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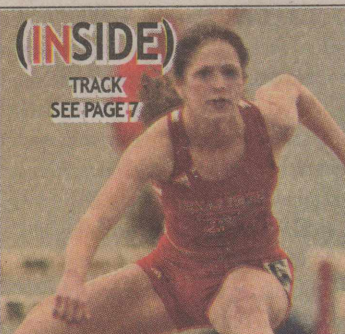
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(INBRIEF) STATE Boardsides with evolution in curriculum debate

AUSTIN (AP) — The State Board of Education tentatively decided to amend school science curriculum standards Thursday, dropping a 20-year-old requirement that critics say is used to undermine the theory of evolution.

The change in curriculum drops the mandate that science teachers address both "strengths and weaknesses" of scientific theory. It would be in place for the next decade.

A panel of science teachers had recommended that the language be dropped.

NATION

Ill. governor's lawyer: I might sue to stop trial

CHICAGO (AP) — Facing almost certain defeat in a Senate impeachment trial, Gov. Rod Blagojevich might ask the courts to step in and block a proceeding that he considers "a sham," a lawyer for the Democratic governor said Thursday.

Attorney Samuel E. Adam told The Associated Press on Thursday that a lawsuit challenging what he called "completely unfair" Senate trial rules is being prepared and could be filed to the state Supreme Court within days, pending a final decision on whether to move forward.

WORLD

Fidel Castro suggests his health is failing

HAVANA (AP) — Fidel Castro suggested Thursday that his health is failing, saying that four years from now he doesn't expect to be following current events.

In an online column titled "Reflections of Comrade Fidel," the 82-year-old Cuban leader appeared to be pondering his own mortality, saying Cuban officials "shouldn't feel bound by my occasional Reflections, my state of health or my death."

"I have had the rare privilege of observing events over such a long time. I receive information and meditate calmly on those events," he wrote. "I expect I won't enjoy that privilege in four years, when Obama's first presidential term has ended."

DEATH TOLL

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U.S. military deaths in Iraq since fighting began

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US envoy in Iraq warns against hasty withdrawal

By ROBERT H. REID
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BAGHDAD (AP) — A hasty departure of U.S. troops from Iraq would carry severe risks, including bolstering al-Qaida and threatening Iraqi progress toward a functioning society, the outgoing U.S. ambassador said Thursday.

Ambassador Ryan Crocker spoke to reporters a day after he and the top U.S. commander in Iraq briefed President Barack Obama on the situation here.

Obama, who campaigned on a promise to end the war, asked the Pentagon to do whatever additional planning was necessary to "execute a responsible military drawdown from Iraq," the White House said Wednesday.

Crocker, who is retiring after a 30-year diplomatic career, de-

clined to say what he and Gen. Ray Odierno told the president during the video hookup. But he noted that the president was committed to a responsible pullout of the more than 140,000-strong U.S. force.

"A precipitous withdrawal runs some very severe risks," Crocker said, including a possible revival of al-Qaida and encouraging "neighbors with less than benign intentions" to influence events in Iraq.

He said al-Qaida had been "much weakened" due to setbacks on the battlefield and a loss of support within the Sunni Arab community.

"But as long as they can cling to some handhold here, they are going to keep trying to literally fight their way back," Crocker said.

"And perhaps most important it would have a chilling effect on Iraqis," he said of a quick U.S. departure. "I think the spirit of com-

promise, of accommodation, of focus on institutional development — all of that would run the risk of getting set aside."

Iraqi officials have said they hope the new administration will stick by the timeline set down in the U.S.-Iraq security agreement that took effect this month. The deal provides for U.S. combat troops to leave the cities by the end of June, with all U.S. troops gone from the country by 2012.

"We are prepared for the worst possibilities," Defense Minister Abdul-Qader al-Obeidi told reporters Thursday. "We cannot leave our country whether these forces withdraw or not. We have plans for the worst possibilities and we mean it."

The chairman of the parliamentary defense committee, Abbas al-Bayati, said Wednesday that Iraq has drawn up contingency plans in

case Obama orders a speeded-up withdrawal.

Obama called during the campaign for a pullout of all U.S. combat troops from within 16 months of taking office.

Although Crocker spoke of the risks of a "precipitous withdrawal," he said that "it's clear that's not the direction in which this is trending."

A Sunni insurgent group, the Mujahideen Army, said Obama's plans don't seem much different from those of former President George W. Bush and urged him to remove all U.S. troops, according to the Washington-based SITE Intelligence Group, which monitors terrorism messages.

In a statement posted on Islamic extremist Web sites, the group said if Obama wants to resolve problems left by Bush, "take your soldiers, all your soldiers, and (those) who came with

them as agents, and fully withdraw them."

Crocker said security and political progress in Iraq "has been significant" but "we can't underestimate the challenges and the time it will take to work through those."

U.S. officials are closely watching a series of elections this year as an indicator whether Iraq has turned the corner and is on the way to lasting stability.

Voters in most of the country will choose ruling provincial councils Jan. 31, with parliamentary balloting expected by the end of the year.

Provincial balloting will not be held in the three Kurdish self-ruled provinces until the regional legislature approves an election law. Voting was postponed indefinitely in the province around Kirkuk because the area's ethnic groups could not agree on a power-sharing formula.



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HOUSING COSTS WILL increase in on-campus housing such as the pictured Chitwood/Weymouth Residence Hall.

Housing cost increases may worsen financial burden on students

By HANNAH BOEN
STAFF WRITER

With housing costs on the rise, some students may look for a cheaper place to rest their heads at night.

Students living on campus or in apartment communities such as The Gateway at Lubbock or University Fountains can expect to see increased rates for the 2009 Fall semester.

"We thought it might hurt us," said Nick Cooke, a community assistant at Gateway, "but honestly, we're way ahead of schedule in filling up our units."

Cooke said monthly rent prices have increased a minimal amount for the fall semester, and he expects the increase to be significant enough to force students living in any apartment to adjust their spending.

Cooke, a sophomore international business and Spanish major, said he believes the new apartments being built in the city allow older apartments to raise rates and still attract residents.

Thanks to a price lock, the Austin native

said existing residents will not be asked to pay a higher rate, but new residents should be prepared to adjust their spending to accommodate an increase in housing costs throughout the city.

University Fountains Leasing Agent Bexy Villanueva said apartment rent will increase at their property, too, even for their existing residents.

"I don't think it will hurt our business at all," she said, "because all the other apartments are increasing also."

Villanueva, like Cooke, said the reason for the increase is the higher rent prices of the newer properties opening next semester.

The senior social work major from San Antonio said the increase may affect some of their residents financially, but most students have help from their parents to pay rent. So, they will not be affected by the increase.

Employees at both Gateway and University Fountains said the rent increase was

caused by new apartment communities opening for the upcoming fall semester, two of which belong to McDougal Properties of Lubbock.

Mike McDougal, president of the company, said it has not instituted any rent increases across the board for apartment properties.

"If somebody is raising rent," he said, "it is probably because they are currently under the market, and newer properties are giving them a better idea of market prices."

McDougal said the two properties under construction, The Edge and The Suites, will be fully complete for the fall semester and will provide approximately 500 units to the Lubbock community.

McDougal said he only knew of one other housing complex that will be available for the fall semester. A less than normal amount of new properties, he said

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Stocks drop with news of earnings

By TIM PARADIS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK (AP) — Wall Street has again succumbed to a disheartening reality — the recession is taking a heavy toll on U.S. companies.

Stocks closed sharply lower Thursday on more bad news about earnings and ever-increasing worries about the banking industry. The major indexes, which plunged and then soared the first two trading days of the week, ratcheted up and down during the course of the session; the Dow Jones industrial average fell as much as 271 points, came close to breaking even and then slumped before closing down 105.

"We're seeing a little bit of increase in volatility because things have not gotten much better," said Scott Fullman, director of derivatives investment strategy for WJB Capital Group.

Microsoft Corp. set the tone for the day and made clear more pain was to come before an elusive economic recovery would emerge. The company surprised investors Thursday morning by reporting its fiscal second-quarter earnings early — and the news was not good. The software giant posted an 11 percent drop in profit and said it will slash 5,000 jobs over the next 18 months.

Microsoft said deteriorating global economic conditions and lower revenue from PC software forced it to cut back. The company also said it is unable to provide any profit and revenue forecasts for the rest of the year because of the market volatility.

Uneasiness about financial companies still plagues investors, and many bank stocks took another beating Thursday. Quarterly financial reports showing steep profit declines and big loan losses have investors worried that the financial crisis is far from over, and that the government's efforts to prop up banks might not be enough to prevent a major failure.

Bank of America Corp. said former Merrill Lynch & Co. Chief Executive John Thain resigned. The company didn't offer a reason for Thain's departure, but it follows news that Merrill Lynch had moved up its year-end bonuses, handing out payments just days before it was officially acquired by Bank of America on Jan. 1. Moreover, some analysts expected that Thain would leave; it's almost inevitable that in the marriage of two big companies, one of the former CEOs leaves soon after the deal is closed. Bank of America fell 15 percent.

More downbeat economic readings, including an increase in the number of weekly jobless benefit claims and a sharp drop in home construction activity, added to the day's gloom.

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Kennedy's withdrawal creates political mystery

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — Caroline Kennedy's mysteriously abrupt decision to abandon her Senate bid gave rise to an ugly swirl of accusations Thursday and feverish speculation over whether she jumped or was pushed.

The 51-year-old daughter of President John F. Kennedy was widely considered a front-runner for the Senate seat until she sent a midnight e-mail to

reporters and Gov. David Paterson saying she was withdrawing for what she described only as personal reasons.

Even though many Democrats had thought Paterson was going to appoint Kennedy any day now, a person close to the governor said Thursday that Paterson had no intention of picking her because he believed she handled herself poorly in introducing herself as a candidate.

Va. Tech tragedy exhibits need for awareness

By LAURA LENZ
STAFF WRITER

The second tragedy in two years struck the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University campus Wednesday with the death of a graduate student.

A Chinese graduate exchange student allegedly fatally stabbed a female graduate student on the first floor of the university's Graduate Life Center in the Au Bon Pain restaurant, according to a Virginia Tech news release.

The victim, Xin Yang, 22, arrived on campus from Beijing Jan. 8 and planned to study accounting, according to the news release. Haiyang Zhu, 25, an agriculture and applied economics major from Ningbo, China, was her alleged attacker. He has been charged with first-degree murder.

Witnesses said no argument occurred between the two.

According to the Associated Press, Yang was decapitated in the

attack. Police also have not established a motive for the attack.

"This community has been through a whole lot and that's a gross understatement. The scenario brings back very difficult memories for a lot of people," said Mark Owczarski, director of news and information at Virginia Tech.

He said this incident was "absolutely devastating."

Police received an emergency call at about 7 p.m., Owczarski said, and they arrived at the scene one minute, 12 seconds later.

According to the news release, the victim and suspect knew each other. Xin Yang, the victim, reportedly listed Haiyang Zhu as one of her emergency contacts.

The alert system for the campus, "VT Alerts," was not activated until almost 45 minutes after the emergency call was received.

Owczarski said because police knew the person responsible for the murder was in the building, they did not believe any threat to the university community was present. Alerts to students were

sent at about 7:44 p.m.

Virginia Tech students are not required to sign up for "VT Alerts," he said, but they are required to accept or decline the service at class registration.

Chief Ron Seacrist, of the Texas Tech Police Department, said he understands the possible dangers of violent acts to the students of the university.

"We're realistic enough to know that we're a part of society and sometimes these things do happen," he said. "I wouldn't say it's preventable (but we are) extremely prepared and we'll respond accordingly."

Because they are unpredictable, he said, the only way these acts can be prevented is if someone is at the scene and in a position to stop the act.

Students at Texas Tech, including AJ Travis, a sophomore political science major from Harker Heights, said they are aware of the reality of campus tragedies.

"The thought's there in the back of my mind," Travis said. "They seem to happen sporadically. I'm not really

worried, but it's possible."

He also said that he feels the campus police would be prepared should such an incident occur.

While students are aware of the possibilities, they seem to be comfortable on Texas Tech's campus.

"I don't think it would happen," said Donovan Hunt, a freshman public relations major from Rowlett.

Megan Jares, a freshman geophysics major from Austin, said she thinks Texas Tech police do a good job protecting the campus.

"There are always cars patrolling or policemen walking around," she said.

Owczarski said counselors at Virginia Tech have been made available for anyone who needs assistance.

"Today was a very somber day," Owczarski said. "Given what we've been through in recent years, it's hard to take this one more time."

This is the second violent event at Virginia Tech since a gunman, Seung-Hui Cho, opened fire April 16, 2007, killing 32 before killing himself.

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THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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- Lead player
- Subtle signal sound
- Pinnacles
- Generic soft drink
- Samoan port
- Expressionless
- BMW rival
- Rx place
- Toss about, as ideas
- Calming look?
- Taiwan currency
- Florida raptor
- Boxer's stats
- Uneasy
- Actress Gabor
- Prank
- Part of USNA
- Small barracuda
- Organs purchased on the sly?
- Slick
- Chemical suffix
- Beethoven dedicatee
- PAT value
- Perk up
- Silver or Leibman
- Noble Italian family
- Chinese secret society
- Kenny Loggins' rhinoplasty?
- Pariah
- Actress Washbourne
- Son of Eve
- Driving maneuver
- Any part of EAP
- Spelling of "Trick"
- Tierney and Tunney
- Speed contest
- Spots

DOWN

- Jazz singing
- Professional golfers' circuit
- "Paper Lion" star Alan
- Wet out
- New Guinea language
- Man-lion figure
- Continental crust
- Grain-field weed
- Convent head
- Necklace fastener
- Isle of ...
- Put a stop to
- Kite backdrop
- Sham doctor
- "Got Mail"
- Mend
- Very much
- China's Sun
- Explosive sound
- Surfing the web
- Became old hat
- Legal phrase
- Ridge Boys
- Frozen over
- Polvre companion
- Small portion
- Colonial blackbird
- Diminutive
- Squirrel's stash
- Not accented
- Thus far
- Val d'... Fr.
- Pesky insects
- Abu Dhabi ruler
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SGA passes resolution to increase transportation fee

By MATT COBB
STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech Student Government Association Student Senate passed a resolution Thursday that will increase student transportation fees to keep off-campus busing.

The SGA passed Senate Resolution 44.32 during the second meeting of the spring 2009 semester, which states that the Student Senate supports a 50 cent increase per credit hour of the transportation fee, according to the resolution. The change would raise the fee from \$3.50 per credit hour to \$4 per credit hour.

"That will allow us to keep the off-campus bus service the way it is and to actually put some money into some of our other (transportation) programs," said Austin Pennington, the external vice president of the SGA.

The resolution is meant to provide a cushion to the transportation department, pending the cost of gas price increases to levels comparable to last summer, he said. If the cost of gas remains stable, the excess funds would be put toward other university transportation programs and saved for emergency situations.

Other transportation programs that could benefit from this fee increase include the on-campus bus system, the Safe Ride Home Program, campus bicycle lanes, and the Outdoor Pursuits Center's Bike Tech program, Pennington said.

The bill does not guarantee an increase to the fee, he said, but it states the SGA and the Transportation Advisory Committee

support its approval.

Pennington said he will present the resolution to Michael Shonrock, the vice president for student affairs and enrollment management at Tech, who will decide whether to pass the legislation to the Tech Board of Regents. They have the final say on whether the resolution will go into effect.

"With all of the student backing behind it, I feel confident that it will be recommended (to the Board of Regents)," he said.

One purpose of the legislation was to have the Student Senate vote on the legislation before it was presented to the Board of Regents, said Brad Bellah, the legislative liaison of the SGA.

Fewer than 600 Tech students voted in a student referendum Nov. 13 on whether to raise the fee. He said while a majority of students were in favor of the fee increase, the SGA did not think that was an adequate amount of votes to represent the entire student body.

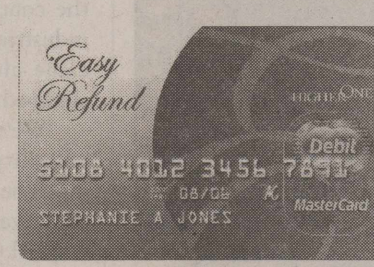
"We didn't feel comfortable presenting that — presenting our case — to raise the fee to the Board of Regents when only 596 students voted for it," Bellah said. "So, we wanted to again bring it before the senate — who, we are the voice of the students, represent all of the students — and let all the senators decide whether or not we should really raise the fee."

The fee would go into affect for the fall 2009 semester if it is passed by the Board of Regents, he said.

"It's going to do a lot of things," Bellah said. "We're going to be able to keep our off-campus busing, and it will also hopefully create a surplus fund for us."

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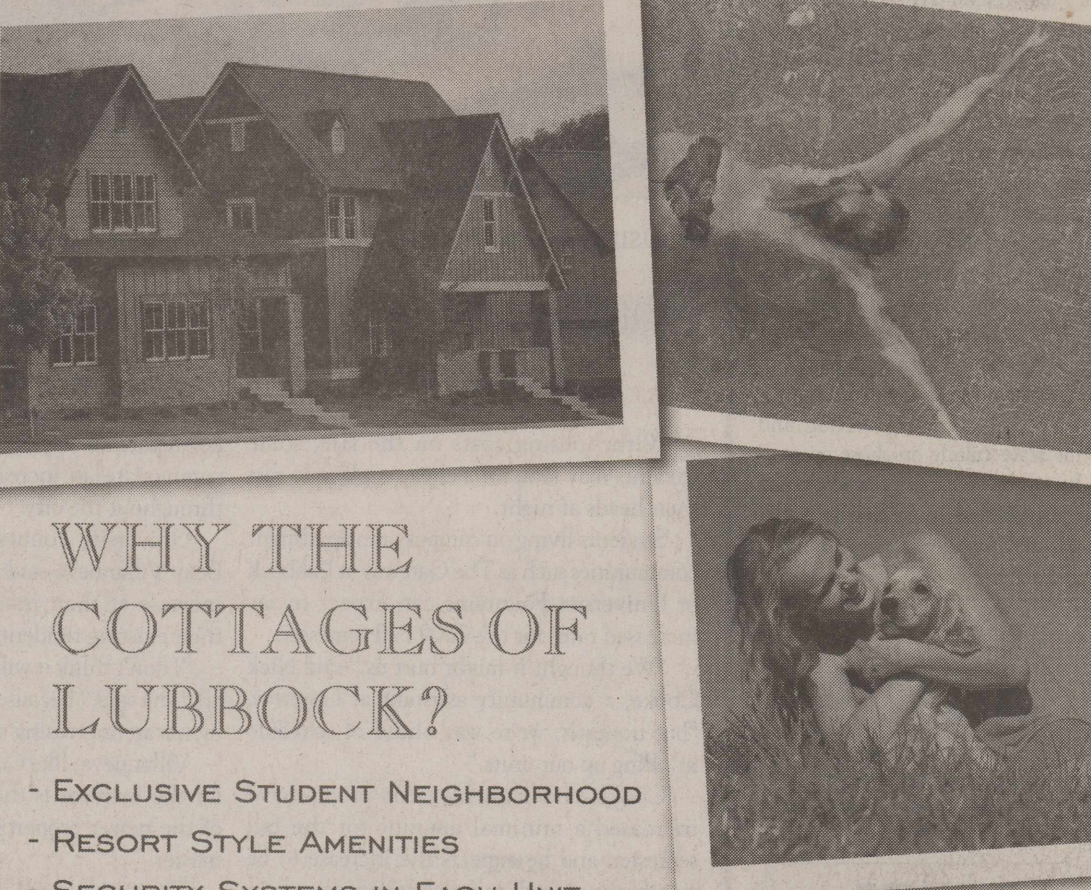
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Business officials, students to take Lubbock to Austin

By MIKE GRAHAM
STAFF WRITER

A delegation of Lubbock business leaders, Lubbock Chamber of Commerce employees, students, and other members of the Lubbock community will visit Austin Monday and Tuesday for "Lubbock Day."

Norma Ritz Johnson, the chamber's vice-president of legislative affairs, said "Lubbock Day," an event that occurs once every two years, is a time for local residents to promote the interests of the Lubbock area.

"A great deal of members of the community will leave Monday morning," she said. "Events start that evening at 5:30 with a reception at Stubbs (restaurant). Our local legislative group will give us some feedback on the happenings in Austin, and the group will hear remarks from Texas Comptroller Susan Combs. All members of the Texas Legislature are invited to the reception on Monday as well as governor and lieutenant governor officials."

Many communities and representatives of industries organize events in Austin with state representatives to

inform the representatives about their respective communities and business interests, Johnson said.

"I think it's always important to remind legislators of the opportunities and challenges the Lubbock area has," she said. "There are a number of communities who do this. I know the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce has a similar 'Panhandle Day' in Austin."

Johnson said the delegation will spend Tuesday at the Capitol and will attend a legislative briefing. A proclamation of "Lubbock Day" also will be announced in the senate and house chambers.

Johnson said most of the individuals going on the trip will travel by air. The travelers are responsible for their own travel expenses, but local businesses contributed to some of the costs in Austin.

College students also will make the trip to Austin in conjunction with "Lubbock Day."

Focus Lubbock, which is sponsored in part by the chamber, is a leadership organization for college students in the Lubbock area, according to the Texas Tech Center for Campus Life's

Web site.

Johnson said a similar group Leadership Lubbock exists for local business professionals. Both Focus Lubbock and Leadership Lubbock will spend time touring Austin landmarks in addition to attending some of the activities planned out by the Chamber and business officials.

Michael Harrington, an assistant director for the Center of Campus Life who is going on the trip, said Focus Lubbock makes a yearly trip to Austin in January.

"What we'll do Monday is spend part of the first day at the LBJ Presidential Library," he said. "Tuesday, we'll be at the Capitol. We'll hear from several government leaders, take some tours and meet with politicians."

Harrington said with legislature being in session this year, the trip should be more exciting.

"This year it's nice because the Capitol is in session," he said. "It's an added bonus that we will be in attendance for the proclamations of 'Lubbock Day.'"

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Appeal stalls sale of Tara West building

By MIKE GRAHAM
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The Tara West building was not sold to a bidder today as expected because a local attorney filed an appeal on the sale.

Lubbock Mayor Tom Martin said a Lubbock citizen filed an appeal for the Tara Swift building, located at 5204 Fourth St. near the intersection of Slide Road and Fourth Street, under the city's historic preservation ordinance.

Tom Whiteside, a Lubbock attorney, identified himself as the citizen who filed the appeal.

"I filed a notice of appeal on Tuesday," Whiteside said. "I was appealing the city's determination to have the building be removed or destroyed. The city has an ordinance that buildings can be registered as local historical landmarks, but only the exterior of the building has to be preserved."

Hypothetically, the city could gut the building but the exterior must be kept, Whiteside said.

Martin said the appeal has been scheduled to be heard by the Urban

Design and Preservation Commission at 9:30 a.m. Monday. The commission will determine whether or not the building is a historical building.

"It was previously determined this is not a historical building," Martin said. "There is a big burden of proof on the person to show it is historic."

Martin said if the Urban Design and Preservation Commission determines the building is historical, the decision ultimately rests with the Lubbock City Council to determine whether to uphold or override the Commission's decision.

Whiteside said his decision to appeal was inspired by preserving the historic landmark in Lubbock in addition to his home in the Whisperwood subdivision near the Tara West building being disturbed by



MARTIN

an increased traffic flow on a potentially expanded Slide Road.

"I'm probably going to lose," he said. "But my interests are preserving the historic building for Lubbock."

The city finalized the purchase of the Tara Swift building in October for \$1.9 million. Initially, the city wanted to move the building to Buddy Holly Avenue to serve as the city's visitor center. After consultants looked at the building, the plan was deemed economically unfeasible.

The City Council's agenda for Thursday indicated the council was supposed to authorize Martin to execute a contract to sell the building to a Mike L. Haggard, but vote the never occurred due to Whiteside's appeal.

The City of Lubbock designated the Tara West Building a Lubbock Historic Landmark on Feb. 14, 1980, according to a historical information section of the building's Request For Proposal. It was built in 1941 and constructed to resemble the "Tara" home from the movie "Gone With the Wind."

The building stands in the way of widening Slide Road to five lanes and extending the road from its present end to Loop 289. City officials said the building must be physically moved or demolished.

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Drugs and \$57,915 confiscated by police

A Lubbock police officer arrested two men during a traffic stop Wednesday afternoon for possession of multiple illegal drugs, drug paraphernalia, unlawful possession of a firearm, and possession of a large sum of cash.

The drugs were hidden in a camcorder found in the floorboard of the car as well as \$57,915 in cash, according to a news release by the

department.

Eddie Dean Ware, 59, and Robert Austin Artmann, 45, were arrested for possession of a firearm by a felon, possession of dangerous drugs, harassment of persons in a correction facility, possession of a controlled substance qualifying as a penalty group 1 offense, less than one gram of the substance; possession of a controlled substance belonging to penalty group 2, one to four grams;

and possession of a controlled substance belonging to penalty group 3, 28 to 400 grams.

According to the release from the department, officers suspect one of the drugs is crack cocaine among other drugs, pending further investigation.

The case still is under investigation.

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Lubbock Police officer struck by own motorcycle

A Lubbock police officer was hit by his own motorcycle in a multiple vehicle crash Tuesday, but only suffered minor injuries.

Officer Jason Lewis of the Lubbock Police Department returned to work Thursday despite receiving minor injuries. Lewis refused medical treatment at the scene.

Lewis signaled for a woman to pull onto the shoulder of 3600 block of the South Loop 289 for a traffic stop, according to the accident report. The officer then left his motorcycle unattended with the appropriate signaling lights ac-

tivated as he advanced to the woman's window.

While most passing vehicles pulled out of the nearest lane or slowed down, one driver swerved away from traffic on the loop and onto the shoulder, according to the report. The driver struck the officer's motorcycle and proceeded to strike the woman's car, bringing his car to a stop.

The motorcycle then hit the officer, who was standing beside the woman's driver-side window.

Traffic must vacate the lane closest to a stationary authorized emergency vehicle in Texas under section 545.157

of the Texas Transportation Code. If that is not possible, drivers must reduce their speed to 20 mph below the speed limit when the speed limit is 25 mph or greater. If the speed limit is 25 mph or less, drivers must reduce their speed by 5 mph.

Violating any of these laws may result in a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of \$500 if the violation results in property damage or a Class B misdemeanor if the violation results in bodily injury.

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By **CASANDRA BLUDORN**
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The Saddle Tramps is a Texas Tech organization based on tradition, and one of its best known traditions is wrapping the campus in streamers the day before a home football game.

"I takes about six hours just to wrap the statue of Will Rogers," said Brentus Perea, as senior exercise and sports science major from Lovington, N.M., who organized the exhibit. "And it takes 40 to 100 guys to wrap the entire campus."

Recently, the organization decided to collect the streamers after each game and put them to use by creating what it hoped would be the world's largest streamer ball.

The group wraps the statue of Will Rogers, the Coaches Bridge, the Business Administration building, and several light poles around campus.

Members used more than 150 miles of streamers to make a ball that is 21 feet in circumference. The streamer ball has been on display in the library at Tech for several weeks.

On Wednesday the organization took the streamer ball apart and removed it from the Library, Perea said.

The organization has applied for the

Guinness Book of World Records, but has not received a response yet. There is no previous record for a streamer ball. So, the Saddle Tramps don't have any competition.

"It was a fun project for the Guinness Book of World Records," Perea said, "but at the same time, by displaying it in the Library, we tried to spread the word about other traditions we are involved in." Next to the streamer ball is a poster board explaining several other traditions the Saddle Tramp members are involved in, including the homecoming bon fire, the bell circle and "Banging Bertha."

"These traditions have been around for a very long time," Perea said, "and it feels great to be a part of that." Perea believes the exhibit was very

effective in letting people know about traditions at Tech because "even if people only look at the poster for a minute, they'll pick something up from it."

Perea says being involved in all these traditions is "a lot of work, but it's all dedicated to the school, and it's all worth it."

He said he believes traditions like these help bring school spirit to Tech.

Because of the huge amounts of time and manpower involved in creating the streamer ball, Perea says next year the organization will focus on something else.

In the past the Saddle Tramps have just thrown away the streamers, but Perea said they felt like this was a worthy effort. They may try to do something with the streamers next year, but it won't be the same thing.

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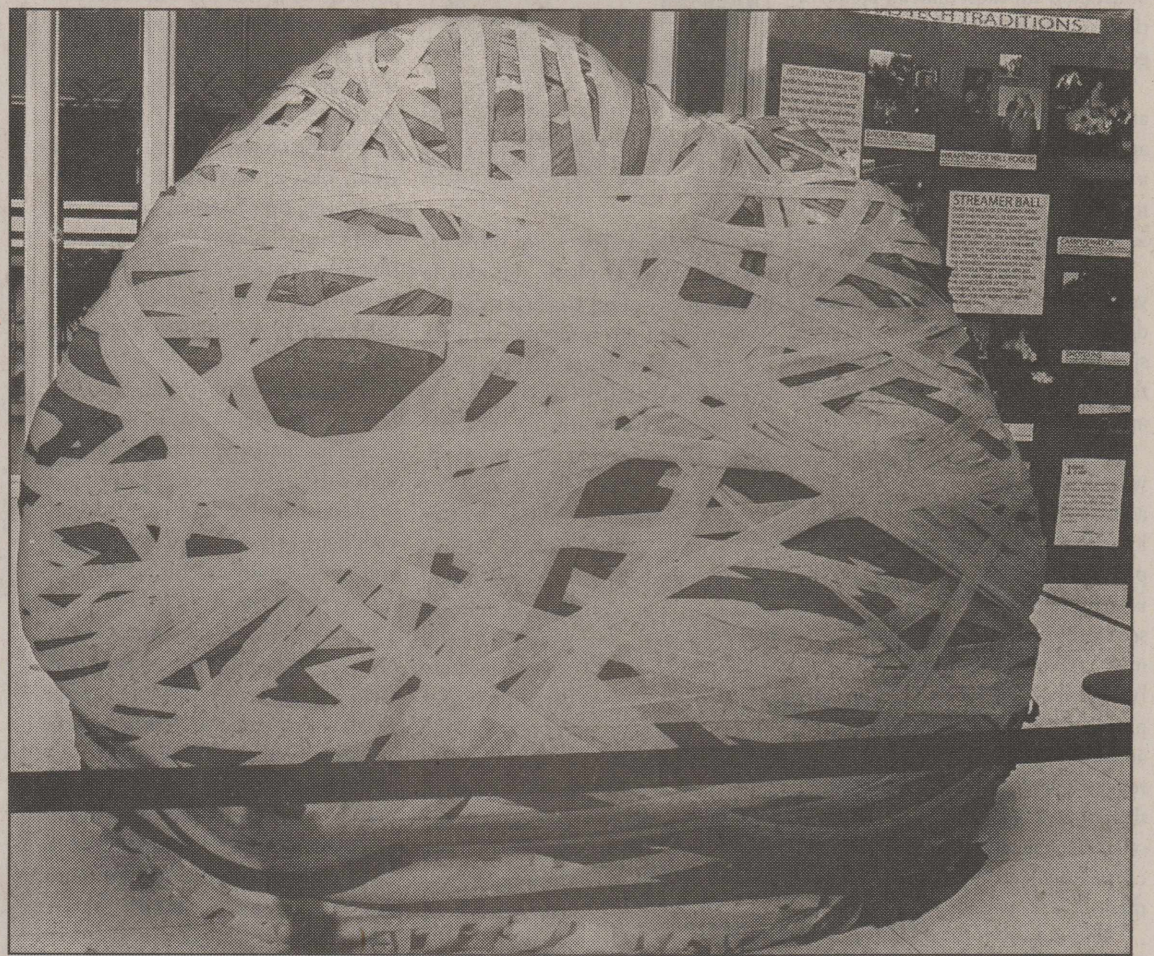


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THE SADDLE TRAMPS streamer ball was displayed near the entrance to the Texas Tech University Library.

Artist creates silhouettes for students

By **HANNAH BOEN**
STAFF WRITER

Students lined up at 11 a.m. Thursday in the Student Union Building to receive a piece of personal art.

Silhouette artist Kathryn Flocken cut silhouettes for about 100 students in four hours. This unique art form requires a pair of scissors, a black piece of paper, and about 90 seconds of cutting.

"I just think it's a very sweet art form," she said, "and I like to bring it to schools where I can expose students to this form of art that is almost lost."

Flocken, who has been cutting silhouettes for 20 years, said she is one of less than 100 working silhouette artists in the world today.

Although Flocken lives in Orlando and spends most of the year cutting silhouettes at Disney World, she visited Texas Tech on Thursday to practice her silhouette artistry with students.

Silhouette artistry was popular during the 18th and 19th centuries, but the arrival of photography put a halt to the art form. However, Flocken said she is determined to carry the historical artistry into the 21st century.

Anthropology senior Chrissy McDonald said she had always wanted to have her silhouette cut and was excited to have the opportunity to see Flocken in action.

McDonald, who is from Lubbock, said she saw the event, which was hosted by Tech Activities Board, as a way to receive a timeless piece of art.



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SHA'TIA SAFFORD, AN anthropology major from Austin, has her portrait made by silhouette artist, Kathryn K. Flocken, Thursday in the Student Union Building.

"I always wanted one," she said, "because your silhouette doesn't change as you get older."

McDonald, as well as other students, said she was impressed to see how detailed Flocken could make the silhouettes in such a small amount of time.

Aspen Teague, a Keller native and the daytime coordinator for TAB, said the

event is something the activities board has been looking forward to because it is different from any other event it has hosted.

"It's so different from other types of art," said Teague, a sophomore restaurant, hotel and institution management major, "and hopefully after today people will know more about this art form."

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Lunar New Year celebration continues with calligraphy workshop Wednesday

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Students were able to have their name written in three Asian languages Thursday afternoon.

The Chinese Student Association continued its celebration of the Lunar New Year with a calligraphy workshop in the Student Union Building.

"Whenever you think about Asian culture, you usually think about calligraphy," said Martha Mouret-Sanders, a graduate assistant at the Cross Cultural Academic Advancement Center.

She said she wants other people to be a part of the culture by experiencing calligraphy as an art and appreciating the meaning behind it.

Mouret-Sanders said the tables set up in the room represented different Asian cultures; students could choose to get their name in Korean, Chinese or Japanese.

She said the turnout was better than the Wish Tree event Wednesday, and she believes more students attended because of the location the familiarity students have with the art of calligraphy.

Asian cuisine and music vid-

eos were available for the international and American students who attended.

At one table, which stood apart from the rest, students could learn to write Asian calligraphy themselves.

Mei-Chun Kuo, an adviser for the Chinese Language Association, wrote names in Chinese for students.

Kuo said many people are fascinated with the Chinese culture, especially calligraphy.

At the Chinese table, names and phrases were written on red strips of paper, not white like the other tables.

"For the New Year, red is considered lucky," Kuo said, "so I write it on red paper and hope it brings them good luck."

She said the New Year is an equivalent of Christmas because she and her family share time together with dinner and other things.

Rebecca Boardman, a history major with a minor in Asian studies,

presented Japanese culture with her Japanese language teacher.

Boardman said she learned calligraphy because part of learning a language is learning how to write it.

She wrote names in katakana, which is the Japanese way of writing foreign words and phrases.

Boardman said students should attend events such as the calligraphy workshop because "getting to know the people we share the planet with is a big deal."

Mouret-Sanders said the association would have preferred to have the Thai culture represented at the event, but the Thai student organization was not able to attend.

She said this is the first time the Lunar New Year has received a week's worth of celebration at Tech, compared to previous years when it was reduced to one night of festivity.

"The students thought they deserved a week's worth of activities," Mouret-Sanders said, "and they

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'Benjamin Button' vs. 'Dark Knight'

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) — "The Curious Case of Benjamin Button" is the Academy Awards heavyweight with 13 nominations, yet the shadow of Batman loomed large with the absence of "The Dark Knight" in the best-picture race.

An epic romance that earned a best-actor nomination for Brad Pitt and a directing spot for David Fincher, "Benjamin Button" was joined in the best-picture category Thursday by the Richard Nixon tale "Frost/Nixon," the chronicle of gay-rights leader Harvey Milk in "Milk," the Holocaust-themed drama "The Reader" and the rags-to-riches crowd-pleaser "Slumdog Millionaire."

The Batman blockbuster "The Dark Knight" had picked up so much momentum from honors by Hollywood trade unions that awards watchers generally thought it would land a best-picture nomination.

"Benjamin Button" producer Frank Marshall said "it was a bit of a surprise" that his movie would not be competing with "The Dark Knight" for the top prize.

"The fact that 'The Dark Knight' did so well at the box office was probably a good thing and maybe a not-so-good thing," Marshall said. "People tend to think films as successful as that are not well made, but certainly, 'Dark Knight' is exceptionally well made."



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Puzzles by PageFiller

In Sudoku, all the numbers 1 to 9 must be in every row, column and 3 x 3 box. Use logic to define the answers.

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Solution to yesterday's puzzle

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FITNESS FRIDAY

Creating a workout routine

The first weeks of the semester are undeniably the most difficult period of time during the school year to fit in a good workout — so come prepared.

Set a realistic goal for yourself, and have a well established plan of attack before you hit the gym. Setting a reasonable goal may be one of the most difficult steps, even for the well-seasoned gym veteran.

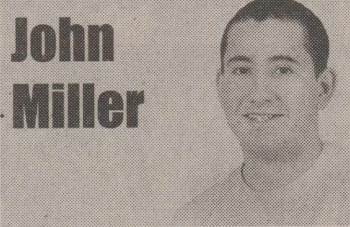
Once a goal is established, build your workout in accordance with your desired end results. The physical time spent in the gym should consist of three parts: preparation, conditioning and recovery.

You should set goals based on what you hope to achieve. Weight loss? One to two pounds a week is safe. Have I seen people lose more? Absolutely, but people put themselves at risk for a nasty relapse where all that weight, and often times more, comes back at them.

The American Council on Exercise recommends the SMART principle when creating a goal: specific, measurable, attainable, realistic and timely.

Most importantly, be true to yourself when setting a goal. For example, if Jeff wants to get in better shape to look good for spring break, Jeff should keep that in mind when figuring out his goal.

The time spent in a gym should



John Miller

On average, conditioning lasts about 20 to 40 minutes. An important consideration for conditioning is that recovery times match up with the work. If you are working for endurance, you should be doing sets of 12 or more at 66 percent or less of your maximum effort, with no more than 30 seconds of recovery time between sets.

If you are building for strength, you should be doing about 70 to 80 percent of your maximum effort for sets of 8 to 12 with 30 seconds to 2 minutes of recovery.

For power training, you should be using a weight that is at least 80 percent of your maximum effort for sets of 1 to 8 with 2 to 5 minutes of recovery time.

Remember, for lean muscle, train with lighter sets for more reps, and for bulk muscle, train with heavier weights for less reps but more sets.

One of the main purposes of recovery is to bring a heart rate down to normal, safely. Recovery is also a good time to get a good static stretch for muscle groups and improve flexibility.

So walk a few laps, bring the heart rate down, then stretch the muscle groups just exercised for approximately 20 seconds each. You will be more flexible and at less risk of injury by not neglecting your cool down. Recovery should last about 10 minutes.

Using this template, you can fit in a safe and effective fat burning, muscle building workout into your schedule in an hour or less. Remember to mix up workouts so they don't get boring and it won't feel like just "checking the boxes" every time you step into the weight room.

So get out there and hit it hard. Good luck, Jeff.

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always begin with a warm up. During this warm up phase, the muscle groups you intend to target during your workout are being prepared for the increased workload you are about to place on them.

Generally, a warm up will last about 10 minutes. During a warm up, you should increase your heart rate, as well as increase blood flow to muscles, which is a good control measure for injury prevention.

If you intend to do a set of sprints, warming up may come in the form of a fast paced walk or jogging. If you plan on working out your upper body, a warm up may consist of the exercises you are planning on doing with a lower weight setting, or a few light sets of push-ups.

During the conditioning phase, you are in the "meat and potatoes" portion of your workout, so remember that you are only cheating yourself if you are doing a few less reps every set because you don't have your old high school coach watching you anymore.

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Reverend Deadeye showcases 'hell-billy' music in performance at Bash Riprock's

Reverend Deadeye lost the sight in one of his eyes from a rattlesnake bite, and he's been traveling the world with a rusty beer can for a microphone, helping people find the Lord where he found Him — "in the bottom of a bottle."

Cowboy hats, leather jackets and bands heckling each other were all scenes at Bash Riprock's on Wednesday night. Traveling one-man band Reverend Deadeye headlined the evening of loud Southern country and "hell-billy" music with support from local favorites the Dirty Charley Band and the Annihilators.

The latter band opened the night with a diverse set of originals and styles reminiscent of funk, punk, country, doo-wop, Latin music, hip-hop and blues.

Leader Charlie Moore, sporting an "I Love Lubbock" T-shirt, had plenty to say in between songs and paused to playfully argue with the always-vocal Dirty Charley in the crowd.

Moore's lyrics dealt with everyone's favorite topic (that would be sex), and the band closed with a new rockabilly song and the fan favorite "All Hail West Texas."

The amps were cranked to eleven for the Dirty Charley band, featuring

Ben Williams



the aforementioned notorious Dirty Charley. Lubbock's Man in Black came prepared to spew venom into the PA, giving the crowd his prime anecdotes about killing cheating girlfriends and worshipping the Dark Prince.

The supporting ensemble behind him didn't miss a note, hammering out their unique brand of metal-country for the diehard fans up front.

As they usually do, the Dirty Charley appropriately ended their set with a cover of the AC/DC hit "Whole Lotta Woman."

Reverend Deadeye closed the night with an energetic performance that lasted well after 1 a.m., and he musically warming the crowd of their eternal fate. Homemade cardboard signs surrounded his set, with messages like "Bless Your Sinning Ass Soul" and "Drink Ye Damn Sinners."

The set itself was just as DIY and comprised of prosthetic hands, drumsticks attached to foot pedals, and a little alien

sitting on top of a big bass drum in front. Stomping the percussion parts with foot pedals and violently slide-picking his beat-up guitar, the Reverend shouted into his famous beer-can microphone spiritually-influenced tunes, turning the bar into a location for an unconventional religious revival of some sort.

Reverend Deadeye wore a white blindfold for part of the set, and screamed at the top of his lungs with the fury of a fire-and-brimstone Southern Baptist preacher.

Deadeye's bluesy hooks meshed well with hillbilly rock and traditional country Hank Williams might have enjoyed, and the "preachers" raspy, echoing vocals were reminiscent of Tom Waits and the Black Keys' Dan Auerbach.

Barhoppers who stuck around were treated to loud, rocking country in the east corner of the legendary Hub City dive bar.

It's safe to say that after the diverse sounds of the Annihilators, the evil riffs of Dirty Charley, and the spectacle that is Reverend Deadeye, no one left disappointed.

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Housing Costs

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generally means students should expect to pay more for housing.

"There's been a lot less construction than what we've seen in the past 10 years," he said, "and as occupancy moves up because of the lack of new construction, we will see a lot fewer move-in specials that people have been enjoying over the past few years."

Sean Duggan, director of University Student Housing, said on-campus housing costs also are rising 2.9 percent for the fall semester, which ends up at about \$70 per year.

Student housing costs were not increased last year, Duggan said, but the minimal increase could not be avoided for next semester.

Duggan said he encouraged students who are finding the rise in apartment

rent too extreme to consider living on campus.

He said he did not know how significant the increase in apartment rent would be to students, but felt, besides being affordable, there are several perks to living on campus.

"I do know that students who live on campus outperform those who live off campus," he said.

Instead of stressing about making living arrangements in advance, Duggan said

students can sign up for campus housing anytime by visiting the department's Web site.

About 1,400 upperclassmen already have chosen to live on campus next semester, Duggan said, and he hopes more upperclassmen who find apartment living to be expensive will look into on-campus living. Student housing will provide \$21,000 in scholarships to upperclassmen who live on campus.

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Tech travels to Mizzou, looks to halt road skid

By ALEX YBARRA
MANAGING EDITOR

By escaping Stillwater, Okla., with a narrow win against Oklahoma State Wednesday, the Missouri Tigers did something Texas Tech has not accomplished in a long time: win a hard-fought game on the road.

Watching the game probably made Tech forward Nick Okorie want a taste of what that would be like, so he said he conducted some scouting of his own while witnessing the Tigers fend off OSU.

"They pressure pretty hard, and they're a fast-paced team," he said. "But when people pressure it's easy to get them out of the flow just by passing hard and getting them out of position, giving us position where we can make layups and get wide open shots. When they're pressuring hard, they're gambling. When you gamble, you tend to make mistakes if the other team is being patient."

The Tigers hung on for a 97-95

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victory despite having a 15-point lead with 4:10 remaining. The Cowboys rallied back, holding Missouri to no field goals and six free throws during a 19-6 run. All the way to the final play, OSU had plenty of opportunities to complete the comeback, but none of the shots fell.

The Red Raiders will try to slow down Missouri at 12:30 p.m. Saturday in Mizzou Arena in Columbia, Mo. In order to do that Tech will need an improved 40 minutes of basketball than its last few games, in which Tech had sloppy performances against TCU, Baylor, Texas and Colorado.

"We just haven't shot well in about four or five games," Tech coach Pat Knight said. "When that happens, I think the offense is gonna be even better."

Coming into the game against

the Tigers, Tech (11-7, 1-2 in Big 12 Conference play) has a 1-14 record in true road games dating back to last season, and the Tigers (16-3, 3-1) have won 13 consecutive home games — a Mizzou Arena record.

Despite the history, Tech forward Mike Singletary said a win against Colorado Tuesday gave the team enough confidence to feel optimistic against Missouri.

"We haven't gotten a win on the road this year yet, but we feel like this could be the game for us," he said. "We feel like they're a good team, but we're also a good team, and we feel like if we go in there and just play the way we know how to play, we can get it done."

Singletary's presence in the paint should be key against the Tigers. He scored 20 points — including 12 points in the waning minutes — against Colorado Tuesday after a surprising outburst by Knight a few days earlier.

Knight said he wanted a vocal

leader on his team, and Singletary must have heard, seeing as how the sophomore hoisted Tech on his shoulders to put Colorado away. But Tech will need more than just Singletary to steal a game in Mizzou Arena. The Tigers are led by forward DeMarre Carroll's 15.7 and Leo Lyons 14.2 points per game, while guard Zaire Taylor ranks eighth in the nation with a 3.05 assist-to-turnover ratio.

The Tigers are as quick and efficient as basketball teams come. Nationally, Missouri is tied with No. 5 North Carolina for first in assists per game (19.8), second in scoring margin, second in assist-to-turnover ratio and third in steals per game (10.8).

"Top to bottom, they're a good team from the guys they bring off the bench to the starting lineup," Singletary said. "Their big guys are really good. They play inside-out and create matchup problems so we're gonna have to buckle down, contain their guards and play good defense."

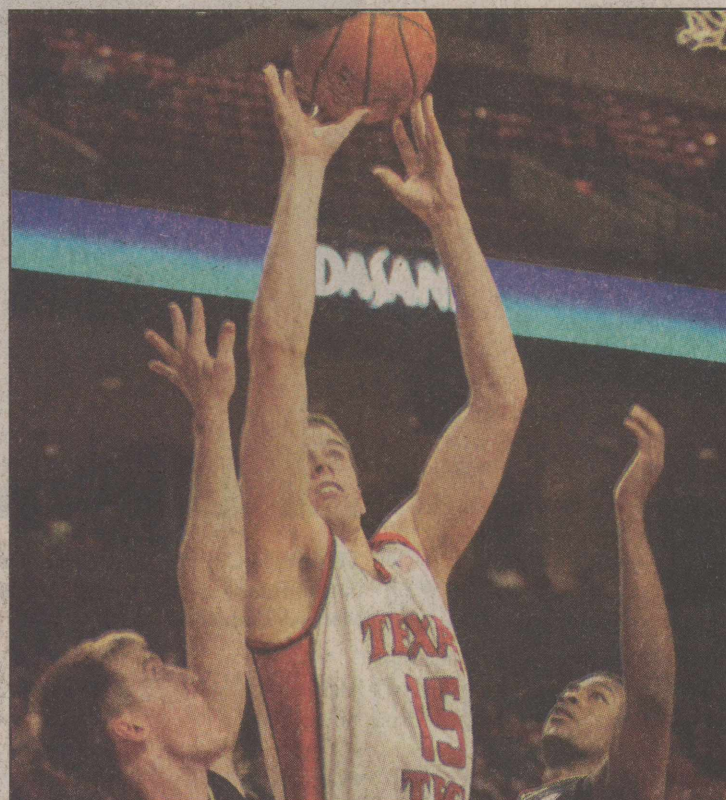


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TEXAS TECH CENTER Robert Lewandowski attempts a shot against Colorado Tuesday in the United Spirit Arena.

Lady Raiders want better offensive performance against No. 5 Baylor

By ADAM COLEMAN
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The short-term memory Texas Tech women's basketball coach Kristy Curry tells her players about has never been more important.

After a 60-48 loss to No. 18 Kansas State Wednesday, the Lady Raiders (11-6, 2-2 in Big 12 Conference) have no time to take a breather, as No. 5 Baylor (16-1, 4-0) visits at 1 p.m. Saturday in the United Spirit Arena.

After facing the top team from the Big 12 North, the Lady Raiders now have to face the top team in the

conference.

"The approach is going to be 'we've gotta get ready for Baylor,'" Curry said. "We're going to do everything we can on Saturday. Good or bad, then we're going to get ready for Colorado. Good or bad, then we're going to get ready for Oklahoma State."

Baylor and K-State have the most overall victories in the conference so far this season with 16 apiece.

The Lady Raiders did not have a good showing on offense against the Wildcats, shooting 32.2 percent from the field on 8-of-26 shooting.

Tech was down by two at the half

but a 16-2 run in the second half propelled K-State to the win.

Curry said the offensive woes cannot happen against a team the caliber of K-State.

The same might be said against arguably the best team in the nation.

The Bears are coming off a 64-61 win against No. 9 Texas A&M Wednesday thanks to a three-point play by Danielle Wilson with 4.8 seconds left in the game. With the game tied, Wilson made a layup as A&M's Danielle Gant foul her. The converted free-throw was all Baylor needed to walk out of College Station with a win.

But Curry said there are a lot of similarities between K-State and Baylor, which may explain why the two teams are atop the Big 12 so far this season.

"(Baylor is) a legitimate Top-10 team in the country," she said. "They've got kids in Jhasmin Player, Rachel Allison. When you start looking at their team, the reason they're where they're at, it's a lot like Kansas State, because they've got kids that have been in this league for four years and are seniors."

Tech will face the best offensive rebounding team in the nation with Baylor's conference-leading 45.6 a

game. No one has more rebounds than Baylor, as the Bears have 776 and Oklahoma is second with 744.

Wilson leads the team in rebounding and scoring with 8.5 and 15 points a game.

Allison scores 12.2 a game and Player leads the team in steals with 31 on the year.

Having a hard time making a basket against K-State should prepare the Lady Raiders against a team of a higher caliber, Tech forward Jordan Murphree said.

"I think it was frustrating," she said. "But I think we put that frustration on ourself. We weren't going

through the things like we needed to. Our effort wasn't there. I think we just gotta learn from that and we gotta come out strong against Baylor."

Although nights where the offense is not productive can happen, Curry said the big accomplishment would be making sure Tech never runs into a night like it did Wednesday.

"These kids are doing everything they can," she said. "We had a night we hoped we wouldn't have. The biggest thing that you could do as a player is make sure you don't have a second one."

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