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Fines spark seminary to sue state of Texas

AUSTIN (AP) - A Central Texas seminary has filed a federal lawsuit in Austin against the state of Texas, asking the court to decide if the state has the constitutional right to control religious curriculum and can decide which seminaries may issue theological degrees.

The lawsuit is in response to fines given to the Institute for Teaching God's Word in Rockdale by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. The school was fined \$15,000 for handing out theological degrees without state approval and a \$3,000 fine for using the term "seminary."

The school is accredited by the American Accrediting Association of Theological Institutions but was fined because it does not offer math, science or English as a part of its curriculum, said Daniel R. Castro, who is representing the school on behalf of the nonprofit Liberty Legal Institute in Plano.

Castro said the state ordered the institute to no longer use "seminary," to no longer award theological degrees and to offer full refunds to all graduates and current students.

NATIONAL

Seafood restaurant linked to hepatitis A

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) - Health officials have traced an outbreak of hepatitis A to a busy seafood restaurant.

So far, 29 people who ate at the Crab House Seafood Restaurant in January have been diagnosed with the illness. Bill Toth of the Orange County Health Department said Wednesday he expects more cases to emerge.

A Mississippi man in his early 40s who ate at the Crab House in January later died. An autopsy exploring whether hepatitis A caused or contributed to his death has not been completed, Toth said.

'We've never had a problem like this, and I've been here about 10 years," said Brad Nicks, general manager of the Crab House, which is owned by the Landry's Seafood Restaurants Inc. chain in Houston.

He said the staff was vaccinated after a few waiters contracted the disease, usually spread by inadequate hand washing.

WORLD

Fire kills at least 23 in all-girls dormitory

ABUJA, Nigeria (AP) - Fire killed at least 23 students trapped behind chained doors and barred windows in an allgirls high school dormitory in remote northern Nigeria, local officials and news reports said Thursday.

Villagers used a shovel to force open a bathroom window, saving some of the girls, the Guardian daily in Lagos said.

The fire broke out late Monday at a 165-bed residence of a government school in Gindiri village, 120 miles north of the capital, Abuja. The fire burned overnight and into the day Tuesday.

Police spokesman Aliyu Yusuf confirmed the deaths. Unconfirmed reports said a 24th victim

had died later at a hospital. All but about 60 of the students were home with their families

because of the Mulim holiday. The fire broke out as the girls remaining at the school held an all-night prayer vigil, villagers and officials said.

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Dickey's fate awaiting final judgment

By Matt Muench Staff Writer

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Despite reports that former Indiana coach Bobby Knight is headed to Lubbock to take the helm of the Red Raider basketball program, an announcement has not been made concerning the fate of coach James Dickey.

during a press conference in Lubbock, and Knight could be on campus as early as next week.

However, that question could be answered today

Cindy Rugeley, vice chancellor for news and information, said she expects Tech Athletic Director Gerald Myers to meet with Dickey this morning and schedule a press conference this afternoon at an unspecified time and place to announce Dickey's fate.

I anticipate they will meet with Coach Dickey," Rugeley said. "I think they want to get this over and end

If Tech chooses to terminate Dickey's contract, the school cannot hire a replacement right away. Texas law requires all state jobs must be posted for 10 days before the position can be filled.

Rugeley said to her knowledge, no action has been

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Texas Tech coach James Dickey reveals his emotions on the Red Raider sideline during a game earlier this



Former Indiana coach Bobby Knight paces the sidelines during the inaugural game in the United Spirit Arena in November 1999.

Red Raiders shed opinions on acquiring The General

By Linda Robertson Staff Writer

Bobby Knight may be on his way to Lubbock, and that very rumor is leaving many Texas Tech alumni with varied opinions on the matter.

Bill Dean, executive vice president of the Ex-Students Association, said he has been inundated with phone calls from alumni across the country since word of a coaching change spread quickly.

'The opinions seem to be running about half for and half against," he said. "The negative opinions have been about his behavior, outbursts and the choking incident. The positive opinions have been about the ability Knight has to recruit players, and how he may put Tech on the map."

Dean said normally the alumni would have a bigger ay in who is selected as a coach. "If all of this was during a normal selection process,

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Musician

Symposium presentation shows international variety of tunes, cultures at ICC

> By Christi Davidson Staff Writer

nsembles from across the state performed an array of music Thursday classical, Irish, bluegrass and Central American mariachi music in the Texas Tech International Cultural Center as part of the 'Symposium of World Musics.

The ICC and the School of Music sponsored the event, which provided a variety of performers from different cultures of music.

The symposium began Wednesday with an opening reception at the ICC. A full day of paper sessions with presentations on Native American, Irish, Central Asian, South Indian and West Texas musical idioms followed Thursday.

Thursday night's gala concert titled, "A Celebration of Indigenous Music in the Americas" began with Associate Professor of Music Theory Stuart Hinds. Hinds performed overtone singing, a style of music that features two notes being sung at the same time.

Hinds said the most important goal of the symposium was to spread the awareness of music outside the traditional European music to students.

Tech student Laura Putnam, a junior advertising major from Grapevine, said she decided to attend the concert after hearing about it from Hinds in class.

"I wanted to come see his unique overtone singing style," Putnam said. She attended the concert with her

brother, Tech graduate Phillip Putnam. She

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Li-chen Chiang, a Tech graduate and music teacher at Nat Williams Elementary School, plays a ku-chen at the Symposium of World Music in the International Cultural Center on Thursday evening.

Ticket costs to decrease for students

By Pam Smith Staff Writer

Texas Tech athletic events will be less expensive for students to attend next year because of a reduction in the price of all-sports

"We are trying to build the enthusiasm back up for game days," said Michael Shonrock, vice president for student affairs. "We are concentrating on getting a larger volume of students to the games by selling more all-sports packages.'

The price for the all-sports packages will be \$89 for students, instead of the \$110 price paid this year. Shonrock said students could purchase an individual package when paying their tuition online.

Steve Sullivan, associate director of athletics, said the Tech athletic department wants to help make the games more accessible to students.

"We want to make sure the ticket prices are affordable to students to attend the games," he said.

Shonrock said the administration and athletic department decided to lower the prices to boost student attendance at the games.

According to Shonrock's preliminary numbers, student attendance ranged from 6,212 students at the Texas Longhorn football game Nov. 4, to 1,445 students at the New Mexico game Aug. 28.

Other incentives the administration is offering to raise student attendance are the inclusion of a free all-sports package to students who live in residence halls

Shonrock said the administration chose to do this because studies have shown that these students attend games more frequently than the rest of the student body. Tech students also will receive a free ticket

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Police offer tips to help prevent Spring Break burglaries

■ Students' houses in North Overton more vulnerable because of age.

> By Jeff Stoughton Staff Writer

Students who leave town for Spring Break often worry about travel arrangements, luggage and money, but many of them forget to safeguard their homes against

Nathan Anderson, a patrol of-

ment, said there are several ways for people to help prevent burglaries of their homes.

Anderson said students leaving town for a week or more should ask their neighbors to keep an eye on the house, have somebody pick up newspapers from the yard every day and leave a light on inside the

Anderson said criminals look for the easiest route to get into a house. If a gate or window is locked on a house, the criminal is likely to move to the next house.

Anderson also said since most of the homes in North Overton are old,

ficer for the Lubbock Police Depart- a large number of the window locks do not work.

> He said students should fix them before they leave.

> "Every little bit of deterrent

helps," he said. LPD Capt. Frank Treadway said areas like North Overton, which are bordered by Fourth Street and Broadway and University and Avenue Q and where large numbers of college students live, are harder to patrol for burglaries than other

neighborhoods "College students often work nights, so it's difficult to tell who belongs at night and who doesn't," he

Treadway said crime in North Overton has decreased since McDougal Properties began purchasing properties in the area.

"The area is definitely in transi-

tion," he said. McDougal Properties spokesman Mark Murdock said his company has acquired about 30 percent of the properties in the North Overton neighborhood and the company plans to build new housing in the area within the next five to seven

Treadway said students should make the area around their apartment or house appear like someone is home.

He also said students should notify the manager or security officer in their apartment complex or neighborhood to let them know if they are leaving for Spring Break.

Burglars are creatures of opportunity, and they notice vacancies,"

Treadway said officers who patrol certain areas usually try to get to know the residents, but difficulties arise in areas like North Overton where large numbers of college students live. He said since the students move in and out so much, the officers have a difficult time discerning who lives in the area and who does

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"I would be surprised if Bobby Knight has been offered the job, Rugeley said. "And I would be surprised if Bobby Knight will accept a job here because Texas Tech can never keep a secret.

Tech President David Schmidly and Myers both traveled to Naples, Fla., to meet with Knight on Monday. Last week, Schmidly and Myers said they would like to meet and evaluate Dickey's performance when Tech's season ends.

Attempts to contact Schmidly and Myers, who are in Kansas City, Mo., for the Big 12 Tournament, were unsuccessful

It is reported that Dickey confronted Myers about the situation added his coaching has been sub-Tuesday in Kansas City. And as the

Raiders' campaign came to a close Thursday when Oklahoma State eliminated Tech in the first round of the Big 12 Tournament, it also is reported that Myers patted Dickey on the shoulder and said, "tough game."

After Tech's 71-58 loss to the Cowboys, Dickey said he understands why administrators want to evalu-

ate him. "The evaluation is based on wins, losses and attendance."

said. "I accept that and understand

Dickey said he did not hear about the speculation about his future until he arrived in Kansas City and par in the past few seasons.

"The only thing I know is what I have been asked and told by the media," he said. "I know I haven't coached very well the last four

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If Dickey is fired without cause, Tech would have to pay Dickey an estimated \$1

million more in salary and television and radio contract money.

Knight could not be reached for comment because he was

attending a major league spring training camp on Thursday. Sources at the university have

said they are upset with the way Dickey has been treated and also with the way information has been leaked the past couple of days, reportedly from Indiana University.

Fox Sports Net reported a highranked source in the Tech administration said Knight will be offered the job, if and when Dickey is fired.

'Right now the (Texas Tech) program is dying a slow death, and we had to do something about it," said the source, which requested ano-

"Win or lose, Bobby Knight will put people into the stands.'

The Associated Press reported Florida Marlins' manager John Boles talked to Knight about his future.

"I showed him around the place a little bit and asked him how he was enjoying the year off, and he said he wasn't," Boles told The AP. "He said he'll be someplace. He'll coach next

Knight has not been offered the job at Tech vet, but it is assumed he is the front runner.

It also was reported that Knight's

lawyer Russell Yates sent a letter to Indiana University last week stating Knight intends to sue IU President Myles Brand and the IU board of trustees. The letter cites damages of more than \$7 million for slander, defamation and tortious interference with contracts stemming from "wrongful termination."

Yates said a lawsuit will be filed if

IU officials will not negotiate. Tech administrators have said they want to look into other possi-

bilities for Dickey's replacement. Sports Illustrated columnist Rick Reilly, who is known for his negative opinion on Knight, said Tech better be prepared.

'Texas Tech might be a good choice because he can continue to use his collection of ugly red sweaters," Reilly told The University Daily. "(Tech) better stock up their collection of aerodynamic chairs and trash cans big enough to fit sports writers."

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what the alumni said about the candidates would make a difference," he said. "From all that I have been seeing and hearing though, it looks like this is a done deal.'

He also said no matter what the outcome is, he would support Tech's decision.

Steve Jones, president of the Lubbock chapter of the Ex-Students Association, said he is fine with Knight

possibly coaching the Red Raider basketball team.

"(Knight) probably requires discipline and respect from his players, which will be good," Jones said. "I think he had a high graduation rate from his players up in Indiana, so it isn't just his win-loss record."

Jones said he has seen current coach James Dickey have his fiery

Even Coach Dickey throws his

hat sometimes," Jones said.

the Albuquerque chapter of the Ex-Students Association, said having served on the athletic council, he understands the need to have a big name associated with athletics.

They need to carefully monitor him to make sure he doesn't get out of hand," he said. "But I think he'll do well there.'

Some people expressed negative or mixed feelings about Knight and his methods of coaching.

Tisha Carr, a sports administra-Mike Fietz, former president of tion graduate student from Cana-

dian, said Knight will probably do wonders for the basketball program, but she is not a fan of his.

'I don't encourage idolizing his temper and attitude," she said. "He'll set a bad example for the athletes and students here. However, he has had great success, and he is a leg-

J.R. Donaldson, president of the Pampa chapter of the Ex-Students Association, said considering Knight is a bad idea.

"It's a big mistake. He's nothing

university hires him, they will have a terrible time with him, and I am afraid he will end up costing my friend (Tech athletic director) Gerald Myers his job. Donaldson said he and his wife

but trouble," he said. "I think if the

are from Indiana, and he keeps up with Indiana University through alumni newspapers.

Knight has caused nothing but grief to them," he said. "I can't help but to think he'll do the same

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to a sporting event when they pay their tuition.

"Every year, the athletic department receives \$825,000 in student service fees," Shonrock said. "We wanted to show students the value the money they were allocating to athletics had for them.'

Sullivan said he does not believe

the problem lies with selling tickets to students

"The problem isn't selling tickets," he said. "The problem is getting those students who purchase the tickets to come to the games."

In the future, Sullivan said, the athletic department is looking to apply a theme toward several games in order to increase attendance at the games.

"Homecoming obviously has a

theme with it, and we are hoping to theme other games," he said. "For instance, we would like to have a welcome back weekend to welcome back our season ticket holders and show we appreciate them.'

He also said by doing this, the athletic department could expand the involvement with the athletic events to the entire week before the

"We are approaching student or-

ganizations about further involvement," he said. "We've discussed decorating dorms with balloons and streamers as well as having 'red-out' and 'black-out' days, where students wear the school colors.

Shonrock said another possibility the university is looking into in order to raise attendance is the possibility of holding outdoor concerts in Jones SBC Stadium following sporting events. He also said he the parking lot near Thompson Hall as a student tailgating area - an idea, Shonrock said, originated at a Kansas State football game he attended.

would eventually like to designate

"Their tailgate section was so neat. The fans were there early and there was pride and enthusiasm present," he said. "It was a wonderful chance for families inside and outside the community to meet and have a great time together."

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said they both had many cultural influences growing up, having parents in the military that took them to different places around the world. Putnam said the continuous traveling introduced them to a new world of music from a variety of

She said the symposium and concert were great opportunities for Tech students who do not get a great deal of exposure to different cultures.

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"We don't have much cultural activity will help expand culture awareness," Putnam said.

Laura Felton, a junior music education major from Houston. said she learned about the concert through postings in the Music building and was excited to attend the event.

"Music is a universal language, and everyone has their own expression," she said. "It's important to listen to each other, especially to other cultures.'

Steven Paxton, associate helped out with the symposium and concert. He said the concert was important to let Tech students become more aware of the differ-

ent kinds of music. Paxton said pop music tends to be the most publicized, but other music is out there for students to experience.

'More variety is better," he said. "The more different kinds of music we hear, the more interesting life

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Tech gets its money's worth with Rogers

By Cody Nash Contributing Writer

Emmett Rogers said he makes sure Texas Tech gets what it pays for when it comes to construction and renovation.

In 1998, Tech officials hired Rogers as the administrator of construction for Facilities, Planning and

"Rogers' expertise and background in architectural, electrical, mechanical and structural inspection made him the best qualified person for the job," said Tech Chancellor John Montford.

Liz Lonngren, associate vice chancellor for project management, said without Rogers' expertise in construction, Tech's Master Plan might be nonexistent.

"Emmett's broad knowledge of construction and inspection has made him invaluable in making the Master Plan a reality," she said.

Rogers said his job consists of overseeing several different campus construction projects, all of which are at different levels of completion.

There are three types of projects included in our monthly report called the Dirt and Dust Report. We have 16 projects under construction, 16 projects in design and 6 in development," he said. "I currently have a hand in each of the 16 projects under construction, directly or indi-

Examples of projects under construction on campus include the English/Philosophy and Education complex, the Jones SBC Stadium renovations and the Student Recreation Center expansion.

Rogers said he works closely with a group of inspectors, which includes Alex Weaver, Tech's senior construction inspector, and Lonnie Pierce and Debbie Cox, both construction inspectors. He also said he is responsible for assisting those inspectors in all phases of develop-

Rogers said Weaver is working full time on the Student Recreation Center expansion project because of its size and that Pierce and Cox work together and separately on several projects at once.

Pierce said he enjoys working for Rogers because of his straightforward attitude and his work ethic.

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Emmett Rogers

FP&C ADMINISTRATOR OF CONSTRUCTION

"Emmett is upfront with instructions and helps us when we run into problems," he said.

Pierce said a problem he had with the width of a threshold on a West Hall elevator is an example of Rogers' helpfulness.

"We had a question about the specifications on the width of the threshold, and **Emmett helped**

us figure out how to make it right,"

Rogers said the phrase, "it's close to right," is not in his vocabulary because his attention to detail does not afford him the opportunity for a job to be completed close to right.

To ensure contractors meet the requirements of their contract, Rogers said, he reviews several hundred pages of plans and blueprints before the project begins - during its construction and after it is built.

When questioned about his sense of detail, Rogers said, he was born with the ability to do his job.

"I was blessed with the ability to read and retain a set of blueprints, yet I can't remember what my wife told me to bring home from the store after work," he said.

Johnny Quarles, electrical superintendent for Acme Electric in Lubbock, said Rogers' record speaks for

"Emmett's record proves that he is fair and ethical. He is knowledgeable about so many aspects of construction that he can communicate with individuals on all levels of any

project," he Rogers said works

closely with Tech's Americans with Disabilities Act/ 504-Handicap Committee to provide accessibility on campus and at the Health Sciences Center.

From the height of a handle on a water fountain to the Braille writing on the control panel in an elevator or the slope of

an entrance ramp, Rogers said, his attention to specifications and requirements ensure everyone can use the Tech campus.

"I like people. I like to help people, and I feel good knowing that Texas Tech offers something for everyone," he said. Rogers said it may seem that be-

ing Tech's administrator of construction, who oversees \$199 million worth of projects at one time, can be a little stressful at times, but said he just takes it in stride. "Reviewing plans and preparing

for bids can consume a lot of time and energy, but I get to interact with all types of people and that makes me happy," he said.

Robert Cameron, project manager for Jones SBC Stadium renovations, said Roger's background in construction makes him a valuable asset to other FP&C members.

"Emmett has such a broad background in construction and inspection that he is a valuable resource for special information on many projects," Cameron said.

Rogers said he enjoys all types of construction projects no matter how large or small — simple or complex. Occasionally, he said, he is called on to oversee special projects upon request by Montford as well as other administrators.

The Dub Parks Memorial Rodeo Arena, located at the corner of Fourth Street and Quaker Avenue, is an example of a special project.

Rogers said he worked with Theresa Drewell, assistant vice chancellor for FP&C, and Tech Rodeo Coach Chris Guay, in order to bid the construction of a new horse barn and riding arena as well as materials for an exterior fence and entranceway for the arena.

"Emmett was helpful in all aspects of this project and is a real pleasure to work with. His input on this project was incredible," Guay

Rogers said his job is not hard when it is broken down into its separate responsibilities.

"My job is simple," he said. "I read the plans, pay attention to details and make sure contractors comply with the contract on each project before I release their money. I also see a wonderful opportunity to educate students through this process by presenting lectures and leading

Mujahid Akram, assistant professor of engineering technology, said Rogers has even been helpful in some of his classes.

"Emmett's lectures and tours of construction sites provide visual examples of classroom instruction for my students," he said.

At 61, Rogers has been married to his wife, Ruth, for 24 years and to-

Emmett Rogers, administrator of construction for Facilities, Planning and Construction, left, and Jones SBC Stadium renovation project manager Robert Cameron, discuss the renovations in the north end of the stadium...

gether they have five children.

Rogers said he has enjoyed traveling to the Marshall Islands where he assisted in the construction of several buildings. He said he combines his love of photography with his skills as a pilot to produce aerial photos for work and pleasure.

In the midst of such responsibility, he said, he remains focused on what really matters to him,

"I inspect things, and I help

people," Rogers said.

Montford said Rogers exemplifies a determination to make Tech a better

"Emmett is a perfect example of so many people at this university system who share a goal of doing what is best for Texas Tech,' Montford said.

Rogers said he only has one message for Tech students.

"If I could say anything to Texas Tech students I would say, get your education, and learn how to spell."

Art exhibit features grad student's work

Lubbock Arts: The Galleries of Texas Tech will open a new understood as a representation exhibit today and conduct the of reality. His gallery will be official opening of another ex- available for viewing until April

work by Herman Van Den Boom, a photographer and collage artist from Belgium, opened for viewing this morn-

The official opening of an exhibit entitled "Unexpected Awareness," showcasing the work of Tricia Earl, a graduate student in the Tech art department from Mart, will take place from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. today.

Van Den Boom's work will be displayed in the folio gallery and includes 18 x 24 inch col-

Valerie Innella, registrar for the galleries, said Van Den Boom is displaying more than a dozen collages with gray backgrounds and using pictures of human body parts, clock faces and other images. He has had exhibits in Austria, Holland, Germany, Mexico, New York and other Eu-

ropean countries.

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project to finish her master's degree work at Tech.

It will showcase photographs and sculptures she has worked on throughout the last three years at Tech. Her work is located in the Studio Gallery and will remain open until March 21.

Earl said the title of her work came from her interpretation of how she and her pieces see the world.

"The title comes from that awareness in the world that we find but are not sure about," she said. "I deal with the unconscious state of mind as if it was

The galleries are free to the public and are located in the Art building. They are open weekdays from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2

For more information regarding the gallery or exhibits call

Chaos erupts at winning ticket's store

AUSTIN (AP) — The winner of an \$85 million lottery jackpot remained out of sight Thursday while the curious descended on the Austin convenience store that sold the single winning ticket.

No one had come forward by Thursday afternoon to claim the prize, said Texas Lottery Commission spokeswoman Kristina

"It's just kind of a wait and see," she said, noting that the winning ticket holder has up to 180 days to make a claim.

The ticket is a "cash option" type, meaning it would pay one lump sum of \$51.2 million before taxes, Childress said.

At Shoppers Mart, where the ticket was sold, speculation centered on the unknown buyer. Store clerk Marvin Bailey, 53, said he just hopes it is one of his regular customers.

'They put that kind of money into it, and they keep taking care of the business," Bailey said. "Hopefully, we could give something back."

Shoppers Mart is eligible for a 1 percent bonus up to \$500,000 for selling the ticket.

Visitors descended on the store after news spread of its sale of the winning ticket. Motorists honked their horns as they passed the store, located about two miles from a Dell Computer Corp. office. Some "This is total chaos," Bailey said. highest Texas jackpot was \$75 million in 1994.

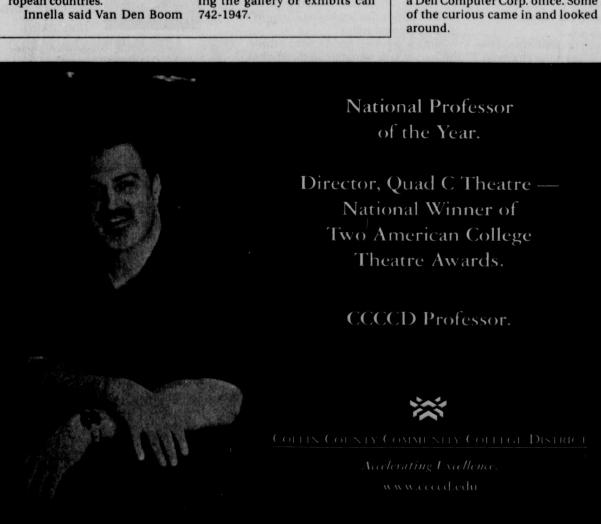
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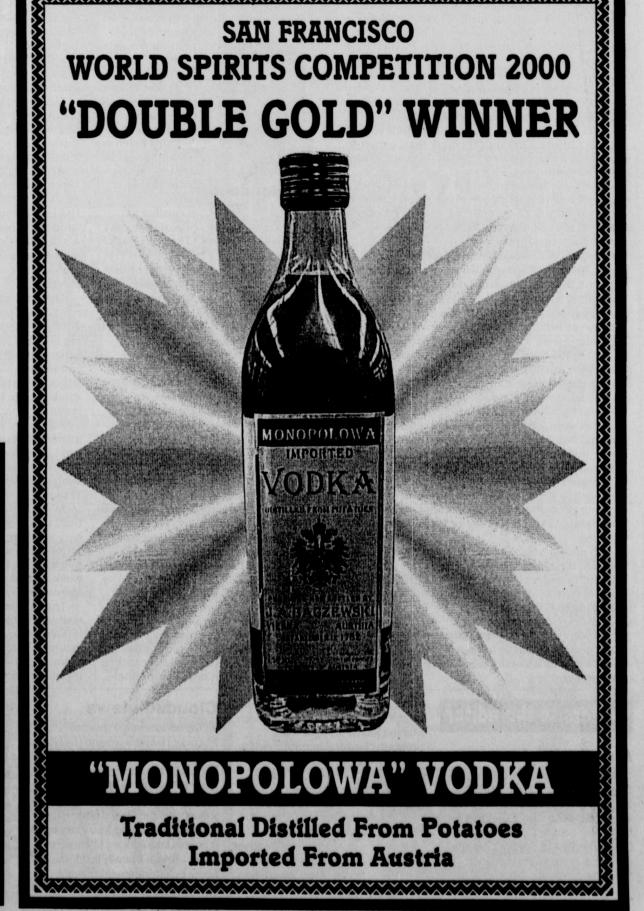
The jackpot was the largest in Texas lottery history. The previous

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When ticket holders come in to claim a large prize, lottery officials urge them to seek legal or financial advice, Childress said.

"It's a lot of money to manage. We just encourage people to go talk to somebody," she said. "It is life-altering." In some cases, the winner does not want publicity and chooses to keep his or her identity secret.





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Column

Spring Break misadventures

pring Break has been long awaited by many this year. Just getting through cold and dreary January and suffering straight through February is enough to make you appreciate the tiny, yet much sought-after week in March. Because this will be in the last paper before Spring Break, I feel, as my duty, to relay a little story of a couple of young guys I know who did something really stupid last Spring Break.

Bob and Rob, obviously not their real names. decided since they were young, in college and severe alcoholics, that they would venture across the border to Mexico.

They started off the drive from Arizona with a quick stop at the liquor store. Just a note: While Bob and Rob are telling me this, they start off the story in a giddy, childlike laugh, which greatly foreshadows the woes to Because we all know that

best intentions on road trips usually take a back seat while sex, drugs and evil thingies comfortably assume their **Bethany** upright and overwhelming Cline positions.

So Bob and Rob now are on the road, more than likely drunk and probably mooning people and blasting something a little old school like AD/DC circa late 1980s

I also should note that the main reason for this 14-hour drive to Mexico was to pick up some prescription drugs. Well, I guess in this case its non-prescription, over the counter, slightly illegal

Maybe a little valium with some xanax, benzodiazipine, restoril, rohypnol, vicoden, dalmane, and hydrocodone. In addition, some illegal drugs, you know, the kind that are illegal everywhere. And maybe some diet pills because by this point, Bob was feeling a little bloated from the beer. Take your pick, God knows they did.

Bob and Rob have arrived in Mexico, and the fun has only just begun. Already inebriated and sexually assaulting everything that looks female in their drunken haze, Bob and Rob find a little cantina to refresh their palettes with some nice, bubbly Corona. They quickly mark their corner in the bar and they proceed to drink, and drink, and drink, and drink.

When they awake in the bar the next day, Bob and Rob find that they have made a new friend, Hector, who will be more than happy to take them where they can buy some drugs, uh, I mean medicinal pain killers.

The guys did remember that Hector was an unusually small man who wore a T-shirt that read: "I have a Benz but my other ride is your mom." Charming, isn't it?

They go to the market, get their drugs (they didn't even remember what they bought) and went along their merry way. They spent a couple of days in the border town, drunk and stupid, and when they ran out of money they decided to come home. The Mexican state police stopped Rob and Bob on their way out and searched their car.

Upon finding the illegal drugs, our friends Rob and Bob were arrested. In their broken Spanish, Rob and Bob gathered from the policeman that they either could spend the rest of their lives in a Mexican prison or "do them a favor."

As noted earlier, our guys are out of cash but are sporting six credit cards between them. Bob and Rob persuade the policeman to take them to the nearest ATM, where they got \$1,200 in cash

Bob and Rob went home with their heads between their tails, no drugs, and severe debt. What is the lesson that we must learn from this? What is the moral, if you will, from the story according to Bob and Rob?

Buy American. Bethany is a sophomore political science major from Spearman. She is in no way condoning the use of drugs or drinking as a Spring Break



Column

Ban reminiscent of communist era

ubbock is not alone as West Texans debate a proposed smoking ban.

Intending to cover the entire state, Rep. Glen Maxey's (D-Austin) House Bill 290 goes one step further and criminalizes smoking in all restaurants and bars in Texas.

As HB 290 continues to sit in committee this legislative session, Texas may only be the latest battle-



Sandeep

ground in the fight for personal

The presence of a paternalistic state is obviously not a modern development.

Third Reich era Germany may be a good starting point to this issue.

Rao according to historian Robert

Proctor's latest book "The Nazi War on Cancer."

The Nazi war on cancer, according to Proctor, a strong supporter of smoking restrictions, was essentially a war on all the alleged causes of cancer and the negative influences perpetuating arguably cancerous habits.

We Americans are led to believe that we are held personally responsible for smoking and drinking-related decisions and consequences.

Third Reich era Germans also thought they were capable of similar personal responsibility - that is, until the Nazis took their rights away in the name of public health.

"Nutrition is not a private matter," stated one Nazi health manual.

With tobacco, the Nazi's statist goal of national cohesion conveniently fell in the realm of promoting necessary national health standards.

Thus, the paternal relationship between the German state and tobacco was well grounded by the need for a healthy citizenry, much like 20th century America.

The Germans were among the first to understand the environmental factors in the development of cancer. But, the regulation did not stop there.

With the backing of the scientific community, Hitler's regime also entered the sphere of regulating habits such as drinking and smoking and promoting behavior such as physical fitness and early childbear-

Does this sound familiar? On Tuesday, in his report before the city council's ad hoc committee, Texas Tech University Health Science Center President David Smith said, "Even one would be enough," inferring that even one prevented school absence or asthma attack justified the proposed ban.

If the medical community's standard for legislation is as weak as Smith's, there is nothing stopping further statist incursions into other areas of our personal lives as well.

According to the Environmental Defense Fund, who are no friends of tobacco, 83 percent of the air cancer risk in Lubbock comes from mobile sources such as cars, trucks and agricultural equipment. Moreover, pesticides used in cotton farming are known to exacerbate asthmatic conditions.

Thus, second-hand smoke remains only one of many potential airborne dangers. However, choosing political expedience and practicality over substance, the medical community has embraced the wholesale attack on second-hand smoke, while ignoring other risk

Politically, the cigarette smoker is a far easier target than the charcoal used in barbecues or pesticides used in farming or gasoline-powered vehicles favored by freedom-loving Texans.

In a manner not much different from their Nazi predecessors, the anti-smoking community has framed the smoking issue as one of a paternalistic state protecting its weak and downtrodden while ignoring private rights.

The anti-smoking propaganda war now publicly captures the innocence of Amit Bushan - the asthmatic fifth grader who cannot enjoy activities in Lubbock's smoking-permissive establishments.

Goebbels would be proud. "Its not a rights issue. Banning

smoking is the right thing to do," said Surendra Varma, Lubbock County Medical Society president, in the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal (3/6).

Firearms, fat and alcohol have all been the targets of medical analysis identifying possible health risks and accompanying recommended legislative action. This untamed tyranny of doctors will continue as long as the lay public greets the health community's legislative pronouncements with tacit acceptance in a manner similar to Third Reich-era Germans.

Respected scientific journals implicate second-hand smoke in roughly 53,000 deaths per year.

However, despite the numbers bandied about in their rhetoric, the scientific community is plagued by an inability to identify a quantifiable threshold for second-hand smoke exposure and a direct connection to lung

The medical community is one of the only groups that enjoy this level of automatic authority. And, governments, as their willing accomplices, have long exploited this authority for expansion of powers.

Lord Acton said, "Absolute power corrupts absolutely.

If this is the case, the absolute deference that Americans assign to legislative proposals by health leaders such as Smith has led to the corruption of our personal rights.

Suffice it to say, good science does not necessarily equal good legislation. Americans would do best to avoid the politicization of medicine and reject the government's automatic use of health concerns as edicts for immediate government intervention, absent of concern for private rights.

Following Smith's line before the ad hoc committee on Tuesday, even one would not be worth it.

Even the loss of a single fundamental liberty would not be worth the resulting initial stepwise descent to the loss of personal liberties.

Sandeep Rao is a first year MD-MBA student at the Texas Tech School of Medicine. He can be contacted at srao@ttu.edu.

Your View

What do you think about Bobby Knight possibly becoming the new men's basketball head coach?



"Would they actually do that?"

"I think it's

good. We

publicity,

and if they

want people

in the seats

in the arena,

he'll do it."

need



from Plano



Scott Craighead a junior marketing major

from Amarillo



"I don't think Bobby Knight will do well with the Big 12 referees."

Lowell Elderbrook a freshman agricultural

education major

from Headley



Dirk Johan Stromberg a senior music major from the Netherlands

"I think the sports programs are overfunded. I don't care about Knight. It's stupid that they spent almost \$100 million on stadiums and arenas, but now they're cutting \$50,000 from each art

department,

and cutting

the summer

school

budget."

compiled by Linda Robertson

Letters to the editor

A dark Knight

To the editor: I am writing as an alumni of TTU and one who is amazed that my university would even consider Bobby Knight as a basketball coach. I am saddened by the thought of having a person who does not respect students, women in athletics, players, other coaches or basically anyone could be our next men's basketball coach. Marsha Sharp brought this program class and commitment to excellence. Now, I fear Myers is going to flush that for his old friend. If it happens, you can say good-bye to any contributions to men's basketball, and I'll even rethink TTU giving in general.

Jill Bernard Class of 1994 Manhattan, Kan.

Clouded views

To the editor: In reference to Michelle Hanlon's column (UD, 3/8) and the letter to the editor by Adam Behnke, it has become apparent that there will always be ignorant, insensitive people displaying their thoughts in the media. First, regarding the studies you mentioned, it doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure out that a family inside their home breathing environmental

tobacco smoke from one smoker is vastly different than a restaurant full of people breathing ETS from many smokers. I tried to rationalize your lack of insight, and here's what I came up with; maybe you're underestimating the toxicity of ETS. ETS can have up to 40 times the amount of carcinogens than smoke actually inhaled through the filter. Maybe you're refusing to face the scientific data that all points to the same thing: cigarette smoke is linked

to an array of health problems no matter how you slice it. How can hundreds (or thousands) of studies be wrong? Maybe you're just addicted to nicotine and can't bear to have someone else tell you to not do it in public. Making references and comparisons to car pollution is not good enough. We can make better decisions about our health and environment. We can choose not to smoke. Every time you do it in public, you may be exercising your right to

smoke, but simultaneously you take away others, rights to a clean environment. By the way, the next time there's a study on environmental dangers of second-hand burger grease, let me know because we're talking about public environment here, not eating habits. Quit smoking. I did. You'll be giving up a habit and addiction instead of losing a right.

Jason Frizzell graduate student psychology

Bush hits road to plug tax cut plan

FARGO, N.D. (AP) - President Bush again bolted Washington in search of Middle American support for his proposed tax cut. As the House was voting on its biggest provision on Thursday, Bush was seeking what he called "refreshing" contact with crowds outside the

The president left town just before the House was to vote on his tax proposal.

"I'm confident they'll do the right thing," he said.

He then headed to snowy Fargo, where he addressed thousands of people alongside one of the "tax families" he used to put human faces on his tax-cut proposal during the presidential campaign.

Aides characterized the trip to the Dakotas as a chance to talk directly to Americans. The two states have four Democratic senators.

"It's an opportunity to take his message to the heartland," said spokeswoman Claire Buchan.

Bush was meeting with North Dakota farmers as well. In a departure from recent practice, no congressional members traveled or apPresident travels to muster support from farmers, Middle Americans

peared with him Thursday. It was the opening stop on a trip that also was to take Bush to South

Dakota, Louisiana, Texas and Before leaving, Bush met with NATO Secretary-General Lord Robertson. The White House an-

nounced plans for Bush to visit NATO headquarters in Brussels in June as part of his first official trip to

Daschle was planning to appear with Bush in South Dakota at a health care event Friday morning but was not invited to the president's tax rally, said Daschle spokeswoman Ranit Schmelzer.

Daschle, with his 2004 re-election war chest, was also buying 60-second and 30-second TV ads to run throughout the state over the next 10 days because, Schmelzer said, "The president is not really going to have an honest dialogue with South Dakotans about the choices that they

Sioux Falls TV station KELO had invited the Democrat senator and Republican president to a live debate on taxes, but the president declined to participate.

Bush has been traveling the country promoting his budget plan, which includes a 10-year, \$1.6 tril-

He's made it clear that the travel Senate Minority Leader Tom lets him make his case while also reenergizing him.

"It is so refreshing to be able to take a message to the people that in Washington we listen to you, that we understand we're the servants of the people," Bush said Wednesday at the Treasury Department.

Bush used the appearance to "announce" that in the first quarter of this fiscal year, the government took in \$74 billion more than it spent. At this point a year ago, the government brought in \$42 billion more than it

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spent, said Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neill, sitting at the president's side. O'Neill's department released those figures Feb. 21.

Bush said the numbers "suggest strongly that taxpayers are being overcharged.'

"The message is slowly but surely getting out that we've got enough money coming into the Treasury to meet important obligations, but we've also got enough money to remember who paid the bills in the first place, and those are the working folks, the people who paid the taxes.'

The House was to vote Thursday on Bush's proposed 10-year, \$958 billion income tax cut. The measure was likely to pass, but Bush made plain that he was working behind the scenes to shore up congressional

'We'll be working members all the way through the process," he said. Asked how many congressional Democrats he believed he had on his side, he said, "As many as we can get."

Bush planned to spend the weekend at his Texas ranch, and then was resuming his road trip Monday with a trip to Panama City, Fla.

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Gramm meets with Hispanic lawmakers

told Texas Sen. Phil Gramm that immigrants brought to the U.S. for agricultural and service work should be treated the same as those who come for high-tech

The suggestion was made by members of the Hispanic Congressional Caucus during a meeting with Gramm on his proposed guest worker program.

Gramm, a Republican, last session killed legislation for one such program that let workers obtain green cards, which provide permanent legal residency.

Gramm also was a lead sponsor of legislation last session to increase visas for foreign hightech workers, known as H1-B vi-

Congress nearly doubled the number of such visas, for a total of 195,000 per year.

SUNDAY

"I think we have a fundamental difference of opinion, a divide

WASHINGTON (AP) - His- as to how we go about achieving panic lawmakers on Thursday a fair and equitable guest worker program," said Rep. Bob Menendez, D-N.J.

'That divide comes down to this: Senator Gramm would treat those who would come under H1-B visa differently than people coming for agricultural industry or service industry," Menendez

Rep. Silvestre Reyes, D-El Paso, said immigrants who enter the country with the high-tech visas can apply for legal status after completing their contracts and working in the industry two to five years.

'We think those kinds of venues ought to be open to workers in the lower echelons," said Reyes, Hispanic Congressional Caucus chairman.

Gramm spokesman Larry Neal said one of the senator's parameters for his guest worker program is that it not provide the potential for amnesty.

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6:00	Newshour "	News Extra	Jeopardy News	Big 12 Basketball:	News W/Fortune	Spin City Frasier
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8:30	Charlotte Church	Dateline "	Fugitive "	Big 12	Millionaire	Awards "
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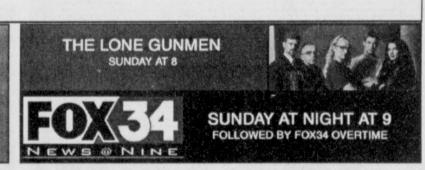
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Carlton Pride and Zion to bring reggae to Einstein's tonight

The University Daily

By Whitney Wyatt

Tech students wanting to start their Spring Break early have the chance to do so. If they can't make it to the beach, the beach sounds will come to them.

Carlton Pride and Zion will perform their reggae music tonight at Einstein's, 1824 Ave. G, in the Depot District as part of their West Texas tour. They played at Texas Cafe on Thursday and will play in San Angelo on Saturday night.

Traveling Zoo Productions presents this rare occurrence of reggae music by Carlton Pride, the son of the country and western singer Charley

Carlton Pride is Zion's lead singer and also plays the guitar. Lickle Riddim plays the drums, Papa Ska plays the keyboards, Albert Alonzo plays the percussion and Zeke Benenate plays bass.

Zion's show starts at 10 p.m. with a \$5 cover for all ages.

Carlton Pride said Zion started playing together five years ago. He described Zion as an original American reggae rock band, different from Jamican reggae.

'This is the biggest blessing," Pride



Carlton Pride and Zion will play their brand of reggae at Einstein's, 1824 Ave. G, tonight. Pride is the son of country singer Charley Pride.

one of the biggest examples."

Pride said he has turned his life

band perform are uplifting and ones that encourage people.

Chelsea Holloway, owner and manager of Traveling Zoo Produc-

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tions, said this is a chance for Tech students to hear an alternative style of music because Lubbock usually does not hear music like this.

"It is unique opportunity to get something different that Austin and other markets usually hear," she said.

"Their show is real energetic," Holloway said. "They are tons of fun." Students wanting a preview of Zion can hear them at 5:30 p.m. today on

KTXT-88.1, Tech's campus radio sta-

Holloway said she hopes to expose the crowd to various types of music, and encourages Tech students to at-

tend Zion's performance. "We should support Lubbock music," she said, referring to live performances playing in Lubbock bars and

'X-Files' creator tries hand at comedy

PAYLESS ALWAYS AT DOC'S" . "PAYLESS ALWAYS AT DOC'S

NEWYORK (AP) - On this rare escape from writing and producing "The X-Files," Chris Carter might have preferred hitting the beach with his surfboard - his other passion. Instead, here he was in a cold, rainy city on the opposite coast, seated in a dark, deserted hotel bar.

Scouting "X-Files" locations?

No, Carter had bolted for Manhattan to talk up his new series, "The Lone Gunmen." Something different for him, he says. An action comedy. Laughs. Fun. Plus heart.

"Gunmen" — which Fox premiered last week and airs this Sunday and next (March 18), as well as Fridays, at

9 p.m. EST - is a spinoff. It puts center stage the trio of beyond-the-fringe crusaders who lately served as "X-Files" comic relief.

Played by Bruce Harwood, Tom Braidwood and Dean Haglund, these ill-assorted activists are on their own now, publishing a muckraking newspaper and plunging into quixotic ex-

Like "X-Files," the new series has a sci-fi bent and a paranoid tone. While one is marked by darkness and opacity, the other dares to lighten up.

In "Gunmen," says Carter, "we set aside the sadness.'

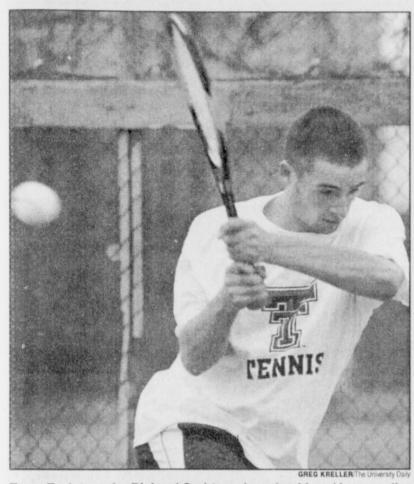
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Texas Tech transfer Richard Crabtree rips a backhand in an earlier practice this season.

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game three, his first homer of the

"I'd been struggling for a week or so," Smith said. "It was good to get into Big 12 play. We've got a lot of guys swinging it real good right now. If we can get everyone else swinging good, we'll be a tough team to hold down."

Blankenship was the top hitter for the Raiders against the 'Huskers, ripping eighth hits in 13 at-bats and driving in two runs.

"I felt a little uncomfortable coming into the Nebraska series," Blankenship said. "I told myself to just get ready as early as possible. It paid off. I could pick up the

curveball, slider real well. I felt real comfortable and at ease in the box.'

The Longhorns are 12-9 on the year and 3-0 within the conference. They are coming off a 7-2 non-conference loss to Texas Christian on Tuesday.

Texas was ranked as high as No. 7

"They're all good players," Smith said, "and we can expect them to battle with us. We're just going to go in there and try to play our game and hopefully come out with some wins.'

The Red Raiders return to the confines of Dan Law Field for a single game against Eastern New Mexico on at 7 p.m. Tuesday, then will hit the road to Manhattan Kansas for a three-game set against Kansas State March 9-11.

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stumbled to a 9-19 overall mark on the season.

Brown said the Red Raiders were not shielded from the rumors surrounding Dickey's future at Tech, but it did not distract the Red Raiders against the Cowboys.

"When you are sitting in your hotel room an hour before your game and you see things like that, it's kind of tough," Brown said. "My heart goes out to him and his family. It really didn't distract us though. We were grown men about the situation."

Owens finished his career as a Red Raider with the loss to the Cowboys and said even with the speculation surrounding Dickey's future at Tech, nothing can take away what Dickey means to him.

"... I remember my freshman year ... He (Dickey) coached so hard and so passionately," Owens said. "I told him in the locker room that I always thought he was kind of hokie and old fashioned. But if having morals and ethics is coaching old fashioned, then I wouldn't mind being old fashioned."

By Matt Muench Staff Writer

Tough losses usually bring a team down. That is not the case for the men's Red Raider tennis team.

Texas Tech was bombed 7-0 against No. 20 Baylor on Tuesday to begin Big 12 Conference play, but Tech sophomore John Walker said

beating gives Tech incentive to compete better.

"I don't think everyone showed up to compete (Tuesday)," Walker said. "We have to work on our mental skills out there."

Tech coach Tim Siegel said the match with the Bears lacked intensity the Red Raiders (3-5 overall, 0-1 Big 12) needed to top a ranked op-

"Everyone would say it was a disappointing match," Siegel said. "We didn't match their intensity or emotion. In the game of college tennis, everyone can play, but the key to winning is the emotion you bring to

Siegel and the Red Raiders hope

this weekend when they break from conference play to take part in the annual Corpus Christi Invitational today through Sunday.

Tech faces Louisville to begin the tournamnet at noon today, but are uncertain of its other opponents and

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pened (Tuesday)," Walker said. "The loss with Baylor is going to help us in Corpus

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and in the rest of our matches." The Raiders will not face any ranked teams this weekend, but Walker said that should not let Tech believe the matches will be easy.

It just so happens that Walker said playing a ranked opponent should give the squad more motivation to

"If we are playing a ranked team, that should motivate us more," said

to bounce back and compete better Walker, who is the squad's No. 5 seed. "We shouldn't be going out there thinking this is a ranked team and it is ok to lose. We should be thinking that we should upset

Tech has been without the duties of co-captain Royce Ramey most of the season with a rotator-cuff injury to his right shoulder.

Ramey is expected to return to the lineup and compete in at least one match in Corpus Christi. He has been out for a month and said the injury will not hurt him mentally when he competes.

"No fear," Ramey said. "It feels real good right now, and I think I am ready to get back.

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Siegel said he is excited to have Ramey back and will probably play him in the No. 2 or 3 slot and see how he performs.

"It is good to have him back," Siegel said. "Every time he goes out on the court I know what I am going to get from him."

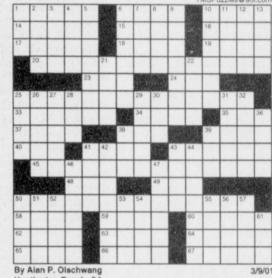
Ramey has observed the inexperienced Raider team since the injury and said the major adjustment is the squad's intensity level. He said it has to increase.

"I think we have a young team that doesn't have the experience with the energy we have coming out," Ramey said. "But that is something we can change real quick."

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Knight could file lawsuit against IU

Knight has told Indiana University he intends to sue the school for slander and libel from his September firing, alleging his former employer cost him more than \$7 million.

According to a letter obtained Thursday by The Associated Press, Knight alleges the university also violated the Indiana Open Door Law, inflicted emotional distress and interfered with his ability to find a coaching job.

"If the university doesn't negotiate with us, we have no choice but to sue," said Knight's attorney, Russell E. Yates of Denver.

Knight was fired Sept. 10 by IU President Myles Brand after 29 years as coach for violating its "zero-tolerance" policy. The firing came after Knight grabbed a freshman student by the arm and lectured him on manners after he greeted the coach informally.

Knight had 180 days to notify the university of his intention to sue. That deadline is Friday.

Yates said Knight was driving to his home in Arizona after he spent time with the St. Louis Cardinals at spring training in Jupiter, Fla., and was unavailable for comment

The university denied the allegations.

"We were disappointed and even taken aback to hear the allegations contained in the notice of tort claim," university spokeswoman Susan Dillman said. "The charges are frivolous and totally without merit.'

The letter, dated March 2, said the damages were "lost income, pain and suffering, mental hu-

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Bob his ability to obtain subsequent employment."

Yates' letter said the university's actions have hurt \$7

"That's a number we put in there that if we had to sue and there were punitive damages, that's what it would be," Yates said. That's nowhere near what we think we're entitled to under the contract."

Yates said Knight had not instructed him to file notice, but that not doing so would have constituted "malpractice." He said Knight would be "surprised" to learn he had filed notice with the university.

"We have concerns that the administrators are talking to other college administrators and that is a violation of tort. That is damages," Yates said. "Myles Brand loves to talk, and he's tried to make himself a public figure over the firing of Bob Knight. I think he continues to do that, and one day, he's got to pay the piper.'

John Walda, president of Indiana's Board of Trustees, said he also was surprised by the action, but cautioned it was only Knight's intent to file a lawsuit.

Since I am familiar with the background, I know the actions are not supported factually," said Walda, who was co-chairman of a university investigation into Knight last spring. "They border on being frivolous.

Dillman had no comment on what the university's next step will

"This is not a lawsuit, it is simply a step in the process," she said. "We certainly would hope that he does miliation and interference with not choose to pursue this further."

Deficit too much for Tech in what could be Dickey's last game as head coach

> By Jeff Keller Sports Editor

KANSAS CITY, Mo. - A 19-0 second half surge by the Red Raiders was not enough to defeat the Oklahoma State Cowboys on Thursday in the first round of the Men's Big 12 Conference Tournament at Kemper

The Red Raiders fell in their final game of the season, 71-59, to the Cowboys amidst speculation on the future of Texas Tech coach James Dickey as head man of the Red Raider men's squad.

Tech won the opening tip and got on the board first on a floating jump shot by guard Jamal Brown. OSU stormed back and quickly leaped to an 11-4 advantage, but the Red Raiders did not fade away.

Tech fought back on the strength of six points from forward Cliff Owens and when Brown canned two free throws with 7:29 left in the half, Tech led 16-15. From that point, OSU took over for the rest of the initial frame, closing the first half on a 17-2 run to finish the first stanza with a 32-18 lead.

The Cowboys picked up at the start of the second period where they left off. OSU began the second half on a 13-2 run to jump out to its biggest lead of the game

The Red Raiders held the Cowboys scoreless and reeled off 19 straight points to close the once 25-point OSU lead to just six points at 45-39.

Owens said the run was a result of Tech playing with its back to the wall with the season winding down.

"Coming out of halftime, that was the one thing that we did talk about. If you were going to quit or throw in the towel, just stay in the locker room because we don't need you out there," Owens said. "We just kept going and prying away. That was just the attitude of our team,



forward Cliff Owens is denied by Oklahoma State forward Andre Williams during the Red Raider's 71-58 loss to the Cowboys. The loss eliminates Tech from the Big 12 Tournament for the third straight vear and could be coach **James** Dickey's last game at the helm of the Red Raider basketball

program.

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we just kept finding a way all year to play hard. If you just keep playing hard, sometimes the ball is going to bounce your way.

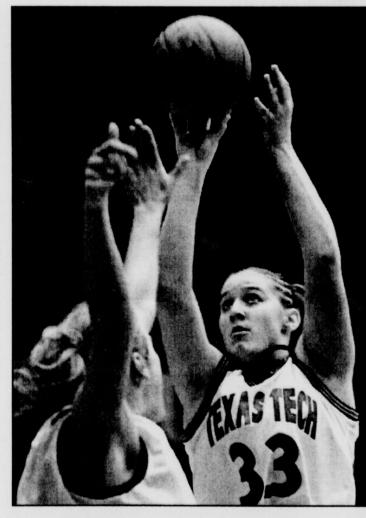
Despite drawing to within six, the Cowboy attack was too much for the Red Raiders as OSU went on a 10-0 run to put the game out of reach.

OSU guard Maurice Baker finished the contest with a game-high 31 points. Owens paced the Red Raiders offensively with 17. The Cowboys beat Tech three times on the season as the Red Raiders

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Cyclones exact revenge, send Lady Raiders packing, 73-62

Tech center Jolee Ayers puts a shot up over an **lowa State** defender Thursday during the Big 12 Tournament in Kansas City, Mo. The Cyclones defeated the Lady Raiders, 73-62, in the second round of the tournament. Ayers contributed eight points and eight rebounds in the loss. Plenette Pierson led all **Tech scorers** with 15. GREG KRELLER



Tech now awaits results of other tournaments to find out NCAA seedings By Jeff Keller Sports Editor KANSAS CITY, Mo. - For the second season in a row, the Lady Raiders' run in the Big 12 Tournament came to an end in the semifinals as the Iowa State Cyclones claimed a 73-62 victory against Texas Tech on Thursday night at the Municipal Auditorium. Tech jumped out to a 33-29 lead by halftime but could not contain the Cyclones in the

cent shooting effort from the floor in the second frame to Tech's 38 percent effort. Lady Raider guard Jia Perkins had 12 points

second half as Iowa State reeled off a 59 per-

and one rebound in the losing effort and said it was disheartening in the second half when Tech's shots stopped falling. "Our shots just weren't going in," Perkins

said. "It's frustrating when your shots aren't going in, and they are making all of their shots." Tech led 53-52 in the second half, but ISU went on an 18-7 run to build its lead to 73-60

with 14 seconds left in the contest.

Tech's Casey Jackson made a layup with six seconds left, but in the end, it was the Cyclones avenging an earlier season loss to the Lady Raiders with the victory to advance to the finals of the Big 12 Conference Women's Tour-

nament to face Oklahoma. Iowa State won the battle underneath the boards in the contest, outrebounding the Lady

Raiders, 42-24, in the contest. Tech forward Plenette Pierson had 13

points and four rebounds in the contest and

said the key to the Cyclones victory was their dominance underneath the glass

"That has been a main key for our defense and our offense all season long — to get in

there and get rebounds and outrebound teams,' Pierson said. "I just think we had a mental letdown tonight without getting the rebounds, and I think that cost us the game.

The Cyclone offensive attack was led by center Angie Welle who poured in a game-high 25 points complimented by 11 rebounds.

Pierson was matched up against Welle several times during the contest and said Welle deserved praise following the contest.

"Welle is a great player," Pierson said. "I'll give it to her, she plays great defense. She is a great inside force. But in the Big 12, you can't be afraid of anyone inside. You have to be able and ready to step up any time. I knew she was going to be a big force in there."

The attendance at the game was 5,518 and most in attendance were donning the red and yellow of the Iowa State Cyclones. Perkins said the crowd had an affect on the outcome of the

"I think Iowa State had a lot of fans in the stands getting into the game," Perkins said. "Every time they would get a lead, they would

> make a lot of noise when we had the ball. I think that kind of toned us down more and made them come out and make more of their shots."

With a bid in the NCAA Tournament awaiting the Lady Raiders early next week, Pierson said the Lady Raiders need to improve on handling their game in a hostile environment.

"I just think that is one thing that we need to work on," Pierson said. "We need to get ourselves motivated to play, regardless of how many fans we have out there.

Tech baseball looks to rebound against UT

By Phil Riddle Staff Writer

The tough early part of the Big 12 baseball schedule continues today as Texas Tech faces Texas in a 7:30 p.m. battle at Disch-Falk Field

in the first of a three-game series The Raiders bring a 12-9 overall mark into the contest, but they are 0-3 in Big 12 games after being swept at home by Nebraska last

The No. 12 Cornhuskers won all three games at Dan Law Field, but only by a combined four runs, giving the Raiders cause for

optimism heading to Austin. "I don't think there's anything that we can do different," said Tech second baseman Bryon Smith. "We played great defense, we hit the ball well, we had good pitching. Maybe just stay away from the big inning. That seems to be our problem right now. That seems like that's what got us in two of those games last weekend. If we can stay away from that, I think we'll be

Smith said Texas pitching should be a cause for concern for Tech, but the Longhorns are not a threatening offensive unit.

"I think they pitch real well," he said, "but I don't think they're going to put up enough runs

Getting back on the diamond is important to the Raiders, who suffered emotionally, los-

ing three close games in their first conference "I think Monday was a tough day," Smith said. "Everyone was pretty physically and emo-

tionally drained. Tuesday was the start for

Texas. We've got to get ready again. If we play

like we played against Nebraska, we'll be fine. I think we'll do real well at Texas.'

Tech third baseman Nick Blankenship said he agrees the Raiders should do well against the Longhorns, adding that they played well in the losing effort against Nebraska.

'Nebraska's a good team," he said. "We battled them each game. Every game was really close, could have gone either way. We just didn't get some breaks here and there. We're all real confident going into the Texas series." Smith and Blankenship are among the

team leaders in offensive statistics. Smith, a junior transfer from Connors State Junior College, is hitting .315 for the year, in-

cluding a 4-for-9 outing in the Nebraska series. He also slammed a towering home run in

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LADY RAIDER GUARD

Tech pitcher Matt Harbin delivers a pitch against Cal-State Northridge.