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Students take car to competition

Tech vehicle solely powered by batteries to compete with 12 other universities

by Matt Green

Staff Writer

The Texas Tech School of Mechanical Engineering began competition in the 1999 Future Car Challenge today.

The university sent 10 students and a modified 1997 Chevrolet Lumina to the first phase of the competition at Oakland Community College in Auburn Hills, Mich.

Tech and 12 other universities will submit modified automobiles to be judged by government and automotive industry engineers in the areas of fuel economy, exhaust emissions, range, acceleration, braking, handling and drive-ability.

Research assistant and Future Car team leader Erle Rawlins, a senior engineering major from Amarillo, said Tech will enter an entirely electric car powered by 52 rechargeable

"There is absolutely no flame combustion on board," Rawlins said.

The electrical car, which requires no motor oil for operation, has no transmission and only one gear.

"All of the car's torque is produced at zero RPM," Rawlins said.

Tech originally had planned to use a fuel cell to convert hydrogen and oxygen into electrical power, but the donated component failed to

"We had a problem getting the fuel cell to produce reliable energy," Rawlins said.

Of the 13 schools participating in the competition, only Virginia Tech will be using a fuel cell.

Rawlins said the change in power source means Tech will not be able to compete in cer-



Finishing Touches: Brian Shaffer, a graduate student in advanced vehicle engineering from Lubbock, looks on as Gary Tucker, of Idalou, decals Tech's Future Car. A group of 10 Tech students will enter the modified 1997 Chevrolet Lumina in the 1999 Future Car Challenge today at Oakland Community College in Auburn Hills, Mich.

tain areas of the competition.

"The car can only go 15 to 20 miles on it's initial charge, so we won't be able to compete in range," Rawlins said.

Still, the 180 horsepower car is expected do well in other areas, including acceleration. Tech also is expected to fare well in the non-performance areas of oral presentation and technical report.

Engineers also will grade the car in the areas of engineering design, technical innovation and consumer acceptability.

The competition, which concludes a four-

year series, consists of several phases. The competition will move from the Oakland campus to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency National Vehicle and Fuels Lab in Ann Arbor, Mich. The competition then will conclude with a display and awards luncheon on Capital Hill in Washington, D.C.

Darrell Vines, Tech professor of electrical engineering, said he is proud of the students' ability to overcome setbacks.

"They have done excellent work to come together as a team and overcome many obstacles," Vines said.

Regents OK Tech pharm school in Dallas

by Angel Wolfe

Staff Writer

The Texas Tech Board of Regents recently approved the establishment of a regional Health Sciences Center School of Pharmacy in Dallas.

This will be an extension of the school located in Amarillo.

Joel Epps, assistant dean of finance and administration for the HSC School of Pharmacy, said the school accepts 66 students each year to begin the four-year program.

"We call this a six-year professional degree," Epps said. "The earliest a student can complete their undergraduate work to enter the program is two years."

Students enter the pharmacy school during what would be their regular junior year. The first year students are called P1 students.

"Students begin their clerkships in their P3 year," Epps said. "There are not enough sites for students to clerk in Amarillo, so students will now be able to finish in Dallas and Lubbock

The students will spend two years in Amarillo and can choose to complete their third and fourth year clerk rotations in Amarilio, Lubbock or Dallas. Plans still are being made for a location to open in El Paso. The number of students that are allowed to go where, depends on the number of placements available for the students to complete their rotations.

The Dallas location is leasing office space at the Baylor Medical Complex and will have two faculty members sometime

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Discovery launches with Tech grad at helm

by Matt Green

Staff Writer

The Discovery space shuttle was launched Thursday with a Texas Tech graduate at the con-

U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Rick Husband will serve as the Discovery pilot for the duration of the STS-96 mission.

Husband graduated from Tech in 1980 with a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering. During his career at Tech, Husband served as a cadet in Air Force ROTC Detachment 820.

Col. Vance Zider, Tech professor of Aerospace Studies, said it was an inspiration to cadets to see someone from a smaller school to

"It is refreshing to see a basic guy from Ama- of Tech with him," Montford said. rillo become one of the military elite," Zider

Zider also commented on how difficult it is to become an astronaut.

"It's a highly competitive field, only the best of the best qualify," Zider said.

Husband took three Tech flags with him on board the ship, and promised to donate one of his mission patches to the university.

In a statement released to Cindy Rugeley, associate vice chancellor of Tech News and Information, Chancellor John Montford said he was honored that Husband took university memorabilia with him.

"We are honored that he took a little piece

Husband was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant upon his graduation in 1980. During his service in the Air Force, Husband has piloted more than 40 different kinds of aircraft, including the F-4 Phantom and F-15 Eagle.

He also served as a part of an exchange program with the British Royal Air Force before being selected to NASA's astronaut program in

The STS-96 mission, which is scheduled to last for 10 days, is only the second mission dedicated to the assembly of the International

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Astronauts zip through space station repairs

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Working fast, astronauts fixed a broken radio, replaced flawed battery packs and installed foam mufflers over noisy fans Monday aboard the new international space station.

They launched into the repairs within minutes of entering the 77foot orbiting complex late Sunday. Several hours later, much of the work was done.

"It literally was open the hatch and run in there and get to work," flight director Paul Hill said, marveling at the crew's speed and precision.

Two of space shuttle Discovery's

seven astronauts immediately went to work on the radio system inside the American-made Unity module, replacing two electronic boxes. The new parts allowed NASA to once again monitor all systems aboard

The radio link from Unity was lost in April, just four months after the module was hoisted into orbit.

"Congratulations, you have a lot of happy flight controllers looking at data," Mission Control called up.

At the same time, Russian Valery Tokarev and Canadian Julie Payette pulled up the floor inside the Rus-

reach batteries that had not been charging right for months

Each of the six batteries has three electronic meters, and each meter needed to be replaced.

By Monday morning, Tokarev and Payette had finished work on four batteries, taking only half as much time as expected.

They planned to wrap up the job Monday night.

The crew also tackled Zarya's noise problem.

When Zarya, the first space station component, was launched by the

sian-built Zarya control module to Russians in November, it did not meet NASA's acoustic standards because of clattering fans. Officials compared the noise level to a busy street corner.

> The concern is not for visiting shuttle crews like this one, which took along ear plugs just in case, but rather for the astronauts and cosmonauts who will spend months on board the station beginning next

> Unless the noise is reduced significantly, or unless they wear ear plugs, their hearing could be dam-

New locations of school to aide in clinical rotations

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in June.

"Eventually we will have four faculty and the dean," Epps said. "We will have to recruit and hire the dean.'

Students already have begun their clerk rotations in Dallas with the help of clinical adjunct faculty that act as a preceptor, or mentor, to the students. The preceptor is trained by the pharmacy school to teach and help the students with what they need,

The Lubbock location, which was previously approved by the board, is located inside the HSC and is complete with a regional dean and faculty.

Students who chose to complete their rotations in Lubbock also began their rotations in May.

Bob Supernaw, associate dean of curriculum and students for the School of Pharmacy, said there will be 18 senior students completing clinical rotations and 18 P3-level students pursuing course work and clinical rotations in Lubbock.

IATA awards DFW Airport

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil (AP) - The Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport has been given the International Air Transport Association's 1999 Eagle Award, in recognition of the airport's responsiveness of the airlines' needs.

Airservices Australia also won similar award for air navigation services.

The Dallas airport won the award this year because of a policy that places airlines as business partners, IATA said Sunday.

Second Tech alumnus in space

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Space Station. The multinational crew will be the first to actually dock with the station and will spend most of the time unloading supplies for future missions.

The ISS is a co-operative effort between NASA, the Russian Space Agency, the European Space Agency, the National Space Development Agency of Japan and the Canadian Space Agency.

Upon his return from space, Husband will be invited to speak to Air Force ROTC detachment 820.

Husband is the second Tech graduate to travel to space as part of a NASA program. Former Tech Regent and graduate of the Tech medical school, Dr. Bernard Harris, was the first.







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EDITORIAL

Texas Senate should pass new drinking and driving legislation

(AP) - Texas legislators have tried and failed in the past to curb the unacceptably high number of people who drink and drive on the state's highways.

They approved legislation that allows law officers to arrest individuals who consume alcohol while they are driving. But the arresting officer must see the motorist swigging from a bottle or beer can before he can

The current law, which was heavily influenced by lobbyists for the liquor industry, has proved largely ineffective in the crackdown on drunken driving. But there is new

The Texas Senate has just approved legislation that would make it a misdemeanor to have an open container of alcohol in the passenger compartment of a moving ve-

Even if a passenger rather than the driver is drinking, it would be a violation. That would eliminate the opportunity for a motorist to hand an alcoholic beverage to someone else when a police officer stops

The open container law, which has been proposed but never adopted in previous sessions, needs to be approved. There is no way for officers to nab drinking drivers when the rules on observation are so stringent.

For many Texans, drinking while making road trips has been a long-held tradition. They consider it a natural freedom dating back to this state's Wild West days.

But the shocking number of alcohol-related traffic fatalities should be reason enough to puncture old traditions. State lawmakers have an obligation to help make our highways safer for all motorists.

Having crossed its first hurdle, the open container law should be approved by the House. Texas already faces the prospect of losing some of its federal highway funds if it does not adopt a tougher stance on drinking and driving.

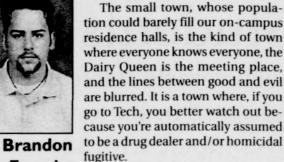
But money isn't the issue here. The loss of human life is.

The Dallas Morning News on open containers

Beware the law in Post

ust below Lubbock, nestled in the beautifully descending Caprock where the flat plains of the Panhandle fade into the rocky terrain of West Texas, there is nice scenery, little civilization and what is quickly becom-

ing known to Tech students as hell on Earth. A hell they call Post, Texas.



Formby During the past year, I have had Columnist two friends tell me about their drives through Post, located about an 30 minutes south of Lubbock on High-

way 84, which ended in Texas DPS officers searching their cars. The first incident occurred after my friends were in a minor fender bender in the heart of the town. Barely any damage was down to either car, but when the officers arrived they asked my friend if they could search his car.

Wait a minute. Correct me if I'm wrong, but aren't cops supposed to have probable cause before they search someone's car? I thought so.

Thinking maybe my friends had done or said something to make the officers wonder if they had any drugs, I sorta of blew it off. Until it happened to one of the two again several months later. I still wondered if maybe the cops did have a reason to search. Since I was not there I wasn't about to make a snap judgement. After all, they're the cops. They're not the bad guys. They just want to help

As I headed home myself this weekend, I went through Post and for the first, yet inevitable, time I was pulled over. Three cops got out of the car and surrounded me looking my car up and down. One informed me I had been going 86 in a 70. That's funny. My cruise was set at 70. As he did that, another cop came to my window. He looked at my parking sticker and asked if I went to Tech. I told him I did. He asked if I had any illegal drugs or weapons in the car.

What what? This made me so angry I couldn't even believe I heard him right, so I said "excuse me" and he repeated it. I told him no. He paused. Then he asked to search my car. I asked, "don't you need a reason to search?" he avoided the question by asking me his question again. I answered by re-asking mine. He told me he did need a reason and again asked if he could search. I then asked if he actually had a reason to search. He again asked if he could search and I again asked if he had a reason. He obviously didn't and it seemed the more I argued about my rights the more nervous he became. But knowing he wanted to bust me when he didn't have reason, I politely told him he could search my car but he wouldn't find anything.

He searched every inch of my car while the third officer stood in front of me between the cop car and my own car. He smiled a smug smile as if he was saying, "you're busted now." I smiled the same smile back saying, "oh yeah?" The ticket-writing cop had long since finished and when the search of my car was complete the searching-cop reported to him. They both whispered for a moment and the ticket-writing cop quickly became obviously perturbed as he gave me a death glare. They didn't find anything and this made them mad.

I took the ticket, told them to enjoy their weekend and left having learned a very important lesson. So my fellow, Raiders, if you're ever lucky enough to travel through Post be careful, keep a lookout and if you know you don't have anything illegal in your car let them search it — it really makes them mad.

Brandon Formby is a junior journalism major from

R S I T Y

Drop-in Fitness Classes

Drop-In Fitness classes are offered to all eligible Recreation Center participants free of charge beginning May 25. Find the class and time that is right for you. Sorry, children 16 and under are not allowed in any classes.

Abs & Back is a 15 minute abdominal/lower back toning and strengthening class.

CardioCraze is an energizing fast tempo class that incorporates hops and jumps into unique floor moves.

Shape and Tone is a muscle conditioning class consisting of exercises to firm, tone and improve flexibility. It will include some use of band and xertubes. A 15 minute Stretch class will follow. It consists of slow, static stretching. No one is obligated to attend the previous class to stretch.

Weekend Express is formatted to the instructor's choice.

Steppin' Out Choose a bench height that fits your ability and step to the music! The class will include a warm-up, aerobic step section, floor exercises and a cool-down.

Total Body Conditioning The perfect mix! A combination of step, hi/lo, low impact, and toning that creates a fun and exciting workout.

Water Fitness Enjoy an aerobics class using the water as resistance. This class is held in the shallow end of the pool so swimming skills are not necessary. A great workout without the joint stress of land aerobics.

Cardio Combo is an intense aerobic workout. The first half is aerobics; the second is step followed by a short muscle conditioning section.

Speciality Fitness Classes

You must register in person with fee in the Fit/Well prior to class.

Don't delay — many fill up quickly.

Boxing Techniques is a non-contact class emphasizing muscular endurance. Participants learn the basics of boxing using various equipment. \$24 and \$6 for handwraps. Th/T 2-4 p.m. 6/3-6/29 (MOU & DM)

Knockout Jam is an invigorating combination of aerobics, boxing, kick boxing and Tae Bo moves. This athletic fitness workout will improve both cardiovascular and muscular fitness. \$12 and \$6 for hand wraps. W/M (intro-SIU/MOU) 6:45-7:45 p.m. 6/2-6/28; Th/T (intermediate MOU/DM) 6:45-7:45 p.m. 6/3-6/29

Spin City—get 'cyched" about a group exercise—try riding the Reebok cycles at your own fitness level. Great for beginners/advanced. W/M p.m. (SIU/MOU) 6/2-6/28; Th/T 5:30-6:30 p.m. (MOU/DM) 6/3-6/29 \$20. Drop-in Sunday class at 4 p.m.—\$2 per class.

Fitness Instructor Training prepares individuals to teach fitness aerobics classes. Gain the knowledge and hands-on experience to learn the "Tricks of the Trade." Wed., 6/2-6/30 3-4:30 p.m.

Women N Weights is an introduction to muscle strengthening and conditioning. It will cover equipment as well as weight training techniques. \$12 6:30-7:30 p.m. W/M 6/2 - 6/28 (MOU/SIU)

Yoga helps to maintain and achieve greater flexibility and strength. This is done by learning a series of postures emphasizing dynamic physical precision and balance. 5 passes are \$20, 10 are \$40 . M/W/F 5:15-6:15 p.m. 6/2-6/23 (SIU/MOU)

Tai Chi is a Chinese internal martial art that is very good for keeping fit and seeking longevity. It includes external physical body movements as well as internal vital energy exercise. Th/T 5:30-6:30 p.m. 6/2-6/29 \$25 (SIU/MOU) **USA Tennis** 1-2-3 is a great way to learn to play tennis. It is group instruction for adult

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Summer events available for campus community

Faculty/Staff CoRec Softball Tournament - June 18-19

All Tech employes on contracts (receiving university benefits) and their spouses are eligible to participate in the third annual tourney of fun and frolic. Rosters and entry fees (\$20) are due Wednesday, June 16 by 5 p.m. in the Student Recreation Center Room 202. Teams can be from one department or just friends. CoRec softball rules are available in the rec sports office. Call Pee Wee at 742-3351 with any questions.

Rec Triathlon - June 6

Ever wanted to try a triathlon? Here is your chance. A 400-meter swim, 11mile cycle and a 2.3-mile run. Open to the Tech community only. Entry fee: \$18 individual/\$35 team. Contact the Fitness/Wellness Center at 742-3828 with any questions.

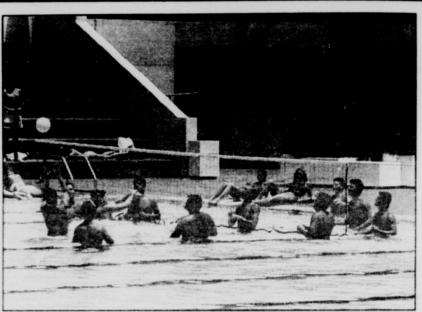
Lunar Lope 1 and 3 mile run -10 p.m. June 28

Enjoy a full-moon run. \$8 entry fee includes a T-shirt. Register in the Fitness/Wellness Center until June 28 or on race night from 9:15-9:45 p.m. at the north entrance of the rec center. Tennis, anyone?

USA Team Tennis and USA Tennis 1-2-3 (classes) will be offered this summer. Call or come by the Fitness. Wellness Center, 742-3828.

Dive-In Movie: "The Waterboy" -dusk, July 15

Join the University Center Activities Office and Rec Sports in an enjoyable evening at the Aquatic Center bring your swim gear if you want to dive-in - don't forget some dry clothes as the evening air is cool. Free.



Waterboys: Students enjoy the cool water, volleyball and the Texas sunshine at the Recreational Aquatic Center. The pool is open from noon until 8:45 p.m. Monday through Friday and noon until 6:45 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Outdoor Program offers workshops, trips

Kayaking Roll Sessions — 6:30 p.m. June 16, July 14 and July 28

These informal sessions are open to all valid rec center users. Beginners as well as experienced paddlers are encouraged to attend. Please pre-register in the Outdoor Shop. Cost: \$3.

Family Camping in the White Mountains of New Mexico - June 12-13

A great get-away for both parents and children in the cool mountain air. All transportation, camping and

equipment and food is provided. You bring personal clothing and an attitude for adventure and fun., Children must be 7 years old. Please have one adult for every two children. Registration deadline: 5 p.m. June 2. Pre-trip meeting: 5:30 p.m. June 3. Cost: \$45/

Pecos Wilderness Backpacking. New Mexico - July 2-5

Enjoy and extended July 4 weekend hiking the alpine mountains of New Mexico. A first-hand opportunity to explore the Pecos Wilderness. Cost includes transportation, camping and backpacking equipment, instruction and meals while at the activity site. Registration deadline: 5 p.m. June 22. Pre-trip meeting: 5:30 p.m. June 23. Cost: \$85

Outdoor Cooking - 5:30 p.m. July 24

Enjoy dinner and learn the secrets of outdoor cooking. Learn how to add variety to your camping meals; food that travel well. Cost: \$3

First Term Intramurals — 742-3351

All tournaments are open to students, faculty, staff and spouses who are valid rec center members. Those participating should register in the Recreational Sports Office Room 202 by the entry deadline listed below. Entries will be accepted the first day of classes each session. Entries to all events are limited, so register early

EVENT	DEADLINE	PLAY DATES
Softball (men's women's, co-rec)	June 1	June 6-June 30
Home Run Hitting	June 8	June 8
Tennis Singles (m & w)	June 9	June 11-June12
Racquetball Singles (m & w)	June 12	June 15-June 17
Racquetball Doubles (m, w, co-rec	June 18	June 18-21

FITNESS/WELLNESS CENTER — 742-3828

Wellness is a style of living that encourages you to achieve your highest potential. The Fitness/ Wellness Center tries to help you achieve these goals by offering a variety of activities as well as providing information on a drop-in basis. The following activities will

be offered this summer:

Personal Training will give you one-on-one help in setting up an individual exercise program. \$21 for three one-hour sessions.

Exercise Testing and Preparation includes medical history, submaximal bicycle ergometer test, body compo-

sition, one repetition max strength battery, sit-ups, flexibility and blood pressure reading. The resulting exercise program includes an aerobic conditioning program on your choice of equipment as well as a strength program. Cost: \$15; SRC faculty, staff, spouse: \$25. Pick up a form in the Fit/ Well Center.

ACTIVITIES:

Cholesterol and Glucose screening will be from 6:40 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. June 10 at the cost of \$8 for a complete lipid profile; \$2 for a glucose reading. Please register by noon on June 10 by calling 742-3828.

Check out **RECSPORTS** online at

www.ttu.edu/ recsports



Student Recreation Center — 742-3351

May 25-August 13: Only the north entrance is open

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May 8-August 29

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Early Bird Lap Swim

Monday through Friday 6:30 a.m. -7:45 p.m.

Spurs 86, Trail Blazers 85

SAN ANTONIO (AP) - On a day when the San Antonio Spurs seemed destined for defeat, Sean Elliott would not let it happen.

The veteran forward made six of seven 3-pointers, including the game-winner with nine seconds to play, as San Antonio came from 18 points down in the third quarter to beat the Portland Trail Blazers 86-85 Monday.

The Spurs' seventh consecutive playoff victory gives them a 2-0 lead in the Western Conference finals. The best-of-7 series doesn't resume



until Friday at Portland's Rose Gar-

Damon Stoudamire, who scored 15 points for the Blazers, missed one of two free throws with 12 seconds to play to keep the door open for San Antonio.

After a timeout, Elliott took the inbounds pass, barely avoiding a steal, then let go from his tip-toes on the sideline. The ball went in and San Antonio had its first lead of the

Tim Duncan had 23 points, 10 rebounds and five blocked shots for the Spurs, while Elliott added 22 on 8-of-10 shooting.

David Robinson of the Spurs scored 14 points.

Arvydas Sabonis had 17 points for the Blazers, while Wallace, had 13

Agent says Irvin wants trade from Cowboys

DALLAS (AP) - Michael Irvin, the Dallas Cowboys' all-time leading receiver, has requested that the team trade him, his agent

The 11-year veteran played a lesser role last season in the Dallas offense under coach Chan Gailev

"He has not demanded a trade, but he has let the Cowboys know if something comes along

that benefits the team and himself, he would be in favor of it," agent Steve Endicott told The Dallas Morning News in Monday's editions.

Endicott said Irvin had not made an ultimatum, and the wide receiver continues to work out regularly at the Cowboys' Irving practice facility, including the twice weekly coaching sessions that began in early May.

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'Star Wars' tops \$200 million mark

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The new "Star Wars" film topped the \$200 million mark in a record 13 days while "Notting Hill" took in \$27.8 million with its mix of Julia Roberts and romance, according to industry estimates Monday.

The only other new film in wide release, "The Thirteenth Floor," opened in fifth place. The science fiction film noir had a disappointing \$4.3 million.

"Star Wars: Episode I — The Phantom Menace" topped the four-day Memorial Day holiday box office with

\$64.8 million, for a total gross of \$205 million in less than two weeks. It took "Independence Day" 30 days to reach the mark in 1996.

The movie's average ticket sales per screen were through the roof at \$21,436, indicating packed houses.

"The movie's like a thoroughbred. We put it on the track every day and it doesn't disappoint you," said Tom Sherak, distribution head for 20th Century Fox.

Now that hardcore fans have seen it, families are the key to the repeat business the movie will need to thrive

as it faces the summer blockbuster season in a month or so, Sherak said.

Meanwhile, counterprogramming paid off big-time for "Notting Hill." Its gross of \$27.8 million was the best opening ever for a Julia Roberts movie.

Her comedy "My Best Friend's Wedding" opened with \$21.7 million over three days in 1997, while the comparable three-day figure for "Notting Hill" was \$22.2 million. "Notting Hill" was playing on about 600 more screens than "Wedding" and ticket prices are higher.

"We are absolutely thrilled," said Nikki Rocco, head of distribution for Universal.

"The Love Letter," also billed as a romantic alternative, tanked in its second week, dropping out of the Top 10 list with a meager gross of \$1.3 million.

One reason: "The Love Letter" starred Tom Selleck. "Notting Hill" had Roberts. Polled audiences said "the main reason they came was for Julia Roberts and the second reason they came was for the romance," Rocco said.

Buyer of Doc Holliday gun adds to collection

MEXIA (AP) — A Houston man who paid \$220,000 for Doc Holliday's shotgun three weeks ago has shelled out another \$130,000 to add the infamous gunfighter's engraved whiskey flask to his collection.

The 1878 flask was considered the crown jewel of a 3,000-piece collection of western memorabilia owned by Jan Harrison, curator of the Old West Museum in Mexia.

Harrison sold most of his collection during a three-day auction that concluded on Memorial Day.

The Houston bidder out-gunned four others, including former Baylor University football coach Grant Teaff, for the flask.

"It's a privilege as an auctioneer

to sell something of this magnitude in history," Scott Franks of A&S Antique Auction Co. of Waco, told the Waco Tribune-Herald. "This was Doc's trademark."

Franks refused to divulge the identity of the Houston bidder, though he confirmed that it is the same man who, in another auction earlier this month, purchased the shotgun Holliday used in the legendary gunfight at the O.K. Corral.

"He owns two pieces of history now," Harrison said after bidding closed on the flask. "After 118 years, it's where it ought to be — two historic pieces put back together. The Lord meant it to be."

Harrison said he believes the top bidder has plans to eventually make

the unique antiques available to the public.

"They are going to put a museum together and they only want the best stuff," he said.

By the time the last item — a framed photo of Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid — was sold Monday night, the auction was expected to reap \$1 million in proceeds.

On Saturday, a custom-made .44-caliber Colt pistol once twirled by entertainer Sammy Davis Jr. in his 1970s Las Vegas stage show fetched \$8,000 from a Pennsylvania museum curator.

Bidders on Sunday paid \$1,100 for Wyatt Earp's business card, \$2,500 for a Confederate soldier's saddle and \$5,000 for an 1863 Con-

federate garrison flag.

"This is one of the finest collections I've seen," said Ryan Grissom of McDade, Texas, one of about 200 people on hand for Sunday's sale.

"I like the guns and Civil War stuff mostly, especially Texas Confederate items. I made a bid for two saddles. Now, I'm wanting to see what I can get for the gambling tables."

Other bidders said there were bargains to be had.

"People weren't paying attention," said Limestone County Constable Jim Boyd.

"I got an original wanted poster of Butch Cassidy and Black Jack Bart. I got them cheap. (\$30) I've already had someone else call me, wanting to buy them back for big bucks."

Sun may add to Y2K problems

CHICAGO (AP) — As if potential Year 2000 computer problems are not enough, stormy weather predicted for the sun next year also could torment Earth's modern technology.

That could mean celebrating the new millennium in the dark, with a dead cellular phone. Ships and planes relying on satellites for navigation might have trouble. Even spacewalking astronauts are at risk.

Researchers, using new techniques, are forecasting the sun is going to enter the most violent and disruptive part of its 11-year cycle. The worst is expected to begin in January, when computers around the world struggle to cope with possible problems caused by the Y2K bug. Severe solar storms erupting with massive bursts of magnetic energy and radiation are expected to continue at their peak until April.

Solar flares and coronal mass ejections — solar explosions that can equal a million 100 megaton bombs — send waves of energy toward the Earth.

They can cause power blackouts, block some radio communications and trigger phantom commands capable of sending satellites spinning out of their proper orbits.

Cellular telephones, global positioning signals and space-walking astronauts all are at risk, experts said Monday at a national meeting of the American Astronomical Society.

There were two pieces of good news: The solar cycle is not expected to be as severe as some in the past, and, for the first time, there may be some warning, thanks to a government satellite that will detect bursts of solar solar energy and send about an hour's notice, said JoAnn Joselyn of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.









Owls fly over Raiders in NCAA championships

by Jason Bernstein

Managing Editor

Just when things were starting to go well for the Texas Tech Red Raider baseball team, the Rice Owls began to heat up.

But unfortunately for the Red Raiders, there will be no attempt at redemption this year.

Tech (42-17 overall) saw its season come to an end Sunday at Dan Law Field in regional action in the 1999 NCAA Baseball Championship.

After posting a perfect 2-0 mark through two games heading into Sunday's final contests, the Red Raiders looked to be the team that would escape Lubbock and head to the super-regionals later this week.

But it was a determined Rice team that, despite dropping its first game of the weekend 8-4 to Wisconsin-Milwaukee, proved to be the squad to escape the Lubbock regional.

"We're just real fortunate to win against such a determined team like Texas Tech," said Rice coach Wayne Graham. "I'm real proud of our guys tonight." Rice (56-12 overall) needed two victories against Tech on Sunday to move on in the tourney.

The Owls jumped out to an early 1-0 lead in the first inning off Tech starter Brad Ralston (9-2).

After a lead-off single from Charles Williams and a double off the bat of Brett Smith, the Owls scored on a run-scoring groundout from Damon Thames.

Tech's bats were silenced by Rice starter Kenny Baugh. He limited the Red Raiders, who were hitting .323 as a team heading into Sunday's play, to four hits in 8-2/3 innings of work.

But it was an unearned run that knotted the game at one heading into the bottom of the ninth.

After getting two quick outs to open the Tech ninth, Brennan Burns walked before Marco Cunningham sent him to third on a single. Ryan Ruiz plated Chris Sampson (running for Burns) as he reached on an error by second baseman Smith.

But the Rice offense picked itself up off the floor in the bottom of the ninth to take game one.

Ralston gave up a lead-off single to Thames, who advanced to second on



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For the Run: Tech catcher Josh Bard awaits a high five from infielder Jason Huth. The Tech baseball team saw its season come to an end Sunday in Dan Law Field against the Rice Owls.

a wild pitch. But it was the tournament's most outstanding player, Will Ford, who made the difference.

Ford drove a 1-2 pitch over the left centerfield wall to propel the Owls to victory.

"He (Ralston) threw a fastball that was left a little bit up in the zone for me," Ford said. "I was fortunate to be able to take it and drive it out."

He finished 3-for-4 in the game with two RBIs and a run scored. But the first contest was not necessarily

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the Will Ford show as the Red Raiders seemed to have their chances to break open the game.

Tech left 11 runners on base in the contest, leaving coach Larry Hays wondering what he had to do to get his team to score runs.

"I don't think I've ever been involved in a doubleheader where we've left so many guys in scoring position all day long," Hays said. "In seven of the nine innings in the first game, we had guys in scoring position. In a game like that, all it takes is one big bit"

Despite falling short in getting the offense going, the Red Raiders were given chance after chance to win, thanks to the pitching of Ralston. Even though he was saddled with the loss, Ralston tossed eight innings of eight-hit baseball, yielding all three runs while striking out five.

"Ralston was just magnificent today," Hays said. But Ralston was not able to take the mound in the second game — a game in which the Red Raiders were in need of starting pitching.

The Owls scored two runs off Tech starter Cade Allison (4-2) in the second inning of game two behind a two-out, two-run double from John Lukin.

The two runs, however, failed to compare to Rice's 10-run, six-hit out-burst in the third.

Rice scored its runs after a lead-off walk to Smith, a single off the bat of Thames and a run-scoring single from Ford. After a second single off Tech reliever Zach Stewart, Steve Rowe gave up a two-run double to Justin Berg in relief of Stewart. Rowe continued on to record two outs before giving way to Shane Wright, who tossed a complete game Friday in Tech's win over Rutgers. After two consecutive Red Raider errors, Wright gave up a three-run homer to Ford to cap off the 10-run inning. It was Rice's first double-digit inning of the season.

"Of course, coming into the tournament, we were worried about scoring runs and we were worried about our pitching and all those things," Hays said. "The one thing we thought we were good at was defense. We had an inning there where we had a couple of errors, and that's just the way it goes."

But to Tech's credit, the Red Raiders never gave up, even after falling behind 15-1 after 4-1/2 innings.

The Red Raiders added three runs in the fifth, one in the sixth and six more in the seventh to cut the lead to 15-11.

After two singles and an error, Tech strung together four consecutive hits, including a two-run double from Ryan Ruiz, to bat around and cut into the Rice lead.

But that was all Tech could muster as Rice closed out the regional and ended the Red Raider's season.

"I really hate this for our seniors ... they have all done a great job for our program," Hays said. "I really appreciate them and I just hate for it to end this way for them.

"They've got a lot to be proud of. They've been great for Texas Tech on the field and off the field. I want to thank them."

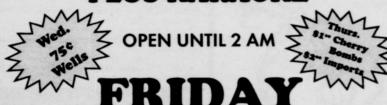
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