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STATE

Woman's body found after disappearance

TYLER (AP) — An East Texas woman's battered body has been found, two days after her Easter Sunday disappearance.

A suspect was held Wednesday in the abduction of Julie Anna Sanders, whose remains were located on a oil lease road about a mile from the man's house near Henderson. She had been missing since Easter Sunday.

Jason Landon Lanius remained at Rusk County Jail on Wednesday in lieu of bond on aggravated kidnapping charges in the 23-year-old Sanders' disappearance.

"A patrolman went to (Sanders' residence) and found she may have been forcibly removed from her bedroom," Henderson Police Lt. Ronnie Walker told the *Tyler Morning Telegraph* in Wednesday's editions.

He said investigators found evidence of a struggle in Sanders' bedroom and that enough evidence had been gathered to charge Lanius in the woman's aggravated kidnapping.

Prosecutors on Tuesday urged Fourth District Court Judge Clay Gossett to revoke Lanius' probation on two counts of burglary of a habitation.

NATIONAL

Bush ready to make bipartisan agreement

NEW BRITAIN, Conn. (AP) — President Bush was ready to announce a bipartisan agreement on part of his education budget Wednesday. He was hoping to generate enough pressure outside Washington to get his full program through Congress.

Bush spokesman Ari Fleischer said Bush, in a speech at Central Connecticut State University outside Hartford, would announce he has reached an agreement with Democrats on "several aspects" of his education plan.

Fleischer told reporters that agreements had been reached on student and school performance assessments, consolidation and accommodation but did not give details.

Administration officials say education spending under Bush's budget would go up 11.5 percent to \$44.5 billion. About 20 percent of that would go to Title I programs for the country's poorest students.

Democrats have attacked Bush's numbers, saying he can't pay for both his education plans and his proposed tax cuts.

WORLD

China bombers both get death sentences

BEIJING (AP) — A court on Wednesday sentenced four people to death in connection with a string of bombings last month that killed 108 people in central China, a court official said.

The four immediately appealed the verdicts, said the official at the Intermediate People's Court of Shijiazhuang.

Jin Ruchao has admitted setting off the explosions March 16 that destroyed or damaged four apartment blocks, state media said. Shijiazhuang is a major industrial center 170 miles southwest of Beijing.

Three others are charged with supplying explosives and detonators. They were detained in a raid on explosives manufacturers in the region following the bombings.

Wang Yushun and Hao Fengqin were charged with selling jin ammonia nitrate, an explosive, the official *China Daily* newspaper said Wednesday.

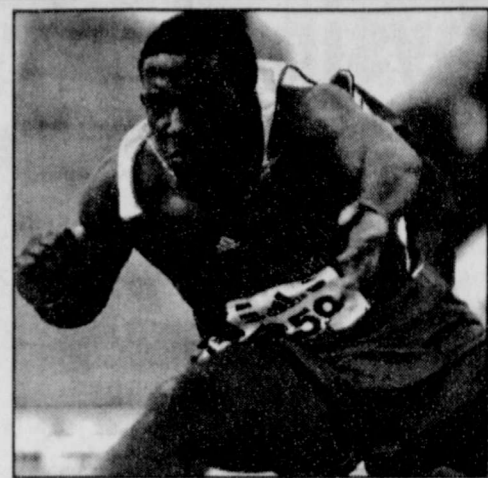


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Tech suffering financial setbacks

By Mara McCoy
Staff Writer

Because of a projected \$2.9-million shortfall in utilities and a projected \$1.2-million shortfall in tuition income, Texas Tech administrators have been forced to implement several money-saving initiatives.

Tech President David Schmidly, in a memo to the university provost and vice presidents, requested assistance in "curtailing spending on state accounts through the end of the fiscal year."

As part of the plan, the following initiatives will be put into effect:

■ As of April 16, the president's

office no longer will approve new positions on state accounts. Only positions that are required for operation in the department will be considered.

■ Schmidly, or his designee, must approve all proposals to increase an employee's pay.

■ The vice president for fiscal affairs must approve all capital outlay purchases of more than \$2,000.

■ All lapsed salary dollars will be placed in a central account. Currently, they are managed by the individual division.

Mike Wilson, interim vice president for fiscal affairs and assistant vice president for budget, said the

initiatives will last at least until the end of the fiscal year.

"We're trying to be cautious," he said. "On Aug. 31, the current fiscal year ends. At that time, the president will reassess the situation."

Wilson said whatever Schmidly decides will depend on the amount of funding the university receives from Austin.

"We don't know what will happen with our funding request right now," he said.

Because of the recent hike in the natural gas rates, several Texas public universities are dealing with a shortfall in utilities funding. Administrators from the universities have

asked the legislation for emergency appropriations to help with the shortfall. The proposals currently are in conference committee.

"We're not as bad as other universities with an \$18-million, \$38-million and \$30-million shortfall in utility bills," said Gene Binder, executive assistant to Schmidly. "No one likes a shortfall, but our (bill) is pretty close to what we budgeted."

The only accounts that will be affected will be state accounts. No faculty accounts, graduate tuition accounts, local accounts or services affecting students will be affected. The majority of accounts that are affected will be administrative ac-

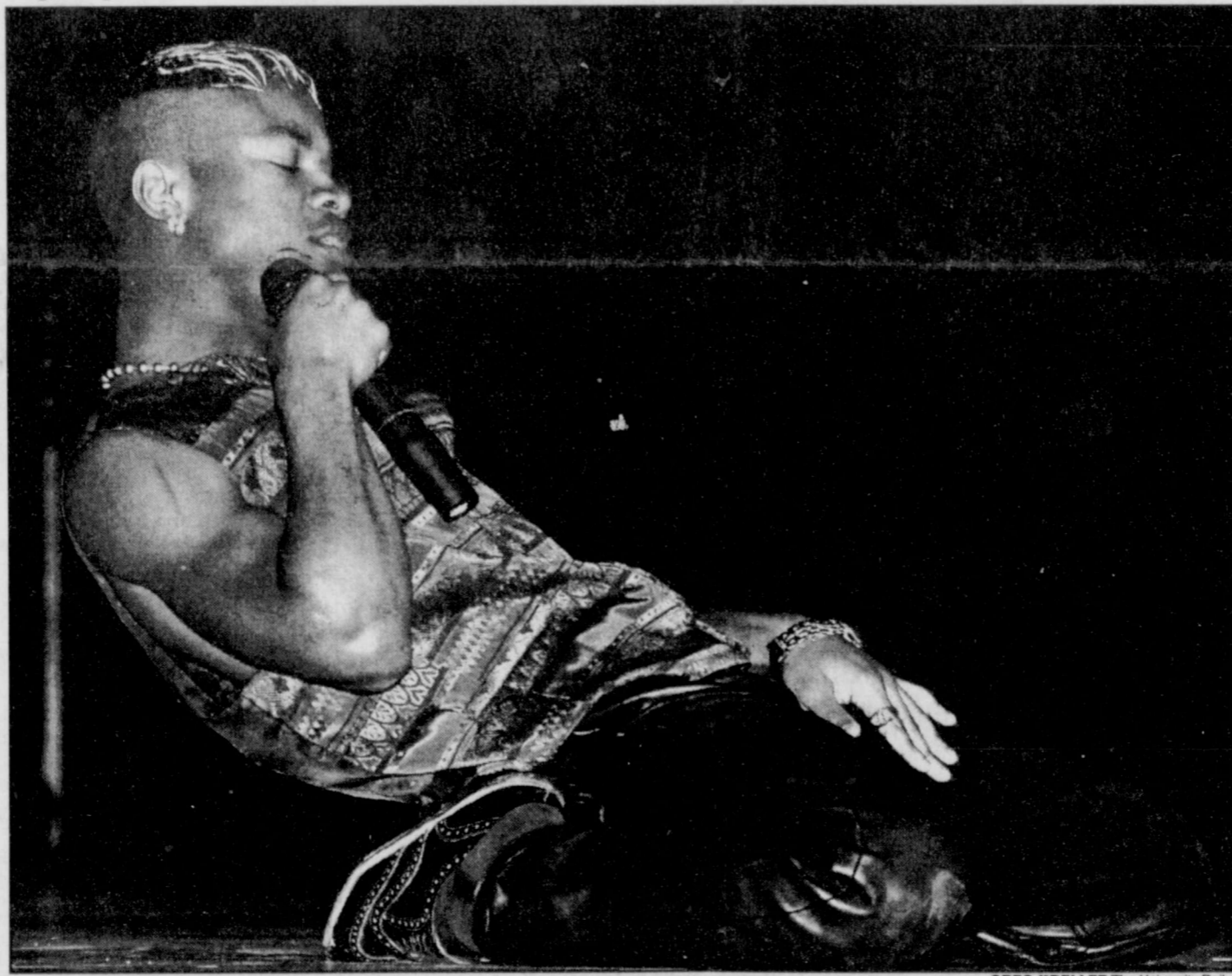
counts, such as operations, budget, payroll, custodial services and special items such as engineering research and agricultural research.

"Mainly, it's just staff that is being affected," Wilson said. "For every administrative account, if an employee leaves, their position will not be filled."

The projected \$1.2-million shortfall has been attributed to the decline in graduate student credit hours. While hours have declined in the past few years, enrolled credit hours are actually up 1,156 hours for the Spring 2001 semester as com-

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Lip Sync



Lukas Allen performs the 'N Sync's hit single 'Bye Bye Bye' on Wednesday evening during the Tech Talent Show in the University Center Allen Theatre. The event was sponsored by the Student Government Association.

Strutting their stuff

Red Raider students showcase abilities in annual SGA talent show

By Christi Davidson
Staff Writer

Members of the Texas Tech Student Government Association hosted a campus-wide talent show Wednesday night to showcase Tech students' wide range of drama skills.

Singers, actors and dancers gathered in the University Center Allen Theatre to perform for the inaugural event.

Leigh Mauer, chairwoman for the event, began the show by thanking

attendees and performers for their participation.

"We're trying to establish this (show) as a new tradition," she said. "So thanks for supporting this."

The show consisted of a wide variety of acts including rock band performances, impromptu comedy acts, singing, lip-synching, dancing and a Mariachi band.

Mauer, a sophomore history major from Waco, said the main goal of the talent show was to make sure it became a

tradition for years to come.

The idea for the talent show originally was dropped last year by the SGA, but, Mauer said, she stepped in to make sure it would definitely get done this year.

The planning for the event started as early as December and was difficult to plan since there was nothing to build on from previous years, Mauer said.

"The planning was difficult," she said, "but we hope to do a lot of things

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Harold Goodman, a freshman business major from Houston, battles Chris Miller, a freshman finance major from Austin, for a bean bag Wednesday afternoon at the anti-smoking carnival.
DAVID JOHNSON
The University Daily



Big Event says no to smoke

By Jeff Stoughton
Staff Writer

Two students wearing sumo wrestler costumes grappled in a simulated fight Wednesday as others perused signs displaying warnings about cigarette smoke.

The attractions were part of the "Big Event," sponsored by the Center for Tobacco Prevention and Control and Raider Communications and took place in Urbanovsky Park near the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center. The

carnival was designed to raise students' awareness of smoking-related health issues.

Dr. Donna Bacchi, director for the Center for Tobacco Prevention and Control, said the purpose of the event was to inform students of risks associated with tobacco use.

"The message here is that the students really shouldn't be smoking or dipping," she said. Bacchi said that about 37 percent of Tech students smoke and 16 percent dip or chew to-

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Physics instructor receives rare honor

By Kristina Thomas
Staff Writer

Texas Tech Horn professor of physics Stefan Estreicher recently was named as one of the first five people in the world to be awarded the Friedrich Wilhelm Bessel Research Award.

Estreicher has been at Tech since 1986. He was born in Switzerland and received his doctorate in physics at the University of Zurich. He spent four years at Rice University in Houston before coming to Tech.

The award, given by the Humboldt Foundation, is a new addition to its annual honors. The foundation also awards the Humboldt junior honor and Humboldt senior honor. This award is not age-specific, but is awarded to researchers who have made considerable contributions



Estreicher

for work in Germany.

Estreicher said the award is a great honor on an international level.

"It is a really big deal," he said. "God only knows how many people applied, but they are very selective. It is cool to be one of the first five to get this award."

Researchers are nominated for this award internationally. After nominations are in, a committee

to their field.

The award is based out of Germany and honors researchers who have done work there but also is open to researchers abroad who are in demand

gather letters of recommendations, lists of publications and projects the nominee has worked on, drafts or reprints of recent publications produced by the nominee and a detailed statement explaining the person's academic qualifications. Once the committee has created a sufficient file on the nominee, selections are made.

Lynn Hatfield, chairman of Tech's physics department, said the award was deserved, and he is excited for Estreicher.

"He is a good teacher, good colleague and a good researcher," Hatfield said. "He is a Horn professor, as well, and you have to be really good to get there. Being picked as one of five in the world though is really something."

Hatfield and Estreicher said awards faculty members receive while at Tech bring recognition to

the university and its programs. "I am glad to win an award like this, not for me," Estreicher said, "but for the recognition it brings to the programs here at Tech."

Estreicher said he will travel to Europe in June on faculty developmental leave. There, he said, he will spend time traveling and giving invited talks. He will return to the university in December and continue teaching in the spring 2002 semester.

Tech is one of the largest research universities in the state but one of the least recognized, Estreicher said.

"Tech has been very good to me, and I think this is a university that is very academically underestimated," he said. "These are really some top quality people, and I think that Tech is just waiting to be discovered as a top university."

Communications. "It's fantastic," she said. "Making it fun makes people more apt to participate. The joust is a great way to get out your aggressions instead of smoking."

James Jackson, a freshman business major from Dimmitt, said he learned about the event when his friend Zack Morgan, a freshman business economics major from Dimmitt, woke him up Wednesday morning.

Morgan said he saw the festivities while riding the bus to class. Dusty McAfee, a senior English major from Stephenville, said he came to the event for the free food and games. He said he heard about the event while in class in the Business Administration building.

"Word gets around," McAfee said. "They brought a good time and it was educational."

Some of the attractions included at the event were a 60-foot inflatable obstacle course, a climbing wall, a bungee run and a joust.

Norma Hernandez, a sophomore human development and family science major from Irving, said she noticed the event when she was walking by the park. She said the signs displayed around the park were very informative.

"It was a good idea," she said. "I found out some things I didn't know before."

Butts said Raider Communications also placed posters around campus to raise tobacco awareness. The posters were designed by Creative Services and were placed mostly in residence halls. Charlotte Grebe, a senior advertising major from Albuquerque, N.M., said she heard about the event because one of her friends works for Raider

related health issues on campus.

"We're letting the students know that about 70 percent of them don't smoke," Butts said.

She also said representatives from Student Health Services were present as part of their Tobacco Intervention Program. They distributed brochures on the dangers of smoking and information on how to quit.

Disc jockeys from KMMX-FM 100.3 also were at the event. The DJs asked students questions related to smoking and awarded them South Plains Mall gift certificates for correct answers.

Representatives from SHS and CTPC displayed kiosks and posted signs around Urbanovsky Park containing information about smoking.

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Angela Butts, president of Raider Communications, said CTPC, one of her organization's clients, funded the event with a grant it received from the Texas Department of Health. She said the event was sponsored to raise awareness of tobacco-

related health issues on campus.

"This is just another way to get students informed," Bacchi said.

The CTPC distributed free T-shirts, koozies and brochures. Students also could enter a drawing to win a mountain bike or a digital videodisc player.

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pared to the spring 2000 semester. However, Wilson said, administrators are basing their projection on the decline in hours from Fall 1998 to Fall 2000.

Wilson said people need to keep in mind that both shortfalls are not final.

"Projected is the key word here," he said. "The purpose of the memo is to take actions to help curb spending."

Binder said this is not the first time the university has been faced with a shortfall.

"If you look at the history, anytime the gas rates have increased, it has hurt us," he said. "We may take other conservative steps as the summer approaches, but this year is not unlike others we have seen."

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sity to replace almost all of the positions," he said. "Kinghorn mainly oversees KTXT, so we really didn't lose a faculty position with him. Womack will be teaching two classes in the fall, and Ayeni has already been replaced."

As a department, Hudson said he would like to have already replaced the positions. However, he said, finding quality replacements takes some time.

"I feel we still have a very strong faculty," he said. "This is one of the top schools, and I feel we will attract some good candidates for these positions."

This is not the only semester the School of Mass Communications has had a number of their faculty depart in the same semester. Hudson said a comparable number of people left the department in 1986 and 1987. He said the problem was compounded by a hiring freeze in 1989.

"We actually had more students

Binder said the level and number of cost-cutting steps taken depends on the budget the legislation provides for Tech.

"We won't have any idea what our budget is going to be until the legislature gives it to us," he said. "And that won't be until June or July."

Several staff members have been upset by the memo. Trish Gossett, an administrative assistant for the College of Architecture, said she thinks the inability for a department to hire staff to fill positions will hurt the departments.

"We're short staffed right now, and we're losing a couple of staff members," she said. "Those positions need to be filled. And the fact that we may not receive raises next year will really hurt us, what with the increase in parking fees. How are they expecting us to pay for parking if they don't raise our salaries?"

then than we do now," he said.

Also in 1998, the number of faculty members in the department has concerned the Accrediting Council for Education in Journalism and Mass Communications, the agency that approves the specialized accreditation to the school.

In 1998, the ACEJMC withdrew its specialized accreditation from the School of Mass Communications because of weaknesses in areas stemming from relatively high student-faculty ratios. According to the Department of Institutional Research's Web site, enrollment in the School of Mass Communications has risen since then from 1,160 overall students in 1998 to 1,279 overall students in 2000.

Hudson said despite the increased enrollment, the accreditation of the department will not be placed in jeopardy due to the departing faculty.

"We will not begin compiling our accreditation report until the fall of 2002, and it won't be filed until the Spring 2003," he said. "The on-site visit by the board will not occur until Spring 2004."

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different for next year."

Mauer said the SGA will try to make the event a part of the different Homecoming festivities in the fall, and she predicts the event will gain more recognition every year.

The greatest aspect of the talent show, she said, was the opportunity it gave students to showcase their talent.

"Some performers even told me that they saw this as their big break," she said.

Kelly Stumbo, a sophomore public relations major from Flower Mound, was one of the night's performers.

She said she has participated in talent shows since she was three and thought it was a great event for the SGA and university.

"It's an awesome opportunity for students," she said. "There's not a lot of pressure or competition, just a chance for students to have some fun."

Stumbo said she hopes to see the event become an annual event and recommends other Tech students to participate in the show in the future.

Another of the show's performers included "Those Four Guys," which consisted of a quartet of Tech male students singing Billy Joel tunes a cappella.

The group said since they are members of Tech's University Choir, it was a nice break to be able to sing contemporary music.

Group member Rob Rogers, a freshman music education major from San Antonio, said it was his idea for the group to enter the event.

"I've always liked singing, and it's what we all can do," he said. "This will be our first public appearance as a group, our debut."

Mike Needham, a sophomore music education major from Clovis, N.M., said he thought the idea of a university talent show was a great idea.

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Student brings radio theater to Tech

By Whitney Wyatt
Staff Writer

The Texas Tech University Theatre will present "Echoes of Radioland" at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday in the Maedgen Theatre's Lab Theatre, located at 18th and Flint.

Keith West, a doctorate student in theater from Oklahoma, is producing this performance.

"Echoes of Radioland" is a comedy-variety show for the radio," he said. "It features themed shows."

Westerns, panel discussions, interviews, commercials and news will be some of the themes featured, he said. Each actor will take on different parts, complete with sound effects and music.

Radio theater, which was common during the 1930s and 1940s, is making a comeback today, West said. It is currently popular in Britain, Canada and Australia.

West said this is the first radio theater for the TTUT has sponsored, so he encourages people to attend the performance. He said the audience will have an entertaining time because they will get to see how the sound effects are created.

"This is something they normally don't see," West said. "This is a rare treat."

The script for this production is part of West's Ph.D. dissertation, "Theatre of the Mind, Live on Stage: A Practical Approach to Radio Theatre Production." West said this is the first document addressing radio theater production to be published in more than 50 years. This production will be included in his dissertation.

The cast consists of nine Tech students directed by Cat Parker, a



GREG KRELLER/The University Daily

Lisa Corner, a freshman theatre major from Silverton, goes over her lines during a rehearsal of "Echoes of Radioland" as Suk Lee, a freshman architecture major from Houston, makes the sound effects. The play will be presented at 8 p.m. Friday in the Maedgen Theatre.

graduate student in fine arts. Parker said the set consists of a foley pit, which is where cast members create the sound effects. The foley pit is located on center stage with two microphones located on each side of it.

The actors cannot move from the microphones, so they use body movements and gestures, she said.

Some of the scenes are titled "Uncle Ray's Gator Pit and Exotic

Pet Farm," "Billy Bob's Baked Beans" and "Hank's House of Hooves," she said.

"It's a lot of fun," Parker said. "People

will get a lot of laughs out of it." "Echoes of Radioland" is free to the public, but donations will be accepted to offset production costs.

THURSDAY APRIL 19

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AFFIL	PBS	NBC	CBS	UPN	ABC	FOX
CITY	Lubbock	Lubbock	Lubbock	Lubbock	Lubbock	Lubbock
7:00	Bus. Report	Today Show	News	Lightyear	Good Morning	K. Copeland
7:30	Body Etc.	"	"	Recess	"	Paid Program
8:00	Barney	"	Early Show	Sabrina	America	Magic Bus
8:30	Teletubbies	"	"	Pepper Ann	"	Paid Program
9:00	Calliope	Today Show	Sally Jessy	Nanny	Regis &	Greg Mathis
9:30	Sesame	"	Raphael	Caroline	Kelly	"
10:00	Street	Martha	Price is	Grace/Fire	View	Divorce CL
10:30	Dr. Rogers	Stewart	Right	Paid Program	"	Divorce CL
11:00	Dragon Tales	Montel	Young & the	Ricki Lake	Mad/You	Joe Brown
11:30	Arthur	Williams	Restless	"	Port Charles	Joe Brown
12:00	Old House	News	News	Jerry	All My	PI/Attorney
12:30	St. Katzen	Days of Our	Beautiful	Springer	Children	Mills Lane
1:00	St & Be Fit	Lives	As the	Jenny Jones	One Life to	Matlock
1:30	Barney	Passions	World Turns	"	Live	"
2:00	Zoboomatoo	Hwyd Square	Guiding	Street Smart	General	Paid Program
2:30	Clifford	"	Light	Paid Program	Hospital	Paid Program
3:00	Arthur	Rosie	Maury Povich	Clueless	Moral Court	Action Man
3:30	Wishbone	O'Donnell	"	Moesha	"	Big Guy
4:00	Zoom	Oprah	For Women	7th Heaven	Tell/Truth	Digimon
4:30	El. Rainbow	Wintrey	News	News	Family Feud	"
5:00	Beth/Lions	News	MASH	People's	News	Sabrina
5:30	Eighty Bus	NBC News	CBS News	Court	ABC News	Simpsons
6:00	NewsHour	News	Jacoby Judy	Judge Judy	News	Spin City
6:30	"	Extra	CBS News	Judge Judy	W/Fortune	Fraser
7:00	Movie: Schindler	Friends 'PG	Survivor	WWF	Whose Line	FOX Movie:
7:30	"	Weber 'PG	"	Smackdown	Whose Line	"Set It
8:00	's List	Will/Grace	C.S.L.	"	Millionaire	Off
8:30	"	Shoot Me 'PG	"	"	"	"
9:00	"	E.R. 'PG	48 Hours	Voyager	Primetime	News
9:30	"	"	"	"	Thursday	"
10:00	News	News	News	Arrest/Trial	News	Seinfeld
10:30	Nightly Bus	Tonight Show	David	Clips	Nightline	Fraser
11:00	"	"	Letterman	Blind Date	Incorrect	Cheers
11:30	"	Conan	Craig	Change/Heart	Paid Program	Coach
12:00	"	O'Brien	Kilborn	E.T.	Access	News
12:30	"	Later	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	"

TV Land programming focus shifts toward baby boomer era

NEW YORK (AP) — Television nostalgia is about to be segregated by age.

The TV Land cable network, a 24-hour spinoff of Nickelodeon's evening programming of old television series, wants to define itself as a comfortable home for aging baby boomers, who are most fond of and familiar with Andy Griffith, Mr. T, Mary Tyler Moore and the Odd Couple, executives said Tuesday.

Meanwhile, Nickelodeon will air reruns from the late 1970s and 1980s, appealing to the younger parents of children who watch Nick during the day, said network President Herb Scannell.

The tweaks come as TV Land celebrates its fifth birthday later this month in a growth spurt. The network is now carried in more than 60 million of the nation's television homes, after starting with 5 million.

TV Land adds "The Mary Tyler

Moore Show" to its schedule on Friday, and "The Love Boat" on June 4. It will bring back "I Love Lucy" in October, on the 50th anniversary of the comedy's premiere.

"You'll see more and more of a distinction" between the two networks, said Larry Jones, TV Land's general manager.

It's all part of parent company Viacom's "cradle to grave" philosophy of positioning networks to appeal to distinct age groups — including Nick for children, MTV for teen-agers, VH1 for young adults and CBS for the older folks.

TV Land's ratings for the first three months of the year were down about 30 percent compared to last year at this time, according to Nielsen Media Research. But the network's executives said that because of an increase of 15 million homes where TV Land is seen, the network's average viewership actually went up slightly from year to year.

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

ACROSS

- Surfeit
- Leafy quaker
- Tramp
- Continental currency
- Old hat
- Hey!
- Angry in a town in Lombardy?
- Take to court
- Sushi fish
- Brother of Moses
- Trunk coverage
- Short-legged hounds
- Barbershop tool
- Lightning strikes
- Metric foot
- Floppy
- Choose
- Jealousy with a twist?
- Endeavor
- Cathedral sections
- Trunk spare
- Goofed up
- Too clever by half
- Checkout cipher
- Cake layer
- Island ring
- Portent
- One place to surf
- Elementally exasperated?
- Square or granny
- Grown-up
- Yearning
- Jazz sessions
- Choir attire
- Botanical anchor

DOWN

- Precious stones
- Maul feast
- Egg on
- Stocking end
- Fall flowers
- Move menacingly
- Fido's feet
- Inventor
- Whitney
- Final profit
- Beleaguer
- Chicago hub
- Fathered, old-style
- Agurges
- Approach
- Hurry up
- Ruth or Zaharias
- 24 High times
- 25 In addition
- Delta collection
- Whisker
- TV award
- Foreshadowed
- Earthen dike
- Relating to the ear
- Fringe benefit
- Low card
- Sign up
- Scotland
- The slammer
- Brilliant successes
- Type of hose
- French mathematician
- Descartes
- Stands behind
- Make amends
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Column

Overcrowding will lead to legalization

Readers, a House Bill has been proposed that would eliminate prison sentences for most marijuana possession charges filed in Texas. Well, that's a start. Possession of marijuana should be decriminalized.

The issue of marijuana is obviously a moral one. Is it wrong to smoke pot? Is it wrong to drink alcohol? No.

While I'm not sure what the exact numbers are, I would make an educated guess that smoking pot is like working at a fast food restaurant, one in four Americans have done it at some point in their lives.

Many would say that marijuana is wrong because it is a gateway drug. Yet, there have been several studies done that show this is not true. Besides, most people who have tried marijuana do not move on to mainlining heroin.

Our government is slowly being persuaded to change its attitude toward marijuana. Not because we have a government that realizes marijuana is actually not as bad as alcohol, and many people try and use marijuana. And, definitely not because the government has higher priorities on its lists of criminals to catch. The change of attitude is being brought around by dollar signs. It's costing the government more and more to build more and more prisons.

The war on drugs in the recent past was led

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by a man who swears he didn't inhale. And now, a man that did inhale. These are the people signing — authorizing — the legislation that continues this war. Marijuana has been deemed the enemy in this war. Why? Maybe it's because potheads reach a level of dependence that forces them to steal and commit crimes to support their habits. Maybe it's because when people are under the influence of marijuana, they easily lose control of their emotions, fly into a stoned rage and beat or abuse their spouses and/or children. Maybe it's because every year this country sees an increase in the number of deaths because of marijuana overdoses. Or, maybe it's because the war on drugs, and especially the war on marijuana, is a healthy source of income for all levels of government, from the municipal level up.

It's time for possession of marijuana to be decriminalized. The laws we have are not just. Currently, you face the same penalty for the possession of a joint as you would face for the possession of two ounces. So, I have a proposal.

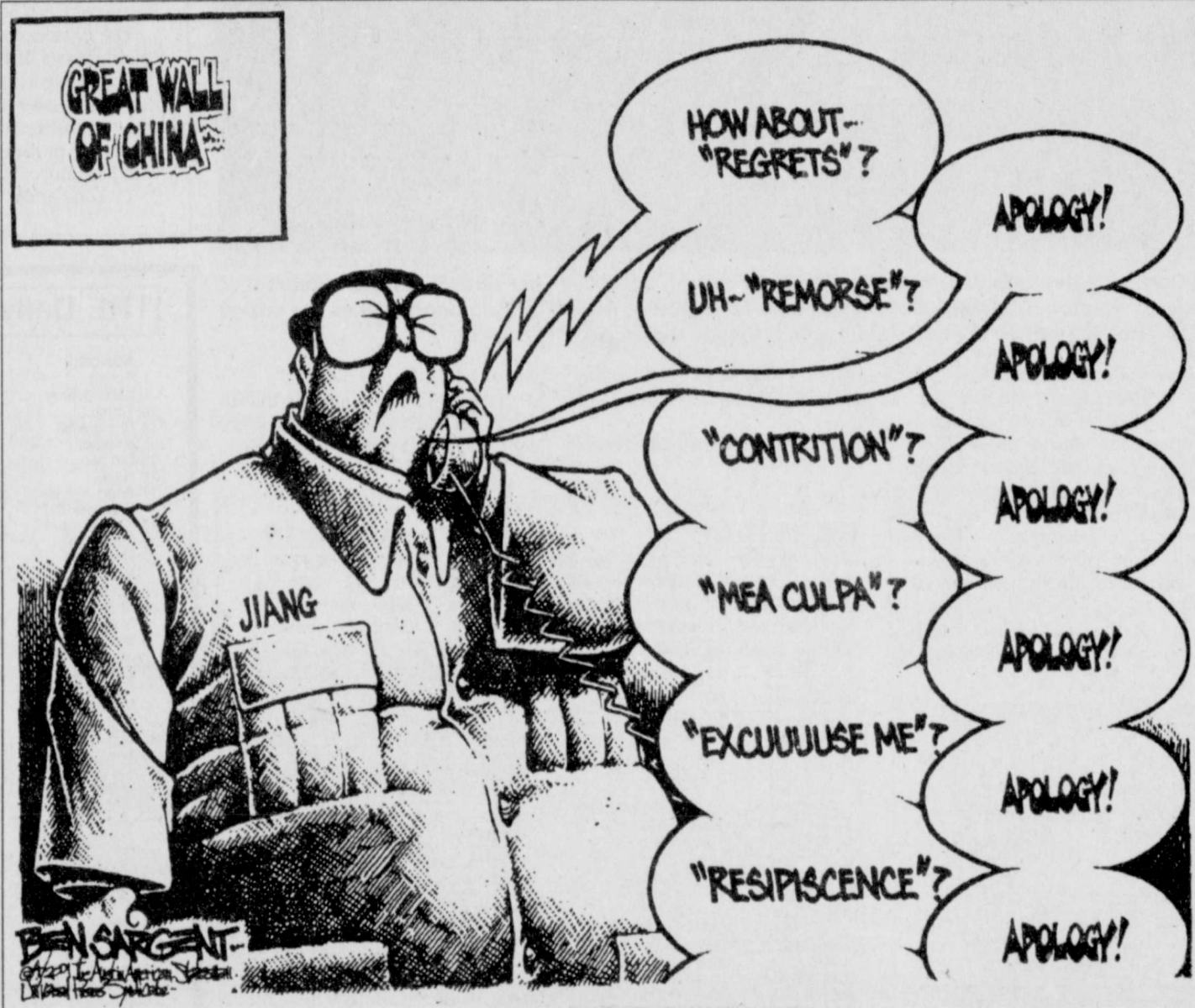
There are two main categories, personal use and distribution. For now, let's say the personal use range goes up to four ounces. If you get caught with an amount that falls into the personal use category, you receive a ticket. The amount of the fine starts at \$10 then moves up matching the cost of the amount of marijuana you have in your possession. The distribution category will be divided into brackets depending on the amount in possession greater than four ounces. Each bracket has an increase in fine depending on the amount of marijuana. Also at this level community service will be assessed and determined by the amount in possession. Now, if you are caught driving while under the influence, you face the same penalties that you would face if caught driving under the influence of alcohol.

I think this proposal will work for now, until marijuana is eventually legalized. And, yes this will happen, probably in the next 10 years. Besides, it's only a matter of time before Uncle Sam works out a way to get the maximum profit out of marijuana when it's legalized. This is when we'll see its legalization.

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Michelle Hanlon



Column

We have given enough of our money

Why does it always come down to money? College brochures should stop bragging how universities are the last bastion for free thought and how to expand your horizons. Instead, they need to have a huge, boldface disclaimer that reads, "You may need to order more checks before you get



Brandon Formby

down on how much money you will spend.

Since I arrived on this campus in 1998, I have seen prices, fees and tuition skyrocket faster than a Republican's blood pressure at a pro-choice rally. In a year's time, a bottle of Coke on this campus went up from 75 cents to \$1.

Now, the administration is asking the students to help pay for the Jones SBC Stadium construction. Technically they are not asking students to pay any more money than we already are — \$3 per semester hour, which right now is going toward paying off the United Spirit Arena. But it does extend the \$3 fee until the year 2027.

The Student Government Association recently passed a resolution that will allow students to vote on whether or not we should extend this fee. The election, which will be online, will be April 26 - 27. Preparing for this vote, the SGA has come up with an agreement that will give students more say in stadium operations and many more benefits. Among them are better seating, the use of the Tech Express card to pay for concessions and new on-campus areas for student tailgating prior to the games.

While the SGA is stepping up and doing a good job of representing what students want and giving them a voice in this matter, you have to realize that as long as the administration is involved, odds are, not much will change.

Even though the benefits are definitely nice, why do we have to pay even more to obtain them? Do we not give this univer-

sity enough money through tuition and fees? Do we not give enough to the athletics department through ticket prices and student service fees?

Though the help to pay for the United Spirit Arena, the benefits are not that awesome. When the arena first opened, they tried to make students pay to park at Tech athletic events. Throughout this semester there has been a problem with student seating not being reserved for only students. The impression the athletic department gives off is one of apathy and little concern once we have given them our money. For the past two years, the department has come up in the red anyway, so why in the world do they think they deserve even more of our money?

It is obvious this grand plan for the stadium is about to get everyone involved — the athletic department and the administration — into some hot water. They are having trouble selling the sky box seats and now must turn to the students when they need even more to finish paying for the stadium. Correct me if I am wrong, but should they not have made sure they had enough money to renovate it before they started?

When the whole idea of reconstructing the stadium came up, students were not given a voice in the matter. In fact, we got the raw end of the deal because they took away hundreds of parking spaces in the commuter lots to make room for their cranes and construction crews. When will we get these spots back? Never.

Nowhere in the agreement between SGA and the administration is anything said about getting student parking back. Basically, we are expected to pay even more to the athletic department, while the only things we get in return are unimportant perks which we should get anyway based on the simple fact that we are the students of this university.

To top it all off, the administration has shown a continued blatant disregard for our futures or academic careers. More interested in building newer athletic facilities, the administration, during the past few years, has created a pattern of ignorant behavior.

When it has come to the athletic department, this university has built and completed the way-over-the-budget Spirit Arena, constructed the new softball complex, begun over-the-top renovations on Jones SBC Stadium, set in motion a plan to get rid of an open rec field north of Bledsoe Hall so the football team can have better training facilities, and paid millions of dollars to buy coaches out of their contracts.

Money has been no object. No price tag

has been too large. Yet when it comes to academics, there is a whole other story.

The administration has told the English, philosophy and education departments they would have to raise their own money for furniture in the new complex, cut summer classes and failed to hire enough professors for the number of students, to name a few. Their excuse for all of this is because they have to cut money. They don't have money. They can't do this. But bam! The minute Bob Knight shows interest, they can find the money to hire him and still pay James Dickey a cool \$1.3 million — even though the theater department was informed of a \$50,000 budget cut.

The only reason the administration is making these promises to us now is because they need the money. Forget that. These people are politicians. They will tell us anything as long as we give them the money they want. If Chancellor Montford is so awesome at raising money, why doesn't he just get on the phone and clear this whole matter up?

At the Bob Knight press conference, President Schmidly said, "This institution is interested in a national image for everything it does — not just athletically, but academically. And any opportunity we have to upgrade this institution that will make us, or provide us to be a national competitor, we're going to take that opportunity. That is my responsibility as president of the university."

Well, then how come athletics is all you people focus on? You say it will recruit people. Well, what are you going to do with students once they get here? Oh yeah, as the current students of Texas Tech, we know the answer to that one — you could care less.

When it comes time to vote on this fee for the Jones SBC Stadium project, it's important to actually get out there and have your voice heard. If you don't like it, vote "no." You can't just sit there because all the "yes" people will definitely be logging on and voting.

And, when it comes time for me to vote, I'm not just going to vote "no." I'm going to vote "hell no, kiss my butt, focus on academics, hire some more professors and stop cutting classes from the schedule!"

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Out of the Past

From The University Daily April 19, 2000

Executive officers and senators for the 2000-01 Texas Tech Student Government Association were sworn into office Wednesday night at the annual installation and awards banquet.

For the first time in 14 years, the Tech athletic department will raise ticket prices for the "Top Choice" seating area in Jones Stadium.

From The University Daily April 19, 1991

The Student Publication Committee selected The University Daily sports editor Andrew Harris as the 1991 summer editor.

From The University Daily April 21, 1981

Rusty Laughlin hit a one-run single in the ninth inning of Monday's second game to lift the Tech baseball team to a 7-6 win, and doubleheader split, against Texas A&M University.

From The University Daily April 19, 1971

Tech's Earth Week Committee, a self-sponsored group composed of individuals interested in ecology, announced this year's Earth Day schedule, which included different events to be held Wednesday in the Coronado Room of the University Center.

From The Toreador April 18, 1951

The 1951 Texas Tech Engineering Show will be presented Friday and Saturday. The 19th annual affair will demonstrate the work of all engineering departments.

From The Toreador April 23, 1931

Texas Technological students will vote in a contest to elect the female student that will represent the college during the West Texas Chamber of Commerce convention.

Tech student Herman McArthur, with a score of 684, was announced as the winner of the fifth annual freshman stock judging contest held last Saturday.

compiled by Christi Davidson

Letters to the editor

Women bring joy

To the editor: This is in response to Kenneth Strickland's column "Marriage is a life sentence" (UD, April 17). Marriage is not a "trap," as he terms it. I cannot think of anything more exciting than to commit to one for life — to have someone to love and who loves you forever. Commitment in no way scares me; it excites me and I look forward to the day when I make my vows. People are not like clothes — you do not put them on and take them off if they displease you. It is with great care that you should enter any relationship — knowing full well that this is a person and a precious heart is inside of her. How disrespectful of you to suggest "putting them on" for two weeks only to discard them afterward. It is also with great joy that I look forward to raising children. What pride fills the heart of any parent as they see their children grow to become men and women of excellence. I most certainly will participate in raising my children (despite his comments about men and children). The best thing that can happen to you is to become best friends with a female — to see her for who she is — to learn her heart. How wonderful a picture it is to see a girl's heart — words cannot describe its beauty. Girls make the greatest friends and ultimately complete that missing piece of the puzzle in your life. Marriage is a life sentence — a sentence to a life of love, happiness, and commitment.

Joshua Smith senior management information systems

Tech track looks to make believers at TCU

By Phil Riddle
Staff Writer

The TCU Invitational in Fort Worth this weekend will not be a particularly large gathering, but it should feature some talented runners and throwers.

Tech track athlete Candice Cole said regardless of the meet's size, there will be talented athletes competing.

"It's not going to be a really big meet," Cole said. "But it should be very competitive."

Cole will compete in the hurdles, the javelin throw and the long jump

at the meet in Fort Worth.

"I'm usually a heptathlete," she said. "But I'm just doing the individual events this week. That kind of pushes me to run better times."

Cole's top performances at Tech include a second-place 131-11 toss in the javelin competition at the 2000 UTA Invitational in Arlington and a 4,393-point total in the 2000



Angelo State Relays. She said the difference between running the heptathlon and running the individual events is the time it takes to

recover and switch her focus between events.

"It's a little different," she said. "We have to focus more on moving from event to event in the heptathlon. This week, there won't be so much pressure to switch so fast between

events."

Teammate Ashley Mitchell, a freshman sprinter from Houston Westbury High School, said the TCU meet will be another tune-up for the May 17-20 Big 12 Conference meet.

"There are still four meets before the Big 12 Championships," Mitchell said. "But still, there's already some, not really pressure, but urgency to do well and compete well at these meets."

Mitchell's role for the weekend, whether in short or long sprints, has not been decided, but most of her training has been for the 400.

"I don't know if it will be the 100

or the 400, but I kind of think I'll be running the 400 meters this weekend. That's what I've been preparing for," Mitchell said.

Like Coie, Mitchell said the weekend meet will be one of the smaller events of the season.

"I don't think it's going to be a big competition, but there will be some good athletes there," Mitchell said. "Personally, I know that TCU has some good long sprinters. Some of my toughest competition, though, should be from my own teammates. Ngozi Iwu, Rachelle Evans and Melonie Barrow. They'll be some of the toughest runners I'll be against."

Evans was among the top finishers for the Raiders in last week's UTEP Invitational, flashing a fifth-place 57.78 time in the 400 meters. Tami Zachary and Tiffany Green took fourth and fifth for Tech in the women's 100 meters with times of 11.58 and 11.68 respectively. Green also was eighth in the 200-meters with her 24.14 clocking.

The Raiders will compete in the Penn Relays in Philadelphia on April 26-27, then will host a dual meet against Oklahoma on May 5, and travel to the ACU Invitational in Abilene on May 10 before the Big 12 Championships.

Wallace returns to Blazers after suspension

TUALATIN, Ore. (AP) — Rasheed Wallace and the rest of the Portland Trail Blazers didn't hold hands and break into song Wednesday. But he was welcomed back from a one-game suspension as the team insisted all is well entering the playoffs.

Wallace, suspended by coach Mike Dunleavy for the second time in two weeks for throwing a towel into the face of teammate Arvydas Sabonis during an on-court argument, strode past a group of reporters following practice, saying "Naw, naw, naw" when asked to talk.

Dunleavy didn't shed much light

on the issue, but he said the workout was "business as usual" for Wallace and Sabonis.

"They're fine. Nothing to really talk about," he said. "I can tell you that everything's fine between both guys."

Sabonis, speaking publicly about the incident for the first time, acknowledged he had been upset with Wallace. "At the time, of course. But when you think about it ..." Sabonis said, not finishing the sentence. Then he paused and added, "We need to do our jobs."

Asked whether he and Wallace

had settled their differences, the 7-foot-3 Lithuanian said: "Yes. It's been a hard time for everybody, with things going bad."

"Bad" means losing 14 of their final 22 games, including Tuesday night's regular-season finale against San Antonio, and falling from the top seed in the Western Conference to seventh. The Blazers, who have lost six straight games to playoff-bound teams from the West, open the first round of the playoffs Sunday against the Lakers in Los Angeles.

Portland reserve Will Perdue, who took plenty of verbal abuse from

Michael Jordan during the Bulls' heyday, said the Blazers' recent struggles have made tempers short.

"If we were playing the Clippers, maybe it wouldn't have been that big a deal," Perdue said. "I mean, right now, you're talking about a team that's got so much talent, and (it's) going to the playoffs with the seventh seed. For us, that's pretty much unacceptable."

Wallace shot free throws with assistant coaches before Bonzi Wells, who's out for the rest of the season with an injured left knee, limped out of the weight room to tease him. He

and Wallace are close friends, and when Wallace walked away refusing questions, Wells smiled and said, "Hey, where you goin'?"

Wells tried to lighten the mood. "I'm glad he threw a towel and not a punch ... you've got to take the positives out of it," he said.

In a more serious tone, Wells said Wallace feels badly about his actions.

"I know if Rasheed could take it back, he would. It was just a spur-of-the-moment frustration. I know it was national TV and he shouldn't have done it, but I know Rasheed, and I know he's sick about it."

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Sharp signed to five more years at Tech

Lady Raider coach rewarded for winning ways

Texas Tech Athletics Director Gerald Myers announced Wednesday that Lady Raider coach Marsha Sharp's contract has been extended five years.

Sharp's contract was initially up at the end of next season, but the 19-year veteran will be at the helm until at least the conclusion of the 2006 season with the contract extension.

Sharp and Myers could not be reached for comment.

Other than increasing the number of years she will lead Tech, the new contract also includes an increase in base salary from \$200,000 to \$250,000 dollars beginning Sept. 1, 2001.

Additionally, Sharp will receive a \$150,000 bonus at the end of the 2006 campaign.

Recently named president of the Women's Basketball Coaches' Association, Sharp has compiled a 459-141 record and has led her squad to 14 NCAA Tournament appearances, including the last 12, and eight NCAA Sweet 16 and three Elite Eight appearances and the



university's only national championship in 1993.

Sharp also has guided Tech to three consecutive Big 12 Conference regular season championships (1998-2000) and two tournament titles (1998, 1999).

While in the Southwest Conference, Sharp's squad never finished below third while winning or sharing the last five championships in the conference's history.

During her stay in the SWC, Sharp led the Lady Raiders to three SWC Post-Season Classic titles.

She also garnered SWC Coach of the Year honors seven times, five of those awards coming in consecutive seasons.

Sharp was named the National Coach of the Year in 1994 and also won the Big 12 Conference Coach of the year in 1998 and 1999.

Sharp has helped guide four of her players to professional basketball careers in the WNBA.

The most recent was 2000 graduate Keitha Dickerson and the most known may be USA Olympic Gold Medal winner Sheryl Swoopes.

Senior guard Katrisa O'Neal has a chance to be the fifth if she is drafted during Friday's 2001 WNBA draft held in Secaucus, N.J.

Sharp led the 2000-2001 Lady Raiders to a second place finish in the Big 12 while compiling a 25-7 overall record and a 14-2 conference record.

The Lady Raiders advanced to the Sweet 16 of the 2001 NCAA Tournament.

Sharp's squad's dream of a second national championship came to an end when the Lady Raiders fell to national champion runner-up Purdue in Birmingham, Ala.

Sharp will return for her 20th season when Midnight Madness kicks off the new campaign along with new men's coach Bob Knight in October.



Tech coach Marsha Sharp talks with a referee during a game last season at the United Spirit Arena.

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