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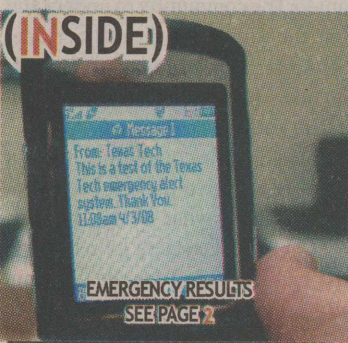
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Officers enter grounds of polygamist compound

ELDORADO (AP) — Law enforcement agents entered an enormous temple on the grounds of a polygamist compound, but by Sunday morning they still had not found a 16-year-old girl whose initial report of abuse led to the raid.

"There were some tense moments last night, but everything has remained calm and peaceful and they are continuing their search," said Allison Palmer, a prosecutor from a nearby county handling the case, early Sunday.

NATION
Flooding prompts review of canals in West

FERNLEY, Nev. (AP) — The failure of an earthen embankment on a century-old irrigation canal that flooded this growing town has federal water managers concerned about the safety of nearly 8,000 miles of similar aging canals across the West.

The January breach of the Truckee Canal flooded nearly 600 homes, making Fernley a state and federal disaster area.

"As a result of this we are taking a look at our canals with a little more scrutiny," said Jeffrey McCracken, regional spokesman for the Bureau of Reclamation in Sacramento.

WORLD
20 killed as gunmen release students seized

BAGHDAD (AP) — Iraqi troops backed by U.S. forces battled Shiite fighters in Baghdad's Sadr City neighborhood in clashes that killed 20 people and wounded more than 50 despite a cease-fire between the government and the militia, officials said Sunday.

To the north, police said gunmen seized 42 students off a bus near the city of Mosul — al-Qaida's last major urban stronghold — but later released them unharmed.

DEATH TOLL
4013
U.S. military deaths in Iraq since fighting began
SOURCE: Associated Press, confirmed by the Department of Defense

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SUNNY
HIGH 86
LOW 50

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Bush, Putin divided on missile defense plan

By TERENCE HUNT
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SOCHI, Russia (AP) — President Bush and Russian President Vladimir Putin failed to overcome sharp differences over a U.S. missile defense system, closing their seven-year relationship Sunday still far apart on an issue that has separated them from the beginning.

"Our fundamental attitude toward the American plan has not changed," Putin said at a news conference with

Bush at his vacation house at this Black Sea resort. "We got a lot of way to go," Bush said. Despite the impasse, the two leaders agreed that Moscow and Washington would work together closely in the future on missile defense and other difficult issues.

Bush also conferred with Putin's hand-picked successor, Dmitry Medvedev, but did not claim gaining any insight into his soul, as he had with Putin upon their first encounter. He pronounced Putin's protégé "a straightforward fellow" and said he

was eager to work with him. Putin was asked whether he — or Medvedev, the president-elect — would be in charge of Russia's foreign policy after May 7, when Putin steps down as president and is expected to be named prime minister.

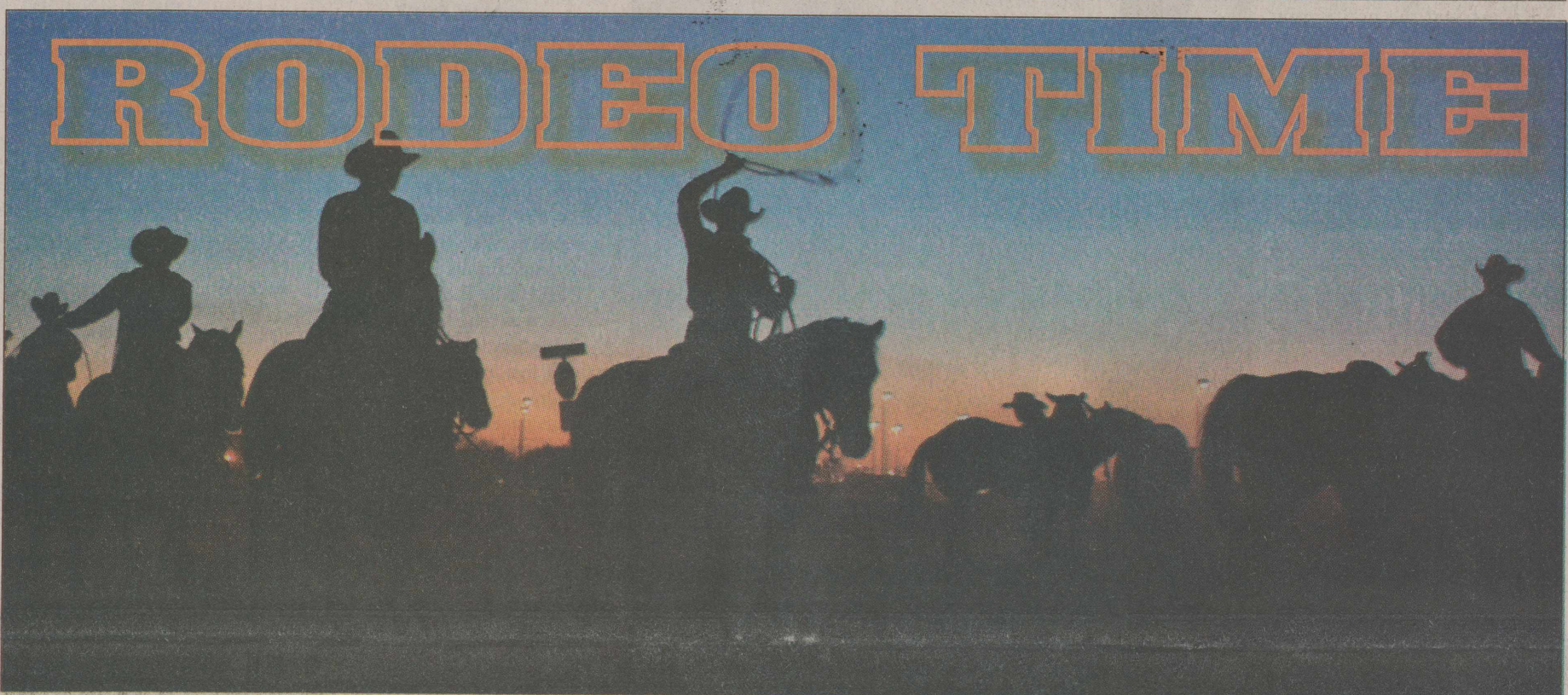
Putin said Medvedev would be in charge, and would represent Russia at the Group of Eight meeting of industrial democracies in July in Tokyo. "Mr. Medvedev has been one of the co-authors of Russia's foreign policy," Putin said. "He's completely on top

of things." National Security Adviser Stephen Hadley, when asked later whether he thought Putin actually was going to cede authority on Russian foreign policy to Medvedev, said, "My guess is that these two men who have worked very closely together for now almost two decades will have a very collaborative relationship. That seems to be a good thing, not a bad thing."

Hadley, who spoke with reporters aboard Air Force One on the way home to Washington, also said he

didn't see any prospect of a breakthrough on missile defense before Bush leaves office next January. "They can leave that to their prospective successors," he said.

At their 28th and presumably final meeting as heads of state, Bush and Putin sought to emphasize their good personal relations, praising each other extensively. But they also both acknowledged remaining strong disagreements, principally missile defense and NATO's eastward expansion.



CALF ROPERS AND barrel racers prepare their horses for competition Saturday evening behind the City Bank Coliseum.

PHOTO BY SAM GRENADIER/The Daily Toreador

Boots and blood, dust and mud: Rodeo lovers recapture adolescence

By JORDAN EICHER
STAFF WRITER

As a thin layer of dust covered the crowd's knuckles, another pair of cowboy boots hit dirt after surviving more than four seconds on the back of an angry, one-ton goliath of a bull.

Marine Lt. Cpl. Cole Stanley of Lubbock said the rodeo is a yearly tradition for him, and he would not miss it for the world.

"I go every year," Stanley said. "It brings back childhood memories."

Many people were creating their own childhood memories — each being sucked in by different rodeo attractions.

"I like the clowns," 5-year-old Jaquiline Hernandez said, her face and fingers covered with cotton candy. "I also like horses, especially the white one."

Hernandez's mother, Rebecca Villa, said the rodeo was a family affair.

"I love that my kids are getting to experience something that details the uniqueness of West Texas," she said. "This is where they are from, and I want them to know what that means."

Even those who are involved with the rodeo said the love started before they hit 3 feet in height.

"I grew up in Texas and around horses; it's just something that becomes a part of your system," Jordyn Concle, a barrel racer from Tyler, said. "I was in love the minute I sat up in a saddle."

Concle said she had lost her motivation at times but always managed to come back to find her place in the stirrups.

"I've taken a few pretty bad spills, and that can really scare you away, but it truly is an addiction," she said. "My dad told me, the first time I was injured, that I have to get right back in the saddle, because if I took too much time to think about it, I might never want to again."

The true fans said they would continue to come back and get their yearly bull-driven rush, and Stanley said there was a particular reason he was drawn back to the cattle-filled arena year after year.

"I just like the bull rides; it looks like a rush," he said. "I've always wanted to do it, but I've never had the balls. Plus, I love the cowgirls."

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A CBR BULL rider attempts to hold on for the full eight seconds Sunday afternoon in the City Bank Coliseum.

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Student government officials step down, swear in successors

By MATT MCGOWAN
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Texas Tech's Student Government Association leaders swore in the next batch of executive officers and student senators at an emotionally charged banquet in downtown Lubbock Friday evening.

Addressing an audience of prominent Lubbock personalities, including Lubbock Mayor David Miller and Tech President Jon Whitmore, the 2007-08 group of student leaders officially stepped down from their positions and offered words of encouragement and advice to the 2008-09 group of elected student representatives, whose terms begin today.

Looking back upon his past year in office, Mason Moses, now the former SGA president, offered words of advice to those who will be leading next year's student body.

"You must have a strong sense of service," he said. "We are here to serve our fellow students. That is our sole responsibility. That is our sole charge."

Also, Moses commended his fellow leaders for their accomplishments in the last year. He applauded Scott Gorenc, former vice president for graduate and professional affairs, for successfully bringing renovations to the lobby of the Architecture building.

He then thanked Taylor Hutcherson, now the former SGA external vice president, for making the on-campus bus system

run the "smoothest" Moses ever has seen.

Speaking to Suzette Matthews, former SGA internal vice president, Moses said the two were not friends when they met several years ago as members of the Freshman Council, but now, as close friends, Moses lauded Matthews' ability to make the leisure pool a reality and for her adroit administration of what was a "young" student senate.

"You all were young," Moses said to the 2007-08 student senate, "but you were all ready to make some big changes."

Hutcherson also reiterated the fundamental role of elected student officials in his own farewell speech to the audience.

"You were elected by the student body, and they are your bosses," he said. "Don't forget that."

Matthews' last year as the SGA internal vice president "has flown by" and now seems so "surreal," she said in her teary-eyed farewell speech, but she looks forward to the next year of administration by the new group of student leaders.

Speaking to the next group of student leaders, Matthews said they should be prepared to "sign your life over to Texas Tech," which she, herself, did and regards as "honestly, the best decision I have ever made."

Now in a time of transition, the SGA looks to its new leaders for guidance and vision, said Michael Shonrock, Tech's vice president of Student Affairs, remembering the last year



THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT Association hosts a member dinner Friday night in downtown Lubbock.

PHOTO BY JESSICA RIVERA/The Daily Toreador

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University officials: second test of emergency notification system a success

By **ADAM YOUNG**
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Texas Tech officials believe Thursday's test of the university's emergency notification system was successful despite reaching just less than 90 percent of recipients in the university's database.

Sally Post, associate director of communications and marketing at the university, said of the more than 31,000 Tech students, faculty, staff and parents, just less than 90 percent received the test warning message through text message, e-mail or phone.

Despite approximately 10 percent of the recipients failing to receive the messages, Ron Seacrist, chief of the Tech Police Department, said he believes the test was a success.

"That means 90 percent of the people we're trying to get ahold of, we're able to get ahold of," he said. "I'd love to see 100 percent, but that's dependent upon, again, the community has to be part of it and has to give us the information."

Seacrist said the notification system is the most effective and efficient way for the police department and other university officials to make an emergency notification to everyone on campus at one time.

"Obviously, if we have an active shooter on campus that's happen-

ing right now, we have to depend upon the notification system in case we really aren't going to have time to be trying to contact everybody on the campus ourselves," he said. "We just wouldn't have the manpower to do that — our priority would be to curtail the situation that's in place and keep people from being hurt."

Post said the system failed to reach recipients for a number of

reasons, including wrong or outdated phone numbers and people who did not answer and did not have an answering machine or voice mail.

More people, she said, including students faculty and staff, need to put their correct emergency contact information in the database.

"The system is only as good as the information that people input," she said. "People have to

input their data, and we really ask people that if they change their phone number, change their cell phone number, to please go in and update their information."

Post said approximately 1,600 people signed up for the system in the approximately 10 days leading up to the test, which she credited to the university's use of TechAnnounce messages, e-mails and advertisements in The Daily Toreador promoting the system.

"We're doing everything we can to tell people about it," she said. "Every way we can think of, we're going to use."



ILLUSTRATION BY COLEMAN MOREFIELD/The Daily Toreador

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— **SALLY POST**
ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS AND MARKETING

People can sign up for and update themselves in the system's database through the university's Web site, www.ttu.edu/emergencyalert.

Post said Tech's system, which was implemented in October and will be tested twice a year, is operated by The NTI Group, a California-based company specializing in emergency communication systems, according to its Web site, www.ntigroup.com.

She said the university pays approximately \$80,000 per year for the service, which also is used at the University of Oklahoma, William and Mary University and Princeton.

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Community Medical School gives residents first-hand experience

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The Texas Tech Health Sciences Center is giving Lubbock residents the opportunity to experience medical school first hand.

The Health Sciences Center is hosting a Community Medical School open to the public, which will feature lectures and demonstrations to investigate modern medicine and educate health care consumers in the Lubbock area.

The Community Medical School will begin its inaugural semester at 6 p.m. April 15 with a lecture on physical exams, according to a university news release. Every Tuesday following, the community medical school will feature a total of four lectures from qualified presenters from within the medical school. The lectures and demonstrations will cover several topics, including heart surgery and cancer.

Dr. Steven Berk, dean of the School of Medicine, will conduct the first lecture of the series. He will talk about physical exams to educate attendees on how physicians conduct physicals and the role the patient plays.

Jeanne Guerra, a member of the executive committee planning the lecture series, said she believes because most people go to medical exams, many will find the classes interesting.

Rial Rolfe, director of the Community Medical School, said he hopes those in attendance will get a better understanding of medicine as well as what the professors and students do at the Health Sciences Center.

By hearing the lectures, Rolfe said he believes people will "be more informed consumers of medical care."

"When it comes to the medical school and the center," he said, "the public doesn't understand what all we do here."

In addition to the lectures, demonstrations and informational booths will be set up in the Health Sciences Center, according to the release.

Immediately following each weekly course, attendees will have the opportunity to browse the booths that Rolfe said "will give people a real opportunity to see the tools we use for teaching." Real teaching models will be set up to give people an idea of what medical school students learn.

As the medical world is making transformational advances, Guerra said, the staff of the Health Sciences

Center believes it is important to give the community the opportunity to become more knowledgeable about medicine as well.

"We're hoping they'll learn that we're a quality university that brings not only quality teaching to our students, but also services to our community," she said. "We look upon this as an open house to show off the medical school and also a learning opportunity for the community."

Rolfe said he believes it is important for the community to understand that the role of the Health Sciences Center is not just to educate students but also to conduct research and ensure patient care.

"Inviting the community into our building will give them a better understanding of what we do," he said.

TTUHSC President John Baldwin first had the vision for the Community Medical School, according to the release. Baldwin began a similar program at Dartmouth Medical School 10 years ago, which Rolfe said has been "tremendously successful." In an earlier news release, Baldwin attributed the success of the Dartmouth program to the public's intense hunger for information regarding advances in medical research. Rolfe is confident Lubbock will see the same success.

"Based on the numbers we have registering," Rolfe said, "there's no question we'll fill up and have to close registration."

Rolfe is "extremely encouraged" to see local residents get eager about learning of advances in medicine.

"The population here is just as excited as any other place in the country," he said.

Both Rolfe and Guerra said they see the classes as an opportunity for people of every age to get educated, and they already have seen high school students and senior citizens alike register for the event.

The school will conduct a year-long course next fall that will feature 10 to 12 lectures about medicine in the 21st century, including information on cutting-edge medicine, pharmaceuticals and medical imaging, according to the release.

To learn more about the classes or to register online, visit the HSC's Web site, www.ttuhsu.edu/communitymedschool or call 806-743-2008. Registration is \$20, which includes four lectures with right of entry to the informational booths afterward.

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American Cancer Society to construct Hope Lodge in Lubbock

By LILIANNA GONZALEZ
STAFF WRITER

The American Cancer Society plans to build Hope Lodge Lubbock by 2010 as a refuge for cancer patients who travel more than 50 miles to receive treatment.

Tamara Cannon, community development manager of the American Cancer Society in Lubbock, said the city was chosen because it is a large medical hub with a wide variety of services.

Cannon said Hope Lodge will provide a place to stay for people who travel more than 50 miles to get their cancer treatment.

More than 3,450 people in the Lubbock and West Texas region will be diagnosed with cancer this year, and as many as 2,200 of them will travel several hours each day to Lubbock to receive treatment, according to a news release.

Kym McGee, area director of com-

munications for the American Cancer Society, said one of the organization's goals and national priorities is to diminish suffering from cancer and improve the quality of life of those affected by the disease.

"The American Cancer Society Hope Lodge promises to be one of the most tangible demonstrations of the American Cancer Society's commitment to improving the quality of life of cancer patients and their families," McGee said, "by directly combating the financial burden of the disease and offering unprecedented access to quality care."

With the Hope Lodge, the society hopes to provide 35 private guests rooms and other facilities such as kitchen and laundry, conference rooms, dining room, a library and a meditation room, she said, and free transportation will be provided to local cancer treatment centers on a daily basis for patients staying at the Lodge.

Nearly half of all patients treated for cancer in Lubbock travel more than 50 miles each way, she said, and the financial burdens leave many patients unable to afford traveling to receive treatment.

In 1970, the society opened its first Hope Lodge in South Carolina, McGee said, and the organization hopes to build 50 Hope Lodges nationwide by the year 2010.

"The American Cancer Society Hope Lodge—a free, 24-hour, temporary residential facility—offers a home away from home for cancer patients and their caregivers while receiving outpatient treatment," McGee said.

The society plans to raise \$15 million for a building, to sustain the operation and as an endowment, McGee said. The society intends to raise the money through contributions and donations from the community and organizations.

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Zimbabwe's ruling party demands election recount

HARARE, Zimbabwe (AP) — President Robert Mugabe's ruling party demanded a vote recount and a further delay in the release of presidential election results, the state Sunday Mail newspaper reported, prompting outrage from the opposition party.

Meanwhile, militant supporters of the ruling party invaded eight of the few remaining white-owned commercial farms, the farmers reported, another sign Mugabe plans to use violence to stay in power.

At least four cattle ranchers were driven off their land, and equipment and livestock were seized, the farmers said.

"I've got one farmer and his wife with two young children, and people banging on windows, ululating and beating drums and telling them to vacate the farm," in northern Centenary, Hendrik Olivier, the head of the Commercial Farmers' Union told The Associated Press.

He said police had persuaded militants to leave six farms in southeast Zimbabwe,

but others invaded two farms in Centenary.

The opposition Movement for Democratic Change, which claims its leader Morgan Tsvangirai won the March 29 presidential ballot outright, said it would not accept a recount, did not want a runoff and pressed ahead with legal attempts to force publication of the results.

"How do you have a vote recount for a result that has not been announced? That is ridiculous," said opposition spokesman Nelson Chamisa.

He accused the ruling ZANU-PF party of vote fraud, saying that police have told opposition leaders that the ruling party has been tampering with ballots since early last week.

"These claims are totally unfounded and they are only meant to justify ZANU-PF's rigging," he said.

The ruling party cited "errors and miscalculations in the compilation of the poll result" and asked the Zimbabwe Electoral Commission to defer announcement of the presidential election results because of the "anomalies," the

Sunday Mail reported.

The report came a day after Tsvangirai called on Mugabe to step down and accused the 84-year-old longtime ruler of plotting a campaign of violence to bolster his chances of winning an expected runoff.

Eight days after the election, the commission has yet to announce the results. Unofficial tallies by independent monitors show Tsvangirai won more votes than Mugabe—but fewer than the 50 percent plus one vote required to avoid a runoff.

The high court heard testimony Sunday afternoon from opposition party lawyers who lodged an urgent petition demanding publication of the election results. Reporters were not admitted to the court hearing. Armed police prevented opposition lawyers from entering the court on Saturday but there was no police presence Sunday.

Opposition party lawyer Andrew Makoni said the high court judge would rule Monday on the petition.

The Movement for Democratic Change maintained its resistance to a runoff.

US cyberwarfare preparations include offensive measures

NEW YORK (AP) — U.S. military officials seeking to boost the nation's cyberwarfare capabilities are looking beyond defending the Internet: They are developing ways to launch virtual attacks on enemies.

But first the military will have to figure out the proper boundaries.

"What do we consider to be an act of war in cyberspace?" asked Lt. Gen. Robert J. Elder Jr., who heads the Air Force's cyberoperations command. "The military is not going to tend to do that (use virtual strike capabilities) until you cross some line that constitutes an act of war."

Elder said initial uses likely would be limited to diverting or killing data packets that threaten the nation's systems, the way the military may intercept a foreign ship carrying arms in international waters.

The remarks came late Friday during a New York chapter meeting of the Association For Intelligence

Officers, a nonprofit group for current and former intelligence agents and their supporters.

In an interview afterward, Elder said that in the future, the military might rely upon network warfare to disrupt an enemy's communications system, replacing the need for conventional weapons like bombs.

In any such scenario, Elder said the military would be restricted by the same rules of engagement—such as requirements for a formal declaration of war—that apply to conventional attacks.

Elder said that during the early days of the Iraq war, rudimentary forms of cyberattacks were used by the United States, including electronically jamming Iraqi military systems and using network attacks to hinder Iraqi ground units from communicating with one another.

SGA

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of SGA governance. Considering the next year's incoming group led by SGA President Lee Bobbitt, Shonrock said it is an exciting time for Tech and its students.

"At this time of year, it's always hard to watch the old group leave, but I'm excited about the new group coming in," he said. "I would say that they have already hit the ground running. Lee Bobbitt has already made her rounds of meeting with folks on campus, from faculty, administrators and staff, before this evening. The fortunate thing is they were already friends before this evening. They're already a team, and the 'I's are dotted among this group."

After the banquet, Bobbitt thanked

Moses for helping her with the transition to SGA president; during his farewell speech, Moses, himself, thanked Ryan Worley, the 2006-07 SGA president for advising Moses throughout his term in office.

Bobbitt said today, as her first day in office, will mark a whole new set of responsibilities for her as the next president, a position for which she is grateful.

"I'm really looking forward to it," she said. "I'm really excited I'm here. Mason has done a really good job in helping me transition and in helping me learn the ropes. It's just a really good feeling to see it all become a reality."

Now, after officially being sworn in as SGA president, Bobbitt said she will strive toward "working more with the students on a personal level."

"We have no idea what is in store for us," she said, "but I think (today)

will be a good day."

Looking both at the former and current group of SGA officials, Shonrock said he believes they all have a common sense of pride for their university. Last year's group showed tremendous vision and drive throughout their administration, a vision he

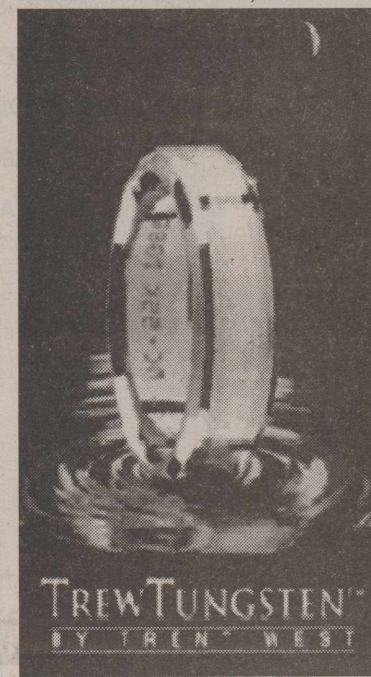
believes they share with the next group of leaders.

"I don't want to steal away from their thunder, but they really, absolutely care," he said. "They really care about Texas Tech University, and I believe they truly represented it."

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Don't swim in the Blackwater A column white people will like?

Last week, the U.S. Department of State unsurprisingly renewed the private security firm Blackwater Worldwide's contract to provide defense in Iraq despite a number of incidents that have thrown into question the policies regarding private security firms and the objections of the Iraqi government itself.

But it also highlights the larger issue of not only using mercenaries to fight our battles for us, but relying on them to uphold themselves to the same standards as our own military.

Blackwater Worldwide (formerly Blackwater USA) was founded in 1997 by former Navy SEAL and major Republican financial supporter Erik Prince. Since the invasion of Afghanistan and the subsequent invasion of Iraq, Blackwater has played a major role in the protection of everything from ambassadors — both foreign and domestic — to the U.S. embassy in Iraq.

In 2003, Blackwater was given a \$21 million no-bid contract to provide security for Paul Bremer, then-Head of the Coalition Provisional Authority as well as all-around doofus — he was the one responsible for disbanding the Iraqi army — according to a 2004 article on Democracy Now, and Blackwater has earned more than a billion dollars from the U.S. government since 2001, according to a Congressional report.

However, problems have arisen regarding the behavior and decorum of such mercenaries as well as rising issues of accountability. In a report released in October 2007 by the Congressional Committee on Oversight and Government



Jonathan Hanson

Reform, out of 195 shooting engagements between 2005 and 2007, Blackwater employees shot first 163 times. In 2006, a drunken Blackwater employee shot and killed a security guard of the Iraqi vice president. The employee was fired from Blackwater and immediately shipped out of Iraq, and though U.S. attorneys are investigating, no other legal action has been taken since.

More recently, Blackwater security forces opened fire in Baghdad and killed 17 civilians, including women and children. While Blackwater maintains that its forces were responding to an attack, witnesses say the shooting was unprovoked and Blackwater employees continued firing as civilians fled. *The New York Times* has since reported that the FBI had found at least 14 of the 17 killings to be unjustified.

Yet, Blackwater's continued presence in Iraq, while possibly slightly improving an extremely

poor security situation as well as giving some aid to American soldiers, has cost the United States a great deal, not only financially but also politically.

Upon hearing of Blackwater's contract renewal, Iraqi Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki told reporters, "This is bad news. I personally am not happy with this, especially because they have committed acts of aggression, killed Iraqis, and this has not been resolved yet positively for families of victims."

With roughly 25,000 private contractors in Iraq representing three security firms — DynCorp and Triple Canopy are the others — it could be argued that the cost at which America pays for security comes at the expense of the goals it's trying to achieve.

By employing mercenaries who are outside of Iraqi law and have little or no accountability to anyone but themselves, the United States is undermining its efforts by using forces that are outside of its control, while at the same time, claiming that eliminating rogue forces and militias in Iraq has been one of the United States' primary objectives.

The use of mercenary forces has been derided for centuries. In "The Prince", famous military and

political strategist Machiavelli states clearly, "Mercenaries and auxiliary forces are both useless and dangerous. Anyone who relies on mercenary troops to keep himself in power will never be safe or secure, for they are ambitious, ill-disciplined, treacherous." Though written in 1513, it can be applied to 2008 as if it were still the 16th century.

"Say what you will about America's policy makers — I usually do, using words like "incompetent" and "moronic" liberally throughout — America's military establishment, by and large, always has upheld itself to the standards we would expect from such an institution.

When the military errs, it usually is held accountable, and when it is sent abroad, it is because the soldiers have volunteered to do so for the good of the nation, not for an obscenely large paycheck. As such mercenary forces are given better equipment, more body armor, less accountability and far more money, it is no less than a snub to all our nation's military personnel that we allow such organizations to operate freely under the American flag.

If we continue to use mercenaries to supplement our own forces at the expense of our ideals and wallets, we constantly will be apologizing for the conduct of those we have no control over. Unless of course, we work for Blackwater.

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By **SUJAY KUMAR**
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(U-WIRE) CHAMPAIGN, Ill. — Before you read any further, I think we should address the elephant in the room. I'm not white. Yeah, I'm just another Indian guy. I've been dancing around the issue of race for a while now, so I thought it was best to get it out of the way once and for all.

"Stuff White People Like" is the hottest blog on the Internet. Created by Christian Lander, the not so politically correct blog takes a closer look at the interests of "white people." Twenty-nine-year-old Lander, who himself is white, writes on the Web site that "This is a scientific approach to highlight and explain stuff white people like. They are pretty predictable."

Your gut reaction may be to laugh at the thought of racism against white people. But it's not too far-fetched at all. I mean, the blog is "Stuff White People Like."

That doesn't translate to white people like this blog's stuff. If it were titled "Stuff Black People Like" or "Stuff Hispanic People Like", something tells me we wouldn't be discussing whether it was racist or not, but how racist it was.

So is "Stuff White People Like" racist? Let's take a look at some of the stuff that made the cut.

#18 Awareness While many people also take action to stop world crises, there are many out there who would rather act like they really care about human rights travesties. These are often the people that will wear a T-shirt about saving Darfur or shove a poster in your face and ask you why you don't care about the kids in

Rwanda. The blog suggests these are often white people.

#20 Being an expert on YOUR culture Apparently this is a reaction white people have to their confusion about their own culture. I don't know about that, but what I do know is that I have been lectured about India many times. This usually happens after someone watches a Travel Channel special or a Bollywood film or eats at a restaurant that serves curry.

#71 Being the only white person around. This is one of my favorite entries. There have been social situations where the lone white guy next to me will turn to me with a look of both sheer wonder and horror and say, "Suj, I'm the ONLY white guy here."

After reading through the blog, it's more funny than racist. It's well-written humor based on race. And the comments section under articles allows readers to discuss something freely that is usually hushed in society.

The white people I know who have read the blog can't help but laugh at how spot on it is. People of other races agree that it's hilarious because white people are "just like that." But take a closer look at what's on the list, including those I mentioned before: "Juno," the idea of soccer, expensive sandwiches, diversity."

Publishers Lunch says that the book spin-off of the blog will satirically expose "a culture that prides itself on individuality and diversity, yet manages to express these beliefs in exactly the same way." But I don't think the stuff on the blog is limited to white people. A more fitting title for the blog would be "Stuff Middle to Upper Middle Class People of All Races Like."

Southern states deem April 'Confederate Heritage Month'

By **ANDREW WAGNER**
BADGER HERALD (U. WISCONSIN)

(U-WIRE) MADISON, Wis. — Should anyone cherish a society in which 40 percent of the population was once enslaved? A society in which the proportion of slaves to freedmen was one to 25? That, after all, was the reality of life in the Confederate States of America.

Of course, the answer to this question is a personal one. However, when governments start getting involved in answering this question, the situation rapidly gets out of hand.

It has become customary for some states, counties and municipalities in the South to declare April "Confederate History Month" or "Confederate Heritage Month." Last year I discovered some of the perverse content of many of the declarations signed by the governors of these states. Let me emphasize something very important before looking closer at this issue: I do not take issue with solemnly remembering or commemorating the deaths of the hundreds of thousands of soldiers and civilians who died in the conflict. Their deaths were a loss to this nation. What I take issue with is the distortion of the portrayal of the Civil War that continues to go on from year to year.

So far this year two states, Mississippi and Georgia, have signed and sealed proclamations declaring April to be a month for Confederate remembrance.

Mississippi's proclamation approaches the issue in a relatively neutral manner. Their document proclaims a Confederate

Memorial Day when "we recognize all those who served in the Confederacy" that gives Americans the opportunity "to reflect upon our nation's past" and "gain insight from our mistakes and successes."

All in all, the document isn't very controversial. While my personal insight from looking at the history of the Confederacy is that it should be cursed rather than remembered, everyone's entitled to a different personal opinion.

Whereas Mississippi takes an appropriately subdued approach to the topic, Georgia's proclamation makes a mockery of history and the reality of life in the Confederacy. Georgia's Confederate History Month proclamation asserts "Georgia has long cherished her Confederate history." This alone isn't too alarming, although I question why anyone would want to publicly announce how much they cherish a slave society.

But the most disturbing part comes immediately thereafter. Here, the proclamation claims to recognize the "many African Americans both free and slave who saw action in the Confederate Armed Forces" as well as those who "participated in the manufacture of products for the war effort."

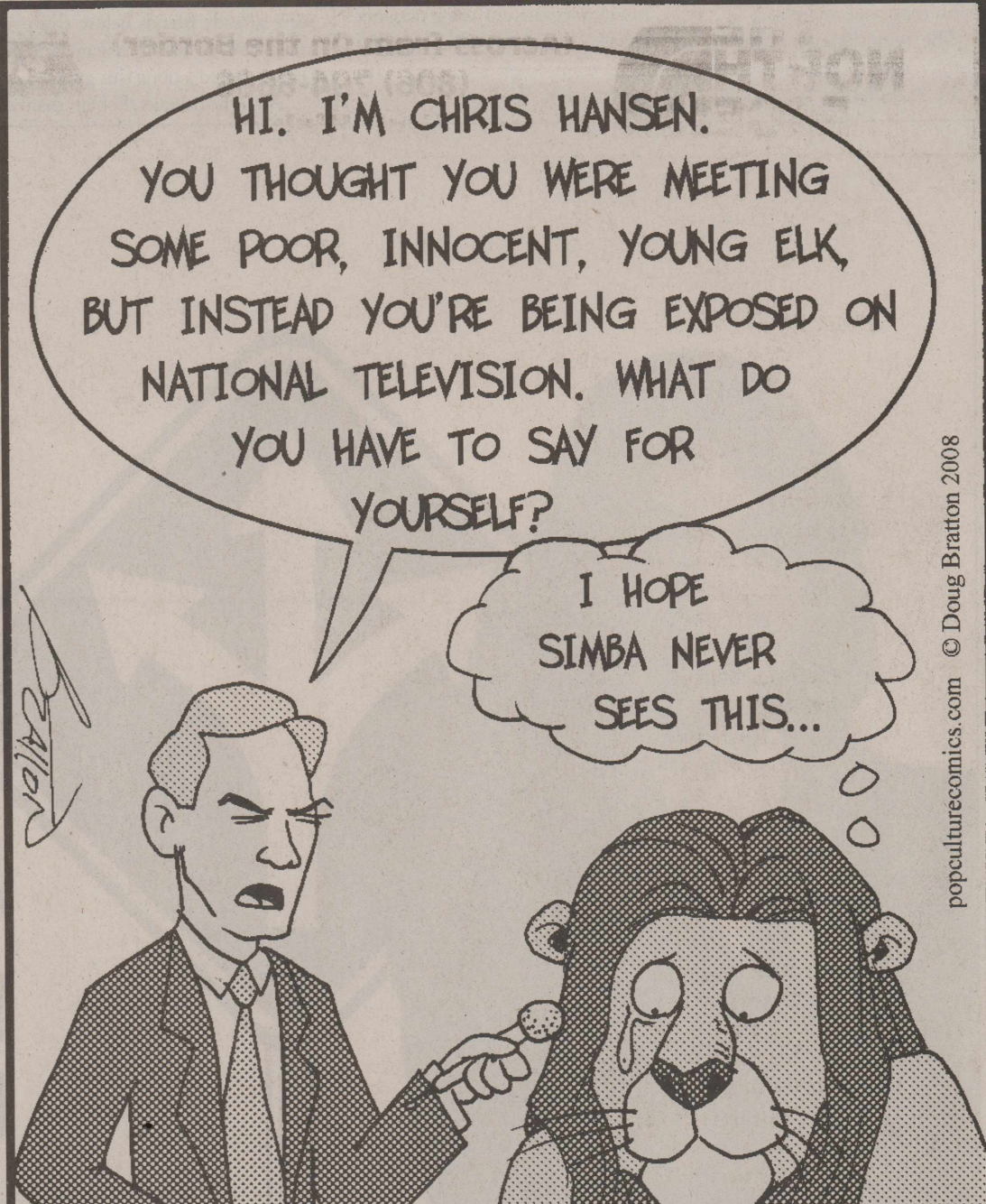
The net effect of this language immensely confuses the issues surrounding the Confederacy. Why, in this rendition of history, it almost sounds as if blacks and whites all banded together to fight for states' rights and liberty! Considering that only 1.5 percent of the Confederacy's population was free blacks, I somehow doubt this was the case.

I bet the slaves who were forced to work in the war industries had a much different perspective on what was going on there. Furthermore, I suspect the many slaves who worked in the cotton plantations that helped fund the Southern war effort didn't have a particularly positive view of their situation either. In fact, I suspect they were much more likely to curse what they were doing than to cherish it.

The idea that white and black southerners willingly joined together to fight northerners simply isn't supported by the available evidence. What little joint fighting and effort that occurred is insignificant, especially given that the South did not create a program to offer slaves freedom in return for fighting until the last few months of the war. It's clear to me that on this subject the state of Georgia is fundamentally wrong. Under the guise of remembering the tragedy of the Civil War, Georgia Gov. Sonny Perdue has affixed his signature to a document that obscures and molds history into a parody of itself.

The fact that something like this could officially happen in the United States government in the 21st century is mind-boggling. Given that the month of April is just starting, I have no doubt that other states will likely issue these sorts of proclamations as well. Hopefully none of them will be as ludicrous as Georgia's.

If Americans truly want to "gain insight from our successes and failures," as Mississippi's proclamation has stated, then a good first step would be to condemn Georgia's blatant obfuscation of history as the apologist's drive that it truly is.



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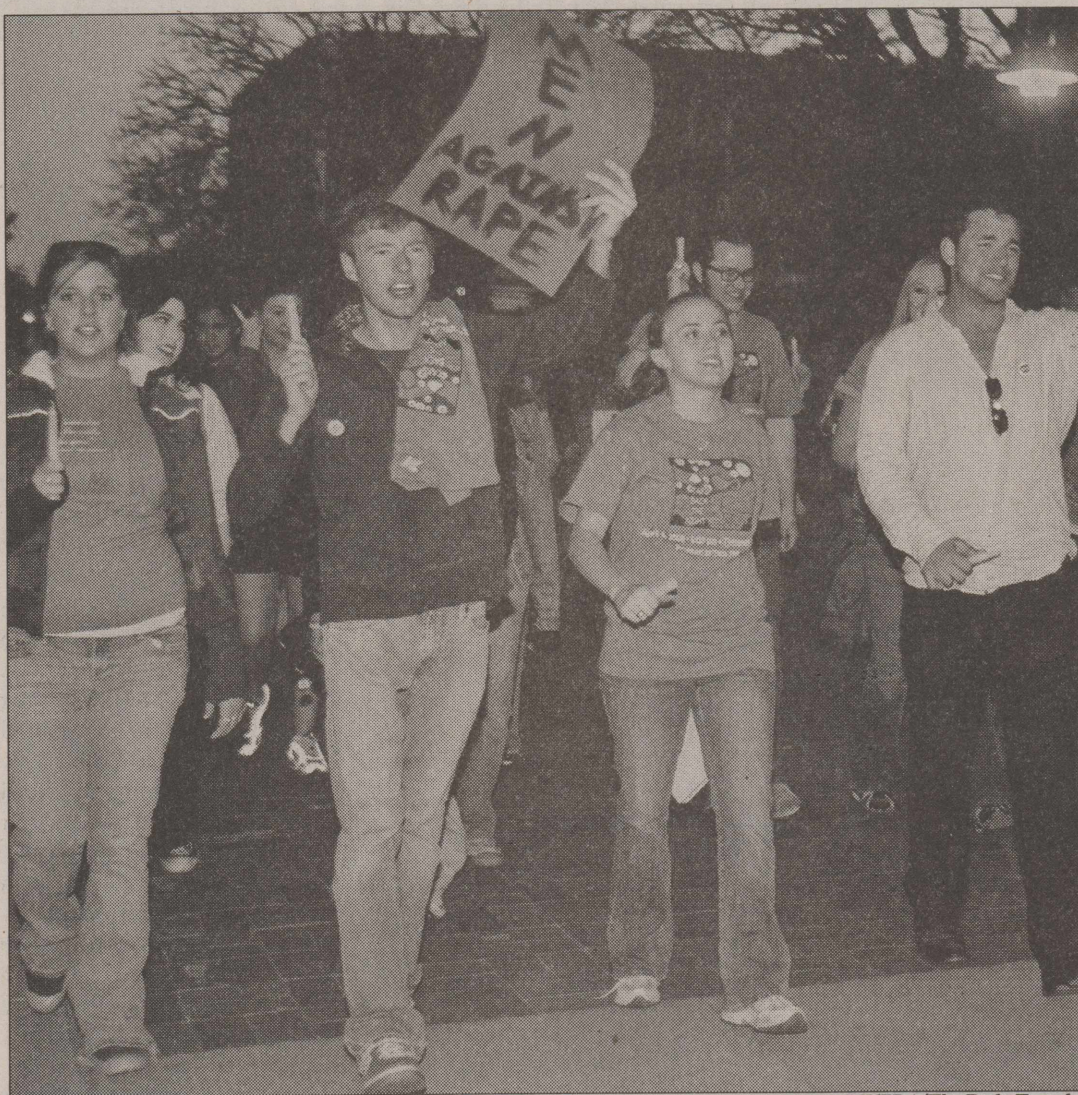


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THE FEMINIST MATURITY Leadership Alliance marched from Urbanovsky Park to Memorial Circle on campus Friday evening to protest violence against women.

Iraq's growing legions of widows suffer loneliness, ostracism and poverty

BAGHDAD (AP) — The car exploded near a popular ice cream parlor, sending flames and shrapnel through the busy square and killing 17 people.

It was another deadly explosion quickly forgotten by the outside world. But Aug. 1, 2007, changed the life of 28-year-old Maysa Sharif. It was the day she became one of nearly a million Iraqi women who have lost husbands as the country has suffered through three wars and Saddam Hussein's murderous regime.

Such vast numbers of widows would tax any society, and all the more Iraq's. With virtually no safety net and few job opportunities, most widows have little choice but to move in with their extended families and depend on their largesse.

Sharif was five months pregnant and preparing breakfast for her children when the blast shook their house in central Baghdad. She ran to the scene where her 39-year-old husband, Hussein Abdul-Hassan, ran a cigarette kiosk, and saw him on the ground. "Shrapnel hit his body and his head was cracked open. His eyes and mouth also were open," she said.

said, but police dragged her away, fearing a second explosion.

And her nightmare continued. Her 7-year-old son Saif had gone to work with his dad, and she couldn't find him. Only as her husband was being taken to the holy city of Najaf to be buried did she learn her son had died in the hospital.

"The funeral convoy turned around and put Saif's body in the same coffin," she said. "They refused to let me see my son or go to Najaf because I was pregnant. I could not believe that he was dead until I saw the death certificate."

Sharif has three other children — 10-year-old Ali, 2-year-old Tabarak and infant Abdullah, whose name was chosen by his father the night before he was killed. They now live in one room set aside for them in her brother-in-law's compound in central Baghdad.

With the government's attention focused on political crises and the U.S.-led war now entering its sixth year, advocates say the plight of women like Sharif is being ignored.

Women's Affairs Minister Nirmeen Othman warns it could boil up

into a peacetime "social crisis."

A family health survey provided by lawmaker Samira al-Moussawi, who champions the widows, counted 738,240 widows ranging in age from 15 to 80 as of January 2007, and dating back to the 1980-88 Iran-Iraq war. The figure included those whose husbands died of natural causes and a further breakdown was not available.

Othman estimated the number at closer to 1.3 million.

The problem also threatens the next generation.

A whole new primary school for 640 orphans has opened in Baghdad's Sadr City district, but headmistress Asma Karim says many pupils are failing for lack of support at home.

"Those who are left to care for these children are normally concerned about their survival more than their education," she said.

Al-Moussawi, a geologist-turned-politician, says she has been overwhelmed by petitions for help, including 448 recently delivered to her office in a plastic bag from the predominantly Shiite southern city of Diwaniyah.

"I wanted to close them," she

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March Madness basketball program teaches Lubbock students good health, diversity

By MEGHAN GRAHAM
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

College basketball players are not the only athletes who get to participate in March Madness.

The Texas Tech Kinesiology and Athletic Society sponsored its own March Madness, a four-week basketball program for fifth-graders from Parkway Academy and McWhorter Elementary that ended Thursday.

Karen Meaney, associate professor in the Department of Health, Exercise and Sports Sciences, helped organize the program. She said the main goals of the program were for the students to get physical activity through basketball and to learn how to interact with people from different cultures.

"Basketball skills and cultural interaction are equally important," Meaney said. "Basketball is just the

medium. It's about coming to Tech, physical activity, being exposed to wonderful Tech students and meeting people from other cultures."

Meaney said the fifth-graders are divided into teams coached by Tech students with participants from Parkway and McWhorter on each team.

Brittany Balogh, a senior exercise and sports sciences major and president of the Kinesiology and Athletic Society, said the students are learning how to accept different people and making friends in the process.

Balogh said the students at McWhorter are predominantly Hispanic and the majority of students at Parkway are black. She said the students have told her they are learning how to avoid racism.

Jason Herrera, an 11-year-old from Parkway, said he has made friends with students from McWhorter.

"Every day in my class at school, people get into fights," Jason said. "Nobody fights here because we are having fun and concentrating on basketball."

Meaney said there have not been any discipline problems with the fifth-graders. She also said students are excited to be at Tech because most, coming from low-income families, never would have the opportunity to come to basketball camp at Tech.

Amaree Esparza, an 11-year-old from McWhorter, said she thought about going to college before the program, but now she knows she wants to come to Tech.

"I find it amazing just to be here," Amaree said. "They could have chose anybody from our district for March Madness, and they chose McWhorter and Parkway."

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Protesters scuffle with police during chaotic Olympic torch relay in London

LONDON (AP) — Police repeatedly scuffled with protesters as Olympians and dignitaries carried the Olympic torch during a chaotic relay through snowy London on Sunday.

Demonstrators tried to board a relay bus after five-time Olympic gold medalist rower Steve Redgrave launched procession at Wembley Stadium — presaging a number of clashes with police along the torch's 31-mile journey.

In west London, a protester tried to grab the torch out of the hands of a TV presenter, forcing police to briefly stop the procession as officers detained the man. Another demonstrator tried to snuff out the flame with what appeared to be a fire extinguisher.

Others in the crowd threw themselves at torchbearers running past in official Beijing 2010 Olympics tracksuits, surrounded by a phalanx

of security officials jogging alongside them to protect them — and the torch — from protesters.

The protests have forced officials to make unscheduled changes to the relay route, Metropolitan Police said. Thirty people have been arrested.

British Prime Minister Gordon Brown briefly greeted the torch when it arrived outside his Downing Street residence as pro-Tibet demonstrators and police clashed yards away near Britain's Parliament buildings.

Demonstrators swelled in number near the spot where Chinese Ambassador Fu Ying had been expected to carry the Olympic torch. Instead, Fu emerged with the torch in the heart of London's Chinatown, managing to jog unhindered before handing it over to the next participant.

Along the route, hundreds of protesters chanted "Free Tibet!" "Stop killing in Tibet!" and "China, talk to Dalai Lama!"

In London's historic Bloomsbury area, police separated anti-China protesters from flag-waving Chinese who turned out to support their nation and the Olympics.

"There was definitely a bit of an edge," British tennis player Tim Henman, one of the torchbearers, told The Associated Press.

Police Cmdr. Jo Kaye said the incidents were minor. "It's going to be a long day but the torch is progressing on schedule," Kaye told British Broadcasting Corp. television.

Brown himself never handled the torch but watched as Olympic gold medalist Denise Lewis handed it to Paralympic hopeful Ali Jawad. Student Scott Earley Jr., from Glasgow, Scotland, then took the torch from Downing Street, needing help from dozens of police to keep baying mobs from snatching it from him as he ran past Big Ben to Westminster Bridge.

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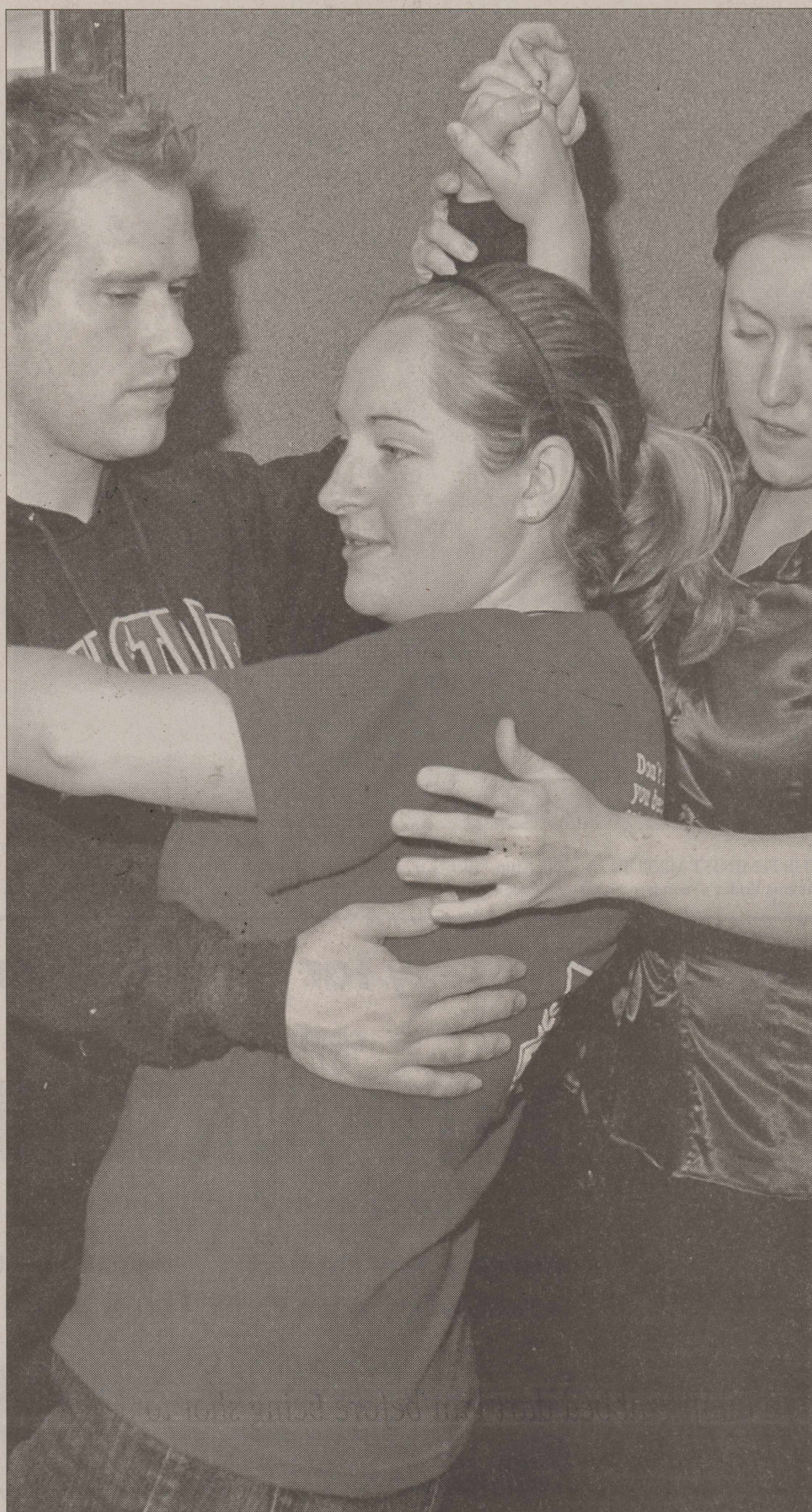


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DANCE INSTRUCTOR, EMILY Schumann (right) helps Craig Allen, a senior theater and vocal performance major from El Paso, and Kellen McAnulty, a junior political science and Spanish dual major from Spring, perfect an Argentinean Tango dip Friday afternoon at the free Tango lesson hosted by the Sophomore Experience Learning Community of Murray Residence Hall.



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Woman steals boa constrictor by slipping it down her pants

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — A woman stole a boa constrictor from a pet store by slipping the snake down her pants, the owner said.

The animal was stolen Thursday afternoon from Preuss Animal House in Lansing. "I am far less concerned for the person than for the snake," owner Rick Preuss said. The 20-inch snake was worth \$174.

Jayzun Bogert, assistant manager of Preuss' reptile department, called the heist "audacious."

Man steals guitar by putting it down his pants

LEWISTON, Maine (AP) — Police are searching for a man accused of shoving an electric guitar in his pants and walking out of a store in Lewiston, Maine.

Police say the theft occurred last week and they're looking for three men. One of the men shoved a Fender Stratocaster in his pants and pulled a sweatshirt over the top. The other two acted as lookouts.

All three can be seen on footage from video surveillance. Strangely enough, the music shop has seen the method before. A man did the same thing in 2006 but was caught as he tried to walk out.

Woman may need rabies shots after biting pit bull

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Amy Rice feared for her dog's life when a pit bull jumped over a fence into her yard and attacked her pooch. So she took matters into her own mouth.

Rice says she bit the pit bull on the nose Friday after trying to pull the dog's jaws off her Labrador retriever, Ella. The dog had jumped a fence to get into Rice's northeast Minneapolis yard, and Rice says she feared the pit bull would kill Ella.

"I didn't plan it, that's what happened. I broke the skin and had pit bull blood in my mouth," said Rice, 38. "I knew what happened, and I knew that it wasn't good."

The pit bull was quarantined Wednesday by Minneapolis Animal Control officers while rabies tests are being completed. Rice's doctor will determine whether she needs shots for rabies.

"I was sure that my dog was dying in my arms; it was horrible," Rice said. Ella is recovering with staples and stitches to her head and a crushed ear canal, but she is afraid to go for walks, Rice said.

Purdue team concocts hamburger-making device

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. (AP) — A team of Purdue University students concocted a 156-step recipe to prepare a hamburger to win Saturday's annual national Rube Goldberg Machine Contest.

This year's task was to assemble a burger consisting of no less than one precooked meat patty, two vegetables and two condiments, sandwiched between two bun halves.

The victory by the 17-member Purdue Society of Professional Engineers was the team's third such win in the past four years in the contest, named for the late cartoonist known for his drawings of complicated devices performing simple tasks.

Texas A&M University placed second; the University at Buffalo in New York was third. After winning the regional contest in February, Purdue's team added 55 more steps to perfect its machine, said captain Drew Wischer.

"We put 4,000 to 5,000 man-hours into this machine since September, and all the hard work has been well worth it," said Wischer, a senior in aviation technology from Cedarburg, Wis.

The competition, sponsored by Phi Chapter of Theta Tau fraternity, rewards machines that most effectively combine creativity with inefficiency and complexity. Machines must complete the assigned task in 20 or more steps.

Winning machines must complete two successful runs. Points are deducted if students have to assist the machine once it has started. Judges award points on the creative use of materials, team chemistry, flow of the machine and each machine's theme.

Other teams competing Saturday were Ferris State University in Michigan; Michigan Technological University; Penn State University Brandywine; and the University of Texas at Austin.

Chimp grabbed dart gun before being shot to death

AUSTIN (AP) — A 140-pound chimpanzee escaped from a research center by jumping more than 15 feet, snatched a tranquilizer dart gun from an animal worker and threatened police by flailing its arms before an officer shot and killed the animal last month, according to a new report.

Officials said the University of Texas police officer who shot Tony shouted he was going to shoot before firing at the 17-year-old chimpanzee.

Tony's escape and death were detailed in an internal report obtained by the Austin American-Statesman through an open-records request.

The chimpanzee escaped March 12 from his area at the Keeling Center for Comparative Medicine and Research in Bastrop. The center is managed by the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center.

Tony's escape was one of three at the center since November. Another 17-year-old chimp, Jake, got out of his enclosure in November and again this week but was quickly recaptured each time.

Tony got out by bounding 15 feet from a jungle gym and grabbing the top of a corral wall, according to the report. Tranquilizer darts failed to stop him.

According to the report, the police officer, who was not named, saw Tony jump into a truck bed and lunge at an attendant.

"The chimpanzee took the attendant's dart gun away from him and discarded it," the report said.

The chimp either fell off the truck or jumped from it when the truck sped up, according to the report. The officer said Tony started coming toward him.

SURVEY SAYS...



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PROVOST WILLIAM MARCY poses with the recipients of the online senior assessment drawing. Wesley Strother, a psychology major from New Caney, Viviana Topete, a psychology major from Houston, and Ben Strobel, a senior business major from Dripping Springs, received \$1,500 each.

Bombing at Sri Lanka marathon kills government minister, 11 others; more than 90 wounded

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka (AP)

— A suicide bomber attacked the opening ceremony of a marathon outside Sri Lanka's capital Sunday, killing a government minister and 11 other people, authorities said. Dozens were wounded.

Officials blamed the bombing, the second this year resulting in the death of a senior government official, on Tamil Tiger rebels.

Runners and onlookers gathered at the starting line of the marathon in Weliveriya, 12 miles from Colombo, part of the national celebration of the upcoming Sinhalese New Year.

Jeyaraj Fernandopulle, the minister of highways and the ruling party's chief whip, approached the starting line with a flag he planned to wave to start the race when the bomb exploded, witnesses said.

"There was a sound of huge explosion and I saw a fireball" said Nishan Priyantha, a local journalist who stood few yards away from the blast, but escaped unhurt.

Television footage showed chaotic images of screaming people running through the

bloodied streets.

Fernandopulle, an acid-tongued politician who acted as the government's chief political enforcer and was considered a top rebel target, died on the spot, said government

athletic coach Lakshman de Alwis — and more than 90 were wounded, Hulugalla said.

President Mahinda Rajapaksa condemned the attack as an act of savagery and vowed to push ahead with the war on the rebels.

"This dastardly act will not weaken our resolve to eradicate terrorism from our midst, and bring peace, harmony and democracy to all our people," he said in a statement.

Rebel spokesman Rasiyah Ilanthirayan did not answer calls seeking comment. The Tamil Tigers, listed as a terror group by the United States and European Union, routinely deny responsibility for such attacks.

Fighting in Sri Lanka has increased in recent months since the government officially ended a six-year cease-fire in January. The truce had been faltering for more than two years as escalating violence killed about 5,000 people.

The military has vowed to crush the rebels by the end of the year, but diplomats and other observers say the army is facing more resistance than it expected.

“There was a sound of a huge explosion and I saw a fireball.”

— NISHAN PRIYANTHA
LOCAL JOURNALIST

spokesman Lakshman Hulugalle, blaming the rebels.

"I saw the minister's body. It had been torn into pieces below the waist and there were other bodies without heads and legs," Priyantha said.

Eleven others were killed — including 1992 Olympic marathoner K.A. Karunaratne and national

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Bart Crow Band, Mayday Parade release new albums

As the summer approaches, music begins to flourish with new, late-spring album releases. With the printing of anticipated album charts for most magazines in the early months of the year, it has become a tradition for new albums to be released as school comes to a close.

In the month of April, Lubbock will have hosted CD release parties for two chart-toppers in completely different genres.

The Texas Music Charts claim the first of those anticipated albums. Friday in the Depot District, The Blue Light welcomed The Bart Crow Band, which just raced to No. 12 on the charts with its single "Understand." The Bart Crow Band now is releasing its new album, "Desperate Hearts."

The bar was crawling with spectators. This band definitely was smart enough to know where to find its target market. People clearly were enjoying themselves, singing along and dancing to the familiar tunes. Many of them were quite taken with the music.

Whereas most of them fit the image of their genre well, guitarist Paul Russell was tailor-made for rock and roll. Dressed the part and with a high, slightly edgy vocal range, he would have fit in well with any pop-punk/emo sound.

It was his touch on the electric guitar and his ability to step outside of what one would expect to see from him that showed the true range of his skills.

Chelsea Roe



When he led the set into electric blues solos, patrons of the bar forgot they were listening to what has been described as "Texas Country" and were taken back to the Southern rock of the 1970s. The dueling of the two lead guitars even had its moments reminiscent of The Allman Brothers Band.

The record itself has been nominated for Album of the Year on the My Texas Music Charts, and, for five straight months, it has been the best seller on www.lonestar-music.com.

It begins with an undertone of loneliness. The sense of desperation taken from the music is sometimes overwhelming as just about every song is sort of a lyrical downer.

However, most of the songs are pretty upbeat, tempo-wise, and it's the music itself that is keeping people entertained.

The 13-track album tends to border on focusing on what is trendy in music these days with songs like track No. 3, entitled "Hollywood." However, the band's flirtation with what is "in" gives it the mass appeal and support from fans.

The album also has a running

theme of grasping for something that is just out of reach and holding onto the possibilities of catching it. The lyric "Well I've been searchin' for a girl like you/ And I've been chasin' down a dream or two..." from "Desperate Hearts" is proof of just that.

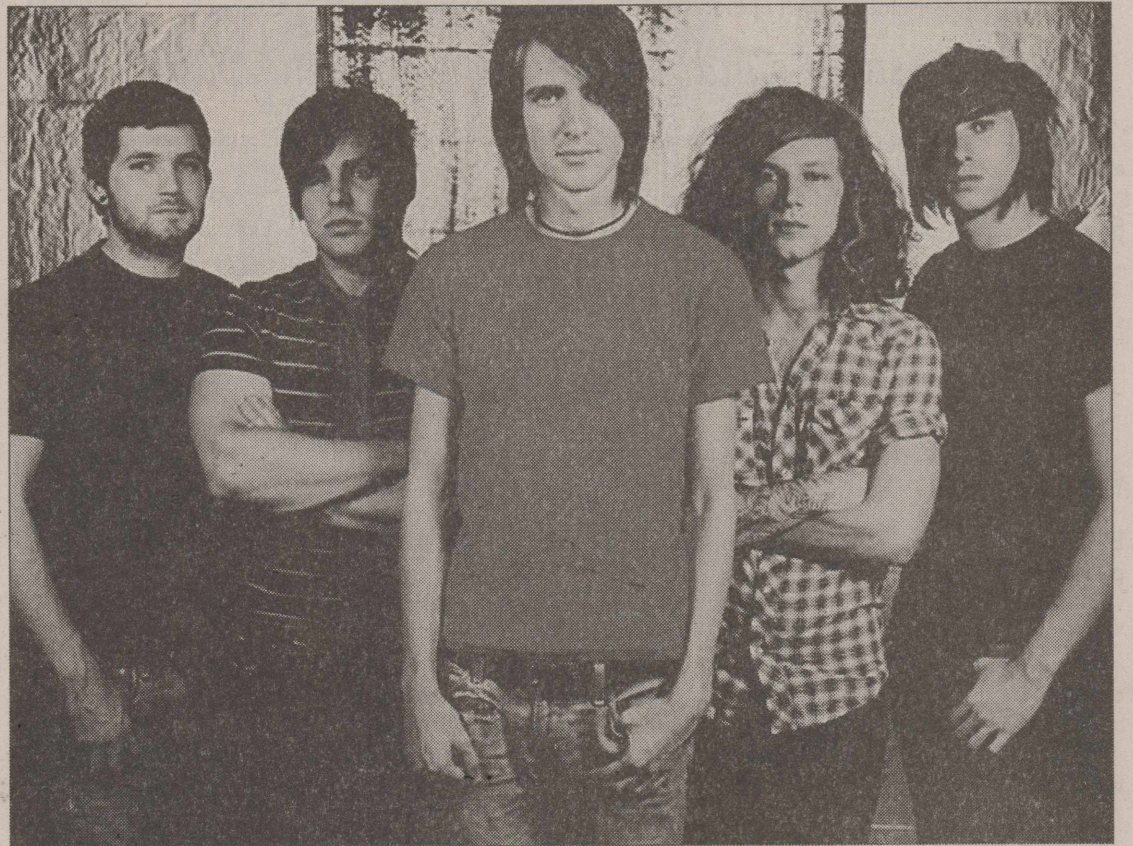
For anyone who enjoys typical Texas Country with a slight twist, The Bart Crow Band is the one for you. Pick up the album and give it a shot, even if you don't usually enjoy the genre. Here's your chance to try something new.

The Bart Crow Band, however, is not the only band to have chosen Lubbock for the release of its latest album.

The Alternative Press 2008 Most Anticipated Album of the Year will be released in Lubbock less than two weeks from now. April 18, Mayday Parade will celebrate its album "A Lesson in Romantics" with students at Texas Tech. Since the previous release this past summer, Mayday Parade already has sold more than 50,000 copies of its last record.

Starting off as a group of people touring around in a van and playing in parking lots at the Warped Tour, band members of Mayday Parade have come a long way. Quickly gaining popularity from those secretly into bands like Fall Out Boy, Panic! At the Disco or The All-American Rejects, Mayday Parade rose to the top of the charts. With chord progressions typically associated with pop punk and vocals that are meant to break your heart instantaneously, Mayday Parade has produced an album that may be heard on TV drama soundtracks soon.

If you did not get the opportu-



COURTESY PHOTO/Mayday Parade

BAND MAYDAY PARADE will release their sophomore album "A Lesson in Romantics" April 18th in the Hub City.

nity to hear The Bart Crow Band Friday, you can check it out on MySpace and purchase its album to give it your own review. The Mayday Parade show is still two weeks away, so mark your calendars and plan to be on campus to check out a new band April 18. Times are to be announced.

Lubbock, you've been making an attempt to step outside of your box recently — let's keep it going.

■ Chelsea Roe *The DT's* music critic. E-mail her at chelsea.l.roe@ttu.edu.

Looks as if Jay-Z and Beyonce have tied the knot, judging by reports

NEW YORK (AP) — It appears that Jay-Z and Beyonce have finally tied the knot.

There was a swirl of activity Friday at the rap mogul's Tribeca apartment. Delivery trucks funneled in and out of the building, dropping off silver candelabras and white flowers. A white tent was set up on the roof, and stars including Beyonce's former Destiny's Child bandmates, Kelly Rowland and Michelle Williams, along with Gwyneth Paltrow, were spotted arriving.

A swarm of media camped outside the building was in a state of frenzy, snapping and shouting at any sport-utility vehicle that drove down the cobblestone street.

The Web sites of celebrity magazines People and Us Weekly reported the couple married and threw a lavish but small party at the apartment Friday, citing unnamed sources who are friends with the pair. The Web sites reported their families attended the party.

Rumors circulated all week about the event after a report that the couple had taken out a marriage license in Scarsdale, N.Y. Representatives for Beyonce Knowles and Jay-Z declined to

comment on reports ahead of the event. Jay-Z's publicist had no comment Saturday.

The couple, who have apparently never dating for six years, have never publicly acknowledged they are together. Knowles, 26, and Jay-Z, 38, whose real name is Shawn Carter, have collaborated on the songs "03 Bonnie and Clyde" and "Crazy In Love."

It's been a big week for the hip-hop mogul. On Thursday, concert promoter Live Nation Inc. said it was in talks with Jay-Z over a potential business deal. The Los Angeles-based company stopped short of confirming published reports that the deal would give Live Nation a stake in virtually every aspect of Jay-Z's career and land him a potential windfall in excess of \$100 million.

A person familiar with the negotiations between Live Nation and Jay-Z told The Associated Press that the proposed 10-year deal was worth about \$150 million and would cover three albums.

The person requested anonymity because of the confidential nature of the ongoing talks.

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The most popular answers will be published in the April 25 edition of *The Daily Toreador*.

Many questions have options listed that were popular choices from last year's survey. There is also a field to write in a choice not listed.

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Hispanic Culture Week

The Hispanic Student Society of Texas Tech would like to invite all Texas Tech students and the Tech Community to our annual Cultural Awareness Week beginning Monday, April 7th and lasting through Friday, April 11th, 2008.

Scheduled Events for the Week:

Monday April 7th Annual "Fajita Cook-Out" from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Located outside of the Student Union Building, 83 (Corner) 1st St. Free admission, drinks and salsa. \$3 Single Paper.

Tuesday April 8th "Los Bailes" Come watch Ballet Folklórico and Mariachi performances in front of the S.U.B. at 12 p.m. The performances will showcase traditional forms of dance from different Hispanic cultures.

Wednesday April 9th "Educating the Future" Ruben Martinez will lecture and discuss his involvement with diversity programs. This will be held in the Main room of the Student Union Building at 6:00 p.m.

Thursday April 10th "Kids on Campus" Students from Casarez Middle School will be on campus to raise, donate and learn about college life with Tech students.

Friday April 11th "Noche Caliente" Salsa Night Remix at Jake's Sports Cafe Backroom 50th and Slide doors open from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Cover charge is \$5 for general public. Adults 18 years and older welcome. DJ Candy from Hot 97.3 will be mixing the best salsa, cumbias, merengue, hip-hop, bachata, and much more! We will also be having our annual "Strabbling Contest." Door proceeds to benefit the Hispanic Student Society Scholarship Fund.

The Hispanic Student Society was founded in 1964 at Texas Tech as a service organization for Hispanic students. The organization was the university's first Hispanic organization registered on campus. Over the years HSS has grown with the help of the community to include both undergraduate and graduate students from all walks of life and diverse ethnic backgrounds.

One-Act Play Spectacular gives sense of finality

By **JORDAN EICHER**
STAFF WRITER

For many, there was more reason, to be solemn, on top of a tear jerking play. For the actors, it was the finale to weeks of hard work with life-long friends.

The Department of Theatre and Dance's One-Act Play Spectacular engulfed an audience in a roller-coaster of emotions as it presented

five one-act plays of different genres, moods and inspiration, but those who were involved in the writing, directing and performing of these pieces said it was more than just that for them.

"I like acting, that's what I want to do, so to come here and see a full audience of my fellow college peers, it makes me feel supported," said Lauren Ledesma, a junior political science major from San Antonio.

"But after it's over, it's sad, really."

Others involved with this strenuous production agreed, mostly for the same reason.

"We worked so hard, you know, so you just get into this routine of being here every day with these people, and then it's over," said Chris Sebring, a freshman theatre major from Austin.

Even those in the audience said they knew there was an aspect of

saddening closure about a final performance.

"I'm glad I got to come and see the last performance; there is just something different about it in comparison to the first," said Taren Mooney, a junior political science major from Denver. "I think that last performance just brings everything together, that actors are really in sync."

The performers said no matter

how far they stray from their passion, they believe something always will draw them back.

Evan Haile, a freshman communications studies major from Stratford, said she strayed temporarily after high school, but did not stay away long.

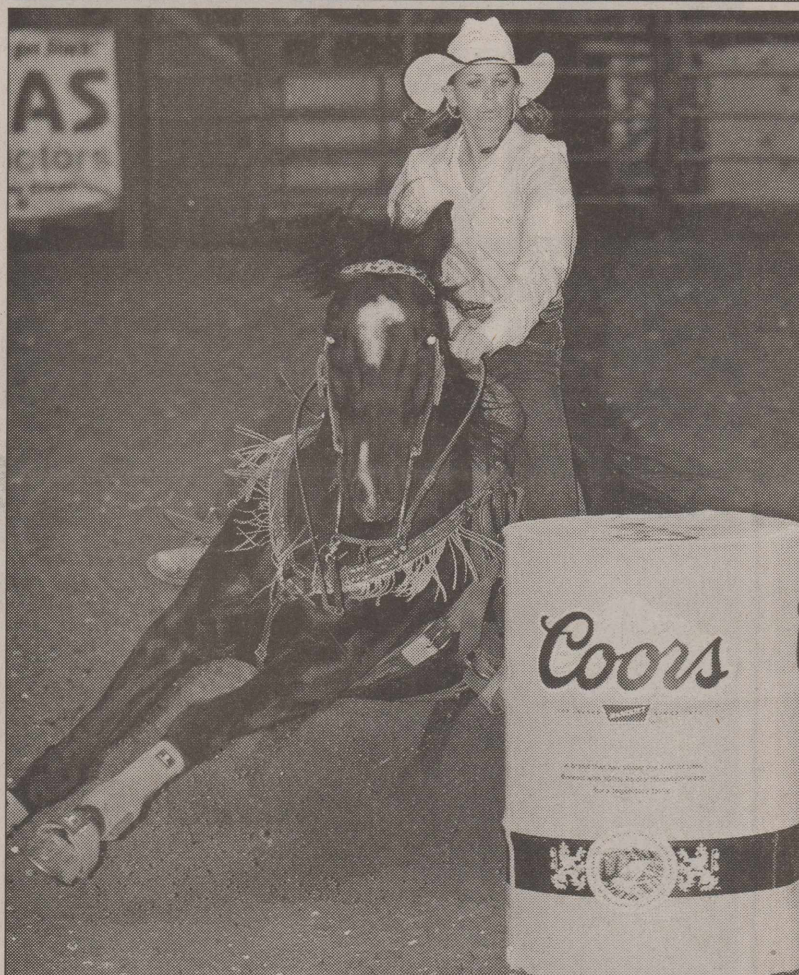
"I took an Intro to Theater class and just realized I missed it," she said.

Ashley Sexton, a senior elec-

tronic media and communications major from Midland, managed to tie up the love for the stage in one sentence, saying it was the characters behind the characters that made it so entrapping.

"It becomes a part of you," she said. "You miss the people the most; it's just such an eclectic group of people, they just bring you in."

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RODEO RECAP

ABOVE: A YOUNG mutton buster rides a sheep Saturday evening in the City Bank Coliseum.

BELOW: CRYSTAL HALL cuts around the barrel during Saturday evening's barrel racing competition in the City Bank Coliseum.

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Charlton Heston, dead at 84, left political mark to rival cinematic legacy

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Nancy Reagan was heartbroken over Charlton Heston's death. President Bush hailed him as a "strong advocate for liberty," while John McCain called Heston a devotee for civil and constitutional rights.

Even Michael Moore, who mocked Heston in his gun-control documentary "Bowling for Columbine," posted the actor's picture on his Web site to mark his passing.

Heston, who died Saturday night at 84, was a towering figure both in his politics and on screen, where his characters had the ear of God (Moses in "The Ten Commandments"), survived apocalyptic plagues ("The Omega Man") and endured one of Hollywood's most-grueling action sequences (the chariot race in "Ben-Hur," which earned him the best-actor Academy Award).

Better known in recent years as a fierce gun-rights advocate who headed the National Rifle Association, Heston played legendary leaders and ordinary men hurled into heroic struggles.

"In taking on epic and commanding roles, he showed himself to be one of our nation's most gifted actors, and his legacy will forever be a part of our cinema," Republican presidential candidate McCain said in a statement that also noted Heston's involvement in the civil-rights movement and his stand against gun control.

Heston's jutting jaw, regal bearing and booming voice served him well as Marc Antony in "Julius Caesar" and "Antony and Cleopatra," Michelangelo in "The Agony and the Ecstasy," John the Baptist in "The Greatest Story Ever Told" and an astronaut on a topsy-turvy world where simians rule in "Planet of the Apes."

"Charlton Heston was seen by the world as larger than life," Heston's family said in a statement. "We knew him as an adoring husband, a kind and devoted father, and a gentle grandfather with an infectious sense of humor. He served these far greater roles with tremendous faith, courage and dignity."

The actor died at his home in Beverly Hills with his wife, Lydia, at his side, family spokesman Bill Powers said. He declined to comment on the cause of death or provide further details Sunday.

One of the biggest box-office draws of the 1950s, '60s and '70s, Heston's work dwindled largely to small parts and narration and other voice roles from the 1980s on, including an uncredited cameo as an ape in Tim Burton's 2001 remake of "Planet of the Apes."

Fans remember Heston for some of the most epic moments on film: Parting the Red Sea as Moses in "The Ten Commandments," cursing his self-destructive species as he stumbles on the remnants of the

Statue of Liberty in "Planet of the Apes," tearing hell-bent through the chariot race in "Ben-Hur."

"Ben-Hur" earned 11 Oscars, the most ever until 1997's "Titanic" and 2003's "The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King" tied it.

Born Charles Carter in a Chicago suburb on Oct. 4, 1923, Heston grew up in the Michigan wilderness, where his father operated a lumber mill.

Heston took up acting after serving in the Army during World War II. He took his professional name from his mother's maiden name, Charlton, and the last name of his stepfather, Chester Heston, whom she married after his parents' divorce.

After his movie debut in two independent films by a college classmate, Heston was put under contract by producer Hal B. Wallis ("Casablanca"). Cecil B. DeMille cast him as the circus manager in "The Greatest Show on Earth" and then as Moses in "The Ten Commandments."

He followed with Orson Welles' "Touch of Evil," William Wyler's "The Big Country" and the sea saga "The Wreck of the Mary Deare" before "Ben-Hur" elevated Heston to the top of Hollywood's A-list.

His later films included "Earthquake," "El Cid," "The Three Musketeers," "Midway" and "Soylent Green."

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Softball sweeps Nebraska for 1st time in school history

By ALEX YBARRA
STAFF WRITER

Red Raider softball coach Teresa Wilson has a wise adage for what seems like every situation, but Tech's game against Nebraska Sunday warranted a much simpler reply.

"It ain't how far you hit it," Wilson said. "It's where you place it."

Tech won in walk off fashion against Nebraska, 2-1, in front of a record 771 fans Sunday at Rocky Johnson Field, finishing off a week-end sweep of the Huskers for the first time in Tech's history.

In the 10th inning, Tech's Leah Legler slid home for the winning run when Devin Zaragoza hit a routine ground ball that Nebraska pitcher Molly Hill could not relay to home plate.

"Those are typically outs," Legler said of the play. "So, what I was thinking was run, slide and get there as quick as I can."

Righthander Ashley Jacobs (5-9) picked up the win in relief, going 4.2 innings while allowing three hits and no runs. That was not her only good performance in the circle, as she also threw her first shutout of the season in a 7-0 win against Nebraska (16-18, 0-6 in Big 12 Conference) Friday.

Tech (11-27, 3-4) has won four of its last six games. The Red Raiders had not beaten Nebraska in seven years, and it took 11 years to get the win in Lubbock. The sweep of the Cornhuskers also was a first for the

Red Raiders.

Nebraska's Molly Hill (7-8) was in the circle in both games, and she picked up both losses while committing the game ending error. Hill went six innings, allowing 10 hits and six earned runs in the first game.

"This win really builds momentum going into our next Big 12 games. We haven't started off the way we liked..."

— LEAH LEGLER
SOPHOMORE OUTFIELDER

Freshman Tye Coats (4-11) pitched three scoreless innings until Nebraska's Julie Brechtel hit an RBI-single in the fourth. Jacobs came in for Coats, who went 5.1 innings, allowing five hits and one run.

Hill replaced Nebraska's Alex Hupp in the fifth inning; Hupp allowed one run on three hits while walking four batters.

Wilson said Hupp's off-speed pitches threw the Red Raiders off at the plate, but in the end, they were able to capitalize on Hill's

costly mistake.

Tech evened up the score with a single from Legler, bringing home Jennifer Bowers in the fifth inning.

Legler had one of her best week-ends this season, at leadoff, she went 4-for-8 in both games with four runs scored, including the winning run in Sunday's contest.

In the eighth inning, Montana Patin moved Devin Zaragoza to second off a sacrifice bunt, leaving first base open to intentionally walk Jennifer Corkin. With the winning run on second, Hill proceeded to strike out the next two batters, ending Tech's bid for the early walkoff victory.

Hill's pitching in relief was a step above the outing she had against Tech in the first game, but Wilson said it had more to do with Tech's selection at the plate.

"(Saturday, Hill) threw a curveball or a screwball," Wilson said. "Her curve and screw ball break very nicely and they end up off the plate a little bit. (Saturday) we were not swinging at that."

The international tie breaker rule took effect in the 10th inning, which automatically places a runner on second base. Nebraska's Meghan Mullin hit an infield single that advanced baserunner Abby Hughes to third, but Mullin was thrown out at first when Jacobs caught her sneaking toward second base.

Tech would get out of the inning safely, setting up Whitney Riley on second base and Legler in the batter's box.

Wilson said the defense prowess her team showed in the top of the 10th was the turning point.

"Holding them defensively," Wilson said. "That was a great job

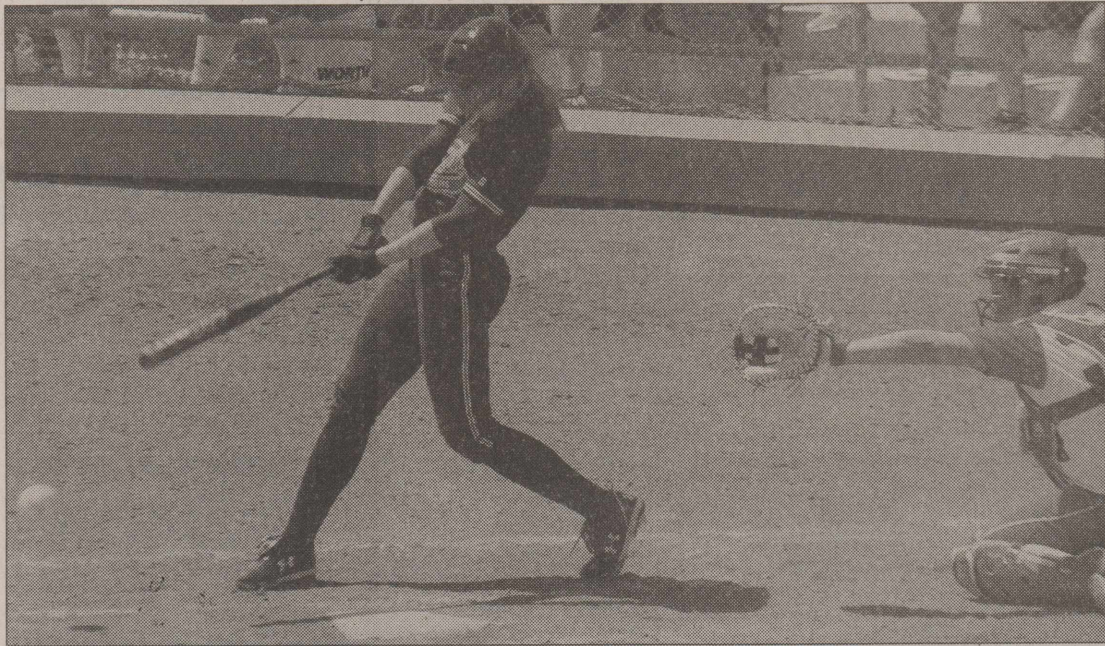


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TEXAS TECH'S ELIZABETH Eimen hits a single against Nebraska Sunday at Rocky Johnson Field.

by (Jacobs), great job by the defense, to put us in a position to come back in the bottom of the 10th and get it done."

Legler drew a walk, and Zaragoza reached base on an error, loading the bases for Patin, who hit a chopper to second baseman Brechtel, who threw out a charging Whitney Riley at the plate.

Legler followed the play up with the winning run on Hill's error.

"This win really builds momentum going into our next Big 12 games," Legler said. "We haven't started off the way we liked, but sweeping Nebraska really builds a lot of momentum for our next games."

Tech is scheduled to play a doubleheader against Texas State at 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. Tuesday at Rocky Johnson Field.

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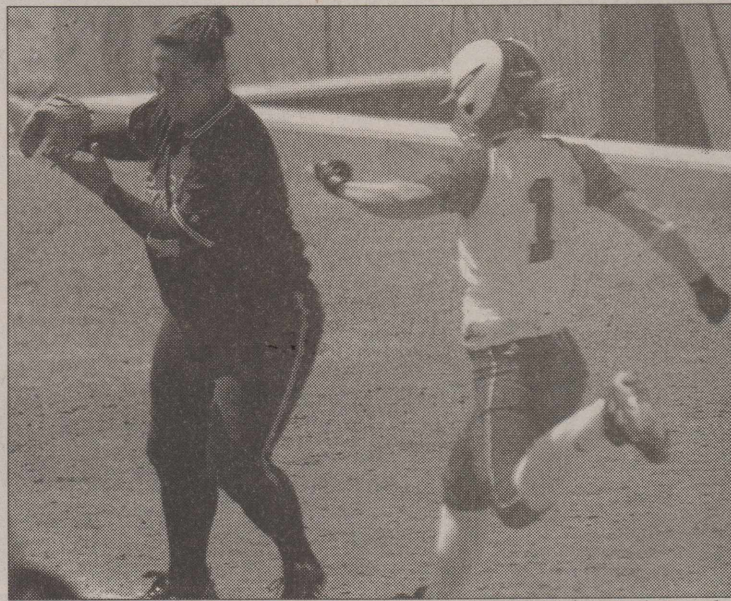


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TEXAS TECH'S JENNIFER Corkin gets an out in the sixth inning in Tech's 2-1 victory over Nebraska Sunday at Rocky Johnson Field.

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By John Underwood
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McNeill: Defense overcomes 'adversity' in first spring scrimmage

By ADAM COLEMAN
STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech conducted its first spring scrimmage Saturday at Jones AT&T Stadium, hoping to find out a little more about the 2008 version of the Red Raiders.

One thing most coaches and players agreed on was the play and improvement of the defense.

"It was a good first scrimmage," Tech coach Mike Leach said. "I thought that the defense played really hard. I thought

probably the best part of the whole scrimmage was the middle part of the scrimmage, as far as our defensive play. I thought that was kinda the highlight. I thought guys got better as the scrimmage went on. Back and forth. Up and down."

Saturday's scrimmage was filled with many players receiving repetitions on offense and defense. Many players were mixed in with first, second or third team units, having the opportunity to face a wide range of opponents.

Because so many players were

worked into the scrimmage, both the offense and the defense experienced its bad plays and good plays.

Tech defensive coordinator Ruffin McNeill said many of his defense's low points took place at the beginning of the scrimmage.

"Started off slow," McNeill said. "Ended up overcoming adversity. Played better. I like the fact that they didn't panic or quit when something happened to them. They kept playing. Just gotta keep improving."

Some players had to overcome

their own issues throughout the scrimmage, whether it was trying to bounce back from a bad play or overcome an illness.

Linebacker Brian Duncan, who was ill with a stomach virus, said despite some ups and downs, the defense put out a decent performance.

"Defense came out there with their minds right," Duncan said. "Focused, played hard. Ran to the ball. We had some adversities. My adversity (Saturday) was that I was a little bit sick. Had a little stomach virus, so I couldn't go as hard as I wanted to. We

gotta overcome that. We didn't finish too well, but we did what we were supposed to do as a defense and played pretty good (Saturday)."

Practicing despite his illness, Duncan had six tackles Saturday.

Leach said the defensive line had the best performance Saturday compared to most positions.

The defense recorded seven sacks in Saturday's scrimmage, with the defensive line accounting for 6.5 of those sacks. Defensive end Brandon Sharpe led Tech in the scrimmage with 2.5 sacks.

Although he said he believes the defensive line stood out the most Saturday, Leach said he is positive he will find something wrong when he reviews the film.

"I just thought they played real hard," he said. "I thought they had pretty good pad level, which sometimes you fight that at



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TEXAS TECH RUNNING back Kobey Lewis tries to avoid linebacker Bront Bird in a practice at Jones AT&T Stadium.

this point. I'm sure there's several flaws and several things that we're going to want corrected, but overall, I thought just as far as units, I was most impressed with the defensive line."

On the offensive side, quarterback Graham Harrell went 18-of-27 for 145 yards. Quarterback Taylor Potts had a chance for reps as well, throwing for 141 yards on 13-of-30 passing.

Michael Crabtree led all receivers with six catches for 42 yards, and 13 different receivers caught a pass in Saturday's scrimmage.

The running backs did not get many carries through the scrimmage. Shannon Woods led with

seven carries, and Aaron Crawford had two touchdown scores.

Harrell said the offense had its fair share of problems as well, but some of that can be blamed on the defense.

"I think (the defense) moved around a lot," he said. "(They) bounced around well and were excited to be out here, and that really helped them. In the middle, when I think the offense's tempo went down, the defense was really playing well during that time. You have to credit them some for that. They're gonna be a good unit, and if they keep improving and we keep improving, we're going to be a really tough team this year."

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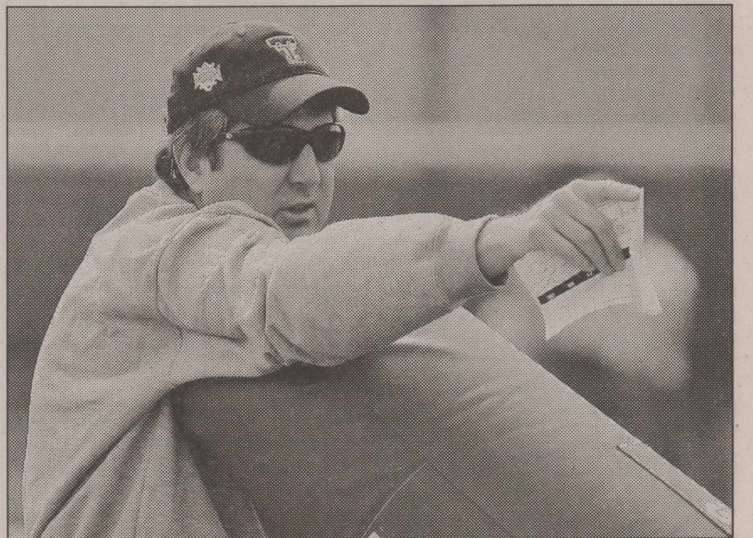


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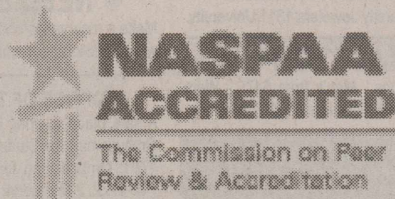
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