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 Friday's closing figures

### STATE

### Nokia job cuts could affect its customers

DALLAS (AP) — Officials with Nokia Oyj, whose U.S. headquarters are in Irving, said laying off 1,500 workers in North Texas was a move designed to cut costs and didn't change its commitment to the region.

They declined to quantify the savings but said they would be significant. The company will move cell phone manufacturing from a Fort Worth factory to Mexico and South Korea.

Nokia, a Finnish firm, joins a growing list of companies that have announced layoffs in the past few months. The cuts offer evidence to many workers that the American economy is slowing.

Nokia will close its factory at CentrePort business park, just south of Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport, and lay off 800 full-time and 700 part-time workers. The cuts will come from its Alliance Gateway Business Park and CentrePort facilities, both in Fort Worth.

Remaining staff will be work at Alliance. The move will have no significant effect on the Irving corporate campus.

NATIONAL

### Continental talking merger with Delta

ATLANTA (AP) — Delta Air Lines, the nation's third-largest carrier, and Continental Airlines reportedly have begun merger talks in which Continental would



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**Arrest made in Birdsall, Ross case** 

Lubbock, Texas

### ■ The boyfriend of Viola Ross' sister has been charged with two counts of murder.

#### By Mara McCoy Staff Writer

Police arrested a suspect Sunday evening on two counts of murder in the Douglas Birdsall-Viola Ross double homicide case.

The suspect, Vaughn Ross, 29, was taken into custody at 5:25 p.m. Sunday at his apartment in central Lubbock.

Bill Morgan, Lubbock Police Department spokesman, said the piece of evidence that tied Vaughn Ross to the crime scene was the tip of a latex glove. The outside of the tip had Birdsall's blood on it, and the inside of the tip had Vaughn Ross' DNA in it.

Morgan said Vaughn Ross is the boyfriend

of Liza Shontell McVade, 20, Viola Ross's sister. However, Morgan would not comment as to a possible motive.

Judge Jim Hansen, Justice of the Peace for Lubbock Precinct No. 1, set Vaughn Ross' bail at \$200,000 for each count of murder.

Matt Powell, first assistant district attorney, said the charges may be upgraded to capital murder.

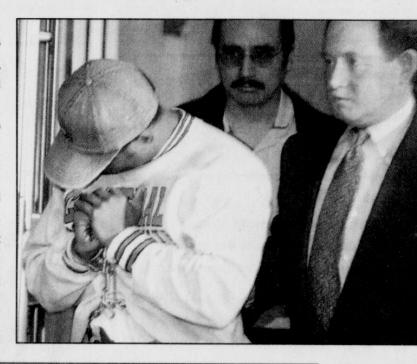
"There were two killed in the same transaction, which certainly leaves (the possibility of an upgrade) open," he said.

Powell said he did not believe there would be any more arrests in the case.

"We're looking at all the people involved," he said. "The investigation is still ongoing, but we believe the facts will come out eventually." Autopsies performed on both victims de-

termined that both Viola Ross and Birdsall died from a gunshot wound to the head. The bodies of Birdsall, 53, who was the as-

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Vaughn Ross is escorted from the Lubbock Police Department to the Lubbock County Court House for his arraignment Sunday evening. GREG KRELLER The University Daily



# Tax plan set to be unveiled

■ Bush to present tax-cut ideas before

acquire the much larger Delta.

The discussions are "very informal" and "in the very early stage," an industry source told *The Washington Post* on condition of anonymity.

Neither Atlanta-based Delta nor Houston-based Continental, the fifth-largest carrier, would comment Sunday.

"Delta has a longstanding policy of not commenting on rumors regarding mergers or consolidation," spokesman Reid Davis said. A Continental spokeswoman referred to a statement the airline gave *The Post*, in which the report appeared Saturday.

"Continental has had and anticipates it will continue to have discussions with third parties regarding strategic alternatives," spokesman Dave Messing said.

### WORLD

### Serbian government may lose U.S. support

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia — Serbia's pro-democracy government may lose financial and political support from the United States unless it shows evidence of cooperation with the U.N. court that indicted Slobodan Milosevic, the republic's prime minister said Sunday.

Prime Minister Zoran Djindjic, speaking at the Belgrade airport after meeting with Secretary of State Colin Powell in Washington, cited a March 31 deadline set by Congress to produce solid evidence of cooperation with the war crimes tribunal.

He said he was warned that failure to cooperate will mean the United States, the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund, as well as other world bodies, could vote against Serbian interests.

"If we don't agree by March 31 on what constitutes 'quality cooperation' with the international war crimes court, it would entail a kind of confrontation that we don't need and, I think, the U.S. doesn't need that either," Djindjic said. GREG KRELLER/The University Da

Rosa Mary Trevino, of Lubbock, takes a closer look Sunday at "Legs Folded," an ultra-realistic sculpture by Milwaukeebased artist Marc Sijan. The exhibit is a tribute to real people and is on display at the Texas Tech Museum.

# Law, political differences plague colleges

### ■ Conflicts between peace officers and administrators cost two peace officers their jobs.

HOUSTON (AP) — Licensed peace officers could face conflict when politics and the law clash at universities, some law enforcement experts say in the wake of two Texas incidents.

Texas Southern University police chief Cordell Lindsey was fired 10 days ago. He said it was because he refused to back off an investigation into the theft of \$4,000 in university funds.

George Hess was dismissed last year as police chief at the University of Houston for reasons he said stem from disobeying a demand from UH administration not to pursue charges against a football player who committed a felony on campus.

In both cases, the universities deny trying to stop the chiefs from doing their jobs and cite insubordination or restructuring of university positions among the reasons for their termination.

But law enforcement officials interviewed in Sunday's editions of the *Houston Chronicle* said the cases spot a weakness in a state law allowing universities and school districts to maintain their own fully licensed and accredited police forces.

A university might want to deal with a crime "in-house" and bypass negative publicity while a police chief believes it should be investigated and prosecuted, the experts say.

"These are certified peace officers who have no choice about whether to investigate a crime or not. If the university fires them for doing so, they have no rights," said Charlie Wilkison, the political and legislative director for Combined Law Enforcement Associations of Texas, or CLEAT, a police labor advocacy organization. "They can be terminated for doing their jobs and enforcing the law. Welcome to Texas."

Wilkison said conflicts like Hess and Lindsey faced are rare but that people like them have limited recourse: appeal their firing to the school — as allowed by state law — or seek reinstatement through a civil lawsuit.

Hess' firing stemmed from an incident in late 1998 when Michael DeRouselle, a starting defensive lineman who was already on probation for a previous felony, forged a university document.

The incident was not reported to the campus police, and Hess found out about nine months later.

Despite an administrative order against it, Hess took the case to the Harris County district attorney's office, insisting it was his duty as a police officer.

DeRouselle eventually was sentenced to four years in the state penitentiary. Hess was fired last July after he told an UH staff meeting that the administration had tried to cover up the incident.

Lindsey said the investigation he maintains led to his Jan. 26 firing pointed to Tiffany Thompson, TSU's special events director. Lindsey alleges that Thompson made a false burglary report last September to cover up the theft of \$4,000, proceeds from a concert.

In both cases, said Harry Caldwell, a former chief of the Houston Police Department, the officers were required by state law to do what they did, even if it meant losing their jobs.

"There are absolutely no circumstances in which certified law enforcement officers should be subordinate to the administration," Caldwell said.

## the American public and Congress.

WASHINGTON (AP) — After two weeks of warm-ups in which he pushed education and religiousbased help plans, President Bush is ready to launch the sales job for the centerpiece of his economic program — a sweeping \$1.6 trillion, 10year tax cut.

The White House has a full schedule of activities this week, starting today when Bush is set to appear with a carefully selected group of American families — much like he did during the campaign — to illustrate the benefits of reducing individual tax rates.

He plans to meet Tuesday with small business owners and on Wednesday scheduled a White House reunion with his tax families from the campaign trail. The outlines of his tax program are to be formally sent Thursday to Congress.

One decision the administration is likely to make before sending the plan is whether to speed up the tax relief by making it retroactive to the first of this year.

"A tax cut now will stimulate our economy and create jobs," Bush said over the weekend. He pointed to what he called "troubling" economic news of rising energy prices, job layoffs and falling consumer confidence that the president said the government must combat.

"He wants to see the tax cut that he ran on pass, not just because he ran on it, but because it's the best thing we can do for the economy," Bush's chief economic adviser, Lawrence Lindsey, said on "Fox News Sunday."

While other aides have indicated that Bush would submit the plan he campaigned on — without retroactivity being spelled out — Lindsey said the president "absolutely" would like it made retroactive to Jan. 1 if that is the will of Congress.

He acknowledged there have been talks with lawmakers about the effective date and, responding to a question, said it probably will wind up being made retroactive to Jan. 1.

Whether Bush succeeds could hinge on congressional Democrats and corporate lobbyists, two groups already putting together their own, quite different, versions of a tax cut bill.

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### **The University Daily** Monday, February 5, 2001

# Student government intents-to-run due Friday

ow is your opportunity to get involved in student government. Sign-ups to run for SGA executive officer positions or a Senate seat will be today through Friday in the SGA office, 230 University Center. All candidates wishing to run for office must file their intent to run by 5 p.m. Friday.

In addition to filing their statement of intent, all candidates must pay a filing fee at the time of \* sign-up. The cost is \$10 for senators, \$15 for senators-at-large . and \$20 for executive office

candidates to be eligible to run. This fee, which will be applied to the operating of the election. may be waived because of financial hardship. Brenda

Schumann

their intent to run, they must attend one of two candidate

seminars in order to be placed on the ballot.

The seminars will be at 6 p.m. Feb. 12 in the UC Bell Tower Room and at 6 p.m. Feb. 13 in the UC Matador Room.

Failure to attend one of the seminars will result in the candidate's disqualification. These seminars will explain the election process and answer any questions the candidates may have.

Make plans now to attend a candidate forum sponsored by The University Daily on Feb. 28.

This event, which will be held at

1 p.m. in the UC Courtyard, will provide Tech students with the opportunity to meet the SGA executive officer candidates and learn more about their various platforms.

General elections will be March 6-7 via the World Wide Web. You can access the ballot with your personal test number and social security number by logging onto the SGA Web site at www.sga.ttu.edu.

Students wishing to receive their personal test number can do so by logging on the TechSIS site or

investigating officers.

"There was no evidence of gunshots when the officers got to the site," Morgan said. "Glass in an alley wouldn't have bothered them.

"Immediately, we drew the correlation between the glass at the site and the shot-out windows on Birdsall's car.' While police will not comment on

how long Vaughn Ross has been a

by presenting a picture ID on election days to election commission officials in various buildings around campus. Watch for more details soon!

election process may be directed to the SGA office at 742-3631, or to Kathy Quilliam, election

Don't miss your opportunity to get involved! Sign up to run for SGA office now

internal vice president of the Student Government Association.

### SUSPECT

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sociate dean of Texas Tech libraries, and Viola Ross, 18, who was unemployed, were discovered Wednesday morning in a shallow gully located at Canyon Lake Park No. 6. Police confirmed Friday that the pair was shot in an allev in the 2000 block of Avenue U, between Ninth and 10th Streets. Police also believe the car was driven from the alley to the park, with both victims still inside the passenger compartment.

Vaughn Ross' apartment, located at 2024 10th St., is less than 100 feet from the actual crime scene.

The crime scene was discovered after police officers went through 9-1-1 call logs for shots fired reports.

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One of the reports police investigated was a report of shots fired in the 2000 block of Avenue U, between Ninth and 10th Streets. When investigators went back to the scene, they found piles of pulverized glass matching that from Birdsall's 1993 black four-door Saab. Since the bodies of Birdsall and Ross had not been discovered at the time, Morgan said, the broken glass was irrelevant to the

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Any questions about the

commission adviser, at 742-4791.

Brenda Schumann is the

suspect, he did say investigators have remained aware of Vaughn Ross' movements.

Police still are unsure as to the exact details of Viola Ross and Birdsall's exact relationship, but Morgan described it as a "casual companionship."

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Pre-Physical Therapy Club will meet at 6 p.m. Wednesday in 113 Chemistry. For more information, contact Amy Brown at 724-5360.

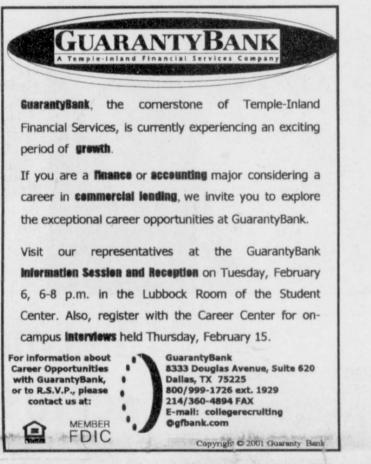


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### Once candidates have declared

Fair 9:00am to 2:00pm in the **UC Courtyard** Tomorrow, February 6!

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Stacy Caldwell, left, a senior petroleum engineering major from Amarillo, helps area high school students determine the perosity of sand during an Upward Bound workshop Saturday.

# **Students discover Engineering Focus Day**

#### **By Kristina Thomas** Staff Writer

About 100 local high school students came together Saturday to discover engineering during Engineering Focus Day at Texas Tech.

The students are part of the Upward Bound program for high school students from 40 different schools within a 50-mile radius of Lubbock. The students range from sophomores to seniors who will be first generation college students.

Students were put into groups and were rotated among electrical, civil, mechanical and petroleum engineering workshops. They learned how to design and make a paper airplane as well as how engineering equipment works and what studies

are needed to enter the field.

After lunch, the groups came together and played "Who Wants to be an Engineer," a spin off of the television show "Who Wants to be a Millionaire," for prizes.

John Rivera, assistant academic dean for Tech's College of Engineering, said the mock game show at the end of the day was designed to show students if they listened they could win prizes but also to show them that engineering can be exciting.

The competition helps them fight for prizes and show what they have learned throughout the day, but also that if they work hard after a few years that they could, in a since, make a million dollars in engineering," he said.

Upward Bound participant,

Brady Ruiz, a junior at Roosevelt High School, said the program helps students look at an array of fields and career possibilities. '(Upward Bound) tries to incor-

porate different fields into things like this," Ruiz said. "This shows us the positive and negative sides of the field. Today I realized that I am not too interested in petroleum engineering, but I like to build things, so maybe mechanical or electrical engineering.

Engineering students from Tech helped with the program and showed students what the field is like and what they do here at Tech.

Jo Mary Franqui, a senior mechanical engineering major from Puerto Rico, has been mentoring at programs like this since 1998. She said these programs are a great opportunity for minorities to learn about the opportunities they have. Franqui also has worked as a mentor for the Texas Alliance for Minorities in Engineering.

There are not many minorities in a field like this, so we let them know what is going on while they are still in high school," she said. "Students come in here clueless as to what we do, but by doing (activities) like this we try to interest them in going to college."

Upward Bound Director Eric Strong said the whole point of the focus day is to give students the exposure to the engineering field. He said the program also shows female students there is a place for them in the field.

### Tech, LCU team up for LOOK POLICE BLOTTER

#### By Kim Wilson Staff Writer

Two Texas Tech students along with two Lubbock Christian University students have teamed up with AmeriCorps, a national service organization, and Lubbock Independent School District to establish LOOK, a citywide mentoring program for grades K-12.

LOOK, Lubbock One-on-One with Kids, is in need of more volunteers and members are taking applications until the end of February.

Tech students Catherine Wright

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and Wess Mitchell, and LCU students Bruce Churchwell and Holly Hester, both social work majors, started the program.

The AmeriCorps students had the ability to create their own program. They learned management experience, legal issues, school administrative and many other development procedures.

The program has been receiving crayon pictures from kindergartners "It makes a big difference."

The target goal is to get 500 volunteers interested, allowing about 10 volunteers to go to each of the 52 schools in the Lubbock Independent School District.

"You can spend (from) 20 minutes to up to a hour with the kid per week or even twice a month," Wright said.

Interested students can contact the LOOK office at 766-1968 or by e-

#### Wednesday, Jan. 31

An officer documented information concerning a 9-1-1 hang up call which came from a Health Science Center doctor's off-campus residence.

### Tuesday, Jan. 30

A car was reported stolen in the C-7 parking lot. However, the officer's report was later marked unfounded when the victim remembered having parked the car in the C-4 parking lot and called police to notify

### them. Monday, Jan. 29

The owners of three vehicles parked in the C-6 parking lot reported damage to their vehicles. The damage appeared to have been the result of ice falling from the KTXT antenna support lines and striking the vehicles.

### Saturday, Jan. 27

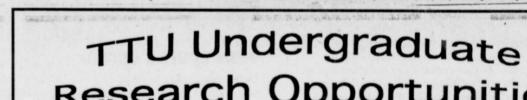
A student reported the theft of

\$200 in cash from 711 Coleman Hall

#### Friday, Jan. 26

The University Center was completely evacuated because of a fire alarm in the first floor elevator. The building was cleared and people were allowed back in after it was determined that UC kitchen staff burned some food which set off the smoke detector.







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### Monday

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# Opinions deas The University Daily

### Column

# Life lessons are taught in college

am beginning to understand the point of getting a degree. And I've figured out it has absolutely nothing to do with a GPA, regurgitated information you could find in an. encyclopedia or becoming scholastically enhanced.

What I have figured out it has to do with is surviving. Our generation does not remember life before AIDS. We can barely remember a world without e-mail. And ever since grade school we have been instilled with the fact that if you want to make anything out of yourself you have to go to college.



I don't believe that anymore. Not because I think college is a waste of money or time (although it is extremely overpriced), but because success in life has more to do with perseverance, ambition and work ethic than it does with a piece of paper. That piece of paper we call a degree,

however, does say something. It says a lot more than we went to class, or we passed everything they thought we should pass. It says we can put up with and survive those unfair processes, systems and people in the world no one bothered to warn us about. College

is an awakening.

Brandon

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Not that I'm complaining. Sure, I wish financial aid could get their stuff together long enough to actually stop screwing with people's lives. And I definitely wish they would stop putting the must unfriendly, unhelpful employees they have at that front desk. Oh and that whole "Go ahead and press four if you're a student athlete" thing the phone says when you call really pisses me off. I realize, however, that by dealing with financial aid we are being trained in the art of patience and restraint when being faced with rude people in situations we cannot control.

If you have ever tried to get something done on campus no matter what it is - then you have been faced with the office runaround. That's the game where you are told to go to one office, only to arrive there to find confused looks before being told to go somewhere else. This usually keeps up until



### Letters to the editor

### **View sparks uproar**

To the editor: My letter is in response to Kenneth Strickland's

Mesquite could be so critical of Lubbockites and West Texans simply because the area is an agrarian and rural society. Often, Mesquite finds itself the butt of jokes from the more sophisticated citizens of the Dallas area because, you guessed it, Mesquite is often perceived as the "hick suburb" of the area. This view, like all stereotypes and especially like Mr. Strickland's view of West Texas, is completely inaccurate, and he should know better. But I guess instead of being open-minded and embracing the differences one encounters in life, he would rather subscribe to the belief that no matter who you are or where you're from, there's always someone else you can look down upon. The four years I spent in Lubbock attending Texas Tech were some of the best years of my life, and the people I met were, and are still now, some of the closest friends I have ever had. Were there aspects of my life in Dallas that I missed when I lived in Lubbock? Were there times when I wished Lubbock could be a little more like the Metroplex? Sure. But there also are aspects of my life in Lubbock that I miss now. The fact of the matter is that my experiences and the people I've encountered in all the places I've lived (Mesquite, Lubbock, Dallas, Houston, Fort Worth) have helped shape the person I am today, and I wouldn't trade a single one of them for anything. My hope is that Mr. Strickland will realize one day that West Texans are generally a pretty good lot, and Lubbock wasn't such a bad place to spend some time

when I say I'm a Christian, I don't claim to be without sin, I simply claim salvation in Christ. I'll be the first to admit that I struggle constantly with the act of sharing my faith. I admit to living in my safe little comfort zone, but I know God calls me to do so much more than just accept him. He says in Matthew 28:19 to go and make disciples of all nations, and in Acts 1:8 that we should be (his) witnesses to the ends of the Earth. Notice that he never said anything about keeping his precious gift from the rest of the world! Shame on me! So I am making a public confession of my failure and will . now seek to obey God's will. After all, he died for me, so the least I can do is live for him.

### The University Daily

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### Column

# **Debate** is necessary

ike many students, I see the editorial page of The UD as a way to entertain myself while I wait for class to start. It helps me take my mind off being crammed between the two guys who got up too late to shower before class for the third day in a row, and it's like watching Jaywalking on "The Tonight Show."

But, like most students, sometimes I get annoyed by the columns and letters that everyone feels so compelled to write. Especially when the people writing them don't really take the time to figure out if what they are saying is true.



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What I want to talk about is a column I read the other morning. In this column, Heath Cheek was trying to put an end to the continuing debates over the merits of Senate Bill 36.03. While I agreed with many of Cheek's statements, I did want

to point out that he made some mistakes while trying to defend his stance.

In his column, Cheek said the plight of the Carillon bells on campus has been ignored by The University Daily. This is wrong. There was an article

there are two different offices or departments who both tell you to go to the other one. It's kind of like the game parents

### Yes, college is filled with slings and arrows they never explained in the brochures. But I don't think I would have it any other way because I'm learning.

play when they keep telling you to go ask the other parent. What this is really doing though is teaching us persistence

in the face of apathy. This is a game played by several entities in the real world - from insurance agencies to human resources to even the damn gas company.

Some of the most important lessons we learn while in college, however, have to do with people. Friends play key roles in everyone's life. There are the friends you see every now and then just to go out and have fun. They teach you about blowing off steam and the need to let yourself have fun.

There are friends you go to when something crappy happens (see financial aid entry, above) because you know they will listen to you. They teach you about support.

And sadly, there are friends who must break off from to preserve your own self-worth. They teach about independence and how the world is full of people who will let you down.

This all makes the world sound like a dreary, depressing place to live. But it's not. For if the key to college is survival, then the key to survival is hope. And sometimes you have to dig real deep to find it.

For every office on this campus that loves to give you the runaround, there's another that's willing to help. For every professor that does nothing but treat you like underclass citizens, there is one who instills a passion for their field within you. For every person who tells you your work is sensationalized journalism and nothing but personal attacks, there is another who thanks you for sticking with the truth. For every person who tries to bring you down, there is another who helps lift you up. For every friend you lose for whatever reason, and in all fairness this is the way of life, there is another you know will always be there.

Yes, college is filled with slings and arrows they never explained in the brochures. But I don't think I would have it any other way because I'm learning. I know there's a lot more out there in the real world that will make us frustrated. But I also know there's a lot of good things out there, too. For everything awful in the world, there is something awesome to temper it. I find beauty in that.

Life, like college, is all about survival. And the way to survive is to suck up all the bad things and look for the ones that give you hope - however small or hidden they might be. We just have to try and do this without letting everyone and everything that goes wrong in our lives make us bitter. Well, except for that whole "Go ahead and press four if you're a student athlete" thing, because, honestly, what the hell?

Brandon Formby is a senior journalism major from Plano. He pressed four once, but they said walking to class does not make you an athlete. He can be e-mailed at brandonformby@hotmail.com.

article, 'Urbanites, Lubbock join hands and sing', published in the Wednesday UD. First of all, playing Limp Bizkit is not a crime. However, playing any kind of music too loud is a disturbance of the peace. Second of all, not wearing a seat belt in a moving vehicle is against the law in every town across this great state (not just Lubbock). One of "Lubbock's Finest" could have pulled over a cowboy playing his Pat Green too loud and not wearing a seat belt just as easily. Mr. Strickland cannot say that he is being discriminated against because of the clothes he wears or because he's from "the city' when right here on this campus there are more nationalities and styles than I can even imagine, and we all coexist together. I, for one, am a Liberal. I believe in controled handgun laws, and I have members of my family who lead alternate lifestyles. I am. just a small town girl. But I am not confined to my hometown of 4,000 people, and I am proud to say that I am more open-minded than Kenneth Strickland could ever wish to be. One word of advice: the next time you decide to knock us Agriculturists think of where that food you're putting in your mouth and those Old Navy cargo pants come from. And be thankful there are people like us in your life.

> Katie Ballard freshman agricultural economics, business administration

To the editor: As both a born and raised Mesquiter and a proud Texas Tech alumnus, I am completely embarrassed that I share any commonality with someone who holds the ignorant and condescending views expressed by Kenneth Strickland in Wednesday's University Daily. It saddens me that someone so close-minded and judgmental has reflected so negatively on the people of two places I hold so dearly. I find it especially ironic that someone from

Jeff Roberts Class of 1987

### **Disciples hold steady**

after all.

To the editor: I would like to extend a big thank you to Brian Ulrich (UD, Wednesday) for issuing such a powerful challenge in his column concerning Christianity v. naturalism. I don't know whether he meant to mock, condemn or inspire the Christians, but I personally chose to take it as a challenge. I hope other Christians heard the calling, too. I'm proud to say I'm a Christian. I know Jesus Christ as my personal Lord and Savior. And yes, I have the cute little fish on my car as well as a Christianradio window sticker. However,

Karen Smith Sophomore exercise sports and science, English

To the editor: Brian Ulrich (UD, Wednesday) is absolutely right. If we as Christians "believe in absolute truth and ... a personal God as well, and if that doesn't dramatically affect (our) lives," then we are in trouble.

Though it may sting for believers to hear this from someone who is not one of us, there often is a huge chasm between our ideals and ourselves. Ulrich has every right to say that because, more often than not, it's true. We do need to be doing more than wearing cross necklaces and plastering our cars with "Got Jesus?" bumper stickers, and it's a shame that the world has to point that out to us.

In our defense, I will say that there is an increasing number of Christians on this campus and throughout the country who are turning from self-centered, idealistic kindergarten Christianity to a more mature, altruistic level of emulating Christ, - but those are hardly the majority.

So on behalf of myself and the other Christians whose goal is to represent Christ the way he would want us to, I concede that Ulrich's article was painfully close to home, and apologize for the impression we give which leads him and others to those conclusions.

> Jill Hoes junior English

about the neglect of the bells in The UD in January 2000. I don't say this to be picky, and I

Like most want to students, Cheek for knowing sometimes about it. I I get just want to point annoyed by out that the obviously columns ticed by and letters students, that and the fact that everyone it took the Student feels so Senate a compelled action on to write.

situation seems to prove that sometimes controversy is the only true way to draw

attention to a subject. I agree that there has been a lot of scrutiny of Senate Bill 36.03. It seems like some people think this bill deserves their attention though. If this weren't the case, they would have gotten tired of it and quit writing letters a long time ago.

Healthy debate is an important part of our democracy. The right to do so lies at the foundation of the First Amendment. People can voice their opinions. Sometimes this is unpleasant if we don't agree with them, but it's a right every American is granted. The editorial page of The UD exists to give students a platform where their opinions can be heard. I realize that I don't know everything. Most of the time I tend to think I do though. I don't agree with a lot of what is said, but I have to put up with it and try to laugh it off because every student has the right to say what they want to as many times as they want to.Do not downplay this right because you think it slows progress.

Cory Chandler is a senior journalism major from Midland and reporter for The University Daily.

# Life of Jesus comes to Tech on canvas Lubbock artist presents Biblical interpretation through 'The 14 Stations' art exhibit



Terry Eatmon, a senior computer science major from Groon, views the "The 14 Stations" exhibit in the Art building's Folio Gallery. The exhibit will be on display until March 3.

### By Cory Chandler Staff Writer

While most Americans know the story of Jesus Christ, few can express the anguish of his crucifixion in modern terms.

"The 14 Stations: A Contemporary Vision of the Passion" is the newest exhibit on display in the Folio Gallery of the Art building at Texas Tech.

Hanson Ling, a Lubbock-based artist from Hong Kong who created the works, said they come as part of a larger project he has undertaken.

Ling said he has devoted himself to illustrating each verse of the Bible and has been doing this for more than 10 years.

In "The 14 Stations," Ling depicted the sacrifice of Jesus Christ using modern metaphors. It gives Christ's crucifixion atmo-

sphere of a carnival with photographers, souvenir stands, contests and court jesters. In some illustrations, Jesus is in the center ring of a circus. In others he is the prop in a movie produc-

tion. In each illustration, a crowd watches on while feasting, laughing and playing pranks on one an-

other. Ling said he decided to do the illustrations when he realized that miracles often go unnoticed in

today's society. "Most people see miracles occur and just don't care," he said. "It's the same today as it was 2,000 years ago.

Ling said these are some of his oldest illustrations, and this is the

first time they have been on display publicly.

Ken Bloom, director and executive curator of the Landmark Arts at Tech, said they might never have been displayed if he had not paid the artist a personal visit.

"I heard about him through some of my colleagues, and I decided to visit him at home," he said. "Ling does his work mostly for himself. I had to get him to pull the works out of his closet.

Bloom said Ling's work caught his attention because it is not typical of most modern artists.

"Not many contemporary artists do work with the Bible," he said. "They either don't know it well enough or think it's too big a risk.

Bloom said he plans to display a much more extensive collection of Ling's work next year.

He said this exhibit will cover Ling's illustrated interpretations of Revelations.

He also said the style of work will be much different from the ones currently on display.

'These will have a vastly different style and approach," he said. "The works are more graphics oriented and architectonic.

Bloom said despite the difference in approach Ling's attitude remains the same in all of his illustrations.

"(Ling's) works are highly reverent," he said. "And he has a deep appreciation and understanding of international symbolism.

'The 14 Stations" will be on display in the Folio Gallery until March 3.

Landmark Arts can be reached for more information at 742. 1947.

### **University Theatre opens Spring season** tonight with production of German play

**By Whitney Wyatt** Staff Writer

The Texas Tech University Theatre will open its Spring season today with Georg Buchner's "Woyzeck."

Shu-lan Miranda Ni, a theatre doctorate student, is directing this 19th Century German play, which is based on a true story. Ni has directed six plays in Taiwan, but this is her first play to direct at Tech.

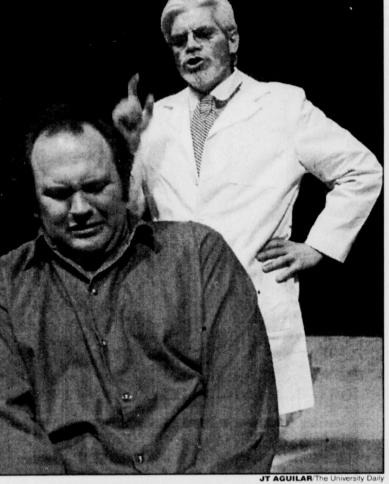
'Woyzeck," which is praised as the first modern drama because of its influences of expressionism, absurdism and naturalism, she said, deals with poverty and injustice of different social statuses.

Ni said "Woyzeck" journeys into the life of Franz Woyzeck, a poor and lower class soldier, who is exploited by science by his army doctor and captain. Woyzeck is subjected to a medical experiment of eating only peas for three months when he learns of his common-law wife's affair with a colleague. Because of the pressures from his environment and his life, he gradually becomes insane.

This script, which was not discovered until after Buchner's death in 1837, is in fragmented scenes, she said.

"Because of the fragmented scenes, it is a challenge for any director who wants to stage this play," Ni said. "The play is known for difficulty."

The leading cast members are: Robby Burt as Woyzeck, Scott Crew as the captain, Robert Wernsman as the army doctor Brittany Venable as Marie



The doctor (Robert Wernsman) chides Woyzeck (Robby Burt) in the play "Woyzeck." The play opens tonight in the Maegdan Theatre. ers are talented." Tech campus.



and Brian Griffin as the drum major.

"I want the audience to appreciate the artistic aspect of the acting and the design," she said. "The cast is wonderful and the design-

The play will be performed at 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday, with a 2 p.m. Sunday matinee, at the Maedgan Theatre, located at 18th Street and Boston Avenue on the

Tickets are \$5 for Tech students with a valid Tech ID and \$8 for general admission.

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# Hey now, you're an All-Star

# Bang on a Can All-Stars to perform as part of NightLife 2000-01

hen you think classical music performances, you think of snooty conductors in coattails waving around a baton with a full orchestra interpreting a piece from Mozart or Bach or the like. When you think of a rock Airports" for concert concert, you think of big hair, lots of guitar riffs and some punk kids pushing their instruments to the extreme.

Now imagine a combination of the two. The instruments like a rock band — percussion, bass, electric guitar, keyboard and sax

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They are called All-Stars because they are exactly that. Renegades of new music. Their performances are extreme. The music they play comes from uncharted territories, breaking new ground, defying new genres, defining music that has no name.

Part rock, part jazz, part classical. Their performance in Lubbock will include Brian Eno's landmark "Music for Airports," a mesmerizing, dreamy landscape of ambient music. Eno did not initially compose "Music for performance, but the Bang on a Can All-Stars got the idea of arranging it for live performances. Their arrangement presents a series of cadences that hover on the edge of resolution but never seem to finalize. The All-Stars bring out the drama in every near-resolution.

Because the cutting-edge nature and uniqueness of the Bang on a Can All-Stars' music, there is little more that can be said to persuade you to attend their concert at 8 p.m. Feb. 17 in the University Center Allen Theatre. Tickets go on sale today at the UCTicket Booth. Call 742-3610 or e-mail UCTicketBooth@ttu.edu for more details.



Bang on a Can All-Stars will be in concert at 8 p.m. Feb. 17 in the University Center Allen Theatre. For ticket information, call 742-3610.

### Contemporary topic: Violence in the media

You are invited to the hunger banquet in a greater understanding of global hunger and the University Center Ballroom on Feb. 11. poverty. Tickets are \$3 for Tech students and A hunger banquet is a unique dramatization \$8 for all others. Proceeds will benefit the of how the world eats and is a powerful tool South Plains Food Bank. For more informathat brings to life the inequalities in our world tion, contact the Office of Campus Activiand challenges us. Few leave a hunger ban- ties and Involvement at 742-3621 or quet with a full stomach, but all will leave with compusactivities involvement@ttu.edu

### Man shows blind courage through 8-month feat

The Appalachian Trail is tough going, and it takes a lot to hike all 2,167.9 miles of it. It takes exceptional courage to hike it blind, and this is just what Bill Irwin did.

He began March 8, 1990, on Springer Mountain in Georgia and ended the trip at Katahdin Stream Campground in Maine on Nov. 21, 1990. He hiked for almost nine months, and it was the single most publicized human endeavor in 1990.

Bill Irwin is the only blind person to ever have completed this trip, and his life if full of points that required courage and perseverance.

As former national director of education for Roche Biomedical Laboratories, Inc., Irwin spent more than 30 years in corporate America.

He is a recovered alcoholic and has worked as a family counselor. He has taken this wealth of life experience and the story of his Appalachian journey and written a book called "Blind Courage," which is in its 10th printing. The book also has been published in the United Kingdom, Germany and Taiwan.

Irwin's story is of great interest to a wide variety of people. He has presented his talk to such diverse audiences as L.L. Bean, scouting troupes, Ciba-Geigy, churches, American Express, high schools, IBM chemical dependency treatment centers and colleges.

He has appeared on "Sonya Live" on CNN, Dr. Robert Schuller's "Hour of Power" and "Heart to Heart" on CBN. He was the subject of a cover story in the March 1993 issue of Guideposts magazine and was nominated in 1992 for the Norman Vincent Peale America award. Bill Irwin's talk, with video, will be at 8 p.m. Feb. 29 in the University Center Allen Theatre. For tickets or more information, call 742-3610 or e-mail ucticketbooth@ttu.edu.



Red hot jazz with Loston Harris at 8 p.m. Feb. 14 in the University Center Allen Theatre, www.lostonharris.net.

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### Food festival slated for March 4

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# **Texas Tech softball opens with wins over NM**

#### By Matt Muench Staff Writer

She stood at the mound and dominated. But it was not anything new for Texas Tech junior Amanda Renfro.

However, the way the Red Raiders swung the bat was something different for a squad that hit a Big 12 Conference-low .211 last season.

The right-handed hurler, who owns every Tech pitching record except one, won two games over the weekend to help the Raiders (2-0) sweep New Mexico State, 3-0 and 5-4, to kick off the 2001 campaign Saturday at Lady Westerner Field in Lubbock.

Renfro pitched a four-hit complete game in the first contest and closed the door on the Aggies coming in as relief in the second game by throwing three scoreless innings to secure the sweep.

Renfro said she was in a zone and that she focuses on pitching like

Kevin Costner did in the film, "For the Love of the Game.'

"I just go at my own pace, and I do what I always have done before," said Renfro, who struck out 16 batters in her 10 innings of work during the weekend. "I usually clear the mechanism when I am in a tough situation."

While Renfro's efforts were typical, the Raiders' outburst at the plate was not. Tech tallied 17 hits on the afternoon, including four apiece from shortstop Rebecca Eimen and left fielder Eva Harshman.

Renfro said the run support made her feel more comfortable, and she is expecting the squad to hit like they did Saturday all season long.

"Give me two or three runs, and I think I am good to go," Renfro said. "Last year I felt like I had to hold (the opposing team) to zero."

First year Tech coach Bobby Reeves said when Renfro is on the hill, it is almost automatic that she will dominate and frustrate the op-

posing squad.

"She is going to be one the best there is, and she is very good at what she does," Reeves said. "She will get a lot of innings, and we will also let her close the door quite a bit."

While game one was a fast 3-0 shutout, game two had a little more flare. Tech won in its last at-bat when sophomore outfielder Amanda Douglas drove in Harshman on a sacrifice fly to right with the bases loaded.

Douglas said she was not nervous in the clutch situation.

"I went up there, and I was like,

You know, I have to take a hack, and I got to have fun," said Douglas, who had three hits on the afternoon. "And sure enough I made good contact."

Tech pitcher Maggie Ayers threw three scoreless innings until she found trouble in the fourth when a run-scoring single from Aggie third baseman Mel Briggs and a three-run home run by catcher Adrian Nobles tied the game at four.

Although Ayers was run out of the game, Reeves said Ayers and ace Renfro will complement each other well because they are two different

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types of pitchers. Renfro throws fast balls and Ayers throws off-speed pitches to fool with opposing hitters' timing, he said.

"Ayers has that nasty changeup

that fools hitters, and Renfro is just Renfro," Reeves said. "I was pleased with how both of them pitched, and they will be a great combination for US.

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victorious in weekend action The women's team continued its The Texas Tech men's tennis

team started the 2001 campaign on a winning note by blanking Abilene Christian University, 7-0, Friday in Lubbock. The Red Raiders (1-0) won each

of their singles matches in two sets except in the two slot where co-captain Royce Ramey took three sets to knock off Walter Seidel 6-2, 5-7, 6-1.

**Co-captain Borut Martincevic** started the new campaign with a win over Julien Curutella, 7-5, 6-3, in the No. 1 position.

undefeated start and run at history Sunday by dropping Missouri, 4-3, to open up Big 12 Conference play. The Red Raiders are now 5-0,

their best start since 1987, and the win over the Tigers marked the first time the squad has opened the Big 12 Conference season with a win.

Missouri drops to 6-2, and 0-1 in the conference with the loss. The last time the Red Raiders won their first conference match was in 1994 against TCU, when Tech was in the Southwest Conference.

### Tech track shows well at own meet

Men's and women's tennis

Senior Tami Zachary and sophomore Michael Beasley posted victories in their respective events as **Red Raider harriers claimed 12** first-place finishes this weekend at the Texas Tech Open.

Zachary posted wins in both the 60- and 200-meter events. She flashed a 6.95 time in the 60, then followed with a 24.44 clocking in the 200.

Beasley, a high jumper, leaped over the 7-1 mark, good enough for a provisional qualifying slot in the NCAA Indoor Championships.

Tracie Ackerheilm won two events.

The freshman from Sulphur Springs was first in the 5000 meters with her 18:18.4 time.

Ackerheilm followed with a 5:08.68 time to win the mile.

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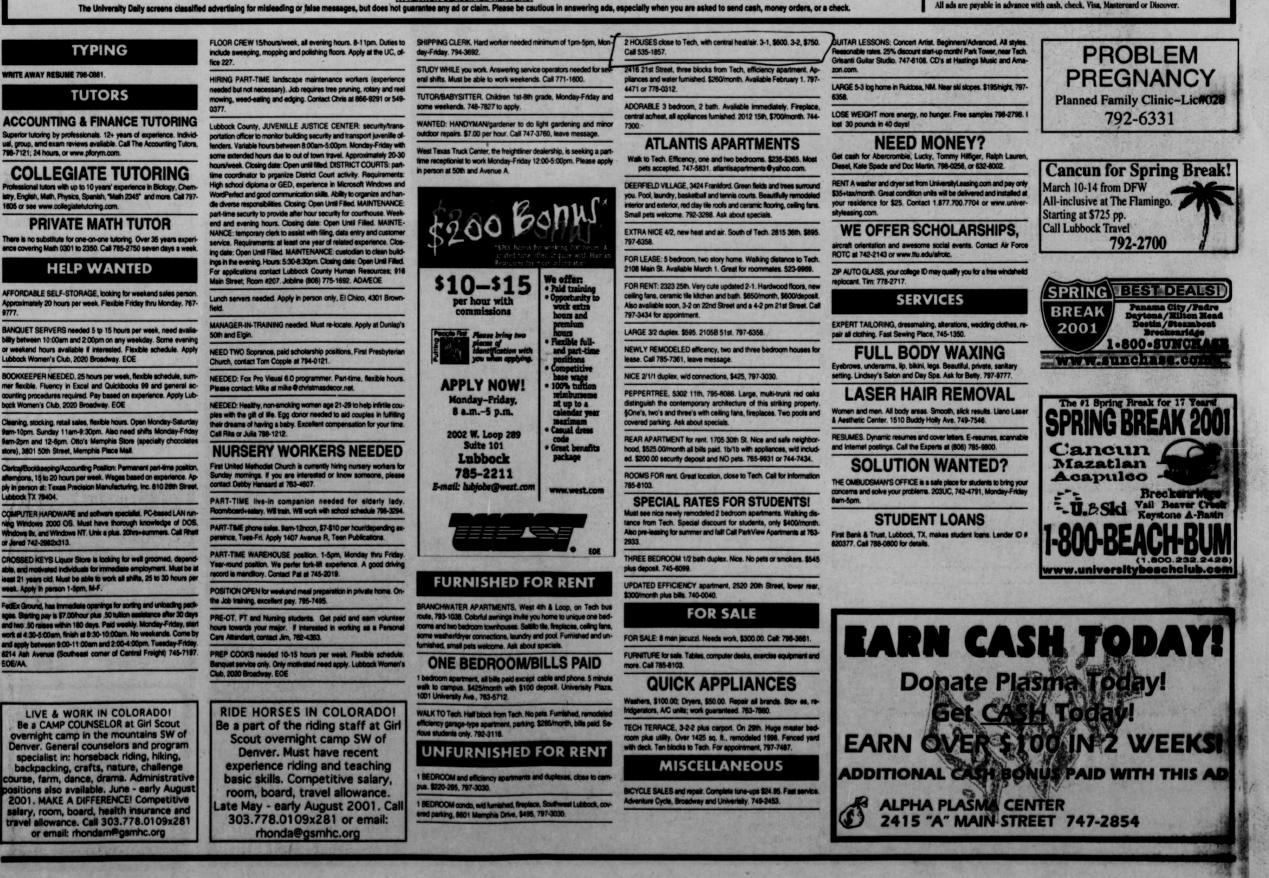
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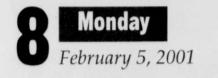
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# Lady Raiders complete sweep of A&M

Tech extended its home winning streak to 41 games with its win over the Aggies.

> By Matt Muench Staff Writer

Basketball is a sport where size and strength are important to the outcome of a game.

The Lady Raiders used a noticeable advantage in those two areas to knock off rival Texas A&M, 92-79, on Saturday at the United Spirit Arena.

The win extends Texas Tech's home winning streak to 41 consecutive games

Tech sophomore Plenette Pierson punished the Aggies with 25 points, while fellow interior players Jolee Ayers and Casey Jackson set career highs with 17 points each as the Lady Raiders (17-3 overall, 8-1 Big 12) dominated the paint to keep pace with first place Big 12 Conference foes Oklahoma and Iowa State.

Tech coach Marsha Sharp said the Aggies are athletic on the perimeter which allowed the post area to open up

"I thought we really took advantage of something inside," Tech coach Marsha Sharp said.

'(Texas A&M's) guards are so. quick and pressure you so much on the outside that you knew there were

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going to be opportunities on the inside.

Rebounding also was key to Tech's second consecutive victory as the Lady Raiders won the battle under the boards, 47-29.

Pierson led the category with 14 while Ayers and forward Tanisha Ellison contributed eight apiece.

Since the Aggies focused on containing Pierson, Ayers said that allowed Tech to establish dominance down low

"I think coming into the game they were going to focus on Plenette (Pierson) because she is a big-time player," Ayers said.

"And that opened it up for the other post player.'

The trio of Ayers, Pierson and Jackson scored 33 of Tech's 48 first half points, which secured a fivepoint Tech lead at intermission.

All evening the Aggies reeled off point surges but could never take the lead in the second stanza.

The Aggies (12-8 overall, 2-7 Big 12) kept scrapping, but after Pierson and Ellison combined to score Tech's first nine points in the second half to take a 57-46 advantage, the Aggies could not recover.

A&M kept within striking distance and cut the lead to six after Aggie Janae Derrick's jumper made it 77-71 with less than five minutes remaining.

That was when freshman Jia Perkins stepped in and reeled off eight quick points during a Lady Raider 11-0 run to secure the victory.

Perkins finished with 20 points, 16 of those coming in the second half. "We ran the floor a little better in

the second half," Sharp said. "We talked about getting our players to the paint fast, and I think we did a good job.

Pierson's second half defense held Big 12 leading scorer Jaynetta Saunders in check.

Saunders finished with 23 points but had nine in the second half and was held to a 3-for-15 shooting effort from the floor in the final frame.

Pierson said she just wanted to make Saunders throw up bad shots. "I just knew I had to step up and guard her on the three-point line,"

Pierson said. "I just basically got in her face and

made her do fade aways. Tech now will head into the heart

of its Big 12 schedule. Seven of Tech's last eight oppo-

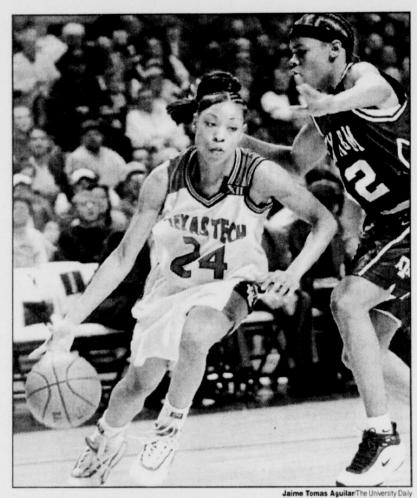
nents are ranked including Wednesday's match up at Baylor. Sharp said she thinks her young

squad is ready to step up and face the challenge

"Our freshman have grown up a lot, and we are going to need them," Sharp said.

"It is going to be a tough month, and I am hoping we can step up and be able to make plays to hold people

The Lady Raiders next will be in action when they face Baylor at 7 p.m. Tuesday in Waco. Tech defeated the Lady Bears in the two squads' meeting earlier this season.



Texas Tech guard Katrisa O'Neal drives to the basket in the Lady Raiders' victory against Texas A&M on Saturday at the United Spirit Arena. With the win, the Lady Raiders remain in a first place tie in the Big 12 Conference with the Oklahoma Sooners and Iowa State

## **Baylor defeats Tech men**

The Baylor Bears used a 16-4 run to start the second half to pull away from the Red Raider men's basketball squad and claim an 82-74 victory over Texas Tech on Saturday at the Ferrell Center in Waco.

Tech trailed the Bears

The Red Raiders outrebounded the Bears in the contest by a 41-39 total. Tech was led offensively by guard

**Raider baseball** 

The Red Raiders dropped

two of three contests this week-

end at the Astros College Clas-

sic baseball tournament at

Christian, 5-4, on Friday, then

fell, 13-6, to Rice on Saturday

and 11-5 to Houston on Sunday.

homered in the sixth inning to

lift the Raiders past the Horned

Frogs. The two-run shot was

Rainey's first of the season. Jun-

ior right hander Chris Phillips

committed five errors, and Rice

exploded for five runs in the

fourth inning as the No. 11-

ranked Owls handed the Raid-

ers their first loss of the season

top 2-0 in the top of the first in-

ning before Austin Cranford

and Kerry Hodges ripped RBI

singles for Tech to knot the score

at 2-2. The Raiders let a chance

to take the lead slip away in the

third frame, leaving three base

runners stranded after loading

the bases with just one out. Se-

nior right hander, Brandon

Roberson (0-1) was tagged for

the loss. The Raiders (3-2) will

return to action with a 4 p.m.

home meeting with West Texas

Sunday, the Cougars went on

However, the Red Raiders

was Friday's winner.

Saturday.

Senior Jason Rainey

Texas Tech edged Texas

Enron Field in Houston.

drops two in

Houston

Jamal Brown who tallied 19 points in

Red Raider guard Jayson Mitchell egistered a double-double with 12

the game.

A&M on Tuesday.



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halftime but the second half run put the Bears ahead, 50-34, and the Raiders never recovered.

The Bears ended the contest shooting 47 percent from the floor.

Baylor forward Terry Black had a solid outing, in leading the Bears in scoring with 21 points in the contest.

Black was not the only Bear getting in on the scoring action however, as six Baylor players registered doubledigit scoring outings against the Raiders.

points and 10 rebounds in the losing effort.

Tech center Andy Ellis was held five points below his season average, scoring 11 points against the Bears.

Baylor avenged an earlier season loss to the Red Raiders with the victory

Tech next will face Oklahoma at 7 p.m. Tuesday in Norman, Okla.

The contest will represent the third-straight road contest for the Red Raiders.

