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Suspect in Hobbs' death still in jail

BEHIND BARS: Bond for Jason McInroe, 32, set at \$100,000; charged with failure to stop and render aid.

By Brittany Barrientos/
The University Daily

With a more than \$100,000 bond set, the man accused of killing a Texas Tech student is still behind bars in the Lubbock County Jail.

Jason Dean McInroe, 32, was arrested

Feb. 7 after allegedly hitting 20 year-old Tech student Kedric Hobbs and fleeing the scene.

According to police, at approximately 6:30 p.m. Feb. 7, Hobbs and a friend were riding their bicycles around the 7800 block of 4th Street, when Hobbs was run over by a truck. Hobbs was riding westbound around

4th Street and Alcoa Avenue when the vehicle, also headed westbound, struck him.

A witness took down the license plate number and reported it to police, who later found and arrested McInroe on charges unrelated to the accident.

McInroe's charges later were upgraded to include failure to stop and render aid.

Hobbs was taken to University Medical Center, where he later died.

Because Hobbs died after the accident, McInroe's charges may be upgraded, said Sgt. Grady Hester of the Lubbock Police

Department.

"Just because (McInroe) was charged with (failure to stop and render aid) doesn't mean it can't be dropped and replaced with another charge," he said.

A spokesman for the Lubbock County Sheriff's Office said McInroe still is in custody and already has seen the judge.

Hester said McInroe was arrested because of outstanding warrants for running a stop sign and having no insurance.

McInroe's bond for the latter charge is \$100,000, and the bond for the two previous

charges is \$200 each. McInroe previously had been charged with public intoxication.

According to the police report, McInroe was in a company vehicle at the time of the accident. It also reported possible factors in the accident in the investigator's opinion, were failure to control speed and failure to pass to the left safely.

Hobbs was not wearing a helmet at the time of the accident, according to the police report.

McInroe will remain in jail until he posts bond or goes to trial.

FOR THE LOVE OF CLIMBING

By Clara Cobb/The University Daily and photos by Steve Lewis/The University Daily

This weekend, Lubbock went vertical.

The Texas Tech and Lubbock outdoor community got off the ground as they participated in the Vertical Plains climbing competition, part of the Vertical Plains Adventure Festival organized by Tech's Outdoor Pursuits Center.



ABOVE LEFT: EMILY Sauls, a sophomore pre-nursing major from Nemo, makes her way up the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center climbing wall Saturday afternoon at the Vertical Plains climbing competition. ABOVE RIGHT: Tim Pendleton, a senior English major from Levelland, climbs to the top of the climbing wall Saturday afternoon.

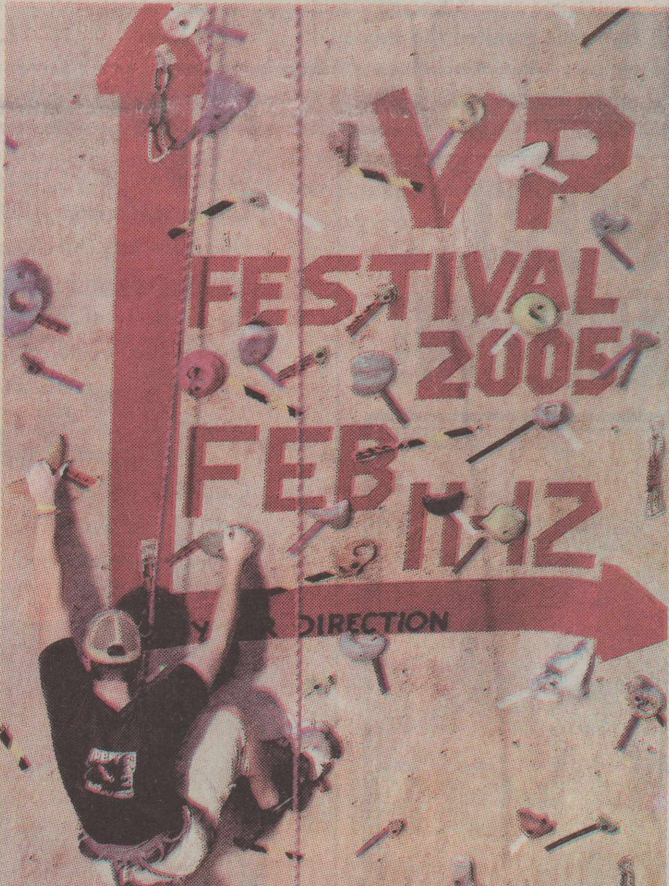
"At the beginning of the day, (Outdoor Pursuits Coordinator) Mat (Erpelding) said it's a festival, and it's about having fun. That set the mood today," senior Melissa Collings said. "Winning today only gives you bragging rights at the wall."

Collings, an early childhood major from Earth, is a member of the Rock Climbing Club. It was her second year to participate in the festival.

"It is not too often outdoor people from Lubbock get together — there's nothing here to climb — so it is about community," Collings said. "When you start doing a route, there is nothing on your mind about what anyone is doing around you. When you do listen though, you hear people saying, 'you got it, you got it,' and it pumps you up."

This year marks the fifth annual competition and the second festival. The event begins with an urban adventure race and the film festival on Friday night and was followed by the climbing competition Saturday. The

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Alumnus dies in helicopter crash

By Katherine Amerson/
The University Daily

Capt. Paul Christopher Alaniz, a Texas Tech alumnus, died Jan. 26 in a helicopter crash in Iraq.

Alaniz's friend Alexandra Moscoso said she remembers nothing but positive things about Alaniz.

"He was my boyfriend in college. We dated for like six years," she said. "We met there at Tech."

Alaniz went to Dumas High School, Moscoso said, although he was from Colorado.

"He liked to read; he loved to read; he liked to write a lot," she said. "He was really into fitness; he would run a lot."

Alaniz was an English major at Tech and graduated in 1996, Moscoso said. He was intelligent and outspoken.

"He was very ambitious," she said. "He would set goals and actually fulfill them."

His whole life, Alaniz wanted to become a pilot, Moscoso said, and he fulfilled his dream.

"He was a pilot, and it was a bad sandstorm and his helicopter crashed," she said. "The CH-53E (was) the name of the helicopter he was piloting (when he died)."

Alaniz was in Heavy Helicopter Squadron 361, Moscoso said, Marine Aircraft Group 16, Marine Aircraft core Air station in Miramar, Calif.

He has an 18-month-old daughter, Yvette Lourdis Alaniz, she said. His wife, Thelma, also a Marine, lives in San Diego.

Alaniz's brother-in-law Steve Musick said he misses Alaniz. "He was a real classy, gentlemanly guy. He never said anything bad about anybody," he said. "He was a super-responsible guy. I can't say enough about him."

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Dean selected as next Democratic chairman

By Nancy Benac/
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — There is a sort of swagger to Howard Dean's smile.

Here he is, poised to take charge of the Democratic Party, a striking comeback after his flameout a year ago in the presidential race. He is savoring the moment, yet displaying a new sense of caution.

"There are a lot of people in this city who are afraid I'm going to be very unorthodox — and I am," Dean chortles to a door-busting crowd of supporters in the lead-up to his election Saturday as party chairman.

But the bruises from his crash to Earth after flying high at the start of the presidential primary season still are so fresh that Dean is displaying a new, determined effort at restraint.

"I'm going to be a little careful about the directional mike this time," he says at the start of a recent speech, a reference to the microphones that amplified his oft-mocked scream in Iowa.

His "wow" at the size of the crowd this time sounds more like a flat statement of fact.

Dean knows he is on probation.

"Double secret probation," suggests Dick Harpootlian, former state chairman of the South Carolina party.

"The question is how he will project the image of the Democratic National Committee," Harpootlian said. "The opinions on this range from disaster to huge success, and it's too early to tell."

Dean's supporters know his chairmanship may well be a wild ride, but they're betting on his proven organizational and fund-raising skills — he raised a record \$41 million in a single year

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Study: Job market in government sector improving

By Meghann Lora/
The University Daily

The federal government is hiring, which is good news for some job-seeking college students.

Jobs in security, public health, engineering, program management and accounting top the federal government's list of most wanted employees, according to a recently released study by the Partnership for Public Service and the National Academy of Public Administration and made possible by a grant from the *New York Times* Job Market.

The federal government projects a need for almost 40,000 new hires in the field of security in the next two years, according to the study. This category includes criminal investigators, compliance officers, police officers, security and prison guards and airport screeners.

The Transportation Security Administration plans to hire about 9,000 full-time airport screeners in the next two years, according to the study.

The public health sector includes physicians, nurses, pharmacists and medical technicians. About 26,000 new hires are expected in the next two years in the area of public health with a large number of those being in the field of nursing, according to the study.

Ana Valadez, associate dean for the undergraduate program at the Texas

Tech School of Nursing, said the School of Nursing addressed the national nursing shortage several years ago.

"We addressed this several years ago by increasing our enrollment," she said. "We have increased enrollment for the past four years."

Valadez said one problem that occurred with increasing enrollment is the school does not have enough faculty to support the incoming students.

"There is also a faculty shortage running parallel to the student shortage," she said.

Many of the nursing students who graduate from Tech will begin their careers in hospitals, Valadez said.

"The beautiful thing about nursing is you can do pretty much anything," she said. "But most of our students take internships in acute hospital settings. Our students very much go into the hospital setting and many into the acute setting."

Valadez said another trend for nursing students is to continue into higher education, such as receiving a master's degree before entering the work force.

"Higher education is a trend that is occurring more now than it did 10 years ago," she said.

The federal government plans to hire about 24,000 individuals in the fields

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Texas Tomorrow college tuition freeze to continue

AUSTIN (AP) — The state's prepaid college tuition plan will not accept new enrollment for the second year in a row because of continuing uncertainty over tuition costs at public colleges and universities, said Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn.

"I regret tremendously that that the board had to suspend the program for another year," Strayhorn said, referring to the Texas Prepaid Higher Education Board, which oversees the \$1.5 billion Texas Tomorrow Fund. The comptroller chairs the board.

"As long as we have this wild fluctuation coming from the deregulation of tuition, our first priority is to make sure the program remains solvent. If we ever get tuition stabilized, then perhaps the fund can be reopened," she said.

The Legislature and Gov. Rick Perry deregulated rates for the first time in 2003. University governing boards were given control of tuition rates, a power previously held by the Legislature, to meet rising expenses.

Tuition costs rose an average of 23 percent from the fall of 2003 through last fall.

Although the fund is still recovering from recent declines in the stock market, officials said that participants' funds are guaranteed by the state.

The plan, formally known as the

Texas Guaranteed Tuition Plan, allows Texans to lock in the cost of college tuition and mandatory fees at today's prices for their children or grandchildren.

Strayhorn said the Texas Tomorrow Fund's College Investment Plan is still open and offers parents another way to save for their children's college education. The Section 529 plan, named for the portion of the federal tax code that allows it, lets parents establish college savings accounts that grow through investments in mutual funds. The earnings are not subject to federal taxes.

Andy Ruth, manager of the Texas Tomorrow Fund, said his office still gets calls from parents wondering when the program will resume.

Senate Education Committee Chairwoman Florence Shapiro, R-Plano, said she's not sure if it will reopen by 2006.

"In better economic times, it could probably come back, especially if we get a handle on our tuition and the way our institutions are using

their authority to set tuition rates," Shapiro said. "Until we get to a more stable point, it is going to be hard to predict the future of the Tomorrow Fund and how much it will need to fulfill its obligations."

Kelly Fero, a Democratic consultant and aide to

former Comptroller John Sharp, said Perry and other leaders should have known that deregulating tuition would disrupt the Texas Tomorrow Fund.

"The Tomorrow Fund has been one of those rare government programs that people actually like and that actually helps middle class people," said Fero, who helped Sharp create the program in 1996.

"If we ever get tuition stabilized, then perhaps the fund can be reopened."

— CAROLE KEETON STRAYHORN
Comptroller

Parents challenge schoolday Bible classes

STAUNTON, Va. (AP) — When Heather and Logan Ward's son entered public kindergarten this fall, they were shocked to discover that pupils were taken from class to a nearby church for weekly Bible lessons.

The Wards moved to Virginia's Shenandoah Valley from New York four years ago, and were unaware of the tradition that has remained in Staunton and other rural schools for more than 60 years.

"My reaction is exactly like the reaction of those who come here from a different place — shock and disbelief that we have Bible classes in public schools," Heather Ward said.

Now the Wards and other parents are asking the school board to eliminate or modify the program, which shuttles

first-, second- and third-graders to churches during class time for voluntary half-hour Christian lessons and activities.

But the would-be reformers have run into staunch resistance. More than 400 people showed up to weigh in on the issue at a contentious school board meeting in December, and more than 1,000 signed a petition urging the school board to keep the classes.

The six-member school board is scheduled to decide the issue Monday.

Jack Hinton, president of the local private group that offers the lessons, attributes the opposition to a small minority, many of them newcomers to the valley. Without religious classes, he said, "kids get into trouble and have no moral structure on which to combat drugs,

sex, pornography and all that."

But many opponents are Staunton natives. They argue that children who opt out are stigmatized and have little to do while their classmates are in Bible classes, taking away precious time for academics in the age of standardized testing.

The Bible classes began in Virginia in 1929 after a majority of students failed a simple Bible test.

The lessons were conducted inside public school classrooms until 1948, when the Supreme Court ruled that the lessons violated the principle of separation of church and state. A few years later, the court revisited the issue and approved classes held away from school premises.

The Rundown



27 leave El Paso Wal-Mart to settle Iraqi general killed, schools for drugs child labor charges election results declared

EL PASO (AP) — Twenty-seven El Paso school district employees — a teacher, two administrators and 24 maintenance and custodial workers — were fired or resigned after a month-long investigation into drug use at several campuses, the superintendent said.

Superintendent Charles Tafoya said Friday that the employees at six facilities were fired or voluntarily resigned after the district's police department began asking questions about on-the-job drug use — mostly cocaine — in early January.

Tafoya, citing federal privacy laws, refused to name the employees or say at which schools they worked.

"Because of the nature of the investigation and the drug testing conducted, we are being very careful not to violate" the privacy laws, Tafoya said. "We want to assure you that we are not being evasive."

The investigation did not find any link between the employee drug use and students, administrators said. He said there was no evidence that drugs were sold at any district school or other facility.

El Paso Independent School District Police Chief Armando Nava Jr. said no criminal charges have been filed because there is no evidence of drug possession or distribution.

Terry Roberts, the mother of two high school students, said she would have like to know what schools were involved.

"I want to know if my children had contact with anyone who had drugs in their system," she said. "I want to know so that I can talk to them about it. I think it's our right as parents."

WASHINGTON (AP) — Wal-Mart Stores Inc., the world's largest retailer, will pay \$135,540 to settle federal charges that it broke child labor laws, the Labor Department said Saturday.

The 24 violations, which occurred at stores in Arkansas, Connecticut and New Hampshire, had to do with teenage workers who used hazardous equipment such as a chainsaw, paper balers and fork lifts.

Wal-Mart denied the allegations but agreed to pay the penalty. A spokeswoman for the Bentonville, Ark., company said Wal-Mart was preparing a statement Saturday.

Child labor laws prohibit anyone under 18 from operating hazardous equipment.

The company also agreed to comply with any provisions they violated — in this case, child labor laws — in the future, said Victoria Lipnic, assistant secretary for the department's Employment Standard Administration.

In the settlement, Wal-Mart also agreed to continue providing store managers with training on child labor law compliance and provide new managers with similar training.

"This is a fairly standard thing to have an agreement like this," Lipnic said.

The settlement was signed by both sides on Jan. 11. An announcement was not made before Saturday because the department was waiting for the settlement to be paid in full within the 30-day period agreed to, Lipnic said.

The allegations, which occurred between 1998 and 2002, involved one case in New Hampshire where a youth was using a chain saw to trim Christmas trees. A majority of the cases in Connecticut involved children loading paper balers.

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Gunmen assassinated an Iraqi general and two companions in a Shiite neighborhood of Baghdad on Sunday, and election officials said an alliance of Shiites won the most votes in the Jan. 30 elections.

In violence in the north, insurgents attacked a U.S. convoy and a government building near the city of Mosul, leaving at least four people dead, hospital workers said. Two Iraqi National Guard troops were also killed while trying to defuse a roadside bomb.

U.S. hopes for a larger NATO role in Iraq suffered a setback when German Foreign Minister Joschka Fischer on Sunday rejected calls for the alliance to protect U.N. operations there. U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan also ruled out a U.N. security role.

The United Iraqi Alliance, a Shiite dominated list of candidates backed by Muslim clergy, won the most votes in the Jan. 30 balloting for a 275-member National Assembly, officials said Sunday. A Kurdish alliance was second; U.S.-backed interim Prime Minister Ayad Allawi's list was third.

The vote was the first free election in Iraq in over 50 years and the first since Saddam Hussein was ousted from power after the U.S.-led invasion. The new assembly will elect a president and two vice presidents, who then will choose a prime minister, who will form a government.

Sunni Arab extremists, fearing a loss of their privileged position, have accused the Americans of manipulating the election to install Shiites and Kurds in power. Sunni Arabs, an estimated 20 percent of the population, form the heart of the insurgency, and many of them boycotted the election.

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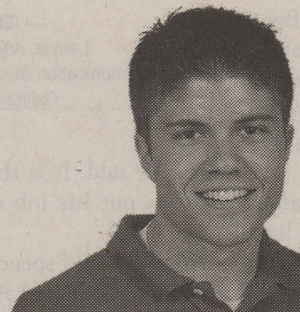
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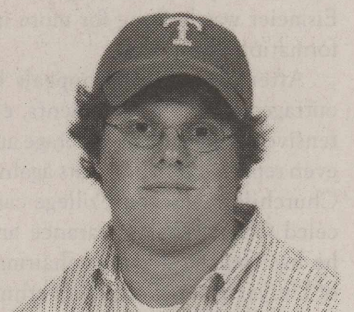
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Ever wondered why love never turns out the way it's supposed to? So have we. Tired of looking for answers all over the place and never finding the right one? So are we. Therefore, we have compiled love advice, based not on studies, books and theories, but instead on the experience of four women who have hit top, bottom and everywhere in between in love.

Q: I've been crushing on this guy for months. We talk a lot and flirt occasionally. But he's never asked me out. What should I do?

You can ask him out if you want to see if anything's there. But remember, actions speak louder than words. If he hasn't asked you out, it's probably because he doesn't want to go out with you. I know it hurts, but that's the way it is. Get over it.

Q: Let's say I want to ask him out or tell him how I feel. How should I do it?

You can do the over-the-top method of asking him out in a public forum such as a newspaper. You can go extreme—bring a love letter to his place of work and run out like a crazy woman. You can spill your guts in the middle of a freezing cold night on your porch. You could write a letter you never actually give to him. Or, you could just be normal, call him up and ask him out to dinner. Supposedly, they dig it.

Q: What do I do if my guy is scared of commitment?

Determine where you are in the relationship. If you want to marry him in two months and he's not sure if he's even ready to call you his girlfriend, maybe you two aren't right for each other. You have to figure out what's best for the two of you. Or, duct tape him up and hold him hostage until he relents.

Q: I'm dating this guy who's an English major and yet can't seem to understand me when I talk. What's up with that?

Men and women speak two different languages. They sound the same, but they're not. The best way to get around this is communicate in other ways—cars, sports, kissing, books and so on. But most importantly, have very low expectations when it comes to how effectively you communicate. If you don't expect him to understand you at all, you'll be pleasantly surprised if he picks up an inkling or two.

Q: How do I know if it's too soon to say 'I love you'?

Did your significant other's eyes pop head out of his head when you told him? It's too soon.

Q: Everyone around me seems to fall in love after about the second date. Why is that, and what if I don't do that?

Most likely, people who do that aren't really in love. They're attracted to that person and mistake that for love. Consequently, if after the second phone call you're not picking out wedding invitations and children's names, you're OK. Take your time in discovering if you love the person you're with. Rushing it tends to lead to mistakes, and this is your heart you're taking chances with.

Q: I really want to do something special with my boyfriend for Valentine's Day,

but I don't think he realizes how much the day means to me. What should I do to get him into gear?

Guys are sweet, but sometimes they can be a little oblivious. Tell him exactly what you want to do for Valentine's Day, and help him plan the night. If you want flowers sent to your office, tell him ahead of time so you're not disappointed.

Q: One of you share your worst Valentine's Day.

My first boyfriend broke up with me a couple of days before Valentine's Day during my sophomore or junior year of high school. I spent the school day sorting through a bag of candy hearts, crying and pitching the lovey-dovey sayings into a garbage can.

Q: I feel like the spice has dwindled in my relationship. How do I get it back?

What? You mean "Cosmo" hasn't answered your burning questions?

Q: My boyfriend just got out of jail for writing hot checks, and now I believe he's stealing from me. What should I do?

If you haven't learned by now that having to visit your significant other behind double-thick glass isn't the way a healthy relationship works, you're hopeless.

Q: I've been dating an illegal alien, and things are starting to get serious. The thing is, well—have you ever seen the movie "Green Card"?

Yes—he's just in it for the sweet citizenship. Get out now and find some other strapping young man to spend Valentine's Day with.

Q: My man is an engineer. I'm the writer type. He's pragmatic, I'm emotional. Are we going to be OK?

That's tough. Try to bridge the communication gap by telling him how you are and what you need to feel loved and understood. Eventually, you'll get those flowers sent to you and cards in the mail. If not, dump his butt.

Q: It seems every time I open my heart to a guy I truly like very much, he backs off. What's the deal?

This is easy: He's homosexual. If a guy doesn't dig you, girl, he's not playing on your team. Remember that.

Q: I am dating a guy who's University of Texas alum. It gets tough when his friends make jokes about Red Raiders. What should I do?

Throw drinks in their faces and wear Texas Tech gear to their home games in Austin. Be rowdy like we are here in Lubbock.

Q: There is this guy at work that I keep having steamy dreams about. Should I act on my fantasy? If so, what is the best way to deal with my desires?

Well, some of us have experience dating co-workers, and often the rendezvous was much less fulfilling than it had been in our dreams.

While flirting and innocent glances across the conference room are OK and can make the work day more intriguing, don't act on your impulses until the two of you no longer work together. Think career, not crush. Think paycheck, not pleasure. Did we say pleasure? Oh—who are we kidding?! Corner him and go for it!

Q: My fiancé works two jobs to pay for medical school, and he never has time for me. I don't understand why he feels the need to be independent; I mean, I live just fine off mom and dad—why can't he? Anyway, he said he doesn't have the money to fly me to Paris for Valentine's day. I don't get it—why can't he just sacrifice a little or put it on his credit card? He owes it to me, right?

You're one of those girls with a Texas Tech princess bumper sticker plastered to your SUV, aren't you? Come on Barbie—despite what where's-the-kegger Ken tells you, the world does not revolve around you.

The day of love is not about the guy having to do everything. Unlike Fox News, couple celebrations should be fair and balanced. So, step up, lil' miss spoiled, and ask not what your boyfriend can do for you, but what you can do for your boyfriend. If you don't, we advise your boyfriend say "au revoir" instead of taking you to Paris.

Q: If my boyfriend is not playing Halo 2 on Xbox Live, he's watching some kind of sporting event. I really think he is more in love with Master Chief and the Patriots than he is with me! How do I drag him away from the big screen?

Oh honey, just let the boy be. As long as he's not drinking a 12-pack during each game or missing work to shoot imaginary men with his controller, then he's just being a man. Most men will tell you it's their way to escape and unwind after a stressful day or week. It benefits you if you allow them this time to get their aggressions out.

Q: My friend has been in love with this guy for a long time, and she finally told him how she felt. He's not interested. What now?

She gets a gold star for courage and moves on. He spends the rest of his life thinking about what he lost and wondering what could have been. She has the knowledge that she put love out there, and someday it will come back to her, in the form of a man who realizes how lucky he is.

Happy Valentine's Day! If you have any questions or comments, want to share your love advice or ask out one of the stunning journalists on this page, e-mail UD@ttu.edu.

When the idea of Valentine's Day enters the mind of a woman, she usually thinks of flowers, candy or maybe something even more romantic. Well, men can't process things like that—most of the time—but on this one day a year, we try and do a little something special to commemorate the date.

In honor of this Hallmark-created tradition, we have decided to take a few letters from women and men around the world, and we're gonna give them what they want—answers.

First, photo editor Andrew Weatherl, who has a girlfriend, will take some questions:

Q: What kind of music is best when attempting to "land the deal?"

I find that jazz or blues tend to do the trick. However, it also depends on the taste of the girl you happen to be, shall we say, seducing. If she likes acoustic rock, sure, go for it. However, encounters with girls who have a particular fondness for death metal should be avoided unless a helmet is handy.

Q: I'm cooking my girlfriend dinner and I would like some advice on a good wine for a romantic evening.

The color and age don't really matter, it's more about the handle. That is boxed wine, like the good people at Franzia make. This is a surefire way to impress the lady, and the handle is convenient for transporting the wine to a party after the date goes bad.

Q: I don't have a date for Valentine's Day, and I am considering using the facebook.com or raidersingles.com to find a lady. What do you think?

Don't do it. I have a buddy who recently took advantage of such a service to aid in his romantic life, with mixed results. From what I can tell, girls are best when first met in person and later dated.

Leave the Internet love scene to your weird neighbor who hasn't left his room since late last semester, or, if you're a lovely lady, you can find me at photo@universitydaily.net.

Q: Will you father my children?

Only if my girlfriend agrees. She is open-minded, however.

Q: What should I get my girlfriend for Valentine's Day? She's dying.

Well, typically I could offer you a cookie-cutter answer about chocolate or roses or maybe even a CD with her favorite romantic ballads.

However, the fact that she is terminal adds a whole new dynamic to her celebration of the day. Avoid the topic of the hereafter and take her to the happiest place one can be—Hooters.

Q: I have a crush on one of my professors, and I think Valentine's Day

would be great to make my move. What do you think?

Don't do it. While there are some attractive professional educators walking the halls of Texas Tech, especially those lovely ladies in the political science and Russian language departments, it's best to steer clear. Typically these relationships become more complicated than they are worth.

Sports editor Bryan Wendell, who also has a significant other, tries his hand at answering some e-mail:

Q: I'm having a real dilemma that I think could make or break my relationship. How do I convince my girlfriend to go to the strip club with me?

Sorry, my friend, but I must admit I never have that problem. See, my girlfriend expects me to go (and even pays sometimes) because she dances Thursday, Friday and Sunday nights.

Q: Some call me donkey, but I play "Dungeons and Dragons," collect stamps and love Star Trek conventions. How can I meet a girl who will be my Klingon princess?

Umm, you better get ready for a life of living with your parents and bragging about your hot online girlfriend from Denmark. There is no one for you.

Q: So B-Dub, what's the worst thing about having a long-distance relationship with your lady?

Well I don't know what the worst thing is, but I know what the best is. When we're having our "deep conversations" on the phone I usually can get away with playing Xbox or taking short catnaps.

Q: I just went on a date with this great guy last week but he still hasn't called me like he said he would. What should I do?

Just wait him out; he'll call you.

Q: What do you do when another guy wants to talk to or hang out with your girlfriend?

Well, I have strong feelings about this matter, though you may call me overprotective. I say charge by the half-hour and make him pay up front.

Q: Hey man I went out with this fine chick about a week ago—do I need to call her some time soon?

What are you, a girl? Wait her out, man; don't be soft.

Q: I'm stuck in a relationship I can't get out of. How do I end it?

Well if you want to be single, just dump her and get out. If not, keep her there until you find an adequate replacement. There's no need to stray too far to find your new girl; check out her cell phone's phone book for some great options.

Q: What do you do when you and your girlfriend can't agree on what to watch

on TV?

That's easy. Put it on ESPN and throw the remote in the trash.

Q: If you're so smooth, what are you getting your girlfriend for Valentine's Day this year?

Well, I don't mean to brag, but I'm the romantic type, so I got her a gift card to Hooters and "Terminator 3" on VHS.

Q: Man, I'm in a bind. I've got two girlfriends, both of whom I really like, but my wallet is aching from the constant dates. What do I do?

It's an easy and fun solution: three-way. No, you pervert, just call one and then click over and call the other so you all can discuss the situation like adults.

Now that you see how "married" men would answer your queries, guys want the single perspective. For that we go to Joey Kirk, managing editor:

Q: How do I pick girls at the gym? I've been going to work out, but I haven't caught any looking at me. What do I need to do?

I don't have any idea. I didn't even know Tech had a gym. Oh wait—it's that big building next to the Market. Yeah, my friends go there, and they usually can't land any chicks. It's probably 'cause you smell. Go take a shower and go to a club if you want a girl.

Q: Around this time of year, I get really depressed cause I don't have anyone to kiss or buy presents for. What should I do on Valentine's Day?

Prepare to be lonely yet again with that kind of speech. You should probably find a better way to say that, and maybe do something to get over it, like drowning yourself in the bottom of a liquor bottle. Hell, that's what I would do. But I have to work.

If you get really bored, there's a big game on campus, and it's probably the biggest that's gonna be here. Go to the United Spirit Arena to check out Tech play Kansas. Either way, have fun.

Q: The girl I knew I was going to marry just broke my heart. I thought she was the one. Have you ever been in love?

Of course. I probably fall in love about eight or 12 times a day. Just walking around this campus, I catch the eyes of several pretty ladies, and I think they should be the one—at least that day or hour. That's the reason I'm single.

There are thousands of gorgeous girls on this campus, so I'm pretty sure there's more than just "the one" you are speaking of. Walk around after class, find the first one you see and talk to her. Get her number and maybe you'll be changing your mind about your old flame.

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Valentine's Day used as avenue for activism

NEW YORK (AP) — Chocolates and flowers still abound, but Valentine's Day is acquiring a new, politically tinged layer of symbolism: For many activists, it is now the date of choice to mobilize on matters of the heart — advocating abstinence, decrying divorce, rallying nationwide to demand gay marriage.

Across the country, teens from hundreds of schools and youth groups will make chastity pledges Monday on the "Day of Purity" — organized by the Liberty Counsel, a Florida-based conservative legal group.

In Arkansas, Gov. Mike Huckabee and his wife, Janet, will renew their wedding vows in the presence of hundreds of other couples at a ceremony promoting the state's covenant marriage law — a voluntary system that makes divorce harder to obtain. "The nation will be watching as we take a stand for marriage," the Huckabees' invitation says.

And at statehouses, courthouses and city halls nationwide, gay-rights supporters will be rallying in support of gay marriage as Valentine's Day serves as the centerpiece of Freedom to Marry Week. Similar observances have occurred annually since 1998, but this year the mood is more combative as state after state moves to entrench bans on gay marriage in their constitutions.

"There's a greater appreciation this year of how much more work there still is to do," said Evan Wolfson, a gay-rights lawyer who heads the Freedom to Marry campaign. "The hits we took last year were sad but predictable."

Last year, 13 states enacted constitutional bans on gay marriage, seeking to thwart any ripple effect from court rulings like the one that legalized same-sex marriages in Massachusetts. Legislatures in at least a half-dozen more states are considering similar bans this year; Kansas lawmakers already have placed such a ban on the ballot for a statewide vote April 5.

"We are at a moment of peril right now where our opponents are able to stampede people into adopting these discriminatory amendments, depriving them of the time to take a deep breath and embrace fairness," Wolfson said.

Monday's events include rallies for gay marriage in Milwaukee, Portland, Ore. and Tampa, Fla., and at the statehouses in Maryland, New Mexico and Washington state. In Richmond, Va., gay and lesbian couples plan to apply for marriage licenses at City Hall, then be united in ceremonies performed by a minister from the Metropolitan Community Church. Same-sex couples in California plan to request marriage licenses from their county clerk's office.

A very different crowd is expected Monday evening at a North Little Rock arena for the marriage celebration in Arkansas — where voters overwhelmingly approved a gay-marriage ban last year.

"This fun-filled, romantic evening will encourage and equip you as a couple to go the distance," said the Huckabees' invitation, which promised entertainment from a Grammy-winning gospel singer and inspirational speeches from marriage experts.

The governor, in a telephone interview, said he wants to make more Arkansas aware of covenant marriage — an option in which couples pledge to go through lengthy counseling before any divorce, unless there is a dramatic factor such as physical abuse.

"We're trying to combat the idea that covenant marriage is some kind of holier-than-thou religious act," said Huckabee. "It's an admission on our part that keeping a marriage together is very hard work;

it's a commitment that if the marriage hits a crisis, we'll see counselors before we see lawyers — and see if we can work it out."

Arkansas has one of the nation's highest divorce rates. Thus far, few couples have exercised the option of covenant marriage — about 600 in three years out of roughly 40,000 marriages that occur annually in the state.

Organizers of the Day of Purity, being held for the second time, said young people from roughly 2,000 schools and church groups have signed up to participate. They are encouraged to wear white T-shirts as a symbol of purity, and to hand out flyers to fellow students on such topics as promiscuity and sexually transmitted disease.

"Students are bombarded with the message that they should become sexually active at a young age and to experiment with their sexual preferences," organizers said in a statement. "The Day of Purity offers the youth who strive for sexual purity an opportunity to stand in opposition to a culture of moral decline."

Rena Lindevaldsen, the event's national coordinator, said students themselves — not adults — were doing much of the organizing. School officials and teachers in some communities were wary of promoting the Day of Purity for fear it would be seen as a religious activity, she said.

Why choose Valentine's Day for the event?

"The focus is so much on going out on that special date," Lindevaldsen said. "It's a good time to be thinking about making wise choices."

"It's a good time to be thinking about making wise choices."

— RENA LINDEVALDSEN
National Coordinator of the
"Day of Purity"

Climbing

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adventure race was cancelled this year.

Clay Thomas, a senior anthropology major from Longview, said he was excited about the festival.

"The competition used to be just a competition, but now it's the festival," Thomas said. "We wanted it not to be about the competition but about coming together as an outdoor community in Lubbock."

The festival draws people from throughout the southwest, with the majority coming from New Mexico, Texas and Oklahoma. Many participants, however, are from in the Lubbock area.

"For being in West Texas, where anywhere you want to go is a minimum of three hours away, the Tech outdoor community is amazing," Thomas said.

Kevin Flatt, a freshman mechanical engineering major from Coppell, was ready to compete, although that was not the reason he came to the festival.

"I just came for the fun of climbing. I know I am not going to place or anything," Flatt said. "I just wanted to try the new routes."

Flatt said he was happy to be climbing and was not nervous about competing, especially when he was climbing.

"When I am up there, I'm thinking about the next hold, next move, where my feet are going," Flatt said. "The most difficult thing for me is pushing myself to the next level, getting myself to climb the route I haven't climbed yet."

Erpelding said the festival is a community event.

"It brings the outdoor community together for the whole weekend in Lubbock," he said.

Every participant in the competition received a grab bag and a T-shirt. There were more than 60 participants in the competition, and about 175 people came to the film festival on Friday night.

Grace Targ, a senior from Richardson, is a regular at the wall since she learned how to climb there.

"I started climbing in the summer this summer," Targ said. "So, I am pretty new at this."

Targ, a biology major competed in the competition with her boyfriend, with whom she learned how to climb.

"You just come to the wall and you meet a lot of people," she said. "It is a community. Everyone who climbs here is so nice, and it is just real laid back."

The outdoor pursuits staff began to remove all the old routes a week before the competition. Preparation required 240 hours of route setting. There were 40 new vertical routes for the competition.

Assistant Director of Recreational Sports Outdoor Pursuits Jordan Messer was pleased with the festival.

"Yeah, it's a competition, but we kinda get away from the competition feel," Messer said. "One of my staff describes this as a party, not a competition. It is about camaraderie. Alex Lowe was once asked if he was the best climber in the world. He said, 'The best climber in the world is the one who has the most fun.'"

Jobs

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of engineering and science, according to the study. The defense department and NASA need engineers and the threat of bioterrorism has increased the government's need for scientists, according to the study.

Robert Shindell, director of the Rawls College of Business Career Management Center, said he has known about the federal government's need for business employees for a few years.

"About 80 percent of their work force would be eligible to retire in the next 12 years," he said.

According to the study, the U.S. population will increase at a slower rate than in previous years. This will result in a slower growth rate of available workers, which will create tight labor markets, especially during times of prosperity.

After realizing the opportunities this would have on business students, Shindell said he has been in contact with federal agencies to encourage recruiting on the Tech campus.

"We are actively going out and

asking them to recruit on our campus," he said. "And this response has been very strong."

Shindell said students do not realize many jobs exist in government.

"The majority of students still do not realize the opportunity the federal and state governments offer," he said.

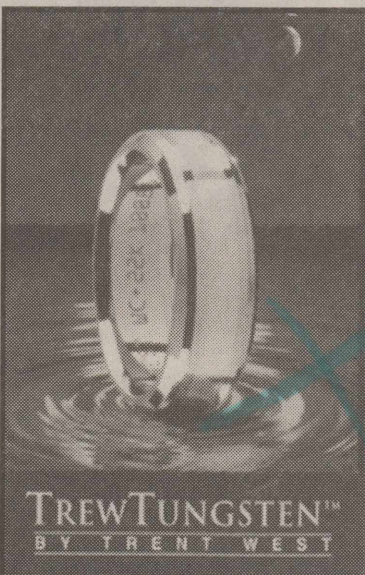
There are opportunities for students in all aspects of the business world, Shindell said.

"There are opportunities across the board in all entities," he said. "The government is a business and needs people with a business background and an understanding of business."

Shindell said he tries to make students aware of job opportunities with the federal government, but many students are hesitant because they believe the salaries are low.

"Salaries for the federal government have been adjusted, and they're very comparable to that of the private sector," he said.

The biggest decline in demand is for support staff, according to the study. The use of technology is changing work processes and skills requirements. More routine work is either being contracted out or overtaken by technology.



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Alaniz

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Musick also said Alaniz was a well-read and articulate man.

"(His family is) distraught and proud at the same time," he said. "He was supposed to be back in the States in March."

Alaniz's father died in a car accident, Musick said, when Alaniz was 6 years old.

"His brother Mark said at (Alaniz's) eulogy, how many people actually do what they dream?"

Musick said. "He always said he wanted to fly."

Thelma Alaniz said on fallenheroesmemorial.com, a Web site that commemorates soldiers who have died in Iraq, she knows her husband does not regret going to fight the war.

"He was proud of what he was doing out there and I know that he was in peace his final moments of life," she posted on the site. "He knew that he was doing something to defend our country, family and friends and most of all bring change to this world of chaos that we now live in."

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— and on his ability to inject energy and enthusiasm into the Democratic ranks. They point to the former Vermont governor's successful tenure as chairman of the Democratic Governors Association, to his tireless work last year for state and local candidates whom national party leaders were neglecting, to his ability to attract legions of new young Democratic foot soldiers to his presidential campaign.

"The weakness that everyone in Washington is afraid of is almost his strength," said Elaine Kamarck, a Democratic National Committee member who was an early backer of Dean's bid to chair the party. "He actually has the ability to lead people and inspire people. This is not a bad trait in a party chairman."

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By Jeremy Martin/The University Daily

Being single on Feb. 14 means hiding in the dark with a box of tissues or a bottle of bourbon, wishing Mr. or Ms. Right would hurry up and save you from a lifetime of Valentine's Days spent watching the Lifetime Network or reruns of NASCAR.

Or maybe not.

Several single Red Raiders said they have found ways to have a happy Valentine's Day without violins and candlelight.

Rocky Labutta, a junior psychology major from Flower Mound, said he is going to beat the February

blues by having somebody run needles through sensitive parts of his skin.

"My piercing materials are coming in Monday," he said. "So I'm going to get pierced. It should be hella fun."

Labutta said he is getting a frenum piercing in his penis and two vertical bars in his throat. He also may get a bar through his chest, if he can afford it.

Piercing is addictive, Labutta said, so he is looking forward to getting more. Although he has no visible piercing when dressed, he said he has seven. His ears are not pierced.

On past Valentine's Days when Labutta was dating someone, he said he still did not go out on dates.

"I usually would just make up some excuse and go out with the guys," he said. "That's probably why I'm

SATISFIED SINGLES: Tech students share how they are spending Valentine's Day.

"I'll probably just go to the bar with my girlfriends. We'll just drink and hang out. Valentine's Day is overrated anyway."

— NELLE WATKINS
Senior Interior Design Major
from Grapevine

For a needle-free, date-

free evening, Maren Roberts said she will see a play with her sister tonight. Roberts, a senior music major from Lubbock, said she does not regret being single.

"I'm probably going to 'The Vagina Monologues,'" she said. "I won't be missing out on anything."

She said even though Feb. 14 is often referred to as "Single Awareness Day," she will not give in to any cultural pressures to have a date tonight.

"I don't define myself on being engaged in a relationship with somebody," Roberts said. "Life's too short to be miserable because you're single."

Some Texas Tech students have chosen to ignore its implications. Travis Gray, a freshman petroleum engineering major from Flower Mound, said he had not given any thought to his plans, because the day holds no significance for him.

"I don't know," he said. "Valentine's, what day is that? I'll probably be studying calculus. It's just like any other day to me."

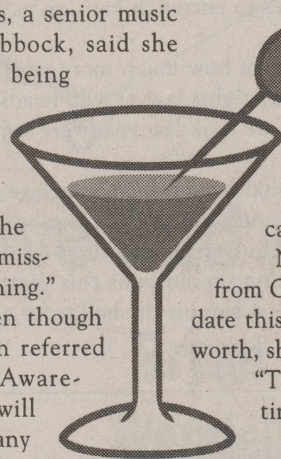
Nelle Watkins, a senior interior design major from Grapevine, said she is relieved to not have a date this year. Going out is more trouble than it is worth, she said.

"The restaurants are always crazy around Valentine's," she said. "It's just a big hassle."

Watkins said she will spend the evening with her roommates, all of whom are single.

Like many students, Watkins said she will probably face tonight with a beverage in hand.

"I'll probably just go to the bar with my girlfriends," she said. "We'll just drink and hang out. Valentine's Day is overrated anyway."



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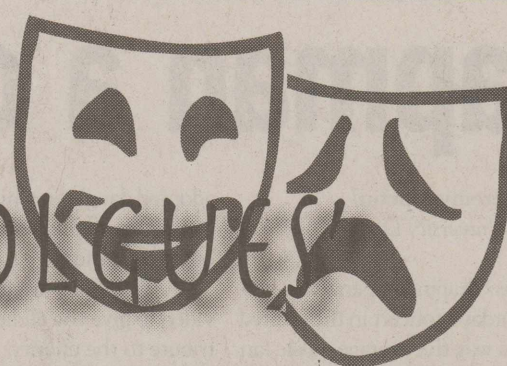
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VAGINAS IN 'MONOLOGUES'



My guess is most guys will avoid taking their dates to "The Vagina Monologues" this Valentine's Day, fearing man-bashing date night hell.

Get a grip — don't flatter yourselves.

Texas Tech's Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance's production of Eve Ensler's "The Vagina Monologues" is a fiercely funny and fetching celebration of the fairer sex — their souls, their spirits, their minds and yes, their vaginas.

Listen up, boys. You might learn something.

"Monologues" is based on Ensler's one-woman play and features a series of monologues about women and their relationships to their "down there." Ensler interviewed a wide variety of women about their vaginas, asking questions like, "What do you call it?" "How would you dress it?" etc. She compiled their answers into a mixture of humorous and heartbreaking monologues that cut deep.

Ensler's award-winning play has become the centerpiece for "V-Day," a day on or around Valentine's Day that works to raise awareness about violence against women. The FMLA's

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production of "Monologues" is a fund-raiser for the Lubbock Rape Crisis Center.

Yet with such a serious cause in mind, the 30 actresses in this particular production obviously are having a blast.

They trot on and off the stage, switching out for different pieces and work the audience like pros.

The monologues themselves vary from topics about vagina names, functions, smells and attitudes.

There also are monologues that tell stories, ranging from cute and funny to tough and brutal. "The Flood" finds a 70-something-year-old woman remembering her first orgasm, "I was 12, My Mother Slapped Me" tells of a young girl's first period and "My Vagina was my Village" details a brutal rape.

What is remarkable about many of the monologues is they show a woman's relationship with her vagina being a direct reflection of her relationship with her herself. How does she see herself? What are her hopes, fears and secrets?

Most of the monologues are played for big laughs, but are anchored by a smattering of serious subjects, which

James Eppler



"The Vagina Monologues" may be a little racy for some tastes. But let's face it — when we look at the deeper, sometimes darker sides of ourselves, it's not always squeaky-clean.

seek to delve deeper.

Despite the sizable cast of 30, there are several standouts.

Velvia Wylie is terrific in "The Little Coochie Snorcher That Could," about a girl's first experience with another woman, and Giselle Tavilglu works reserved wonders in "The Memory of Her Face" and "My Vagina was my Village."

Watch, also, for the hilarious and show-stopping "My Angry Vagina," performed with vigor and zest by Amanda Barnes and Sarah Shaver, rightly placed before intermission.

Most memorable, however, is Mary Housewirth, who has been a Tech The-



AMANDA BARNES, A freshman Theatre and Dance major from Rockwall, lays across the stage in anger during her duet scene in Friday's performance of "The Vagina Monologues."

atre jewel. She makes no appearance in "Monologues" until the second-to-last piece, in which she is unleashed like a tiger out of its cage. In "The Woman who Loved to Make," Housewirth is cocked, locked and ready-to-rock as a lawyer-turned dominatrix extraordinaire who loves to make women moan.

It's deliciously filthy fun as she goes through the variety of orgasmic screams, featuring each cast member. Indeed, Housewirth almost walks away with the entire production.

But director Jackie Rosenfeld has full confidence in all of her viva divas. She moves "Monologues" along at a clipping pace, but the cast at times gets over-excited.

Too many times, cast members at the back of the room erupt into applause right at the end of each monologue,

making things feel too rushed.

Calm down, ladies. Let the moment at the end of each monologue sink in with the audience. It will be much more effective.

"The Vagina Monologues" may be a little too racy for some tastes. But let's face it — when we look at the

deeper, sometimes darker sides of ourselves, it's not always squeaky-clean. "Monologues" works because it finds humor in the searching of self.

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Celebrities stealing some of fashion's flashbulbs

NEW YORK (AP) — Fashion designers love it when celebrities wear their clothes on the red carpet — and celebrities love getting fabulous outfits from the designers.

But Hollywood stars and music divas stole some of the spotlight at New York Fashion Week, prompting some observers to ask: Is a catfight brewing on the catwalk?

The main complaints: celebrities can cause an undue delay to the start of a show by attracting swarms of paparazzi or by arriving late.

Celebrities at New York Fashion Week are nothing new, said Suze Yalof Schwartz, Glamour's executive fashion editor at large, but the growing number of paparazzi and entourages have made it harder to deal with.

"Celebrities come to support the designers who give them free clothes, and some (celebrities) are even paid to go," Schwartz said. "The key is for them to stand at the end of the runway, pose once for the paparazzi, make sure the photographers get their

glamour shot and then be done." "It's someone like Janet Jackson who was trying to avoid the paparazzi (at the Bill Blass show) who makes it difficult for the editors who have to get to their seats and have a job to do," she said.

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Chapman a change from typical concerts

By Jeremy Martin/
The University Daily

Steven Curtis Chapman opened his performance at Saturday's concert in the United Spirit Arena in a way the average music fan may not expect.

After thanking everyone for coming out to the show to worship with him, Chapman began to talk about the Chinese girls he and his wife have adopted.

"There are over 50 million orphans in the world today," Chapman said, "Because of the tsunami, there are 10 to 40,000 new ones."

He then sang his "What Now?" which he said was inspired by a trip to a Chinese orphanage, and left the stage so an informational video could be shown on the screen behind him.

The video concerned Chapman's charity, Shaohannah's Hope, named for his first

adopted daughter, which helps families who cannot afford the fees to adopt children from other countries.

A 20-minute intermission followed the video to give the audience a chance to contribute to the charity.

While this kind of thing may have seemed out of place at another type of concert, several of Chapman's Texas Tech fans said his behavior was no surprise to them.

Blake Bednarz, a sophomore personal financial planning major from Lubbock, said Chapman shows his commitment to serving God by taking time out of his show to advertise for a charity. Bednarz has come to expect Chapman to vocally support worthy causes with his music. Chapman, he said, is not one to be timid about his work for the Lord.

"He's a man of his word," Bednarz said. "He's passionate about what he does and what he believes in."

Shannon Henderson, a junior telecommunications major from Lubbock, said Chapman's commitment to God is what separates him from other popular artists. Henderson listens to country music as well as contemporary Christian, and she said Chapman's music is more sincere than that of the average artist.

"They sing for money," she said. "He sings for God."

She said she thinks artists who play Christian music have a nobler motive.

"All the bands here tonight, they're here to sell God," she said. "They're not here to sell us their T-shirts and posters and CDs."

Casting Crowns and Chris Tomlin opened for Chapman at the show. Chapman, 42, is on tour to promote his new album.

The album, entitled "All Things New,"

is Chapman's 17th production. During the course of his career, he has sold more than 9 million albums, scored 41 No. 1 Christian radio hits and won four Grammy Awards.

Bednarz said Chapman's success comes from the effort he puts into writing and recording his songs.

Though Christian music is not always known for its artistic merit, Bednarz said the same amount of time and consideration goes into making it as any secular music.

"Those guys do a lot of hard work," he said. "God puts it in their heart to write a song, and they'll spend a year working on it."

Tye Hayes, a sophomore management major from Lubbock, said this effort by Christian artists shows both in the quality of the songs and the feeling the songs invoke

in the listener after the concert.

"When it's over you feel better than you did when you came in," he said. "You want to go out and help somebody."

This feeling is what separates a performance from a singer like Chapman with that of an ordinary pop music singer. As an example, Hayes pointed out the time Chapman took from the concert to promote his charity.

"It really ends up like more of a worship service than a concert," Hayes said. "It's more about them giving to us and helping us in our walks than anything else."

The giving, spiritual attitude a person takes with them from a Christian concert is what makes it unique, Hayes said.

"I'm going to leave here wanting to study the Bible or donate money to help orphans," he said. "Not just go out and party like you do at the end of a normal concert."



Homer's classics highlight of English department's annual reading marathon

By Jeremy Martin/
The University Daily

Not including event organizers and readers, there were probably five people in the audience when Dustin Farahnak goes to his place behind the podium and begins to read from "The Iliad." The candle, lit at 3 p.m. Friday at the beginning of the English department's 24-hour reading marathon, was still burning after more than six hours.

Farahnak, a senior philosophy major from Houston, said the event had a larger audience earlier in the day, but the auditorium was never packed. Drawing a huge crowd never was the event's purpose or expectation.

"We don't get upset or offended that more people don't show up," Farahnak said. "It's a Friday night at Texas Tech; people have other things to do."

Event organizer and Tech professor Rich Rice said the event would continue into the early morning hours and last until 3 p.m. Saturday, no matter how many people were listening. He said if the audience should dwindle down to himself and English department chairman Sam Dragg, they would take turns reading to each other.

Rice looked up at the candle on the podium, symbolizing the continuous 24-hour reading of Homer's "The Iliad" and "The Odyssey."

"There might only be five or six people here, but the torch is still going," he said.

This year's event was broadcast through the Internet via webcam, and in addition to the 175 people who came to see the reading at various times, Rice said about 60 people across the country viewed parts of the reading on their computer screens.

The event, through reader sponsorships and raffle tickets, raised about \$1,000 for the local public library system and the Lubbock Area Coalition for Literacy. The coalition provides illiterate people with reading tutors.

Rice said the event is a more effective fund-raiser because it not only raises money for literacy but raises awareness of the cause.

"You want to promote literacy in a way that makes sense," he said. "The best way to show the importance of reading is to demonstrate it."

Dragga said the event also serves to help people recall the pleasure literature can bring.

"It really reminds you of the joy of being read to," Dragg said. "It's interesting to see how so many different readers approach the same text."

Readers included not only English majors and professors, but high school teachers and students, five people reading from other parts of the country by video and audio feeds, and 11 readers from the foreign language department.

The readers from the foreign language department read sections of the books in Russian, Arabic, Spanish, French, German, Vietnamese, Chinese and the original Greek.

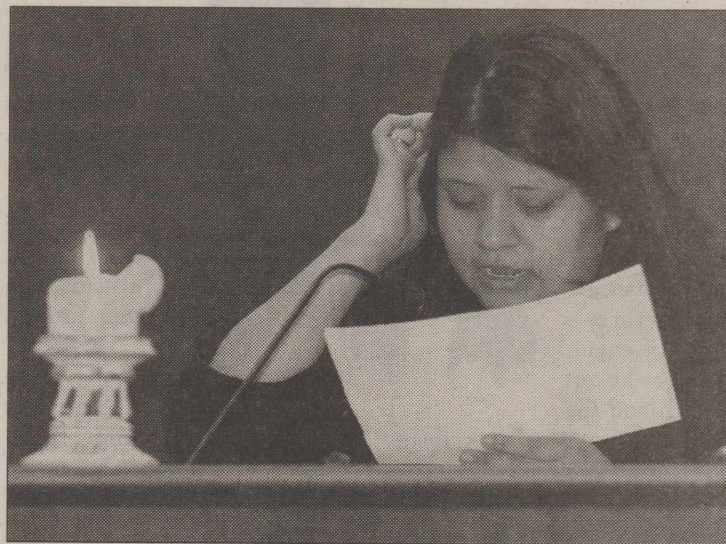
Farahnak, who is a member of Sigma Tau Delta, the English honor society, said he enjoys the foreign language segments of the program.

"That's my favorite part, mainly because I don't have to read," he said. "I don't know the languages so there's no way they can sucker me in to filling in for somebody."

Portions of the program were not confined to readings of the book, either. The event also contained film and documentary clips and two children who acted out part of "The Odyssey" in a sword fight.

This year marked the third anniversary of the original event at Tech, when participants gave a 24-hour reading of "The Lord of the Rings" trilogy.

Farahnak said he helped to pro-



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FABIOLA GALVAN, A freshman mechanical engineering major from Lubbock, contributes her 10 minutes of reading during the English reading marathon of "The Odyssey" by Homer.

mote last year's reading of "Tom Sawyer" and "Huckleberry Finn" by recreating Tom Sawyer's beginning scene. He said members of Sigma Tau Delta constructed a fence in the courtyard by the English building and he stood by it dressed as Sawyer, asking the people passing by to help him paint the fence.

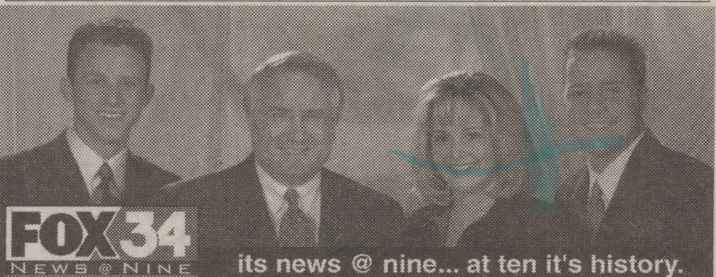
To promote this year's reading of

"The Odyssey" and "The Iliad," the society made a miniature model of "The Iliad's" famous Trojan horse and displayed it in the free speech area on campus.

Farahnak said he was planning to stay at the reading for the entire 24 hours but said staying awake would not be easy.

"I had a test today, so I didn't get any sleep last night either, so I'll probably (get sleep) before it's all over," he said then laughed. "I'll probably fall asleep and get in a wreck on the way home tomorrow."

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Sports

Lady Raiders score fewest points of season in loss

AUSTIN (AP) — Tiffany Jackson got acupuncture before the game to soothe a sore left ankle, then scored 14 points and grabbed 12 rebounds to lead No. 17 Texas to a 64-43 win against No. 13 Texas Tech on Sunday, another key victory in the Longhorns' chase for a third straight Big 12 title.

Almost written out of the league race a month ago, the Longhorns (15-7, 8-3) find themselves in a four-way tie for second, one game behind Baylor.

Jackson recorded her fifth double-double in the last eight games, despite sitting for the first 11 minutes because of a swollen membrane around the joint in her ankle. The condition flared up Thursday.

Nina Norman scored 15 points before leaving the game with more than 13 minutes left with a sprained right ankle, and Heather Schreiber added 10 points for the Longhorns.

Erin Grant led Texas Tech (17-5, 8-3) with 10 points as the Lady Raiders struggled through a miserable 27 percent shooting performance. Tech went 0-12 from 3-point range.

The loss knocked the Lady Raiders out of a tie for first place in the conference standings. Tech hasn't won a Big 12 title since 1999.

Even with Jackson sitting down early, Texas opened up a 19-6 lead as Tech hit just

two of its first 13 shots.

Annis Hastings, who started in her place, snagged nine rebounds in the first half, and Norman, the sparkplug of the offense with her quick bursts in transition, had 10 points as Texas took a 29-21 lead into the break.

Tech cut the lead to 31-25 before a 6-0 run behind baskets from Jackson, Norman and Schreiber.

Norman then hit a long 3-pointer just before the shot clock buzzer that made it 40-27, but she sprained her ankle when she landed on Grant's foot on the shot. Norman had to be carried off the court and didn't return until she came back to the bench on crutches with two minutes left.

Texas did not miss a beat.

Coco Reed replaced Norman and hit Texas' next bucket with a short jumper in the lane. Jackson hit two tough shots in traffic, assisted on another with nifty lob pass to Schreiber and the Longhorns led 48-29 with 10 minutes to play.

Jackson, whose spin move seemed a step slow with the sore ankle on offense, consistently muscled her way through defenders for baskets. Defensively, she harassed Tech shooters in the post on defense, snatching up rebounds as Texas held the Lady Raiders to their lowest scoring output of the season.

Tech slides into series sweep

By Joey Kirk/
The University Daily

Northern Illinois had a hard time overcoming the No. 7 throughout its series in Lubbock.

In each of the three games, the Huskies scored seven runs, still failing to defeat the Texas Tech baseball team at Dan Law Field.

The Red Raiders swept its first series of the season, beginning with a 13-7 win Friday, a 17-7 victory Saturday and closing it out Sunday afternoon with a 12-7 victory.

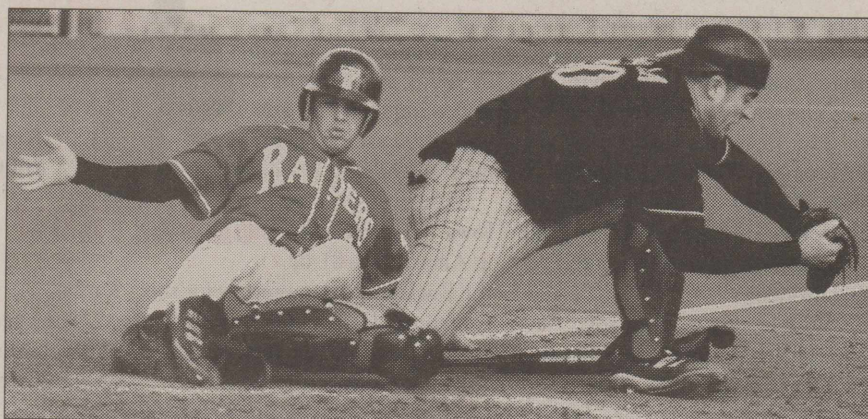
Tech coach Larry Hays registered his 700th win as coach at Tech and is five wins from his 1,400th career victory.

Even though Tech remains undefeated (4-0) thus far this season, Hays said the majority of the season still is to be determined.

"We still have a long ways to go," he said. "But it feels good to win them. You can learn a lot from winning."

In the final game, Tech beat the Huskies, 12-7, with pitcher Joe McCoy earning his second win of the season. He started on the mound and pitched six innings, allowing five hits and two runs.

McCoy said the performance cannot be attributed only to his pitching.



TYSON JEFFREYS/The University Daily

BRIAN CAPPS SLIDES into home during the Red Raiders' weekend series against Northern Illinois Friday through Sunday.

"Our defense kept the scoring at a minimum," he said. "And our offense was able to keep scoring points."

Before stepping on the field, McCoy said pitching coach Travis Walden gave him some needed advice. "Walden was talking to me, and he told me to throw strikes, and it could open up at the plate," he said. "Being consistent is throwing strikes, and to throw strikes, you get the same results as we did today."

Freshman first baseman Chris Richburg went 1-for-4 at the plate Sunday, with

a triple in the third inning, scoring one runner. He said his first collegiate baseball series was overwhelming, but he was able to work the kinks out easily.

"It was a lot of fun," he said. "I was really nervous about this series, being my first, but I'm glad it's over with."

Tech kept a 7-1 lead in the sixth inning before Northern Illinois knocked in four runners to split the gap at two runs.

In the next two innings, the Raiders were able to combine for six hits, driving in five runs to give them the victory.

Tech travels to play Texas Christian Tuesday in Fort Worth before returning home for a three-game series against Western Illinois.

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MEANINGFUL MONDAY

RARING RAIDERS: Tech looks to rebound after upset loss against Iowa State Saturday.

By Joey Kirk/
The University Daily

Kansas is undefeated in conference play. Texas Tech has proven it can be beaten. But Ronald Ross said this fact does not intimidate him.

"Not at all," the Red Raider guard said. "If you wanna win, you can't be scared of nobody."

The Jayhawks (20-1, 10-0 Big 12) come to Lubbock to play No. 25 Tech (15-6, 7-3) at 8 p.m. today in the United Spirit Arena. The game is nationally televised for ESPN's Big Monday.

With a title of that sort, Ross said he looks at the game from a different angle.

"It's just another game," he said. "Our mentality never changes, whether it's Kansas or Baylor or

anybody else for that matter. It's just like any other game, and that's just how we have to look at things."

The fact that Kansas is undefeated in conference play could play in as a fear factor, but Ross said it does not.

"They're a good team or what not, but it's just as important as any game," he said. "There's no difference."

After losing to Iowa State Saturday in Ames, Iowa, 81-68, the Raiders have to prepare for the conference leader and probably the biggest game of the year, as guard Martin Zeno sees it.

"It's one of those big days," he said. "Since I've come into the program, they've showed me, those

guys, that you have to take it one game at a time. It's gonna be a big game."

Ross led the Raiders against the Cyclones, scoring 27 points. But the 13-point loss likely will drop Tech from its Top 25 standings and will make things more difficult in conference rankings as well.



Guard Jarrius Jackson had 19 points in the game against Iowa State. But with the loss behind them, Ross said the Raiders have to look at a higher number in the win column for the rest of the season, beginning with

Kansas.

"Ain't really worried about (losing) right now," he said. "Your main objective is to always win, and never worry about losing."

Returning Sunday, Tech had one day to prepare for the Jayhawks,

but Zeno said one day is enough for any team.

"Coaches are gonna do a good job of preparing for this game," he said. "I think they'll tell us and give us what we need to win this game."

The Raiders only have lost one game at home this year against Oklahoma State Jan. 8. Zeno said Tech will try everything in its power to let it not be the second.

"Naah, (it will not be No. 2)," he said. "Try not to."

Ross agrees.

"Like if you let a team or any opponent, say they want it more than you, you ain't ready to play," he said.

"Will we be ready?" Ross questioned.

"We better be ready," he said. "It's a game that everybody's real excited about, and it's something a lot of people have looked forward to."

Red Raider Athletic Briefs

MEN'S TENNIS: The Texas Tech men's tennis team has a theme for its 2005 season; it does not lose.

The Red Raiders traveled to Abilene and for the second consecutive weekend continued their dominance as they defeated Abilene Christian seven to zero on Thursday.

Assistant coach Toby Hanson was pleased with the way the team has outplayed their opponents.

"We're continuing to play great tennis," Hanson said. "The guys are doing a really good job of putting people away and playing to their potential."

In doubles, Bjorn Saumanski and Michael Innerebner once again showed chemistry by defeating Jason Ray and Casper Steenkamp, 8-6. Esat Tanik and Adrian Pripic sealed the doubles victory for Tech with their win.

In singles action, No. 1 seed Saumanski handled Artin Tafazoli, defeating him 6-0 and 6-2. Tanik, Innerebner, Pripic, Dimitrio Martinez and Teddy DiBlasi all came out on top for the Raiders, helping them go undefeated in singles play.

Abilene Christian will have a chance for a better showing against the Raiders as they travel to Lubbock Wednesday for an afternoon rematch at the McLeod Tennis Center.

WOMEN'S TENNIS: In its second trip on the road against tough competition, the women's tennis team fell to Rice and Houston.

Going 5-2 against No. 38 Rice Friday, the Raiders were successful in their doubles matches, winning two out of three, but only won one singles match.

Texas Tech's Katja Kovacic won her match in position No. 5, after Cigdem Duru, Tara Browning, Janet Durham and Erin Hunter lost their matches

in positions one through four, while Amandine Ferot also lost her match in position No. 6.

In doubles play, Browning and Duru defeated Kimberly Patenaude and Blair DeSesa of Rice, 8-5.

On Saturday, the Raiders came back to face Houston.

Tech's team of Kovacic and Lakann Wagley won, 8-6, while Hunter and Durham fell 9-8, 7-4.

In singles play, Durham, in position No. 3, and Ferot, in position No. 6, won their respective matches. The other four defeats caused Tech to fall to Houston 5-2, making the team 0-4 on the season.

The Raiders will travel to Las Vegas Feb. 24 for the University of Nevada — Las Vegas Invitational.

TRACK: Two new school records at Fayetteville, Ark., show the nation the Texas Tech track and field team can compete.

Shawon Harris set his second school record in two weeks with a personal best time of 7.96 seconds in the 60-meter hurdles. Kelley Schulz hit a mark of 12 feet, 8.75 inches in the pole vault and teammate Dana Rosenblatt matched that mark.

Tech competed against many top teams in the nation, including both the women's No. 1 squad, Stanford, and the men's top team, Arkansas. Big 12 teams in competition included Baylor, Kansas, Nebraska and Oklahoma State.

Kevin Chelimo competed for the second time as a Red Raider and won the 3,000-meter run at the invitational.

The pole vault squad recorded many personal bests, as both Bobby Most and Sage Thames hit the height of 17 feet, 4.5 inches, a provisional qualifying mark.

The women's 4x400-meter relay with Louise Cox, Shereefa Lloyd, Tori Polk and Loretta Sibley also posted a provisional qualifying mark with their time of 3 minutes, 35.11 seconds.

The track and field team will take next weekend off before heading to the Big 12 Championships held in Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 25-26.



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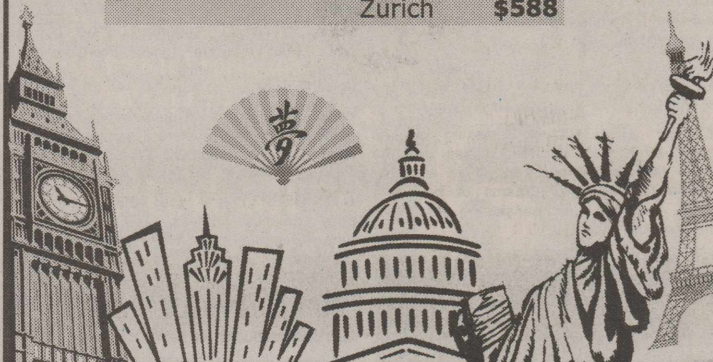
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