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Anthrax germ prompts alert

MAIL MENACE: The latest case of the bacteria increases awareness among postal officials.

By Melissa Guest/Staff Reporter

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U.S. officials are concerned about ter General John E. Potter said in a what may be a new terrorist threat statement on the USPS Web site. "We deliver 680 million pieces of mail thrax infection was discovered in each day. To date, there has not been a confirmed case of transmission of An NBC News employee tested anthrax using the U.S. mail. We have positive for anthrax after handling however, received many threats and suspicious mail. However, test results hoaxes over the years. And we have investigated each case.

The site, www.usps.com, also details steps to take when handling sus-

Jim Mogan, Texas Tech's manager for the Emergency Operations Center, said students who believe they have received suspicious mail should contact MailTech for assistance, or if need be, the Tech Police Department.

opening it, don't open it," he said.

Mogan said there already are stringent screening processes in place at

"The danger here, in fact, is that

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FCEEU WING HER VICTORY in her preliminary race, Sammy Jo bites down on an ice pop held by her nanna Doris Newsom, as the dog's owner, Amy McInroe, holds her. Sammie Jo, a 5-year-old dachshund, is rewarded with treats after finishing her races.

A Race Fit for a

Lubbock dachshund owners gather at United Spirit Arena to determine who is superior among local weenie dogs

By Kristina Thomas/Staff Reports

hard work with one of her favorite treats, an ice pop-

owners to the United Spirit Arena to participate in the first Wienerschnitzel Weiner National regional and the winners of those ran a final race at the beginning of Midnight Madness on Friday night.

race that afternoon and won, much to the surprise of her owners, Lubbock resident Debbie McInroe and her daughter, Amy McInroe, who graduated from Tech in August with a master's degree in education.

'We were shocked and very excited when she made it to finals," Debbie McInroe said. "When I talked to the lady in California, she said that there was only going to be six dogs there, so when we got here and there were 39, we thought that there was no way we were

The McInroes said they heard about the races on the radio and called the station to get more information. Debbie McInroe said she knew Sammie Jo was Quickly, her owners carried her off the mats fast because the dog occasionally chases squirrels in the olding room where she was rewarded for her back yard. One time, she said, Sammie Jo caught one

During the races, each dog was allowed to have two people participate - one to stand at the chutes and the other to call the dog from the finish line. Owners were allowed to use treats, throw balls or use toys to get the competition held in Lubbock. The dogs ran eight heats dogs to the finish line. The only rule was the owners could not run beside the dog.

> In the preliminary heats, one owner threw a ball hoping the dog would chase it, but instead, Sammie Jo chased it and ran to Amy McInroe who was waiting at the finish line with a treat.

> Debbie McInroe said Sammie Jo first gained interest in ice pops when she got sick as a puppy. Debbie McInroe tried to give her something to hydrate the puppy. She said since then, Sammie Jo has grown fond of the treats, and now will beg for them.

> The McInroes took in Sammie Jo about five years ago when a friend of the family had a dog that had



IEREMY MOORE/Staff P THREE DACHSHUNDS AWAIT the start of their preliminary race Friday afternoon at the United Spirit Arena.

puppies. Debbie McInroe said she was in the market for a dog and her friend was willing to give her one of the dachshund puppies.

The McInroes said they have enjoyed having a dachshund and would recommend one as a pet to any-

"They are very loving and low maintenance," Debbie McIntoe said. "They are very well behaved dogs. Some are really hyper but Sammie is very loving. We

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DOMESTIC FREEDOM: Brochures to educate during Domestic Violence Awareness Month. By Joseph Balderas/Staff Reporter

peatedly to passers-by.

Unity, observed Oct. 1, 1981, by the Majority Foundation. National Coalition Against Domestic Violence Awareness Month was observed. In 1989 Congress passed the Domestic Violence Awareness Month Commemorative Legislation.

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under-reported crime in the nation and abusers are seldom prosecuted," Patton said. "Violence in relationships is a common occurrence on campuses nationwide."

Patton, a junior English major about dating violence?" she asked re- from Warner Robbins, Ga., is the president of the Feminist Majority October is Domestic Violence Leadership Alliance. The student organization is a campus initiative of the

Ruth Fromme, a junior human development and family studies major from Floresville, has been a member of the organization for one year.

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LPD, Tech police investigate suspicious object in classroom

FALSE ALARM: A device found by a Texas Tech professor in the Biology building turns out to be nothing more than a display box.

By Jenny Klein/Staff Reporter

Students and faculty at Texas Tech had somewhat of a scare Friday morning when a professor found a suspicious object in 101 Biology building.

Michael San Francisco, an associate professor of biology, said he began his routine as usual for his 9 a.m. microbiology class. However, he said, he was disrupted when he noticed a small box on the floor underneath a table he was moving at the front of the classroom.

San Francisco said he tried to kick it out of the way and noticed it was weighted. That's when he became concerned, he said.

"I told the class, 'Do not be alarmed, but there is something here. I will be right back," he said.

He said he then instructed his class to get up and calmly exit through the back of room. After an investigation by Texas Tech's Environmen-

tal Health and Safety Services, the Texas Tech Police Department and the Lubbock Police Department, the object turned out to be little more than a display box. Tech Police Chief Jay Parchman said San Francisco



CRAIG SWANSON/Staff Photographer CPL. CHRIS DANIEL, with the Lubbock Police Department, escorts a patrol and detection dog Friday morning outside the Biology building.

did exactly what President George W. Bush and all law enforcement officials are asking people to do in this time of potential threat in the United States.

"He saw a suspicious object and he notified authorities," Parchman said. "He did exactly what he was sup-

The first to arrive on the scene was the TTEHSS

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HSC in El Paso secures \$2.4M grant for service

By Jeff Stoughton/Staff Retxerter

The Texas Tech Health Sciences Center in El Paso recently secured a \$2.4-million grant from the Health Resources and Services Administration of the U.S. Public Health Service.

The grant will be used to establish a Hispanic Center of Excellence at the center.

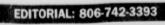
Dr. Darryl Williams, director of the office of border health and the director of the grant, said the grant, among other things, would give educational opportunities to minorities.

"The purpose of the grant is to increase the number of Hispanic students going into medical careers," he said. "Hopefully, we'll increase that number at Texas

Williams said the grant also would be used to implement and strengthen several programs at the HSC, including education outreach, health care issues for Hispanics, and programs to help Hispanic faculty members and medical students.

He said Hispanics often do not consider medical careers because of finances, cultural issues and family connections. Many of them simply have not considered such a career, Williams said.

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SGA seeking red-robe response

BACK IN BLACK?

Some students favor the original color of the undergraduate gown.

By Pam Smith/Staff Reporter

Members of the Texas Tech Student Government Association are seeking students' opinions concerning what color gowns they would like to wear when they graduate.

"If the majority of the students like the change to red, we will shut our mouths and go with it," said SGA Internal Vice President Kelli Stumbo. "We just want to find out what the students think about it.'

Beginning today, students can voice their opinion about the color change using either a poll on The University Daily Web site, at www.universitydaily.net, or by calling the SGA office at (806) 742-3631. Student senators are preparing a piece of legislation about the issue to be considered in a future meeting.

This year, a decision was made to change the black undergraduate gowns to red following the red gown debut at a commemorative graduation ceremony in August 2000.

"While I am not sure exactly why the change was made, in the conversations I have had with the provost's office, they

wanted to change it because of the response to the 1970 graduation ceremony," said Barbara Burrier, manager of Barnes and Noble Bookstore on campus. "Some people who saw them thought that they would be more distinctive and dramatic. I think that is where the idea began."

Members of the provost's office could not be reached Friday for comment.

However, many students, including many members of Mortar Board, are upset with the change because they are concerned the color change will downplay the prestige of some of the special cords worn for distinction.

"(College of Education Senator) Shelby McPherson came to me and asked me if we could do something about this," Stumbo said. "From what I understand, the cords will clash with the color red the gown is."

McPherson said she believes one reason the gown change has caused a problem is because many organizations have planned their color distinctions with a black gown in mind.

"It's been black for so long that people have been planning their cords to go with a black gown," she said. "The whole idea of a bunch of red gowns is just aw-

Stumbo said while this may seem minor, it is something students will remember for the rest of their lives because graduation is a special day to them. She said because of the importance of the day, student input should be factored into the

"I think before they changed it, they should have asked the students about it first," she said. "I know of several students who just would rather graduate in a sleek black instead of a red."

Burrier said bookstore personnel worked hard to find a color red that would work well with the honorary cords of the graduates. She said the bookstore has heard some concerns about the color

"Red can be a very tricky color," she said. "With honor cords and things like that, the red gowns would have a different look to it than the black.

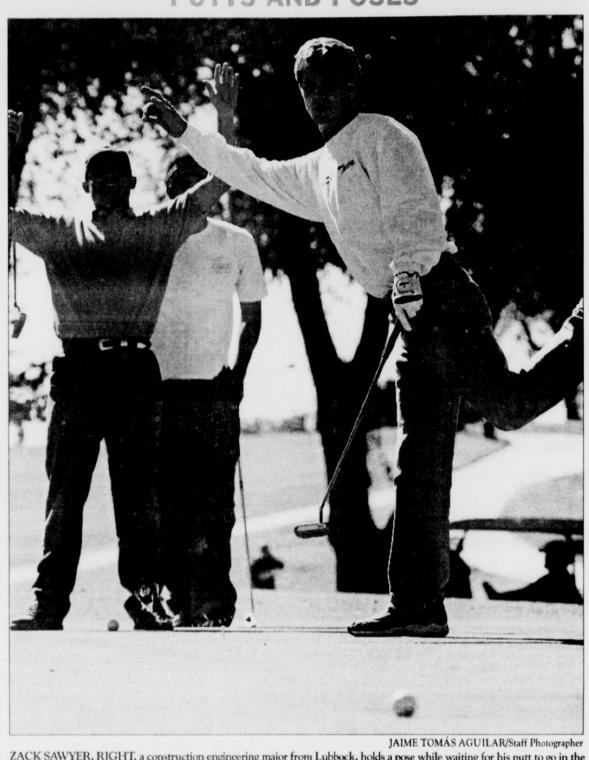
Burrier said realistically, the bookstore would be able to change the color of the gowns back to black, if the university wanted to. However, it would be a difficult task to make the change for the December graduation ceremony.

"This semester it could be quite a challenge if the university asked us to return to the black gowns," she said. "When the provost asked us to change to the red, we returned our entire inventory of black gowns.'

For the spring 2002 semester, however, the possible change back to black would be something the bookstore could order, if the university decided to make

"For spring graduation, we could make the change through a manageable process," she said. "Whatever the university decides to do, our role is to sup-

PUTTS AND POSES



ZACK SAWYER, RIGHT, a construction engineering major from Lubbock, holds a pose while waiting for his putt to go in the hole Saturday morning during the Kappa Classic golf tournament at Meadowbrook Golf Course.

Health Department issues mail-handling guidelines

Officials say no anthrax bacteria discovered in recent incidents in Texas

AUSTIN (AP) - The Texas Department of Health on Saturday issued guidelines for handling suspicious mail during the nation's anthrax scare.

Though several incidents involving letters or packages have been investigated in Texas, no anthrax bacteria has been found in any of them, the Health Department said.

The guidelines are from a health advisory issued by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

For handling a suspicious unopened

letter or package: Do not shake or empty the con-

tents. Put the envelope or package in a plastic bag or other container to prevent leakage. If a bag or container isn't available, cover the envelope or package with anything. Do not remove the covering.

■ Leave the room and close the door or section off the area. Keep others from

■ Wash your hands with soap and water.

entering

■ Report the incident to local po-

lice or other law-enforcement officials. If the incident occurs in the workplace, emergency responders. also notify building security or a super-

Make a list of all people in the room or area when the letter or package was recognized. Provide the list to law-enforcement and public health officials.

Steps to follow if powder from a suspicious envelope or package has spilled

■ Do not try to clean up the powder. agent is suspected: Cover the spill contents immediately with anything. Do not remove the

■ Leave the room and close the door or section off the area. Keep others from

■ Wash your hands with soap and water.

■ Report the incident to local police or other law-enforcement officials. If the incident occurs in the workplace, also notify building security or a supervisor.

■ Remove heavily contaminated clothing as soon as possible. Place it in a plastic bag or other container that can ment and public health officials.

be sealed. Give the bag of clothing to

■ Shower with soap and water as soon as possible. Do not use bleach or other disinfectant on your skin.

■ Make a list of all the people in the room or area, especially those who had actual contact with the powder. Provide the list to law-enforcement and public health officials.

When aerosolization of a biological

units in the area.

Leave the room and close the door or section off the area. Keep others from

■ Dial 911 to report the incident to local police and the local FBI field office. If the incident occurs in the workplace, also notify building security or a supervisor.

Shut down the air handling sys-

■ Make a list of all people in the room or area. Provide the list to law-enforce-

Afghan ground battle could be too cold for Americans

fierce Afghan winter and the fabled else." Afghan warriors who seem to thrive Pentagon's mind.

If U.S. forces go to battle on the ground, Americans could experience the worst winter fighting they ever have faced — "Vietnam with snow" is how one military analyst describes

In January, the temperature in Kabul, the capital, drops below freezing and the snow usually is at least 11 inches deep, a combination that produces a skin-soaking cold. A fighter for the ruling Taliban regime wears pretty much what he did in July: a light jacket, baggy pants, a little canvas over his feet.

"Afghans are very tough fighters in winter," said Afghanistan analyst Alex Alexiev. "You see some people

WASHINGTON (AP) — The barefoot. You don't see that anywhere

For now, the U.S.-led strikes on invasion, Alexiev said. Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida terrorist organization and his Taliban allies have come from the air.

But if bombing raids fail to roust the fighters, the likelihood of ground force involvement increases and weather becomes an important factor.

Unless Taliban authorities surrender bin Laden, "We must expect to go through the winter and into next summer at the very least," Admiral Sir Michael Boyce, the top British warrior, said last week.

The Fort Drum, N.Y.-based 10th Mountain Division, a legendary alpine unit, is positioned across the border in Uzbekistan. Smaller special operation teams have reconnoitered inside Afghanistan.

Mobilizing the division was an en-

couraging sign that the alliance had studied the failures of the 1979-88 Soviet "The Soviets moved in December

1979 from Uzbekistan, where it is fairly balmy in the winter," he said. "The soldiers lacked winter apparel." That demoralized the invaders and helped rally the resistance. But it was the Hindu Kush, the

jagged range running through northeastern Afghanistan like a hunched spine, that especially humbled the Soviets. Kabul, controlled by the Taliban, is in the Kush.

In winter, mud renders the Kush's roads impassable and puts the aggressor at a disadvantage.

Until now, the northern alliance putative U.S. allies based in the northern Kush — was able to repel Taliban thrusts northward because of the mud. The same obstacle threatens to stymie any allied plan to advance south to Kabul.



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The Society of Professional Journalists will have a meeting at 5:15 p.m. Tuesday in 223 Mass Communications. Scheduled speakers are Hank Murphy from the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal and Carrie Zamora from CBS news Channel 13. All interested students are welcome to attend.

Jay Newhard, from the department of philosophy, will give a lecture entitled "The Liar Paradox" at 8 p.m. Wednesday, in 205 Civil Engineering. For more information, contact Elaine Willerton at (806) 742-



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The general public should not be con-

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infected envelope, Chiodo said, there

would have to be a lot of spores inside.

God it's not an easy thing to do, because

it would be easier to create weapons," he

said. "There would have to be enough

in the envelope to create enough of a

recent events will be the beginning of a

that seems to be an isolated event," he

said. "It seems one person got too close.

How, I don't know. There may very likely

biological war on America.

be no more cases."

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

Chiodo said he does not believe the

"I think it's an interesting occurrence

aren't mounds of anthrax dust running

cerned with contracting the disease,

thing? I sure don't see a reason for that,"

he said. "I'm not changing my behavior,

or my family's behavior.'

Scare

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team, which was called before the police, Parchman said.

The team usually is called to a building or area to clean up chemical spills, said Randy Nix, occupation safety manger for TTEHSS.

He said the biology department likely called TTEHSS first instead of the police because faculty members in that department are accustomed to calling

"We had people standing by in case it turned out to be something we would need to assist with, like chemicals, or something to that effect," Nix said.

Because the threat of more terrorist attacks lingers, Parchman said, the box was investigated extensively. LPD was notified and asked to bring in a dog to sniff the box to make sure it was not a bomb.

Parchman said it was just an additional precautionary measure to ensure the box did not contain anything dan-

Tech police did not evacuate the entire building, Parchman said. They only sectioned off the area in and around the

All students and faculty were asked to stay out of the immediate area until the dog could determine it was safe, he said.

While waiting for the Lubbock police officers to arrive, Parchman said, Tech police suspected the box was only an object used to display items, but the necessary officials who could confirm that were not in the building at the time.

In addition to the one box San Francisco found, police located two others in the classroom, all covered in the same light blue material.

Police determined the boxes were safe and they were removed from the room and discarded.

TTEHSS officials did not feel comfortable picking up the box and examining it, so they called Tech police, Parchman said.

One student standing by was not worried about the situation, but was glad police were taking measures to ensure the safety of the students and faculty.

"It's a good idea that they're checking it out," said Amelia Haffner, a junior biology major from Dallas.

Haffner said if it had it not been for the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, nobody would have thought anything about a box being in a classroom.

"Normally, the box would have been picked up and thrown in the trash," she

Despite the excitement that morning, San Francisco still taught his micro-

"We still had class, just in another om," he said. "That is very important We continued to do what we were doing."

Grant

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He said HSC representatives would visit elementary and secondary schools around the area to encourage Hispanic students to consider careers in medicine. The grant also would be used to expand the recruiting center and the pre-medical academy.

The office of border health also will use the grant to address health care issues that affect the Hispanic population, such as diabetes and high blood pressure. Williams said the HSC would expand its clinics operated in conjunction with the University of Texas at El Paso and increase teaching programs.

Other uses of the grant include helping Hispanic faculty members achieve tenure and get promotions and research grants. Williams said although Tech already has a fairly high number of Hispanic faculty members, there always is room for improvement.

Dr. Jose De La Rosa, regional dean of the medical school at El Paso, said the school was selected as one of eight different schools nationwide to receive the grant. He said nearly 70 schools applied.

This is supposed to be a development pipeline for Hispanic faculty members," he said. "We're training them to rise up the academic ladder."

Anthrax

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Mogan said. "They get concerned when the situation may, in fact, be under control."

Terrorists wishing to infect a number of people with anthrax would probably not use the mail, anyway,

David Straus, a professor of microbiology and immunology at Tech's Health Sciences Center, said he does not believe the recent cases of anthrax are directly related to the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11.

"The obvious question is that are the incidents in Florida and now New York related to Sept. 11? The answer is no," he said. "The one in Florida appears to be a crime. It doesn't appear to be linked to the events of Sept. 11."

Straus said there are three forms of the anthrax disease. The cutaneous form is a skin infection, which produces sores on the skin that resemble a lump of coal. The pulmonary form is caught by inhaling the

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She said using brochures full of infor-

mation is the best way of educating

with inequality on a daily basis," she

said. "I want to be involved and be

"As a woman, you have to deal

Justin Bishop, a senior general

studies major from Arlington, joined

the organization two years ago be-

cause his girlfriend was the former

president. He said most people be-

Violence

the public on inequality.

proactive on these issues. "

substance, which can then get into the lungs and reproduce, resulting in death if untreated. Symptoms include chest pain and trouble breathing. The third,

mon form, is intestinal, where the bacteria are ingested, usually through infected

All forms are

recoverable if

treated with anti-

early biotics enough. "With cutaneous, essentially physicians see the lesion, which doesn't look like anything else, and

that stops the infection and the person survives," Straus

slightly more dangerous, however, because symptoms are easily mistaken for

"Why the organism is a good biological weapon is because once you've inhaled the spores, they get into the lungs and multiply," he said. "By the time it

> what we had, it would be too late." The chances of the country seeing an outbreak of anthrax is rare,

was recognized

sciences at the Institute for Environmen-

tal and Human Health, said Tech has

been doing research on biological and

chemical attacks at the institute for nearly four years. Since the attacks Sept.

11, Chiodo said, the researchers' initia-

protect ourselves against these events,"

he said. "We're working as hard as ever."

chemical agents themselves, the institute

works on plans for homeland defense,

do we protect people, how do we build

fences, and how do we understand these

about the recent cases of anthrax. He

said, nationally, there have been 18 cases

in the last 100 years, counting the two

two cases in a building where there is no

natural anthrax," he said. "There just

"We're working to figure out how to

In addition to research into bio-

"How do we protect buildings, how

The public, he said, should not panic

"That's what raises suspicion, is to see

tives have not changed.

things?" Chiodo said.

Straus said. The disease is not contagious, which means it cannot be transmitted from person to person. The most likely place for an attack would have to be a building or enclosed area. If one were to simply spray a large, out-

side area, Straus said, the spores would be picked up and dispersed by the wind.

"The chance of anybody getting anthrax is rare," he said. "I would think your chances of winning the lottery are better." Louis Chiodo, assistant director for

lieve feminist means male bashing, in- a month for the remainder of the semes-

"There's not an organization like us on campus," she said. "There needs to be an organization on campus that is a haven for progressive people who want to make a change."

The organization will hold its next meeting at 5:30 p.m. Oct. 24, in 127

because people don't usually go to aware-Patton said the organization's current campaign is to distribute material twice

Dogs

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have enjoyed having her."

In preparation for the races, Amy McInroe said she did a few practice runs with Sammie Jo in her front yard.

"Thursday we went in the front yard, paced off 50 feet and did some practice runs so that she would get used to running a race like that," she said. "After we made the finals we

Chris Mirabello brought a book, a

Pepsi, a bag of snacks and his humil-

ity to the unemployment office, not

Mirabello, 30, was laid off in Au-

gust from his \$52,000-a-year job at

a telecommunications company

and his severance pay had just run

the bad news at work. His wife has a

government job, and the time off was

incentive to pursue production work

on small, independent films and to

But when calls did not follow the

"I've never had a problem get-

resumes sent to employers, he started

ting an interview before - until now," he said. "It's been surprisingly

hard. It's really an employer's mar-

at the Virginia Employment Center

in Alexandria one day last week. The

unemployed this day included professionals, dot-comers, laborers, immi-

grants, women, men, Generation

The nation's unemployment rate was at a four-year high of 4.9 percent

in September, and economists expect

it to surge in the coming months as

layoffs from the terrorist attacks start

to register. The aviation industry

alone has announced more than

Xers and baby boomers.

Mirabello was one of several dozen people who filled a large waiting room

do some creative writing.

ket now."

He was not too upset when he got

knowing what to expect.

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (AP) - 100,000 layoffs.

went home, made a chute out of a cardboard box and practiced raising the flap and throwing the ball."

As the dogs lined up in a holding room at the arena for the final race, men's basketball coach Bobby Knight came back and talked to the owners before the race. Women's basketball coach Marsha Sharp also gave a few words of encouragement as she passed

Once the dogs were let out of the chutes and the final race began, Sammie Jo, similar to the other dogs, was dis-

Amor Paraoan, 35, was a banquet

manager at a Holiday Inn in Alexandria,

where he had worked for nine years -

destroyed business at the hotel.

the mortgage," he said.

children and a wife to help support. "She works, but it's not going to cover

until last week.

won the race.

the \$250 prize and the all-expenses-paid trip to the finals in San Diego, they said they enjoyed the experience.

As she stopped short of the end, Willi, a wire-haired dachshund, kept going and

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Alison O'Brien, a freshman pre-nurs-

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equality of gender, race and lifestyle.

ter. The material will cover the seven principles the organization advocates: Equality for men and women; freedom of choice; civil rights; gay and lesbian rights; non-discrimination; non-violence; and preservation of the environ-

tracted and stood still on the runway. In the final moments of the race, she ran for the finish line along side another dog.

Although the McInroes did not win

"We had fun. It was a good time," Amy McInroe said. "We will definitely do this again next year if they do it

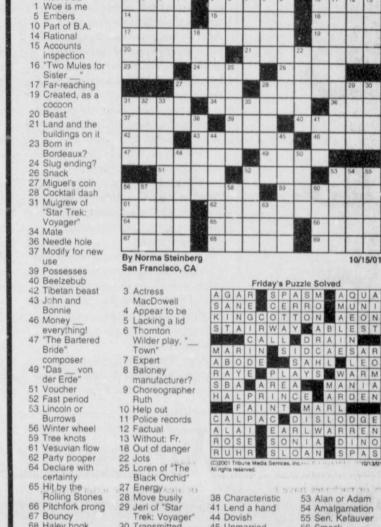
Economists expect attack-related unemployment to surge large waiting room. American flags were

> read. A group of women sat together, "It was a shock," he said. The attacks talking in Spanish. Most quietly filled out several pages of forms and waited to He hopes to get recalled. He has two

> > "I heard it takes a long time," Mirabello said of the wait. A friend was there four hours the day before.

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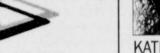
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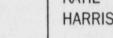


America's war on terrorism now a war of words









KATIE **HARRIS**

some headlines you might see being put out by the Taliban and Osama bin Laden. Are they true, or are they propaganda meant to make Americans feel guilty about last week's attacks?

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Afghani

women and children

killed by U.S. attacks."

"America

attacks Afghanistan and Islam."

"This is war

on Islam and the

Muslim people. "

These are just

Political and military analysts on television keep talking about how the new war on terrorism will be fought differently than wars of the past.

There will not be a need for soldiers on either side when chemical and biological weapons are available. America has found a civilian plane or a box cutter can be a tool for war and destruction. The new century has brought a new kind of war in which there are no rules.

However, there is one tool that still remains intact from the 20th century — propaganda.

From World War I to Desert Storm, both sides of a conflict have used propaganda and psychological warfare. Whether it is telling enemy soldiers their side is losing or gaining support on the home front, governments know propaganda works.

During the beginning of World War I, both Britain and Germany used propaganda to win the support of the United States. When the United States did enter the war, it used its own propaganda to gain support of the American people.

After World War I, Hitler used propaganda to appeal to a downtrodden Germany and the effects were deadly.

During World War II, the U.S. Office of War Information and the Office of Strategic Service created posters to encourage women to join the war effort at home, and used planes to drop phony newspapers, with headlines proclaiming an imminent Axis defeat to enemy soldiers.

The Cold War was a war strictly of words. Both the Soviet Union and the U.S. governments were telling of the possibility of nuclear war. The American people were cautious and lived in fear, so it is obvious the tactic worked. The Space Race, the Red Scare, and Reagan's "Star Wars" were all tools used to scare the American people into thinking communism would take over the world.

During Desert Storm, Saddam Hussein used propaganda to not only gain the support of his own people, but also to decrease support for America.

In the past, our own government has used propaganda to cover up operations of our military. Even today, questions exist about our involvement in past Middle East conflicts.

Is America responsible for killing Muslim people as bin Laden claims? We have provided weapons and support for Israel that have killed Muslim people, but has our own government spun the story so we are made out to be the good guys? Or is it bin Laden and other Islamic nations making us out to be the

That is the beauty of propaganda and why it is so effective. People will believe whom they trust. America trusts its own media and government more than it does the Taliban or bin Laden. The Afghani people trust their government when it says America is against Islam, but will not believe America when it says the Afghani government is responsible for starving

Israel's intelligence agency, the Mossad, once said, "By way of deception, thou shalt do war." It is deception and propaganda that convinced men to commit suicide in the name of God. It



is deception and propaganda that convinced Americans they were safe from terrorism, and that everyone loved and envied America. It is deception and propaganda that will play a major part in the new war on terrorism.

Propaganda can be constructive. It can create high morale in a country and rally a nation together. Propaganda can be destructive. It can give a sense of false security and rally a nation

together. Propaganda is positive or negative depending on what side you are on. The German people rallied together to create the Nazi Party. The American people rallied together to defeat them. All of this was done by propaganda, but which side was right? A Nazi soldier would have a different answer than an American factory

During this time of war, Americans

must be aware of what our government and the terrorists we are fighting say. We must always ask who will benefit from us believing this information. We do not want to let lies and exaggerated truths turn our resolve into all-out hatred or guilt.

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Witnessing an abusive relationship scary, full of lessons

He had her behind a locked door

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he first thing I noticed about Gina was - pretty eyes, nice smile, beautiful hair. Like most couples, she and Curt laughed and smiled a lot.

they did not meet the profile. They both seemed "normal." They both seemed happy. I do not think anyone would have guessed anything was out of

When I first met them,

the ordinary.

I guess one of the biggest lessons I learned was there is no profile for people in an abusive relationship. They do not fit a mold. They do not look a certain way. There are not always "cries for help" or warning signs or red flags.

The first time my friends and I became aware that Curt beat Gina was when they got into a verbal argument. She smarted off and, grabbing her by the throat, he pushed her out of her chair; she hit her head on the floor when she fell.

Curt told us not to get involved. He told us not to worry about it. He told us to go away. We didn't know what to do. Moments later she "fell" down the stairs, though we figured Curt probably gave her a little help.

The surprising thing was she didn't want to leave. She couldn't walk at this point — her ankle was twisted at an angle I've never seen before. We

told her to get her purse because we were taking her home. She didn't want to budge. She crawled to the door Curt had just slammed in her face. Crying on the floor, begging for him to let her in, she laid there sobbing and holding her ankle. We were trying to pick her up, trying to take her home to at least get her out of the situation, when we

heard the banging. From the inside, Curt was banging, kicking or punching the door. He was angry, she was crying, we were scared out of our minds not knowing what to do. And then the door fell on top of Gina

and my friend. Curt had been kicking the door from the

inside. He kicked it repeatedly until the entire door - along with the doorframe fell on top of Gina and my friend.

That was enough. We grabbed her and took her to the car so we could take her home. She cried in

us who heard to our very cores. between justifying what Curt had just done.

"He's not normally like this." "It doesn't happen all the time."

"You have to take the good with the bad." Her excuses poured out of her mouth almost word for word like the ones those battered women use on daytime talk shows or Lifetime movies. We told her never to see him again. We told her never to go back to him. But we were silly, because we thought this was the first time. She told us it was not. And she did go back. She went the next day

to cook him dinner. Once he did it at a party. And both Curt and

Gina told everyone she fell on the bathroom floor by herself and that's why she lost consciousness for a few minutes. You would think the guys at the party would have immediately jumped him. But something happens to you in a situation like that.

Who hasn't heard a story about domestic violence? Who hasn't watched the women on television or seen their bruised faces in magazines? We all have. But having it suddenly forced in front of your face for you to witness puts you into a kind of shock. It takes a while to fully process

what you just saw or heard. And besides that, Curt got this look in his

eyes every time it happened. It was a look that terrified me because it was hard to realize human beings are capable of containing such evil, such rage, such unabashed primal hatred. Especially for someone they were

supposed to love.

Another friend of mine talked to the police one day. We could not sit by and watch this happen, and obviously she was too far gone - too far stuck in this cycle of twisted and psychotic codependence engulfing their relationship — to leave him or help herself.

The cops said if we witnessed it, we could call them out, but they would have to see it with their own eyes and she would have to press charges.

Sadly, we knew she wouldn't. Why would she? He'd beat her, she'd go home, he'd call and tell her he loved her, she'd go back over and cook him dinner. It was almost as if she put up with the beatings because she knew if she did, he'd feel bad later and tell her he loved her. As if the abuse was her duty — her way of earning words everyone has the right to hear.

The last time - the last straw before we finally cut ties with Curt and Gina - was by far the worst. I didn't see it with my own eyes. Thank God, I didn't see it.

He had her behind a locked door as she screamed in tones and wails and pitches filled with such naked fear that it shook those of us who heard to our very cores.

A friend tried to break in. Curt told him to go away. But the friend persisted until finally Curt

Now, since time has gone by, I often wonder if there was more any of us could have done. But she didn't seem to want help or seem to want out.

All those women you hear about who never leave their abusive partners are real. They're out there. Some of them are women we see every day. Domestic violence is real.

We don't see Curt and Gina anymore. We've heard bits and pieces about them through the grapevine. We've heard she's still with him.

Part of me remembers how much potential she has and thinks she should do something -

anything - to help herself. And part of me remembers her screaming that

night. And I just pray for her.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Make your voice heard

To the editor: Election day is just around the corner on Nov. 6. This year, there are 19 proposed amendments to the Texas State Constitution as well as a special election for state senator in the Wichita Falls area. While many of these amendments make simple, clerical changes to the state constitution, others make significant changes that include spending billions of dollars. The election is our opportunity to speak out on how our tax dollars are spent and what role your government plays in our lives (visit www.sos.state.tx.us/elections for a ballot

listing). Young people in the 18-24 age group are consistently the least represented group in elections. Some people say this shows we just don't care, but that's simply not true. The college

age group registers to vote in almost equal proportions with the rest of the population, but for some reason, they often fail to cast their ballots. One obvious explanation is many of us are away from our home voting precincts on election day. But there is an answer request an absentee ballot! All you have to do is write the County Clerk in your county of permanent residence and request a ballot by mail. Usually, all they need is your name, local and permanent addresses, social security number and signature, but call to check, just in case.

Texas Tech has given me the great opportunity to spend my semester working for a congressman in Washington, D.C., and one thing that has become overly clear to me here is while the American dream of a government of, by and for the people is a great concept and indeed a blessing of

freedom, it will remain a dream until more people participate. If you're not registered, do so before the Spring primaries. If you are, be sure to vote not just for the president, but in every election you can. Don't take America for granted — vote!

Sonja Ralston Spanish and theater arts

Lopez lecture deserved coverage, consideration

To the editor: On Tuesday evening, a living legend in the world of literature and natural sciences gave an inspiring and eloquent reading at the Helen DeVitt Jones Auditorium at the Texas Tech Museum.

It was called "An Evening with Barry Lopez," and for those who were there to witness the event, it was not only a deeply moving account of the harmful effects of "blind progress" on the natural world, but an honor to be face to face with the man at all. I left the Museum with relief that I am not alone in being overwhelmed to the point of despair when I see another acre of unmolested natural land being paved over, to build yet another dry cleaners or nail salon.

Barry Lopez also donated drafts and final manuscript versions of all 10 of his publications to our university, as well as his precious time and effort in aiding our administrators with a plan for providing a new major for incoming freshmen. Beginning next fall, Tech will be the first and only university in the nation to provide a Bachelor of Arts in the Humanities and Natural Sciences.

So, naturally when I opened The

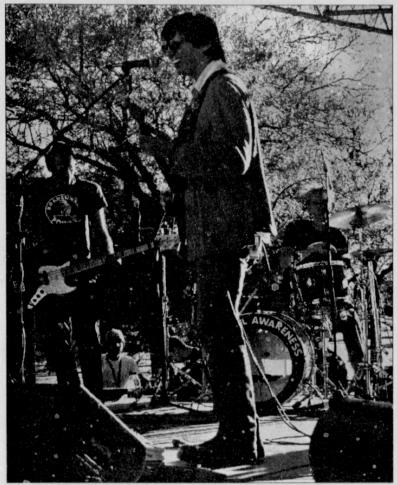
UD on Wednesday, I was appalled to find no information about Barry Lopez, and there was no evidence of the priceless gifts he selflessly gave to Tech. There was, however, an article about the Miss Greek Pageant, and an editorial about bicycle violations. Apparently, the priorities of our student body are even more screwed up than I thought they were.

If we continue to ignore the gifts of "nature writers" as well as the gifts of nature itself, we will soon find ourselves in true desolation, spiritually as well as physically. Let the voice and generosity of Barry Lopez be a ray of light for all who are frustrated with the country's preference for material gain over the gifts of the earth. She will take it back, someday.

Dixie Riddle senior English

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GOT MOORE?



JAIME TOMÁS AGUILAR/Staff Photographer

CBS pronounced itself satisfied with

IAN MOORE ENTERTAINED the crowd with his Blues Guitar and band at RaiderGate Saturday afternoon in the R2 parking lot.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Rachel's two shows for the week.

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Delta Sigma Theta plans week of activities

By Damion Davis/Staff Reporter

Delta Sigma Theta, a historically black sorority, will host a week of events starting today.

Collegiate women at Howard University founded Delta Sigma Theta Jan. 13, 1913. These students wanted to use their collective strength to promote academic excellence and to provide assistance to people in need.

Qualamitra Hutchens, a junior public relations major from Lubbock, said this week will be full of fun and getting to know one another.

"This is to show people Delta Sigma Theta is not just about the

we want people to come and enjoy the events," she said.

The first event is a relationship forum from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. today in 169 Human Sciences Building. It is an open event, and anyone interested is invited to attend. Tashein Leckey, a senior telecommunications major from Houston, said this will be one of the more important events they are going to have this

"I know that all people that are in college can relate to relationships," she said. "There are a lot of things that we don't see that others do. That is why this is an important event."

Anyone wishing for a new look or parties. It is also about giving back an opportunity to attend a self-esteem five-point thrust, which includes physi-

to the public. Every event is free and workshop hosted by a M.A.C. Cosmetics representative, may do so 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Red Raider Room at the University Center.

From 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday at the Classic Bowling alley, 3006 Slide Rd the group is hosting a party. The cost is \$1.00 per game.

'We want everyone to come out and be able to relieve some stress. This will be a great way for everyone to get to know each other better and get a little exercise at the same time," Hutchens

Thursday, the sorority will hold a voter's registration drive from 10 a..m. till 2 p.m. in the University Center.

All events are centered on the group's

cal and mental health awareness; economic development; educational development; political awareness; and international awareness.

'We want to be able to unite everyone and we can't do that until we respect one another beginning with ourselves," Leckey said.

For more information regarding any of the events, or a full list of activities for the week, call (806) 742-3621. All activities have been scheduled through the University Center's Student Activities and will be detailed on a list of

For any information regarding Delta Sigma Theta and their service projects throughout the year, log on to their national Web site, www.deltasigmatheta.org.

NY rescue workers tell their story on 'Third Watch'

the producers of "Third Watch" decided to provide a forum for New York rescue workers to tell their stories of Sept. 11, they were worried about appearing exploitative.

But John Wells, executive producer of the NBC drama based in New York, said it quickly became clear that firefighters, police officers and paramedics welcomed the chance to talk.

Wells conducted most of the interviews for the two-hour special airing 8 p.m. EDT Monday.

"I asked three questions and somebody would speak for 45 minutes," Wells told a telephone news confer-

'Survivor' and 'Friends' battle for top Thursday night ratings spot

LOS ANGELES (AP) — When ence. "These are people who want to tell their stories and who want to make sure their stories are heard."

> "They had a kind of courage and dedication that I'm not sure I could ever pos-Some of the safety and rescue workers

in the special are a regular part of "Third Watch," serving either as consultants or

The ensemble drama is about police, fire and paramedic workers on the 3-11 p.m. watch.

The series obtained permission from New York police and fire officials for the interviews with more than 40 people; more than 60 hours of film resulted, Wells said.

Actors in the series sat in on the interview sessions and will be seen in the special, NBC said.

While shooting was under way at one station house, Wells recalled, some of the firefighters' wives showed up.

He was going to call off the interviews out of respect but found the spouses were eager to be heard.

One commented that "for \$40,000 a year," the firefighters ran into a burning building while everybody else fled, Wells

"These are people who deeply cared about their job," he said.

Among the thousands lost in the terrorist destruction of the World Trade Center's twin towers were 343 firefighters and 23 police officers.

The drama's next two episodes will be tied to the attacks that brought down the towers: The Oct. 22 episode is set the day before and the Oct. 29 episode takes place



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"Survivor's" performance, noting that the President Bush's news conference. "We are very pleased with the reaudience built for each quarter hour, ending with 3.7 million more viewers than at the

sults," Poltrack said. "Survivor' got off to a very strong start, despite a disrup-"Friends" had a foothold in the time slot tion in its normal starting time and because of the pregnancy story line that betougher-than-normal competition." gan playing out in the previous two episodes,

In its second half-hour, "Survivor" suggested David Poltrack, chief researcher for outdrew NBC's "Will & Grace," which

cope with a delayed start in the East- show's 25.4 million. ern and Central time zones because of A strong showing by "CSI: Crime

Scene Investigation," which drew 22.7 million viewers, helped CBS claim Thursday night. Other reality series like ABC's "Mole II" have faltered in the early weeks of the new season, leading to speculation about audience appetite for such fare given the harsh, real-life reality of terror-

But Poltrack said CBS research indi-

cated that viewers were eager for the third installment of "Survivor" and satisfied with the first episode. As in previous editions, the new "Survivor" stranded a diverse group of Americans in an isolated area — this time Kenya's dry, grassy Shaba National Reserve. They were divided into two competing tribes, Boran and

Diane Ogden, a mail carrier from Lincoln, Neb., was the first to be voted out.

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Tech defense pummels Wildcats, wins 38-19

By Phil Riddle/Staff Reporter

Most popular notions had Kansas State blowing through Lubbock and redeeming themselves for two straight Big Red Raiders.

Evidently, Tech coach Mike Leach's Raiders forgot to read the script.

Quarterback Kliff Kingsbury passed for 409 yards and four touchdowns and the Tech defense kept the Wildcats at bay as the Raiders posted a 38-19 upset over No. 24 KSU Saturday at Jones SBC

Leach said his team, in the win, finally made the transition from the practice field to success in the game.

"We've been having great practices for several weeks." he said. "Our players did a great job of responding to the adversity that we've had the last two weeks. We did a better job mentally." The e win broke a two-game losing skid for the Raiders and gave them their first conference victory of the season.

Kingsbury, who completed 32 of 47 passes against KSU, threw for more yards

than any QB ever against the 'Cats. We knew we'd have a chance to make some big plays with the man cov-

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great job and there were people running open everywhere."

The sophomore signal caller threw four touchdowns on the night, despite 12 losses at the expense of the Texas Tech playing with a bruised thumb that limited his practice time last week.

> While admitting there was some soreness in the throwing thumb, Kingsbury was not going to miss the start.

"It was okay," he said. "When the adrenaline gets going, you just stop feeling it and just play the game. I got some treatments before the game and it felt good."

Kansas State opened the scoring Saturday with a 47-yard pass from Marc Dunn, playing in place of injured starter Ell Roberson, to Brandon Clark, who broke a tackle and scooted down the sideline to make it a 7-0 start.

Tech answered with a 7-play, 67-yard drive that culminated with a 2-yard pass from Kingsbury to Wes Welker, one of two scoring connections between the two on the night.

The Raiders' first score was set up by a diving grab by Carlos Francis that covered 33 yards and set up a first-and-goal

at the K-State 2 yard-line Welker's other score came in the sec-

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erage," he said. "The o-line did such a ond period. On a second and nineteen call, Kingsbury floated a toss to the 5foot-9-inch, 174-pound running back who was running free in the secondary after a pair of Kansas State defenders had tripped each other. The catch and run covered 60 yards and gave Tech a 17-7 halftime advantage.

"We'd seen OU run a similar version against them so we knew we'd have a shot," Kingsbury said. "The DB's happened to run into each other and trip. I knew at that point we had things going our way and it was going to be a fun

Leach said K-State's man-to-man coverage created some opportunities, but the difference was the team making the most of them.

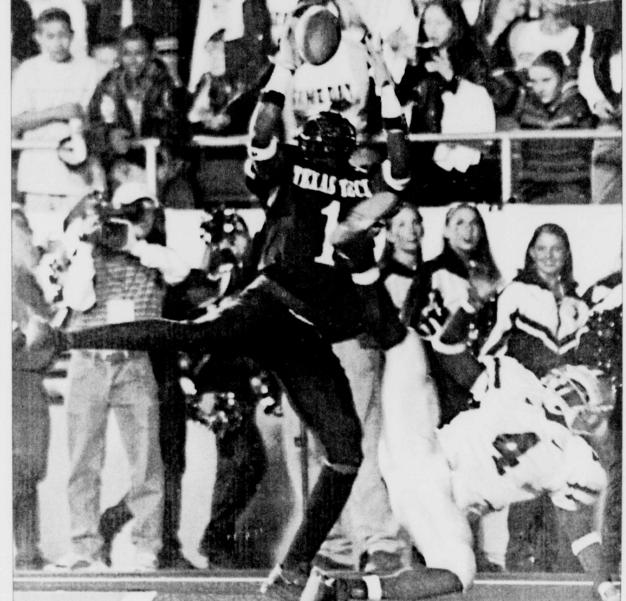
"We got a few mismatches," he said, "but the biggest thing is that guys rose up and made big plays."

Making at least a portion of the game's big plays was the Tech defense, boasting three new starters: safety Ryan Aycock, who finished the night with a half-dozen tackles, a pass deflection and an interception; defensive tackle Clayton Harmon; and linebacker Mike Smith.

Harmon worked on the defensive front that, led by three sacks from defensive end Aaron Hunt, harassed Dunn all night. All told, Tech's defense collected five sacks and intercepted a pair

Defensive coordinator Greg McMackin was quick to point out success breeds success, especially on the defensive side of the ball.

"Defense is emotion," he said. "The problem the last two weeks was we didn't have many good things to be emotional about. When you make plays you get emotional and have fun. When you're tackling and making plays, then it's a fun thing and people get emotional."



DAVID JOHNSON/Staff Photographer

TEXAS TECH wide receiver Anton Paige makes a leaping catch for his first career touchdown during the Red Raiders' upset win against Kansas State, 38-19, Saturday at Jones SBC Stadium. Tech quarterback Kliff Kingsbury threw for four touchdowns on the night. Tech is in Lincoln, Neb., Saturday to face the Nebraska Cornhuskers.

Fans welcome Knight and Sharp at midnight practice

WARM OVATION:

9,400 fans witness Bob Knight's first practice as head basketball coach.

By Matt Muench/Sports Editor

The long-awaited beginning of the Bob Knight era at Texas Tech officially began early Saturday morning when Tech began the basketball season during a midnight practice at the United Spirit Arena dubbed, "A Sharp Knight in Texas.'

Lady Raider coach Marsha Sharp walked on the floor at 11:30 p.m. as the fans stood and chanted, "Marsha, Marsha, Marsha." Sharp announced to the crowd that this will be a season Tech fans will remember.

"I know there are some things that

are going to take place in this arena that nity underestimate Lubbock. makes this the most special season in the history of Lady Raider basketball and West Texas," he said.

Sharp, who introduced Knight to the crowd, called him "a legend in college basketball.'

The hall of fame coach walked out of the tunnel and first told the crowd how lucky Tech is to have a coach like Sharp.

He said Tech has a great chance at making Lubbock a great place for bas-

"All of us have a chance to make this arena the most special place for college basketball," said Knight, who was hired as Tech's new men's coach in March. "After Marsha , the next person involved in making this arena what we want it to be is all of you."

Knight gave a 15-minute speech as he talked about how he loves West

He said the people of this commu-

make opposing teams envy Raiderland. "I think every time somebody comes in here and plays," Knight said, "whether it's the men's team or the women's team, you want to send those people out of here saying, 'Man! I've never played in any place like this. I wish we had fans like

Knight even took the opportunity to take a shot at the officials.

'Now occasionally there'll be an official who makes a bad call," he said. "Except when I stand up and say something, you'll know damned well they're

wrong. Following both coaches' speeches, the players were welcomed into the arena one by one before they got in a formation spelling out USA on the court, and sang, "God Bless America."

The two teams practiced for 20 min-"The hell with people that don't like utes before playing four 10-minute scrim-

> scrimmage was a good chance for the incoming freshmen to get a feel for an arena full of people.

> "The first practice went great," Pierson said. "The freshmen had a lot of nervous energy and it was a chance for them to get over that."

> Tech men's basketball players were not made available to the media following the practice.

Before the players and coaches hit the floor, fans had a chance to get autographs from their favorite Tech stars, eat free hot dogs and watch musical entertainment by Lady Raider Casey Jackson and Raider Powel Storozynski.

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Senior outside hitter Heather Hughes-Justice paced the Raiders with 17 kills and no hitting errors. Hughes-Justice and Kelly Johnson helped the team put together a hitting percentage of .405 with a season low of nine

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