from basic technology skills such as Microsoft Office to more advanced training such as Web design.

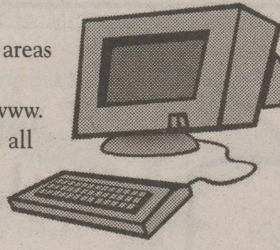
Segran said the computer-based training is useful to students, faculty and staff because it is convenient and can be completed at a person's own pace.

"You can do it in your own time," he said. "You can start it and then log out and finish at a later time."

The Web site also offers certification in various aspects of technology such as the Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer. The certification process requires students to pass seven exams and usually costs thousands of dollars to complete the training and certification process, Segran said.

Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer practice exams can cost up to \$80 each, and a full training course usually costs more than \$2,000, according to [www.sapgenie.com](http://www.sapgenie.com).

"Students pay thousands of dollars to do that," he said. "All of those are available for free through the university."



Segran said the cost of the computer-based training comes out of the Information Technology Department's budget; The cost of the computer-based training is about \$50,000 per year. Compared to other technology spending, \$50,000 is not much money. The university pays about \$700,000 for Microsoft products, Segran said.

"In terms of cost, this is really pretty good," he said.

The computer-based training has been available for five years, Segran said. The training offered is based on current technology so that users can keep informed and improve their skills.

"We try to keep the latest software available," he said.

Kristi Wall, a junior physical therapy major from Hobbs, N.M., said she had never heard of the computer-based training. She said it sounds like a good program, but does not believe many students are aware it is offered.

"If more people knew about it, it would be a better thing," she said.

Technology plays an important role in our world today, Wall said. Students should take advantage of any services that will help them be better trained in technology.

"Everybody needs to know about technology," she said. "In any job you're going to deal with technology."

Wall said the cost of the program would not be a problem if students were utilizing and benefiting from the training courses. She said that students are probably paying for the training through their student and fees.

"We're probably getting charged for that," she said. "Tech could be wasting money if the students don't know about it."

Segran said the computer-based training is something that people at the university should take advantage of. The courses are available for the benefit of students, faculty and staff.

"It really is an excellent training tool," he said.

## Lubbock resident receives governor's award

By Travis Cram/  
The University Daily

Bonnie Westbrook, a Lubbock resident, was awarded the Governor's 2005 Criminal Justice Volunteer Award last week.

Westbrook, according to the Criminal Justice Department, was on parole in August 2001 for a controlled substance violation when she began to promote sobriety to paroled offenders who had been participating in rehabilitation programs through the parole system.

Mike Viesca, director of public information for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, said Westbrook's local parole office nominated her for the award.

"She was presented it because of innovations she has come up with in helping other parolees get back into society," he said.

Westbrook said her own experiences and religious faith drove her to be a part of the Lubbock Changes Substance Abuse Support Group.

According to a press release, the group meets for one hour each week and it is not uncommon to see a line of Westbrook's peers outside, waiting to get into another session.

Lidia Deleon, supervisor of the District Resource Center, nominated Westbrook for the governor's award.

"I actually got a stack of recommendations from people in her support group who thought that she deserved the award," she said. "They all think the world of her. We wouldn't be able to offer

these programs if it weren't for people like Bonnie."

Deleon said after Westbrook was promoted to her current job in April 2000, she wanted to get some programs started in Lubbock and they were searching for volunteers to help.

"Bonnie happened to come in and say, 'OK, what can I do?' and she was just very eager to help us out," Deleon said. "She said that she had no experience teaching but she was willing to try anything to help out."

Westbrook took a different ap-

proach to the regular 12-step recovery program used by most rehabilitation programs, Deleon said, and used

her program on a faith-based 12 steps and wanted to call it Changes.

Deleon said the center needed dedicated people, and Westbrook was someone willing to fill in. She said Westbrook's idea instantly caught on, and before she knew it, the classes were filling up.

"When you meet her you are just like 'Wow,' and I think that everyone began to see that," Deleon said. "People were calling her

left and right to get into her groups, and it just became overwhelming."

Westbrook is also president of the Lubbock Winners Circle, a support group that travels to different correctional facilities to conduct sessions and help support those with substance abuse problems.

"I think people have a lot of questions when it comes to friends and family on parole and what they can do to go back to a lifestyle," Deleon said.

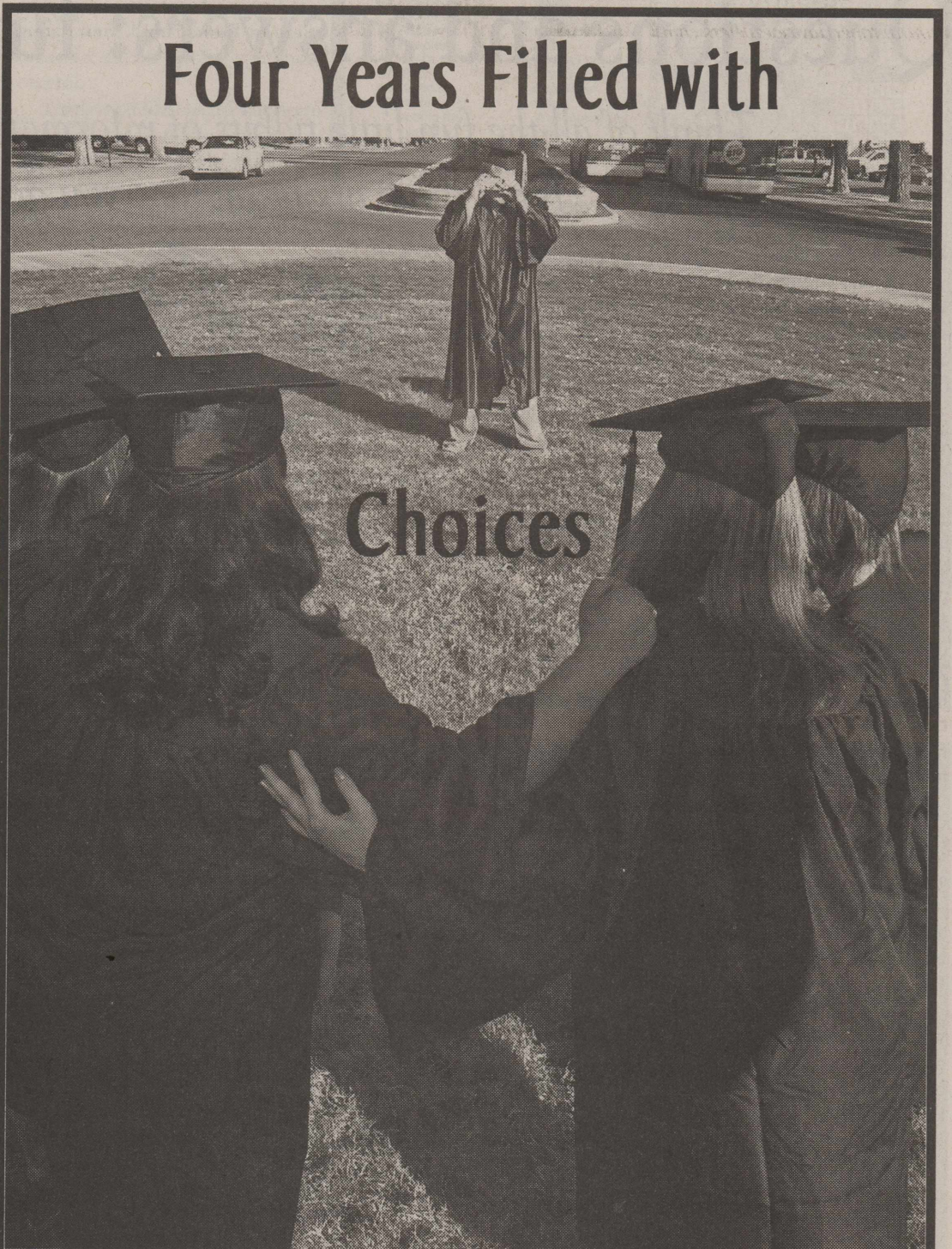
The District Resource Center offers other types of services and counseling like parent groups and anger management classes, Deleon said.

"Anyone in the community is allowed to come and seek help through our services; we just ask that they abide by the same rules and regulations," she said.

Westbrook's class is offered at 5:30 p.m. Thursdays at the Lubbock Parole Office.

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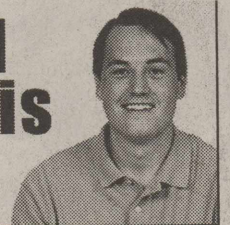
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## The suffering pope

A legacy built by Pope  
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**Will Davis**



I cannot help but notice that over the past several weeks, we all have been touched by the stark realities of life and death. And even though this writer may be stuck on the subject, I believe when events unfold as they have, we are bound to observe their meaning and appreciate their significance.

When Pope John Paul II died Saturday, it was the end of a remarkable and well-lived life. He was a champion of both liberty and life, and he worked tirelessly to defend both.

Personally, I see the pope's death through profoundly non-Catholic eyes.

And in my mind, I will remember him not as "The Holy Father," but as a man who knew much about life and much about suffering. For me, this is his greatest legacy.

More so than most, John Paul II knew about suffering and embraced it. Known as the "Suffering Pope," his life was often marked by periods of profound sorrow and sickness.

As a boy, Karol Wojtyla was a gifted student and actor, and he often accompanied his brother, a physician at the local hospital, to perform for the sick. He excelled at athletics, and though anti-Semitism was widespread in his hometown, he used his charisma to win over many Jewish friends.

Most importantly, he found peace through suffering. And through his life and death, John Paul II revealed to all of us there is dignity in suffering — that life is precious, even in moments of pain.

But at the age of eight, three years after the death of his mother, his brother died from scarlet fever. And when his native Poland was invaded by the Nazis, he watched his childhood friends as they were beaten in the streets and shipped to concentration camps.

To survive the occupation, the class valedictorian was forced to work in a rock quarry, and would soon be left alone at the age of 20 when his father suddenly died.

And after being liberated from the worst regime in history, Wojtyla was forced to live under the next worse form of government, communism, as he secretly studied to become a priest.

John Paul II understood the profound reality that suffering is not simply a nasty inevitability of life, but it is central to the human experience.

Most importantly, he found peace through suffering. And through his life and death, John Paul II revealed to all of us there is dignity in suffering — that life is precious, even in moments of pain.

In his last few weeks of life, the pope lived what he preached. And he struggled to live, even in the presence of severe discomfort, by every means available.

His last moments of life probably were his toughest, but I suppose that made the finish line all the more desirable, and his life all the more glorifying to God.

Recently, we have been told the lie that a dignified death only can occur in the absence of pain. And we live in a society that despises suffering, even to the point of ending life to prevent it.

But we should not presume simply because we have the ability to obstruct pain, or even alleviate it altogether through death, that we should. And we should not believe the lie that there is dignity in taking our own life, or someone else's, in order to end suffering.

And as Pope John Paul II revealed, there can be hope in suffering, and peace in a death not at the hands of man, but by the hand of God.

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## Questions and answers: fun with trivia

Think of all the fun little tidbits of information you know.  
Now think about all that you don't.

In one of my classes the other day, I participated in a very strange study.

Several members of the class were taken into an empty classroom, shown a general knowledge question and asked to answer it and give their confidence interval.

I think most of us found out we weren't quite ready for a Ken Jennings-like "Jeopardy" run just yet.

I'm a huge fan of trivia, so this actually was a pretty fun activity. Participating in this trivia event helped me realize, though, just how little of the available knowledge is possessed by any one person.

So, for all of you "Jeopardy" or Trivial Pursuit fans, avid "Guinness Book of World Records" and "101 Amazing Facts" readers and those of you who just enjoy random useless facts, the remainder of this column will be dedicated to just that — bits of trivia that you'll never need to know but still are fun to file away for later use.

\* ABC news anchor Ted Koppel said in 2000 that he spent almost four decades denying he wore a toupée.

\* The book "I Ain't Never Been Nothing but a Winner" is about Bear Bryant, a former Alabama and Texas A&M football coach. (Trivial Pursuit)

\* The Hubble Space Telescope was first considered an embarrassment to the tune of \$3 billion because of its flawed computer, broken gyroscopes and warped mirrors. (Trivial Pursuit)

\* The actual medical term for writer's cramp is "chirospasm." (clubtrivia.com)

\* Mickey Mouse almost never was. Walt Disney wanted to name his famous rodent Mortimer, but his wife Lillian talked him out of it. (Disney.com)

\* The acoustics in the Tabernacle of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Salt Lake City, Utah, are so good you can hear a pin drop from 200 yards away. (coolquiz.com)

\* Gymnosophy is the act of deep contemplation performed while naked. (coolquiz.com)

\* Chico Marx came into the world sporting the name Leonard. (Trivial Pursuit)

**Heidi Toth**



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\* In Alfred Hitchcock's "Psycho," the sound made by the knife penetrating the flesh actually is a knife stabbing a casaba melon, and the blood in the shower scene is chocolate sauce. (coolquiz.com)

\* Legos were created by Danish master carpenter Ole Kirk Christiansen, who originally called the toy Automatic Binding Bricks. (Trivial Pursuit)

\* Most men have erections every hour to hour and a half during sleep. (corsinet.com)

\* Cary Grant's real name was Archibald Leach. John Cleese's character in "A Fish Called Wanda" was named for him. (clubtrivia.com)

\* On Jan. 16, 2004, Cody Mullennix of Howe caught the world's largest catfish in Lake Texoma. That fish weighed 121.5 pounds. (texas-cooking.com)

\* Red Sox pitcher Ed Morris was stabbed to death at a fish fry in Florida thrown in his honor. (Trivial Pursuit)

\* Elizabeth Blackwell was the first woman to receive a medical degree. She earned her M.D. in 1849 from the Medical Institution of Geneva, N.Y. (corsinet.com)

\* Clark Gable almost didn't act in "Gone with the Wind" because he was upset about the requirement that he cry in the film. (coolquiz.com)

\* Big Ben, the gigantic clock in London, is named after Benjamin Hall, a London works commissioner.

(www.wisdom4all.co.uk)

\* April is National Soft Pretzel Month, National Soyfoods Month and National Food Month. (foodreference.com)

\* Future politician Edward Kennedy scored Harvard's only touchdown during a Harvard-Yale game in 1955. (clubtrivia.com)

\* There are 43,252,003,274,489,856,000 possible color combinations on a Rubik's Cube.

\* Mark Twain's "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer" was the first novel to be written on a typewriter. (clubtrivia.com)

\* Whoopi Goldberg worked as a mortuary cosmetologist and a bricklayer before becoming a successful actor. (clubtrivia.com)

\* Amazon CEO Jeff Bezos was the first dot-com entrepreneur to be named "Time" Magazine's Person of the Year. (Trivial Pursuit)

\* A sneeze can exceed the speed of 100 mph, while a cough releases an explosive charge of air that moves at speeds up to 60 mph. (corsinet.com)

\* Spain declared war on the United States on April 23, 1898, signifying the official start of the Spanish-American War. The U.S. declared war on April 25 and made it retroactive to April 22. (spanamwar.com)

\* Baskin Robbins once made ketchup ice cream. (corsinet.com)

\* The University of Texas football team ate Bevo, their mascot, at a dinner celebrating their 1920 win against Texas A&M. (Trivial Pursuit)

\* "E" is the most commonly used letter of the alphabet. (lingoex.com)

\* At a press conference to announce another name change, Prince was asked, "Who would win a fistfight, you or Michael Jackson?" (Trivial Pursuit)

And finally, the piece of trivia that would have won me the most bitter Trivial Pursuit — President John F. Kennedy owned a rabbit named Zsa Zsa.  
Happy trivia hunting!

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TWO LIPS



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TULIPS GROW in the flower bed in the Administration building courtyard Monday evening.

Bus Routes

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Northwest route, and providing some students with off-campus busing and not others is wrong.

"I think that the student government is ripping off students who live on this side of town," he said. "We would love to have a bus route so that our students who pay the same fees would have the same courtesy as students who live in older housing."

Wisian said he is not opposed to sharing the costs of the bus routes. He said Lynnwood Townhomes would have to pay from \$60,000 to \$120,000 to bring a route to their development.

"We are aware that things cost money," he said. "If they spread that cost out over all the apartments, it wouldn't be much for any one person. We would be more than happy to pay our fair share."

Wisian believes the SGA's efforts to discontinue funding for off-campus bus routes are not meant to benefit students, but to benefit the university. He said more students are likely to live in residence halls if there are not off-campus routes.

"The bottom line is, I think the university has exerted pressure on the student government to do something that would be beneficial to the university," Wisian said.

Worley said there must be three apartment complexes on a route that enter into the agreement or there would be no route. He said the apartments are hesitant to sign a contract to continue bus service.

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"The approach that they're taking is, 'We're not going to do it unless our rival does it,'" Worley said.

Darci Manning, leasing manager at Raiders Pass, said apartments on the Indiana/4th Street Route that serves Raiders Pass are not able to commit to paying for the bus route.

"There's not three people willing to do it," she said. "Nobody can afford that."

Manning said she agrees with the SGA's concept, but does not think they have taken the best approach to handling the situation.

"I think that they have a good concept that they want to save students money," she said.

Rent at Raiders Pass would increase by \$10 per month per resident to pay for the bus route, Manning said. Currently, 50 percent of Raiders Pass residents use the off-campus buses.

Manning said all residents would be charged for the route because there is no way to monitor which residents use the bus and which do not. The purpose of the SGA not funding the routes so that only the students who use the service are charged is defeated, she said.

"I guarantee that if we raise our rent by \$10 right now, we would not lease up," she said. "I feel like they've put these apartment complexes in a really tough position."

Area Medical Education Center brings new opportunities to students, minorities

By Lindsay Wharton/  
The University Daily

The Big Country Area Health Education Center in Abilene, which is sponsored by the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, which opened March 30, is now offering opportunities for Tech students to work with area health professionals in rural populations.

Pam Danner, Area Health Education Center director, said the new programs will give students a perspective on working with different city sectors.

"There are opportunities in rural areas that are different than in urban cities," she said.

Tech students should consider working in the less populated areas of Texas, Danner said, because the rural spirit is encouraging. Typically, people in rural areas are grateful for their health care providers, she said.

There are four different

centers that provide health care to 105 counties, Danner said.

There is an Area Health Education Center in Amarillo serving 20 counties, a center in Midland serving 27, one in Plainview serving 24 and another is being built in El Paso, Danner said.

Each center addresses the need for more health care professionals in each area, she said.

Ronnie Laurance, center director, said the main purpose of the center is to address the health care shortage in West Texas.

"(The center) is a liaison to promote health care careers," he said.

There is a large need for more health care professionals in the rural areas of West Texas, Laurance said. The Big Country center serves 28 counties and of those, two are medically underserved.

Although the grand opening of the Big Country facility was March 30, it will take a while before the

center reaches its potential, and the program has several objectives, Laurance said.

The program offers positions in most medical career fields including nursing and physical therapy, Laurance said. This array of medical fields will help students see where they could work in the

28 counties the center serves.

The program also provides existing health care professionals with continuing education, Laurance said.

Promoting healthy living is also an important objective for the center, he said.

Another purpose of the center is to encourage school-age children to be interested in a career in the medical field, Laurance said. Students from Lubbock are likely to stay in the county and help alleviate the lack of medical professionals.

Aaron Ashford, health careers promotions person for the center, said he visits schools to encourage

students to consider a career in the medical field.

"We're focusing primarily on grades nine through 12," he said.

The staff of the center uses television programs like "CSI" to introduce students to medical professionals, Ashford said.

The center also visits health care clinics, hospitals and nursing homes.

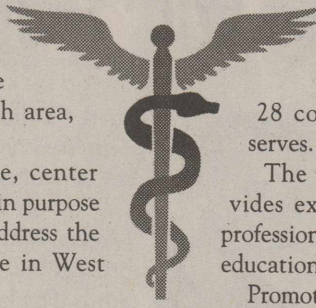
Mike Null, community education coordinator, said he is focused on spreading the message that the center is here to serve the community.

"We go out and market our program to rural health care facilities," he said.

The center is trying to encourage people to utilize its services and know what opportunities the Area Health Education Center has for the community.

The staff has had a positive response since they began promoting the Big Country Center, Null said.

For more information, contact the Area Health Education Center at (806) 743-1338.



Border

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gunshots and have had a variety of items thrown at them.

He said measures have been taken to increase safety for both the agents and residents of the border towns.

"Our sector is only mildly safe, at best, because of the frustration of the people trying to commit illegal activities, and not being able to do so because it is so difficult to get through here," he said. "We have gotten caged-in vehicles to avoid broken windows and to protect our officers. We have also found tactics to monitor and apprehend suspicious activity."

Doug Mosier, spokesman for the El Paso sector of Border Patrol, said the sector has not experienced many instances of border violence.

"We don't see much violence relating to border violence," he said. "Violence here seems to be sporadic and infrequent."

Mosier said there have been times when violence has occurred, but said the training and experience that all Border Patrol agents have can greatly limit these types of occurrences.

"I can only speak for our sector, but we have very few problems," he said. "We also have a

very good working relationship with members of the community."

Mosier said like any agency, the El Paso Border Patrol sector has had a few close calls involving immigrant smuggling, being run down by vehicles and officers being shot at.

Bill Brooks, spokesman for the Marfa sector of Border Patrol, in which Lubbock is included, said there are also no major problems in the Marfa area.

"Our rates of border violence are relatively low," he said. "It doesn't seem to happen too much in our area."

Brooks said one of the reasons for the minuscule amount of border violence in the region is the proximity of the sector to the Rio Grande.

"The river makes it a lot more difficult for immigrants to illegally cross the border," he said. "We have a safe sector, but we are still always vigilant and concerned."

None of the sector spokesmen who were contacted say militia groups have been formed in their areas to aid in border violence control.

Daniels said his sector has been receiving the aid of Minutemen, but not a militia group. He said there efforts have been somewhat helpful, but the chaos has caused many false alarms. He said he hopes when things settle down, the collaboration of the Border Patrol and the Minutemen will help to rapidly decrease the amount of border violence.

Pope

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which according to church law must occur between 15 and 20 days after the death of a pope.

The cardinals have not yet read John Paul's spiritual testament, he said. They spent Tuesday continuing to work out details of the funeral, in which John Paul will be laid to rest with regal pageantry near the tomb that is traditionally believed to be that of the first pope, St. Peter.

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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By Philip J. Anderson  
Portland, OR 4/6/05

**Tuesday's Puzzle Solved**

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## Costner, Allen look for 'The Upside of Anger'



**James Eppler**



*It's an interesting romantic pairing. Both have libidos as enflamed, no doubt, as their livers, but neither can seem to give in.*

Two drunkards cling to each other for dear life in "The Upside of Anger," a film about love and pain that can't be numbed by alcohol.

Joan Allen is divine as Terry Wolfmeyer, a mother of four daughters, who used to be happy. That is, until her rat of a husband leaves without warning—Terri believes for his Swedish secretary.

But she's not annoyed, not

perturbed. No, she's flat-out angry, and she practically glues a glass of vodka to one hand and a cigarette

to the other. She sinks into a depressed and angry funk, and it starts to affect others in her life.

One of her daughters, Hadley (Alicia Witt), hates her, and the other three, Emily (Keri Russell), Andy (Erika Christensen), and Popeye (Evan Rachel Wood) are seriously leaning that way.

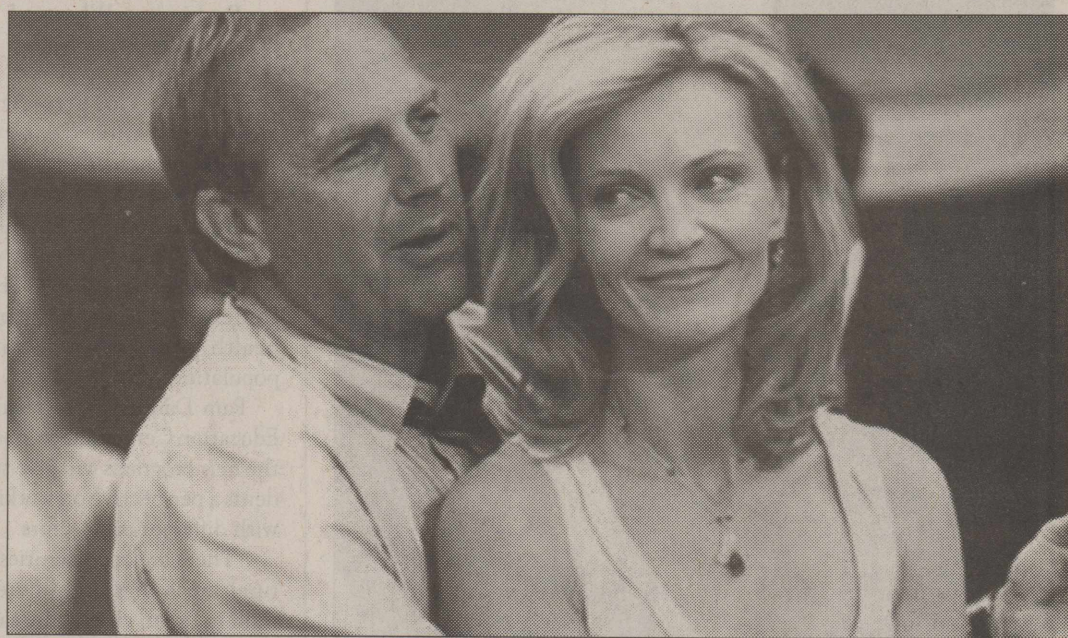
Enter Denny (Kevin Costner), a friend of Terry's husband and a retired baseball star, whose drugs of choice are beer and pot, rather than steroids. Denny has a talk-radio show, but refuses to talk about the good old days of playing. Like Mark McGwire, he's not here to talk about the past.

Sorry, last one, I swear.

At first, Denny and Terry are mere drinking buddies, but it's obvious he wants a little more. So when Terry surprises him by offering him a quickie, saying she'll be at his house in a few minutes, Denny hides in his yard. But when he's finally ready, she bolts, too.

It's an interesting romantic pairing. Both have libidos as enflamed, no doubt, as their livers, but neither can seem to give in.

Maybe that's because Terry is too busy feeling sorry for herself, and taking it out on Denny and her



KEVIN COSTNER AND Joan Allen star in "The Upside of Anger," a romantic comedy that combines baseball, beer and heartbreak.

daughters. Terry manages to always say the wrong thing at the worst time, and she seems incapable of supporting her daughters, even though she wants the very best for them. At least, what's best in her opinion.

Each daughter finds a way to rebel against mom. Hadley gets pregnant and engaged, Emily starts dating a sexually-drooling louse twice her age, Andy wants to be a ballet dancer, and Popeye makes friends with a sexually ambiguous ruffian.

"The Upside of Anger" works well because it is so honest in its characterizations. Three of the daughters try to tolerate their mother, but can't always get past

the critical bile consistently spewing from her mouth.

Denny often finds himself caught in the middle.

Writer/director Mike Binder, who also is the product of a broken home, often finds humor in the heartbreak. The laughs are often anchored by deep-rooted emotions. But watch for a hilarious Binder performance as Denny's radio producer, who has an eye for women that make him feel younger.

While Binder's film is often clever, touching and funny, it sometimes meanders too much in an attempt to develop characters. Binder almost blows the deal completely with a twist ending that could have been interesting, but feels like a tack-on gimmick.

The upside? Allen and Costner are terrific together, with a chemistry that sizzles.

Costner has never been this loose and charming. Coupled with his dynamite "Open Range," his career has come roaring back

to life.

Joan Allen is a marvel. Too often, this fantastic actress is held to hair-pulled-back, reserved roles. In "Upside," Allen is sexy, strong and vulnerable, and makes us care about Terry, even if we don't want to.

I know it's early, but the Academy should write her name down for the 2005 nominations.

The occasional shallowness felt in "Upside" might stem from Binder's spreading his film too thin trying to develop his characters. But Binder taps in to clever wit and real emotions, giving Allen and Costner a chance to shine bright.

EPPLER'S RATING:



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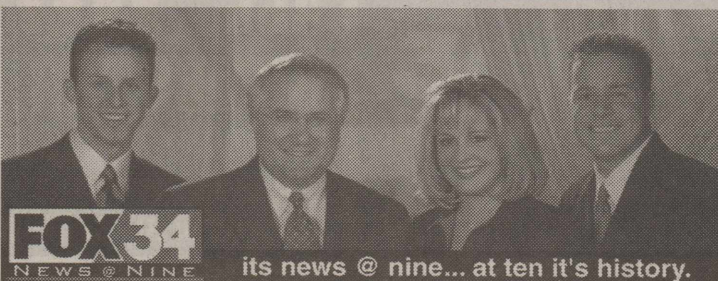
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# In Love and WAR

## BUILDING A COALITION:

The story of two war correspondents — one American, one English — who fall in love after the fall of Baghdad.

By Kristen Gilbreth/  
The University Daily

He rarely takes his eyes off her. The intent gaze follows her from dance floor to dinner table and everywhere in between.

Perhaps it is mere habit after looking out for her for so long in Iraq. Maybe it is a gesture common among European men. Maybe he is just an observant journalist.

Or it could be he is in love. The story of war correspondents Christina Asquith and Jack Fairweather is one of passion and paradox.

Their love was born in Baghdad surrounded by death. As they built a romance in June 2003, war-torn Iraq was still in ruins. Reconstruction would prove to progress much slower than their relationship.

### Destiny in the desert

Asquith was 29 when she traveled to Iraq on a freelance assignment from *The New York Times*. For two months the American administration had been broadcasting the war was over. But since it was her first time near the Middle East or a war zone, she admittedly was nervous.

Conversely, Fairweather was a seasoned war reporter for *The Daily Telegraph* in London. He had been on the Gulf region beat covering the buildup to the war. Months later when the United States launched Operation Iraqi Freedom, Fairweather was on the front lines. As an embedded journalist with the English army, he was on scene April 7, 2003, when British forces took control of Basra.

Two months later, soon-to-be lovers found each other in a foreign land because their native

countries, America and England, were allied against a common enemy.

They met in a typical western way — introduced by a friend at a hotel-pool party near a pizza stand. As their courtship continued, it became clear they were in another world — their first date was at a third-world restaurant over Middle Eastern food. Still, they said being together was like coming home for the first time.

"It was actually kind of bizarre," Fairweather said. "The number of things we liked doing together was just kind of endless. It was a bit like falling in love was sort of discovering more things about yourself."

He was shy and lonely. She was bold, yet nervous. They rescued each other.

### From Middle East to West Texas

As they entered Lubbock Friday for a weekend of speaking engagements and sightseeing, there was more in their hearts than each other. Bombs and barricades had become a way of life, and they carried it with them. As it was their first trip to Texas, everything was an adventure. Fairweather was snapping photos of tumbleweeds as if they were rare. With an English accent he said, "I expected Lub-

bock to look like Kuwait, except with oil rigs."

As Asquith viewed the North Overton construction near campus through the window of a pickup truck, she noted, "It kind of looks like it has been bombed and they are rebuilding. There is nothing there."

They shared their first two-step, rodeo and Shiner Bock on the South Plains.

The Lone Star state offered many unique experiences for them, considering Asquith's upbringing in New York City and Fairweather's in Wales. But, no matter what the topic of conversation, comparisons often were made.

Asquith is working on a book about women's rights in Iraq, so her visit to the Bible Belt inspired dialogue about different definitions of feminism.

"(Iraqi women) would make the women (in Lubbock) look like San Francisco hippy lesbians," she said. "They are so conservative. It's just incredible."

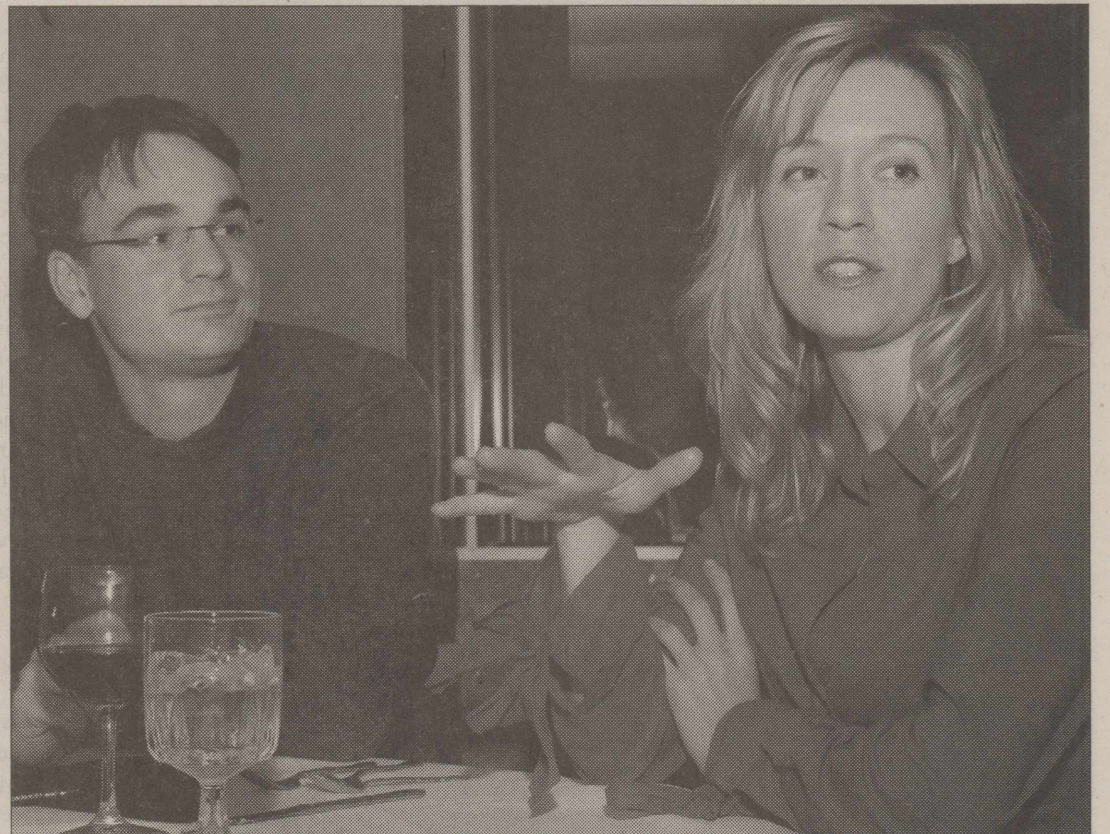
### Happily ever after... the war

Though she equated their rights to 1940s America, Iraqi women under Saddam's rule were quite progressive for the Muslim world, which Asquith said surprised her.

As a secularist, Saddam did not

*"The number of things we liked doing together was just kind of endless. It was a bit like falling in love was sort of discovering more things about yourself."*

— JACK FAIRWEATHER  
Baghdad Correspondent  
The Daily Telegraph



REPORTERS JACK FAIRWEATHER and Christina Asquith eat dinner Thursday night at Skyviews restaurant in Lubbock while discussing their experiences in Iraq.

want Islamic clerics challenging his authority, so women experienced less religious persecution and more freedom than those under the Taliban in Afghanistan.

His overthrow brought the unintended consequences of handing power to fundamentalists who want to push women's rights back thousands of years. The Bush administration optimistically hopes democracy will empower women, but Asquith said she believes there must be a more concentrated effort if there is to be a free future for Iraqi women.

"I don't think we're going to see the kinds of women in Iraq

that we have in America. I don't think they're ready for 'Sex and the City,'" she said. "I'm not very hopeful for Iraqi women because I think a religious government is going to come into power."

As for the future of a fairy tale relationship, Carl Phillips, professor of biological science, offers some insight.

Phillips met Asquith in Baghdad, where he served as the senior adviser on non-proliferation to the coalition provisional authority.

He described the pair as personable and professional journalists whom he always trusted, adding the

fearful situation in Iraq could have prompted Asquith and Fairweather to pursue a partner each could trust.

"Hardly a day went by that we didn't get shot at or hear gunfire," he said. "It was a really tense place to be, so couples sort of seek each other out."

But, they also have what it takes to make love last outside a war zone, he said.

Much like the American occupation in Iraq, staying power does not seem to be a problem for the coalition couple — no one appears to be leaving any time soon.

For more information on Christina and Jack, go to their Web sites: [christinareporting.com](http://christinareporting.com) and [inbedinbaghdad.com](http://inbedinbaghdad.com)

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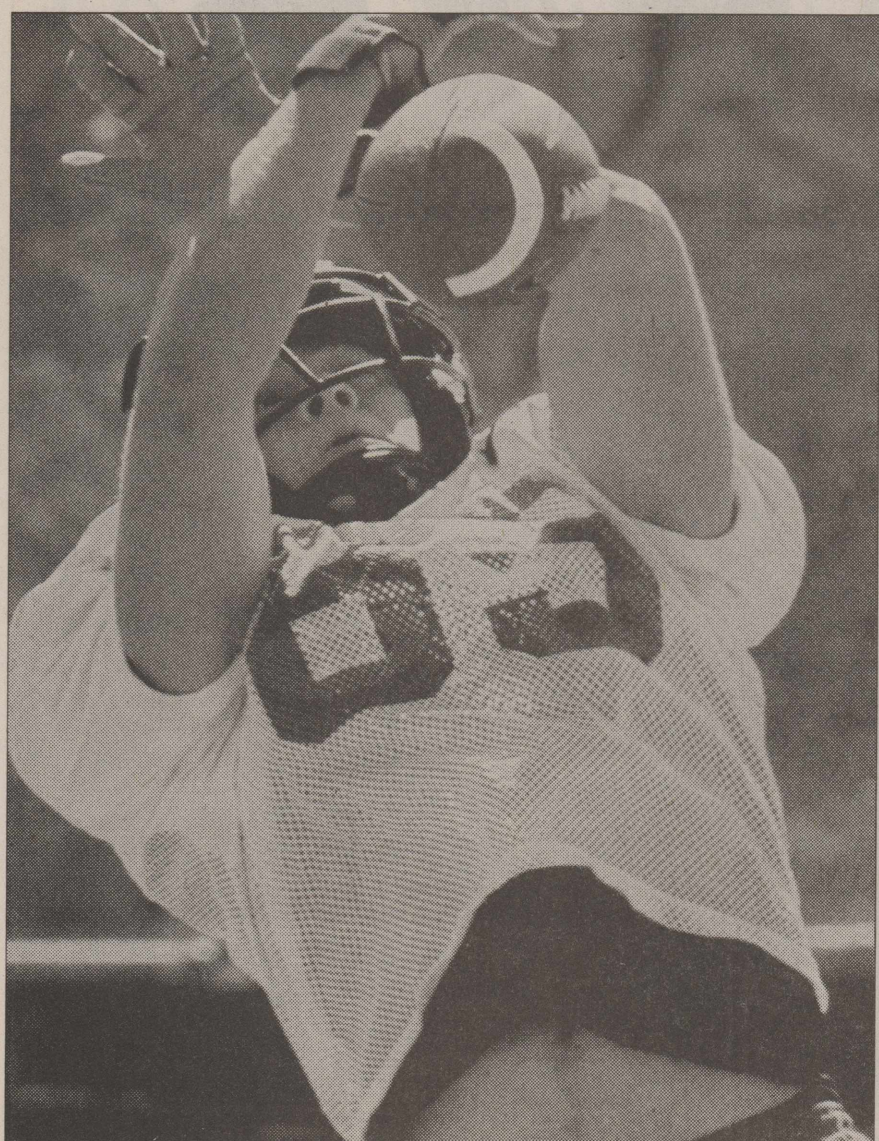
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REDSHIRT FRESHMAN WIDE Receiver Josh Witherspoon attempts to catch a pass during spring practice Monday at the practice field. The Wolfforth native is one of many football team members working to make the fall squad.

## FOOTBALL

### Expectations high as spring practice begins

By David Wiechmann/  
The University Daily

The Texas Tech football team is ready to build off its win against No. 4 California in the Pacific Life Holiday Bowl. With the win comes added attention and heightened anticipation for the 2005 season during spring practice.

"There should be. Whenever you beat a good team like Cal, expectations are high," said sophomore receiver Danny Amendola.

The higher expectations have resulted in improvement that coaches and players have said they see on the practice field.

The bar has been raised at Tech, and the players are ready to meet the challenge and show the world beating California was not a fluke.

"Right after we won that game, everyone was so happy and glad, and it just proves that with a lot of hard work you can accomplish anything," Amendola said. "We play some good teams this year, Oklahoma, Texas, all those good teams. Some may pick us not to beat them, but we're working hard, so hopefully a few more surprises are in the works."

The Red Raiders held their first scrimmage before the snap. Naziruddin said the new strategies are what the defense has been working on a lot so far this spring.

of the spring this weekend and the offense and defense showed signs of productivity. Quarterbacks Cody Hodges and Graham Harrell combined for 364 yards. Hodges had two touchdowns.

The defense persisted throughout the game, and defensive back Khalid Naziruddin said he was proud of how the defense did not quit.

"I did like the way we played to the end and didn't let the offense just run all over us," he said. "We need a little more communication and I feel the defense can always work itself out."

The defense has been working to add new formations and looks to its system to keep offenses guessing from where the attack is going to come.

One new look puts all 11 players in the box to increase options for the defense with all the players near the ball and make it more difficult for the offense to read the coverage and blitz packages before pulling the safeties and cornerbacks off the line of scrimmage

*"I think the bowl victory kind of springboards your offseason and puts a lot of energy into preparing for the next season."*

— MIKE LEACH  
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said. "We're just trying to mix it up so we can make more plays out there and confuse the offense a little bit."

The spring also provides an opportunity to put more players into the mix for playing time and see who steps up.

The Raiders need a new starting quarterback and lost four more offensive starters along with three starters on defense, plus kick returner and situation back Johnnie Mack.

However, coach Mike Leach is not concerned with the losses because he is comfortable with those that will step up and believes they have seen the field, for the most part.

"It's overall just gauging the development of everyone and seeing where they're at, then plug them in accordingly," he said. "I don't feel we have any holes. There could be some new faces at starter, but at least the guys will have been playing with us for a while."

One person not buying into the higher expectations after the bowl win is Leach.

He said he simply is focused on getting better with each practice and getting ready for next season, but the Holiday Bowl did help in a way.

"I don't really look at that, we just try to improve every day," Leach said. "I think the bowl victory kind of springboards your offseason, and puts a lot of energy into preparing for the next season. I think there's definitely an element of that."

## TRACK & FIELD

### Red Raiders depart for Texas Relays in Austin

By Anne Gepford/The University Daily

With one of the biggest meets of the season starting today, the Texas Tech track and field team competes in Austin at the 2005 Clyde Littlefield Texas Relays.

The four-day competition begins with the decathlon Wednesday and ends with the 4x400-meter relays Saturday. Whatever day they compete, the athletes have a tough road ahead of them, as sprinter Melissa Branch said the competition will be some of the best Tech has seen all year.

"A lot of good athletes go there to compete," she said. "I'm looking forward to it. The better the competition, the better you run."

Branch won the 100-meter dash at the recent invitational held by UTEP with a time of 11.71 seconds. She said the upcoming meet holds a better opportunity for improvement.

"I think I should run a lot better," she said. "Pretty much, the first meet takes away

all the jitters and gives you a starting point for the rest of the season."

Branch and the rest of the Red Raiders face Texas and other competitors at the invitational Wednesday through Saturday.

Branch said while she looks forward to the competition, she does not consider it overwhelming.

"Texas is just like any other team," she said. "I take it as another school or another person to compete against."

While some consider this meet to be a big one, high jumper Misty Coley has a different perspective.

"It's a big meet, but it's more of an opportunity meet for me," she said. "I look at every meet as an opportunity."

With the next chance to get a better mark fast approaching, Coley said she feels pretty good about the trip.

"I'm thinking I will meet my goals," she said. "I think I'm improving on a lot of stuff. I'm pretty excited about it."

Coley jumped 5 feet, 8 3/4 inches last

weekend. She said her goal is to reach 5-10 this weekend, in order to begin to work for her 6-0 mark.

Coley said the chance to compete at Texas is always exciting — last year the final day of the meet was sold out.

"At all points, there's somebody watching you," she said. "Every athlete wants to do their best in front of people, including me."

While Coley does her best in front of a crowd, distance runner Kevin Chelimo said he does not feel the pressure of competing in front of people.

"You have to not focus on the crowd and concentrate on your race," he said.

The junior from Bartolimo, Kenya, said he is excited to compete in Austin.

Chelimo said he hopes to run his 1500-meter race in under 3 minutes, 40 seconds.

Tech's athletes already have racked up a number of regional qualifying marks — including 25 at the UTEP Invitational.



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The deal, expected to be finalized by the end of the week, should end speculation of more changes — either team owner Mark Cuban hiring someone else or Johnson using his lack of a contract to seek another job or as leverage to get a higher salary.

Johnson laughed at all the scenarios that have been floated since he replaced Don Nelson on March 19. He pointed out that he never carried an interim tag and that he had Cuban's vow that an extension would be coming. The fact it took a few weeks fueled speculation that something else might be going on.

"I think more people worried about it than I did," Johnson said Tuesday night, prior to the Mavs playing Orlando. "Mark is a man of his word and his word is as good as gold. Until I see anything different, that's the route I'm going to continue to go down."

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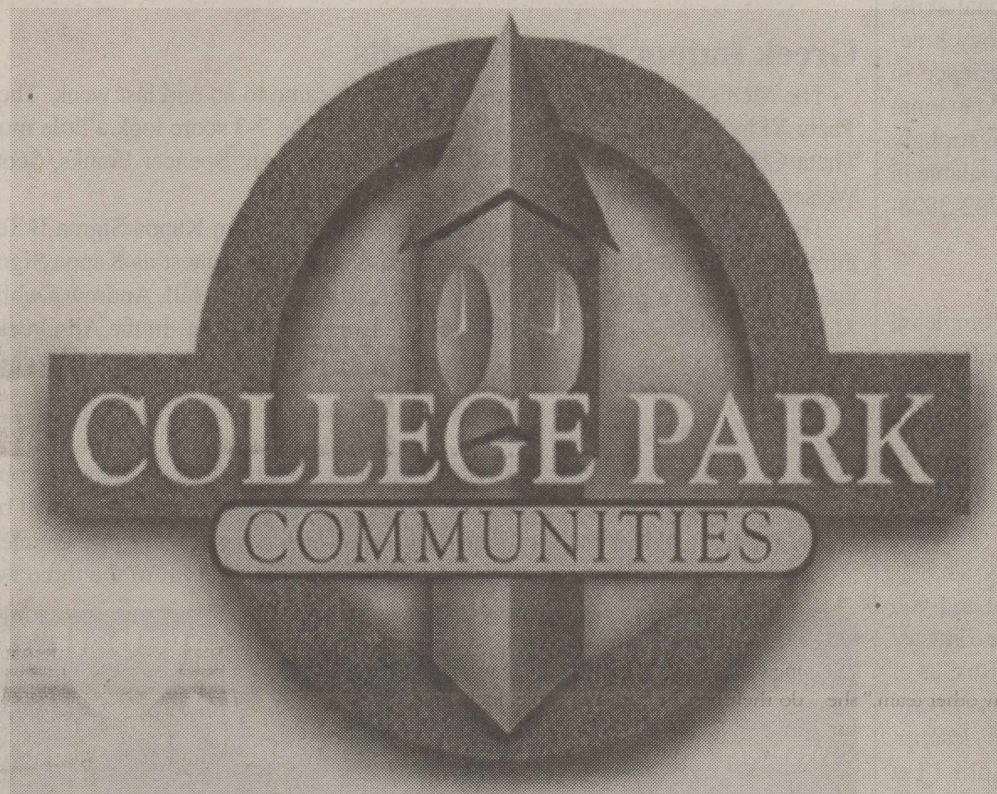
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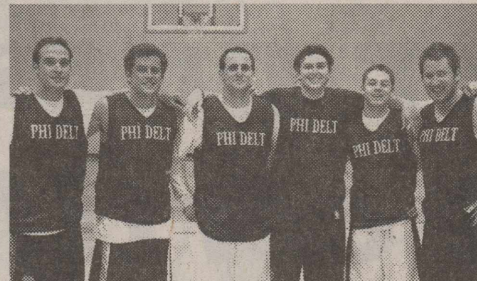
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### INTRAMURALS

#### Intramural Basketball Champions Crowned

Another great basketball season came to a close on Sunday night in the Student Rec Center. Each division champion came to represent their group to see which division is the best. In the men's league; Phi-Delt won the Greek Black league for the 4<sup>th</sup> time in 4 years. Theta Chi also continued their winning ways with another Greek Red title. Dynasty survived the Open division with a half-court shot winner and Murdough 6<sup>th</sup> West won the Residence Hall division. In the end Phi-Delt was victorious over Dynasty to capture the Men's All-U championship. In the Women's league; ICE won the Open division with a win over Element and Tri-Delt outlasted KKG in the Greek division. During their match-up ICE was too much for Tri-Delt and won the All-U Women's crown. The last All-U champ was in the Co-Rec division which came down to the wire and Team Tate remained standing with a win over Hickory.



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The Men's Greek Indoor Soccer Tournament came to an end last week. The Greek Red Division saw the men of Theta Chi slip by Theta Xi in the final. A couple of late goals made the 7-3 score look a little more lopsided than the game actually was. Players for the Theta Chi team were David Caamano, David Coleman, Spencer Franks, Scott Klinge, Vincent McLean, David Simmerman, Scott Weiser, Michael Woods and Jack Wylie.

The Greek Black Division saw some inspired play from Kappa Sigma B Team. Kappa Sigma put on quite a display as they went through the bracket. The Greek Black final was a great contest as Kappa Sigma B edged Phi Delta Theta A 5-4 in the championship game. Players for Kappa Sigma B were Christopher Cockerell, Andrew Dublin, Keith Fite, Zach Hjernevik, Chad McCaleb, Gerard Moore, Jeremy Robinson, Daniel Ward and Robert Whittaker. In the All-Greek final the men of Kappa Sigma B put on an impressive display. With a strong defensive effort and sharp offense Kappa Sigma B claimed an 8-2 win over Theta Chi.

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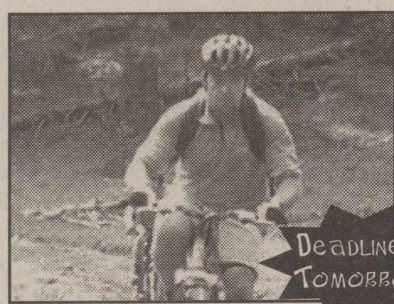
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The Aquatic Center will also be having a Lifeguard Challenge for all those interested on April 7<sup>th</sup> at 3pm with another one on the 21<sup>st</sup> at 3pm. A new life guarding course will begin on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. This course will be also be held on Sat/Sun from 8am to 6pm.

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If you have been interested in participating in the last two Swim Stroke Mechanics Clinics but have been unable to attend here's another chance. The Aquatic Center will be having another Swim Stroke Mechanics Clinic on April 17<sup>th</sup> at 1pm. Register at the Aquatic Center, any further questions call 742-3896.

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# Spurs sign Glenn Robinson for playoff stretch run

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The San Antonio Spurs wanted the Mailman, but they will settle for the Big Dog. The Spurs signed former All-Star forward Glenn Robinson to a free-agent contract for the rest of the season. Terms of the contract, announced late Monday, were not released. The hope is that Robinson, a proven scorer in 10 NBA seasons, will provide some offense for a team that at times has struggled to score since star forward Tim Duncan and swingman Devin Brown got hurt in late March. "He's a heck of a shooter," San Antonio coach Gregg Popovich said, "and we have some nights where we have trouble getting it in the hole."

Earlier this season, the Spurs made a run at signing Karl Malone, but in February the Mailman said he lost the zeal for the game and retired instead. Robinson, who has not played in more than a year because of injuries, was cut by New Orleans in early March, a week after he was acquired from Philadelphia. The 6-foot-7 Robinson said going to the Spurs gives him a chance to resurrect his flagging career and contend for a title. "This is one of the best teams in the NBA," he said. "All I have to do is to come in and help out. ... This is a new beginning."

# Texas A&M's Wright declares for NBA draft

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — Antoine Wright said Tuesday he plans to forgo his senior year at Texas A&M and is declaring for June's NBA draft. Wright earned first team All-Big 12 honors after averaging 17.8 points and six rebounds a game this season. He helped Texas A&M to the biggest turnaround in the nation — going from 7-21 last season to 21-10 this year. He also led the Aggies to their first postseason berth in more than a decade and two wins in the NIT tournament. Wright has not hired an agent, which leaves open the possibility for him to withdraw from the draft and return to Texas A&M. He has until June 21 to withdraw.

"If I can't be a high pick, I'll be back next year," he said in a statement. "If I am a high pick, I'll be living a lifelong dream." He said a goal has been to earn his degree from Texas A&M and he still plans to do that. "I have grown to love this university and what it has done to help me grow as a basketball player and more importantly as a person," he said. "That made my decision extremely hard." First-year coach Billy Gillispie said he hates to see Wright go, but supports his decision. "He's really grown in every aspect in the last year, on and off the court," Gillispie said in a statement. "He's a special one and we'll miss him as a person as much as a player."

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# BEARS TO THE THRONE

## Baylor 2005 National Champions



INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — The Baylor Lady Bears simply wanted to be a shining light for a university that needed something to applaud. One dazzling national championship ought to do.

Sophia Young's 26 points, Emily Niemann's precise 3-point shooting and the brilliant, energetic play of guards Chameka Scott and Latoya Wyatt carried Baylor to a 84-62 victory over Michigan State on Tuesday night for the school's first NCAA title by a women's team.

And what a title run it was. Five years after coach Kim Mulkey-Robertson took over a team that went 7-20 and was at the bottom of the Big 12, the Lady Bears now sit at the top of their sport by winning a game between two teams playing in the finals for the first time.

"What a team I get to coach," Mulkey-Robertson said. "It wasn't the coaching, it's these guys taking me for a tremendous ride."

When the horn sounded, the Lady Bears flopped on the floor in delirious celebration as confetti sprayed all around the RCA Dome. They jumped in unison, donned championship caps and fans chanted "Mulkey, Mulkey" while the players swarmed their coach.

They won with unforgiving defense that disrupted almost everything Michigan State tried and by poking enough holes in the Spartans' matchup zone to stay

comfortably ahead after zooming to a 19-point lead in the first half. Niemann finished the first half with 15 points on 5-of-7 shooting from behind the 3-point line.

Not that they were resting easy after that. Knowing Michigan State had rallied from 16 down in the second half to beat Tennessee in the Sunday night's semifinals, Baylor never let up. The Spartans got no closer than nine as the Lady Bears kept answering whenever the Spartans did score.

Even with a 20-point lead, Baylor kept attacking, making steals and scrambling for loose balls. They were a perfect reflection of their feisty coach, who practically glowed in a bold aqua-blue pant suit as she stormed back and forth in front of the bench, calling plays, pleading for calls from the officials and cajoling her players to keep pressing.

They responded. Young was named the most outstanding player of the Final Four and was unstoppable, scoring 18 points in the second half.

"Well, all those moments all just paid off right now," said Young, a junior who came to the United States from the West Indies at age 15, and had never played basketball before that. "This is what I came here for and I'm living my dream."

Young went 10-for-19 from the field, grabbed nine rebounds, and had four

assists. Steffanie Blackmon scored 14 points in the second half and finished with 22. Niemann missed her only 3-pointer of the second half and wound up with 19 points.

The victory completed an unprecedented double for Mulkey-Robertson, who became the first in the women's game to play for a national championship team and then coach one. She was the starting point guard when Louisiana Tech won the first NCAA title in 1982, and later became an assistant coach at Tech, spending 15 years there before taking the Baylor job in 2000.

Baylor fans everywhere are thanking her for doing so. The Lady Bears (33-3) finished the season with 20 straight victories and helped erase an ugly stain on the university, which was rocked two years ago by a scandal in the men's basketball program that was uncovered after a former player was accused of killing a teammate.

Michigan State (33-4) had reached the title game with unselfish play that epitomized team basketball. But guards Kristin Haynie and Lindsay Bowen had to do it almost by themselves in this one and that was asking too much.

Bowen scored 20 points and Haynie 17, but Baylor negated Michigan State's two powerful inside players. Kelli Roehrig scored only 8 points and Liz Shimek had 7. Baylor also owned the boards, outrebounding Michigan State 45-22.

BASEBALL

## Red Raiders return to Lubbock hoping to rebound from 2-4 road trip

By Bryan Wendell/  
The University Daily

After winning two of six road contests on the most recent road trip, the No. 25 Texas Tech baseball team finally is bringing its show home to Dan Law Field for the next four games.

The Red Raiders will play a make-up game at 3 p.m. today to replace one of two games canceled because of bad weather.

Tech will host the Angelo State Rams of the Lone Star conference. The Rams (17-16) come in as winners of their last three games, while Tech is looking to build on its success in the final game of a series loss at Missouri.

Tech lost the first game of that series 25-0 and fell 7-2 in the Saturday game; Sunday, however, proved to be an awakening by the

Raiders, who came back to win 5-3.

"It's just a make-up game," said catcher Cooper Fouts. "We've gotta get our 56 in for the year. Any way we can get them in and get anything going so we can build what we did on Sunday is good for us."

What Tech (19-10) did on Sunday was come back from down 3-2 to score one run in each of the game's final three innings to secure a victory.

Rather than take the entire week off to prepare for Friday's series opener against the Oklahoma State Cowboys, coach Larry Hays and his gang are set to play in a game the team has mixed feelings about.

"I think we've been gone away for so long that just getting to play at Dan Law Field again is a plus for us," Hays said. "I wish it was (Tuesday) instead of Wednesday, because what

pitchers we throw won't be able to throw for long."

Third baseman Joey Callender, however, did not share all of Hays' enthusiasm for the non-conference contest.

"I think it'd be better for a week off, because we've been on the road so much and everything," he said. "It's not really that big of a deal; it'll give us another fine tune-up for Oklahoma State this weekend."

Fouts agreed with Hays and said the game is a worthy training tool.

"I think it's better to play," he said. "We get some pitchers some action; get some guys some at bats and everything. A couple days off is good, but a whole week could hurt us some."

Tech has fared well this season in non-conference games, boasting a 16-5 record.

Callender said some of that could be

attributed to the Tech's consistent attitude against any opponent.

"I think all games should be taken just as serious," he said. "It's another game and a win could help us later on in the season."

Early in the season, Hays said he would continue to tweak his lineup to find the best configuration of players, and he has held true to his statement.

Junior right fielder Brent Thomas recently has replaced senior Madison Edwards at the position for some games, and Thomas has excelled in his starting role.

Thomas went 3-for-4 with a solo home run

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in Tech's victory Sunday.

With a starting spot always in question before each game, Thomas never stopped trying to get his shot, he said.

"I started off a little slow, but I always stayed positive and never got down on myself," he said. "I just kept a positive mind frame. Baseball is all about confidence, so I wanted to keep my confidence up."

Primarily a pinch runner in the beginning of the season, Thomas said he knew if he kept working out in the batting cages, on the field and in the weight room, he would have a chance to get to start games.

"I just always told myself that if just I got that chance to get in there, I'm gonna do what I gotta do," he said. "With hard work come the good results. That's what I've been waiting for."

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