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## Students tout marijuana as normal

Members of NORML distribute fliers giving their thoughts on hemp legislation, medical use

By Joseph Baldaras/Staff Reporter

A Texas Tech student holding a sign plastered with a large marijuana leaf seemed to be the buzz of the campus for a few hours Monday, that is, until he ran out of fliers.

The student created the gathering in the Free Speech Area near the University Center to spark an interest among the student body for the first official meeting of Tech's chapter of The National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws.

NORML has been the principal national advocate for legalizing marijuana since its inception in 1970.

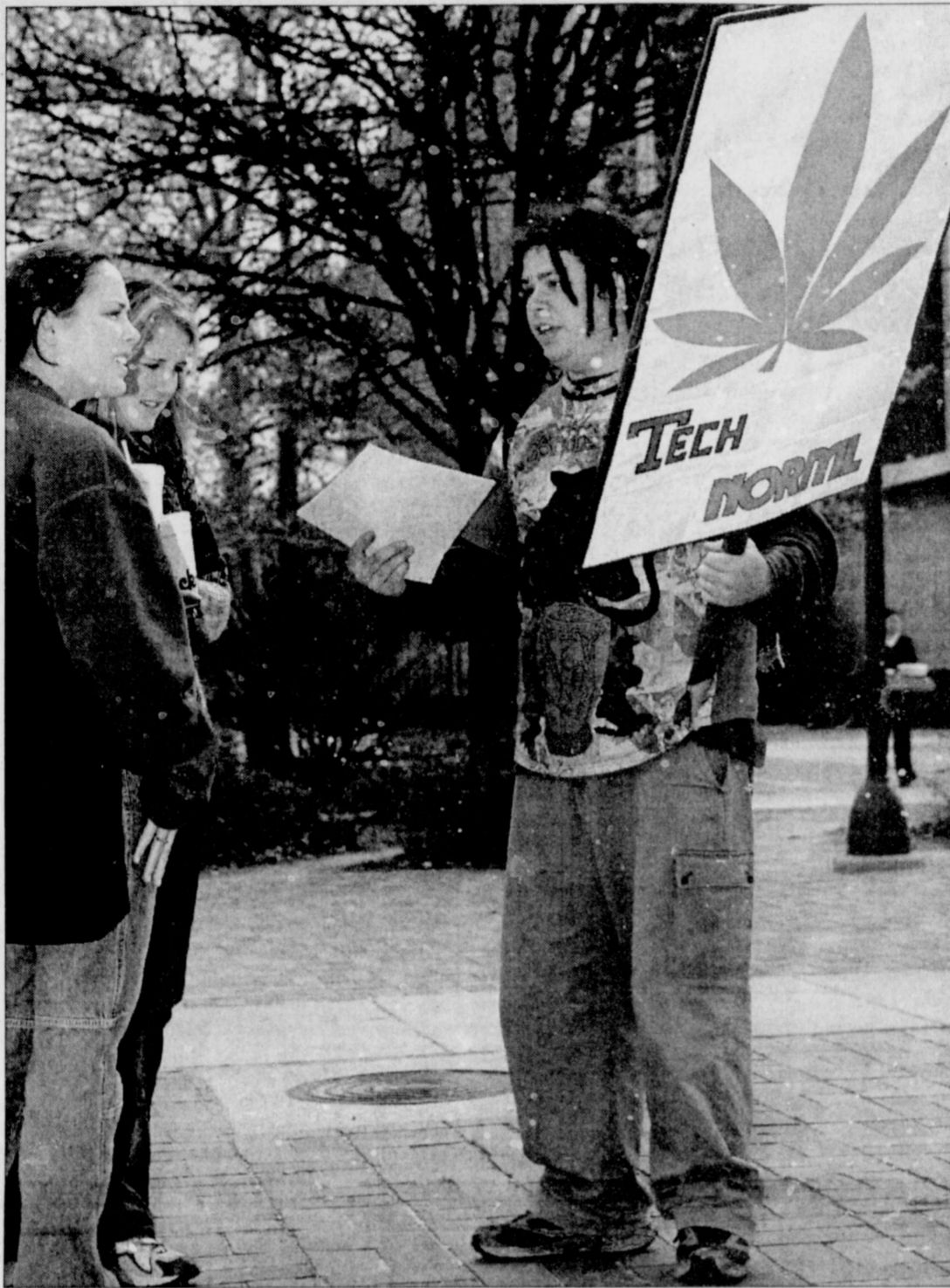
According to the fliers, Tech NORML is concerned with the current federal, state and local laws governing the growth of industrial hemp and the medical and recreational use of marijuana.

Rob Long, a sophomore journalism major from Dallas, said he did not want to make an official statement for Tech NORML because the organization is not officially considered a student organization. He said it needs to elect officers and finish the paper work needed to become a student organization on campus.

"At the meeting, we are going to talk about memberships, election of officers, discussion of the Tech NORML constitution and by-laws and fundraising events such as the West Texas Hemp Fest," he said. "After the meeting, there will be a concert at Einstein's featuring local bands."

The organization of Tech NORML is a project of Students for Free Thought. Long, a member of SFT, said the two organizations will not be affiliated with each other, but they will have several of the same members.

Kenneth Castillo, a freshman geophysics major from Richmond, handed out fliers to students from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. He said the mari-



ASHLEE WINKLER, FAR left, a sophomore psychology major from Midland, and Denise Roper, a junior marketing major from Midland, inquire Monday afternoon about the NORML organization from Matt Weissert, a sophomore undecided major from Dallas, at the Free Speech Area near the University Center.

JAIME TOMAS AGUILAR/Staff Photographer

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## Marine gunships spark desert blitz

ANGER IN AFGHANISTAN: U.S. forces put heat on the opposition to press the war on terrorism.

By Doug Mellgren/Associated Press

SOUTHERN AFGHANISTAN — U.S. Marine helicopter gunships attacked an armored column Monday "in the vicinity of" the new base the Americans created in the Afghan desert to press their war on terrorism, a Marine spokesman said.

The Cobra gunships destroyed some of the 15 vehicles in the column after it was spotted by "fast-moving aircraft," Capt. David Romley told reporters. He did not say whether the convoy belonged to the Taliban.

The attack was the Marines' first known action since establishing a foothold Monday within striking distance of the Taliban stronghold of Kandahar in southern Afghanistan.

Romley said the column included tanks and BMPs. BMPs are armored combat vehicles on treads, mounted with guns and capable of carrying at least a dozen people. They were used by the Soviet army during its decade-long occupation of Afghanistan. When the Red Army departed in 1989, it turned scores

of them over to its client regime, which later lost them to a variety of local militias and warlords.

Meanwhile, under a bright moon, U.S. Marines worked to turn their desert airstrip into a land base as part of Operation Swift Freedom, which is a major shift in a war that until now had been fought mostly from the air.

Well into the chilly night Monday, helicopters and transport aircraft bringing Marines and equipment came and went from the USS Peleliu in the northern Arabian Sea and from land bases on the coast whose location the military kept secret. The full deployment, to total about 1,000 Marines, was expected to continue at least another day.

The chosen airstrip was isolated. There were no signs of towns in the distance across the flat desert. The only lights for miles around were the runway lights installed by the Marines and lights they were burning in the airstrip's buildings.

According to Col. Peter Miller, chief of staff of the Marine task force in Afghanistan, the sand airstrip and buildings had been built by a wealthy Arab to reach his hunting lodge.

The compound included a small mosque with a minaret and a large white building that may have been a hangar.

The Associated Press was allowed to deploy with the troops on condition they not identify the exact locations of the base or numbers of troops and future mission plans.

"The Marines have landed and we

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## Volleyball team nets berth in NCAA tourney

**LUCK OF THE DRAW:** Despite a sub-par conference record, the Red Raiders find themselves in the postseason.

By David Wiechmann/Staff Reporter

Senior Heather Hughes-Justice was about to turn in her uniform when she found out.

Redshirt freshman Kelly Johnson thought it was a joke.

Surprise, surprise.

Unexpectedly, the Texas Tech volleyball team received a bid into the NCAA Tournament on Monday.

After losing their final match of the season on Saturday to Texas A&M, Hughes-Justice said the announcement came to a surprise to the program.

"After our performance against A&M, I thought it was all over," Hughes-Justice said. "I was ready to



JEREMY MOORE/Staff Photographer  
TEXAS TECH VOLLEYBALL coach Jeff Nelson talks to the media during a press conference Monday afternoon announcing that his team made the NCAA Tournament.

turn in my uniform, and I got a call on my cell phone from my mom. She said she saw Texas Tech on the TV, and we were going to Utah. I thought it was a

cruel joke and hung up."

It was no joke. The No. 4-seeded Red Raiders will face No. 1 seeded Utah in Salt Lake City in the first round of the 64-team field that consists of 16 regional sites.

The Red Raiders did not anticipate getting to the tournament with their 9-11 conference record, but the NCAA committee viewed the Big 12 as a strong conference.

The committee backed up this decision by sending a record-tying eight teams from the Big 12 to the tournament. The Big 10 Conference sent eight teams in 1999, as well.

"This is a great show for our conference," Tech coach Jeff Nelson said. "It's a chance to show we have the best conference in the nation. The fact that the NCAA committee chose to put eight teams in is a great show of support and a great show of respect for the Big 12."

Nelson said Tech's strength of schedule more than likely played a big role in getting in the tournament.

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## Columbine-style plot surrounds high school

**LOOKING FOR DANGER:** Officers and bomb-sniffing dogs sweep the area.

By Richard Lewis/Associated Press

NEW BEDFORD, Mass. — A high school where three teen-agers allegedly plotted a Columbine-style bloodbath reopened Monday after a sweep by officers and bomb-sniffing dogs, but many students stayed home.

While those students who did go to school listened to counselors and school officials describe what had happened, Eric McKeehan, 17, pleaded innocent and was ordered held without bail. Two 15-year-olds arrested in the case also pleaded innocent in closed juvenile court hearings.

The students allegedly modeled themselves after the two teen-agers who carried out the 1999 Columbine High School massacre in Littleton, Colo.

They were arrested at their homes Saturday after a

New Bedford High School janitor found a letter outlining their plans to detonate explosives in the school and then shoot fleeing students. Police said the students then planned to kill themselves when authorities arrived.

A search of the students' homes yielded bomb-making instructions, knives, shotgun shells and pictures of the teen-agers holding what appeared to be handguns, police said. The guns were not recovered. Two more students were being questioned.

The school was declared safe after a sweep by nearly 40 officers and five bomb-sniffing dogs. Still, 41 percent of the 3,300 students stayed home.

Police said they searched 4,000 lockers during the sweep of the sprawling 3,300-student building but found no new evidence.

"We didn't think we were going to find anything," Lt. Richard Spirelet said. "But we want to put the public at ease."

The mothers of two of the teens who were charged defended their sons.

"My kids are good kids and this has really been blown out of proportion and, you know, there's just

no way anything like that would have happened," Carol McKeehan, the mother of Eric McKeehan, told the *Boston Herald*.

Susan St. Hilaire, the mother of one of the two juveniles charged, said the charges were based on rumors and hearsay.

"These kids are good kids — all of them," she said outside the courthouse Monday.

Some students attended Monday's courtroom proceedings instead of going to school.

One of them, Trisha Boucher, 14, said McKeehan's "Goth"-style clothes and attitude were like those of many other students at the school.

"He just looks like a normal kid," she said. "I think they're blowing it all out of proportion."

The three students were charged with conspiracy to commit murder, conspiracy to commit assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, and possession of ammunition.

A student first alerted police to the alleged plot in mid-October. Police questioned one of the teen-agers after discovering bomb-making materials at an undisclosed property the following week.

## \$1M donation to build an Italian endowment

**FOREIGN INVESTMENT:** A Red Raider professor is being recognized through education.

By Jody Slaughter/Staff Reporter

The daughter of a Texas Tech professor announced the donation of \$1 million Monday to establish the Aldo Finco Endowed Chair in Italian, in honor of her father.

The gift is a deferred life insurance policy the department of classical and modern languages will receive in the future.

Finco, a Tech professor of Italian, was born in Asiago, Italy, in 1921 and orphaned at 8 years old. He immigrated to the United States and received a bachelor's degree from Boston University, a master's degree from Middlebury College, and later obtained his doctorate from the University of Florence.

Finco came to Tech in 1968 and has been the only Italian professor in that 33-year span. In 1976, the president of Italy awarded Finco with the Knight of the Order of Merit of the Republic of Italy.

"Professor Finco has been an important part of Texas Tech for three de-

cade," Tech Provost John Burns said at Monday's announcement. "This gift is not only an honor to him, but also an investment in the students who study Italian and the faculty at Texas Tech."

Both local and international dignitaries attended a reception to honor Finco.

"This will establish for all time and henceforth a way to honor this individual," Tech President David Schmidly said. "He has given significant rewards to the department, the College of Arts and Sciences and countless students. Texas Tech University is forever indebted to this man."

Massimo Rustico, consul general of Italy, was on hand for the reception.

"This is a gift to us, the Italian community in this country," Rustico said. "(Finco) is the great person that we, the Italian government, would need everywhere."

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BISHOP PLACIDO RODRIGUEZ, far left, and Massimo Rustico, near left, Houston's consul general of Italy, chat with Aldo Finco and his wife Malaka after a one million dollar donation was made in Aldo Finco's name for the Italian program. JAIME TOMAS AGUILAR Staff Photographer

## Web gives access to profs' evaluations

By Pam Smith/Staff Reporter

Students now are able to glance at previous impressions of their future courses and instructors simply by accessing evaluations on the Internet.

"The data has been available for some time, it has just been hard to get to," said Vicki West, director of Institutional Research and Information Management. "I hope students use the course evaluations to their benefit and make choices from them that will affect them positively."

Currently, the Web site only has the results from the three responses off the old evaluation forms. Students can access the results of the evaluations concerning the overall quality of the course, the overall effectiveness of the instructor and how students in the class would have told other students about the class. In the future,

more information about the classes will be available for students to use.

Kenneth Strickland, a College of Arts and Sciences senator, said the Academic Affairs Committee of the Student Senate is researching how a more detailed look into a class can be placed on the Web.

"We want students to have a more thorough assessment about the teachers they are signing up to have," he said. "We are planning on discussing what information can be put on the site during a meeting with the deans next semester."

West said more information about the classes would be available to post after the university compiles the information from the new evaluation forms that will be used this semester. She said this form has more questions to indicate student response than the old form, which contained only three.

"The new evaluation forms have 15 questions on them that could be posted," she said.

"We just don't have the information from them yet. However, when we get them, we will have to decide if the results from all the questions from the forms will be posted."

Some other questions that were added to the evaluation form and may eventually be posted to the Web site include the fairness of the instructor, whether the instructor stimulated the class and whether the assignments and course materials were relevant to the class.

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— KENNETH STRICKLAND  
Arts and Sciences Senator

Strickland said the Academic Affairs Committee is working on getting more information posted concerning classes.

"Grades are really the most important thing we want to see posted on the Web," he said. "We want the students to know what the profes-

sors have given to past classes."

Students can access the course evaluations by logging on to the TechSIS system at www.ttu.edu. From the home page, students should select course and instructor evaluations. To access the information, students should have their eRaider user name and password. A link to this information is provided on the same Web site.

In the future, Strickland said, the Senate would like to see the process of reaching the course evaluations be made easier for students by incorporating the evaluations inside the current TechSIS system. By doing this, the need for the eRaider password could be eliminated.

"Our most important goal is to have this tool at hand for students when they register," he said. "Right now, we are just trying to make sure students know that it is available for their use."

## Museum's art to adorn walls at different campus buildings

By Melissa Guest/Staff Reporter

Works of art from the Museum of Texas Tech may be available for viewing around campus next semester.

Although the actual works cannot be displayed, the university is working to produce reproductions for viewing.

The pilot project will begin at the start of the spring semester and continue through June when the project will be

reviewed, analyzing the effect on the viewers.

Tech President David Schmidly said the project would benefit both the students and the Museum.

"The idea is to get some of our best pieces of art to get through to public places," he said. "Appreciation of art should be part of a college education. One of the ways to achieve appreciation of art is to display it."

The project would involve the re-

production of five paintings from the Museum's collections to be placed in two locations. The proposed exhibit sites are the School of Law and the Jerry S. Rawls College of Business Administration.

The pilot project will investigate the influence of art on the student body, Museum director Gary Edson said.

"It's a good idea because it's a pilot project to see what effect it would have," Edson said, "to see if people would notice the works of art."

Edson said he hopes the reproduc-

tions will encourage more students to utilize the Museum's entire collection.

"It's our feeling that many students don't come to the Museum," he said. "It's a way to bring students in."

Schmidly said he hopes the project will increase interest in the museum itself.

"I hope it makes our student body more aware of our Museum," he said. "I hope when students go in and out of the buildings and see the paintings it will spark their interest in seeing more of the displays in the Museum."

Additionally, Edson said improved

access to artwork would contribute to the education of students.

"We'd like to have them become more aware that the Museum is an integral part of the university, and we support very closely the academic mission of the university."

Tech's Board of Regents first made the request to see more of the Museum's art around campus at its August meeting. Schmidly presented a report of his findings to the board at its meeting Nov. 2.

According to the report, the original works of art cannot be displayed because of accreditation issues, including the proper storage and display of the works.

Most works are unstable because of impermanent materials used in their making that undergo physical and chemical reactions as they age.

"We have many, many hundreds of pieces of art in the Museum, but you can't just put it anywhere without special conditions," Schmidly said.

The paintings to be reproduced will be selected by the Museum staff based on the quality of work, copyright restrictions, donor consent and practical considerations. The productions will be digitally generated images on canvas.

The Museum has a total of 764 paintings in the fine art collection. Of those, 256 are owned by the Museum. The estimated value of those 256 paintings is more than \$1.2 million.

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■ In Monday's edition of The University Daily, Britny Adams' disease was incorrectly identified. She has Type 1 diabetes. The UD regrets the error.

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A CHRISTMAS TREE and lights decorate the Student Activities Office in the University Center where student assistant Brook Connor, a senior public relations major from Temple helps a student.

## Tech shows holiday spirit

The Office of Student Affairs offers many volunteer opportunities

By Damion Davis & April Tamplen  
Staff Reporters

Over the next few weeks until finals, the Office of Student Activities has several activities planned to keep students' minds fresh and clear.

Donations will be accepted in 228 University Center for a program known as the Spirit of Sharing, which allows everyone to donate and do volunteer work, said Daniel Brown, coordinator for Student Activities.

"There are many different options available to donate to make it easier to compete with time and finances," Brown said. "Basically, this means there is something for everyone to do."

The drive, sponsored by Tech CAN Share food drive, Adopt-a-Child for the Angel Tree, Sponsor a Family, Toys for Tots and Toys for Boys, is designed to help those families who may not be able to afford a Christmas holiday.

The drive began on Nov. 5 and will continue until the last day of finals.

"There are 347 angels that can be purchased throughout the campus. We want to collect as much as we can for people that are asking for our assistance," Brown said.

The Salvation Army will be one of the organizations that will be helped by the donations given. Janie Garza, the Christmas director at the Salvation Army, said these donations are desperately needed in this area.

"We already have 965 families on the list and there are two more weeks left to sign up. We need all of the donations that

we can get in order to help more people," she said.

Last year, the office was able to help more than 1,800 families get the assistance they needed to be able to enjoy their Christmas holiday.

*"This program is about helping others that are less fortunate. Everything that will be given to us will go directly to help other families."*

— JANIE GARZA  
Christmas Director  
Salvation Army

"This program is about helping others that are less fortunate. Everything that will be given to us will go directly to help other families," she said.

One family of two parents and four kids came to the office for help this holiday season, she said. The father fell and broke his knee in a non-work related accident. He is unable to receive funds from work and will not have any money coming into the household. This is one of the families that

can be assisted through this program, she said.

"It is very important that we help these families. If it were not for us sometimes these people would be unable to have a holiday as you and I. Part of what we get from the community we will pass along to the family," Garza said.

Along with the spirit of giving, Student Activities is holding a Me, Inc. sponsored Craft Night at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday in the University Center Ballroom.

Craft Night is meant to be a relaxation time for the student body, clerical specialist Linda Kinney said.

Students will get together and make different hobby crafts. Some examples, she said, would be picture frames and beaded necklaces.

Kinney said Student Activities has donated many craft items such as glue guns, pots, brushes, magazines, greeting cards, string and picture frames for the students.

Since Student Activities is providing the material, Kinney said, students need only show up and have fun with their peers.

She said Craft Night is meant to be the fun time before the activities such as building resumes and body awareness sessions in the Me, Inc. program.

"The whole Me, Inc. series is developed for leadership and personal development," Kinney said.

For more information about upcoming events, call the Student Activities office at (806) 742-3621.

## Two odd women, a soup nazi come to Lubbock

THEATRE REVIEW



JAMES EPPLER

Soup Nazi are one and the same. Thomas was born in Brooklyn and moved to Los Angeles when he was 10 years old. He did a lot of theater in junior college, and was originally a journalism major, but there was a girl, so he changed his major to theater upon her influence. Right out of college, he landed his first paying job in a small film called "Terror on Tour," in which he played the killer.

Thomas spoke to me on the phone from a hotel in Tulsa before a performance that evening. He was more than happy to talk about his groundbreaking television role.

"Before I booked that role, I had done very little television," he said. "It had all been theater for the last 15 to 16 years, and actually right around the time I got the role of the Soup Nazi, I was seriously considering quitting acting altogether."

Luckily, he decided to take the role on the phenomenally huge television series and created a character that instantly became part of pop-culture. But does the character of the Soup Nazi still haunt him?

"I wouldn't call it haunting," he said. "People recognize me all the time and I never get sick of hearing it. People have sometimes seen me in the supermarket buying groceries and will get a can of soup and ask me to sign it. I love doing that. People have actually asked me to sign bowls of soup for them."

Not many people can say they are a television icon, a part of television history. But Thomas is now touring with the Broadway hit, "The Odd Couple—Female Version", in which he plays opposite another television icon, Barbara Eden, from the old TV series "I Dream of Jeannie," in which she played the eccentric Jeannie.

"It really makes me happy to be part of television history," Thomas said. "But I don't know that it makes me feel like any better of a person. It's like working with Barbara in this show. I'm constantly telling her how much I love her and what an influence she had on me as a kid. I grew up watching TV I grew up loving Barbara even before I knew why. But she just doesn't seem to understand because she's so gracious."

Thomas has been tour with the touring production of Neil Simon's "The Odd Couple—Female Version" for the last several months. He plays one of the Costazuela

brothers living in the apartment upstairs above the two main characters. In the original "Odd Couple," it was the Pigeon sisters—two ditzy flight attendants.

"This cast is amazing," Thomas said. "There are no negatives here. Everyone in the cast is so great. I really couldn't be happier."

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## 'Harry Potter' leads holiday box office

LOS ANGELES (AP) — "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone" conjured up \$82.4 million over the long holiday weekend to easily retain its top spot at the box office for a second straight week.

The movie's five-day total was \$1.1 million less than distributor Warner Bros. had estimated Sunday. But the first film adapted from the series of adventure novels has rung up a whopping \$187 million in just 10 days.

"Monsters, Inc." remained the No. 2 movie, grossing \$32.5 million Wednesday to Sunday and pushing its total to \$192.2 million.

By this weekend, both "Harry Pot-

ter" and "Monsters, Inc." will have crossed the \$200 million mark, making 2001 a record year with five movies hitting that level.

The top 3 movies at North American theaters Wednesday through Sunday, followed by distribution studio, gross, number of theater locations, average receipts per location, total gross and number of weeks in release, as compiled Monday by Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc. and

ACNielsen EDI Inc.:

1. "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone," Warner Bros., \$82.4 million, 3,672 locations, \$22,437 average, \$187 million, two weeks.

2. "Monsters, Inc.," Disney, \$32.5 million, 3,649 locations, \$8,912 average, \$192.2 million, four weeks.

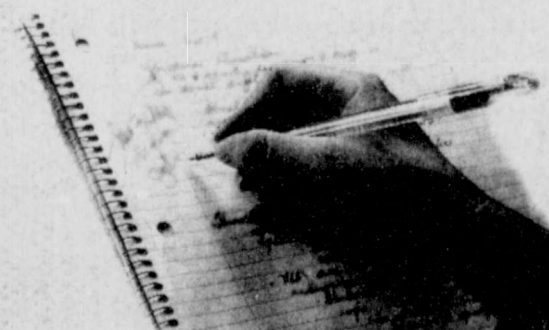
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# Wal-Mart opening sends shock waves

GUEST COLUMN

High adventure is what I live for. An event of epic proportions happened here in the Yukon on Nov. 15, to which I was a witness.

People arranged flights on Air North from all the northern cities it services; special chartered flights came down from Inuvik, Old Crow and Dawson City, thousands of miles away; six buses from the Alaskan cities of Juneau, Skagway and Haines drove in; and the mayors of Haines and Skagway, as well as the premier of the Yukon, came.

In the Yukon Territorial Government, everyone asked to take a day off on Thursday to be where the action was, causing the government no end of hassles to keep operating. Others called in sick from work as banks, local businesses and restaurants all suffered from the mysterious malady striking all their employees at once.

It happened at 8 a.m., but people were camped out all night to be there when it did. Hotels in Whitehorse were full from all the people from the hinterland and bush coming into town. You couldn't find an open room. I decided to be there myself at 11 a.m., just to see what was the hubbub. I went with a good friend of mine who is a writer. We were both shocked beyond words and we bring you this exclusive scoop about the event that nearly brought the government to its knees: The opening of a Wal-Mart.

The premier and mayors of nearby Alaskan towns were there for the ribbon cutting ceremony and there was serious consideration, at least by rumor, that the territorial government might call Thursday a holiday — a Wal-Mart opening day, if you will. The Charmin bear and Crest toothpaste were on hand to walk around with balloons in the store. It's a small Wal-Mart as they go, but still it's seemingly the largest building — at least the largest store — in the Yukon.

We're not sure if Fairbanks has one yet. We are the one Wal-Mart for all of the Yukon, northern British Columbia and southern and eastern Alaska. In the first day of business at this one store, Wal-Mart made \$295,000, breaking the record for

Wal-Marts in all of Western Canada.

Many of you might think I have gone against my ethics to be at the store that usually means the end of local businesses. But if you were a writer, where would you want to be when the whole world is at Wal-Mart? So, I went to find out what the Yukon looked like when all 33,000 of us were stuffed into a 7,900-square-foot building.

There were two kinds of people in the store: those who had come just to see what was in the store and browse — mostly without buying. Then there were the serious bush people who filled up a whole cart of everything they needed for a month. There were some heard to say, "I came in to see how much they've (stores in town) been ripping us off for years."

The aisles were crowded. It reminded me of the post-Thanksgiving sales at the Wal-Marts in the United States. Many people stopped in the middle of the aisles just to compare notes. I heard many languages being spoken at the same time: English, French and aboriginal languages. I saw a trapper — there are still several thousand of them in the Yukon (those that live on the animals they trap), dressed all in furs like a Davy Crockett misplaced in modern times, staring up at a wide-screen TV.

How does a Yukon Wal-Mart differ from the Wal-Marts you are accustomed to? Well, that's the point — they don't differ. It's the same stuff. Everywhere!

The point of Wal-Mart is not to buy different stuff for every store but to buy the same stuff in mass quantities. So, in a few months, you will notice, if you lived up here, that everyone will be wearing the same sweaters and clothes they got at Wal-Mart. If they buy your Christmas presents from Wal-Mart, they will be the same ones you saw in your own Wal-Mart! Isn't that spiffy? We are making the Yukon just like Lubbock! Or Lima, Ohio! Or Wichita, Kan.! Thank goodness — the Yukon was just too different.

I myself thought I was stepping onto American

soil, maybe even the American Embassy, when I walked into Wal-Mart. The McDonald's there had a line longer than any of the checkouts. The Canada Trust bank inside gave away free cake. Most people didn't know about the staggered checkouts, so lines formed at every other station. I just snuck through to the second layer of checkouts pretty easily. I was, after all, a Wal-Mart suckling.

Yes, I bought some things at Wal-Mart. Why? Because I couldn't find them anywhere else in town and here they were cheap. (Traitor, some will call me.)

The following Sunday the whole store had changed. Inside the shelves were ravaged as if a "hoard of locusts had come through," said one person.

She went shopping for knitting wool, which was incredibly cheap here. Knitters knew a good bargain when they saw it. The food aisles were practically empty. Wal-Mart wasn't expecting quite the amount of bush shoppers in the Yukon. People out in the hinterland stocked up, and Wal-Mart is going to have to plan better if it wants to stay in business.

Think of that. Could popularity actually hurt Wal-Mart? Certainly, being out here in the boonies is not going to be a good thing for Wal-Mart shipping, since they need to restock those shelves fast if they want to catch the rest of the population this week. But that's the future.

For now, the parking lot is crowded, busy and the people satisfied with their purchases. The government keeps running, the planes cash in on the chartered flights and the buses create a new bus stop. Life in the Yukon will go on — and it will look remarkably like life before Wal-Mart — except everyone will be wearing, using, watching, playing with and throwing away Wal-Mart products.

Jerome Stueart is a doctoral student in English at Texas Tech and is living in Whitehorse, Yukon Territory on a Fulbright Fellowship.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

McCann a true Red Raider

To the editor: I would like to express my sympathy to Ivory McCann on the passing of his mother. Even after hearing the sad news, Ivory displayed a tremendous amount of heart and courage on the field Nov. 10 in leading the Raiders to a victory over Oklahoma State. His 59-yard return couldn't have come at a better time. McCann said in a recent interview that he came to Texas Tech because of the family atmosphere. Well, Mr. McCann is welcome to dinner at my house any time.

John Baucum  
 junior  
 journalism

Turn out disappointing

To the editor: I was raised as a Red Raider and bleed red and black. I am proud of Texas Tech, and agree with Coach Leach when he said we have the best fans. However, my opinion of our fans changed this past Saturday. I saw a crowd of a reported more than 30,000 people (however, I estimated it at roughly 20,000) at Jones SBC Stadium for the Stephen F. Austin football game.

I know that this was a holiday weekend and most of the students were not on campus, but I really was hoping for a better reception when our football team took the field for the last time this season. I was disappointed for the seniors, such as Ricky Williams and Kevin Curtis who played their last game at Tech. I was upset that I was not able to see the student section filled with screaming

students, the Goin' Band from Raiderland, and all of the Saddle Tramps.

To the band members and the few Saddle Tramps that were there, I thank you. However, I guess I felt that was not enough.

Saturday's game felt like a high school play-off game and I know the players missed the great fans from Tech that have been at every game. The entire team played a terrific game, but the celebration of the 58-3 victory was lacking the

great support from the fans. All I can say is that you missed a great game, and I hope that the student body supports the Red Raiders when they travel to a bowl game this coming December.

If you call yourself a fan and a Red Raider, make plans to attend the game and cheer on our team to an 8-4 record. Go Tech!

Kimberly Barnes  
 senior  
 exercise and sports science



# Graduation prompts final little piece of advice

COLUMN



LINDA ROBERTSON

I am sitting at my computer at The University Daily, wondering where on earth time has gone. I can't believe it isn't September any longer, and I am graduating in just a few days.

Somehow, I thought I would have words of wisdom to offer from a wizened point of view. I thought I would be able to say something that

would change readers' lives forever before I leave this institution of higher learning.

So sorry. All I have is some observations and things I've learned while I have been on this mortal coil.

For those of you graduating, I want you to remember something. Aw, heck, EVERYONE remember this. Once you leave school, start your career and decide it isn't what you wanted, or decide you must leave it, or whatever, keep in mind changing careers is always a possibility.

I can tell you that from experience. I was a nurse for 10 years, complete with a master's degree and an advanced certification. I could teach, I could work in the hospitals, I could do anything, nearly, in nursing.

I had to leave it. Wait a minute, you say. Don't nurses make money? You mean to tell me you left money? Yup. Sure did.

After all that time in nursing, I realized something. Money won't make you happy, and to continue working in a field you can't tolerate negates any money you can make.

Everyone has had at least one experience with a nurse who was mean, cruel or just plain nasty to you, your mom, your dad, whomever. That is what happens to nurses who feel trapped or burned out in their profession. They forget their first duty is to care for someone who can't care for himself or herself.

In whatever profession you choose, if you find yourself unable to cope with your career, remember, change is always a possibility.

When I first went to school, back in the "olden" days, I didn't know what I wanted to do. Hard to know at 18 what to do with "the rest of your life." I did whatever I had to do to get me out and making money. But then, the money didn't matter. Sure, it was great, and I had a good time with it, but it wasn't it.

Coming to school this time has been a piece of heaven, even after the "Come to Jesus" meetings with financial aid. My first life around, I was so scared I would do something wrong and disappoint everyone that I never did anything. This time, I went to my first "real" college party, and observed the human condition, which, by the way, is infinitely more hysterical when you are stone sober and they are not. This time, I got to choose what would satisfy me to my core; what would enable me to become more successful than I ever in my wildest dreams imagined. I got to choose to write and learn to write for a living.

This time, when I leave, I won't yet have a definite job in line. I may have to work as a bus driver or a neatly dressed clerk at Mark's and Spencer's in England. I hope to work at a newspaper and get on with doing what I do best — write.

Some of you feel you have to do this degree for your parents. Some of you feel you can't do what you want. I understand the feeling. Believe me, I know. And the best is yet to come.

Even though I am a tired old lady, my parents are in blessedly good health and are still around. When I told them I was leaving nursing, they flipped. They couldn't believe I was leaving the money, the status, the whatever to become a journalist.

I guess I actually do have a piece of wizened advice. Someone said, "To thine own self be true," which means, "Do whatcha gotta do," in older English. Take that piece of advice, because I can't really give you much more.

I wish you all success, in whatever terms you define it, and I wish you happiness, also in whatever terms you define it. Remember, your life is your very own. It is essentially a blank canvas until you start painting the events of your life. I don't consider any time I spent nursing wasted. I had to learn things about life and people, and believe me, I got it. Now, I can go in peace, to write about the events surrounding me, to help people do some analysis on the situations they face, and to write the book that will help me leave my mark on mankind.

Go in peace, conquer the world, and leave your mark. And remember, change is always a possibility.

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**Attack**

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now own a piece of Afghanistan," Gen. James Mattis, commander of the attack task force, said Monday. "Everything went without a hitch."

In Washington, Pentagon spokeswoman Victoria Clarke said about 500 Marines seized the airstrip and a total of about 1,000 Marines was expected to take part in establishing the initial ground base. The troop movement was expected to take at least another day to complete, she said.

Clarke said the mission was to establish a forward operating base. She declined to elaborate except to say the forces would pressure Taliban militia forces and bin Laden's al-Qaida terrorist network.

Also in Washington, President Bush

said the troops would assist in hunting down terrorists linked to the Sept. 11 attacks.

There were more than 4,000 Marines in the expeditionary units taking part in the landing. Two Marine Expeditionary Units, the Camp Pendleton, Calif.-based 15th and the Camp Lejeune, N.C.-based 26th, were combined into Task Force 58 based on ships within 12 nautical miles of the Arabian Sea coast. Such Marine Corps units are trained for combat, evacuations, humanitarian aid and other missions.

The first troops to land — from the 15th in helicopters — were supported by AH-1W Cobra and UH-1N Huey helicopter gunships, Harrier jet fighters and other aircraft. The aircraft had to fly as far as 400 miles from their mother ships in what was described as the longest distance amphibious and air deployment in the history of the U.S. Marine Corps.

**Marijuana**

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juana prohibition is comparable to the alcohol prohibition of the 1920s, when the mafia and gangs operated the underground alcohol market.

"Just like today with marijuana are run by gangs and the mafia," he said. "People using marijuana are getting tainted stuff and overdosing. No one wants to take them to the hospital because they're afraid they'll get arrested. We're just trying to open people's eyes."

Castillo said the organization would focus on trying to save people and to help out farmers in Texas by growing hemp.

"It's the pig of plants, you can do almost anything with it. You can make excellent rope, paper and cloth-

ing," he said. "There is research being done to use hemp as an alternative for diesel fuel, basically gasoline. A cheap, abundant fuel source."

The organization collected about 90 signatures and contact information for people wanting more information on the organization.

Philip Wells, junior music major from Dallas, said if marijuana became legal, the government could make money.

"Tons of people do it, and there is such easy access to it, they might as well legalize marijuana and tax it," he said. "Heck, sell it at Eckerd."

As Sam Carlin walked by the Free Speech Area he was approached with a flyer but declined to take one. Carlin, a freshman business major from San Antonio, said he did not smoke and did not really care for marijuana.

"If other people do, I could care less," he said. "If they do legalize it or not I could really care less. It hasn't af-

fected me."

Karen Meaney, an associate professor of health, exercise and sports science, signed the form to receive more information on the organization. She said it is nice to see Tech students involved in society's issues.

"I think there's pros and cons to legalization that should be investigated and worth investigating," she said. "There are always two sides to every story."

Meaney said whether the issue is the legalization of marijuana or any other issue, she would support students taking a stand.

Rick Day founded Texas NORML in July 2000 and now serves as the organization's executive director. He said he has been in contact with Tech students about their efforts to start a chapter on campus.

Day, who gave a speech in Lubbock

this summer, said the purpose of Texas NORML is to educate the public on marijuana laws and let them choose what they believe is right.

"Once everything is up and going, I plan on going back to Lubbock to check on their progress," Day said. "I'll give them activist tips and help them find the resources necessary to make a professional chapter."

Day said Tech has a good possibility of becoming the largest NORML organization at a major university in Texas. He said there is a big misperception of marijuana in Lubbock and the surrounding area.

"If there have ever been people who needed education about marijuana, it is people in West Texas," Day said.

Tech NORML will hold its meeting at 6 p.m. Friday in 4 Holden Hall. For more information, call Will Basswell at (806) 724-8170.

**Endowment**

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Finco's daughter and Tech graduate, Carla Moran, with her husband, Brad donated the endowment. She recalled several stories she overheard from students speaking kindly about her father. She and her husband decided to make the donation to honor her father's many contributions to Tech.

"We are commanded to love our parents. No one expected you (Carla and Brad Moran) to take it this far," said Jane

Winer, Arts and Sciences dean.

Finco, who was surprised by his colleagues with the honor, spoke briefly about what the Italian language means to him.

"I want to spread the idea of Italian literature," he said. "It's the language of the poets."

Finco is the author of numerous publications about Italy. Although his textbook, "Letture Italiane Per Conversazione," is used at universities throughout Texas, the United States and Canada, Finco said he rarely uses the book in the classroom.

"I teach out of my heart, not the

book," he said.

Even though Finco has taught at Tech for 33 years, he has no plans of leav-

ing anytime soon.

"The classroom is my life," he said. "I can't live without it."

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## Athletes use sign language as communication booster

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. (AP) — Ida Dotson watched in amusement as her Marshall teammates discovered the pitfalls of communicating with the deaf.

The school's first deaf athlete, Dotson took a seat along a railing after a recent basketball practice for a lesson in sign language. It was time for her teammates to step into her arena.

With a forward arm motion, palm up, they watched as interpreter Erin Kelsey signed the word for morning. She cautioned against brushing against their chins.

"You have to be careful when you do this, because it can be an 'ugly' sign," Kelsey said.

Laughter erupted, and Dotson's smile affirmed how easy it is to both an otherwise simple task. It also showed the team's enjoyment and dedication

to making Dotson feel at ease in her new surroundings.

The preseason classes were about gaining social skills, not on-court communication. Dotson came to Marshall hoping to be just like any other student.

She "speaks" American Sign Language; English is her second language. So the players asked Kelsey, whom the university hired to be Dotson's full-time interpreter, to help out for the long season ahead.

Little did they know it would be like learning the dictionary all over again.

On this day, they started with the alphabet, then moved to colors and times of day. Eventually, letters became drawn-out words, and words became choppy sentences.

One American Sign Language motion can mean many things, depending on the subject.

## Raiders blast Miners, 81-56

**A WINNING KNIGHT:** Four players score in double figures as Tech wins its fourth game in five tries this season.

By Matt Muench/Sports Editor

The Texas Tech men's basketball team hasn't been holding first half leads too well this season. After all, they blew a 19-point advantage on Saturday to lose to Sam Houston State.

Monday night the second-half curse changed. Tech maintained a large first-half lead for the first time this season as they defeated Texas-El Paso 81-56 at the United Spirit Arena.

Coming after the disappointing loss to the Bearkats, Tech coach Bob Knight said it was the first time he saw his team play a strong second half.

"Our guys weren't mature enough on Saturday," Knight said. "We came back and dominated the second half for the first time this season."

And dominate they did. After leading by 10 points at half time, the Raiders (4-1) wasted no time on offense as they hit their first nine shots in the second half in their first 11 possessions.

It was a chain reaction of Miner miss, Raider score. Tech guard Andre Emmett began the burst with eight quick points three minutes into the final frame.

Guard Nick Valdez and center Andy Ellis followed with two dunks off two Tech steals to cap a 20-6 opening spurt to go up 52-34 five minutes into the second half.

"Today we put together 40 good minutes of basketball," said Powell, who led all scorers with 19 points. "We were more focused today. We knew we had to get this win."

After Tech's fast second-half start, the Miners showed some life, but never stopped the bleeding.

UTEP (2-3) rallied to score eight unanswered points, but Tech went on its second big spurt of the half, thanks to guard Will Chavis' shooting.

Chavis scored seven consecutive points to spark a 9-0 run with more than seven minutes to play to put Tech up 69-44.

Chavis came off the bench for the first time this season and scored 17 points while hitting all four of his three-point attempts.



TEXAS TECH FORWARD Nick Valdez battles for a loose ball in front of Tech forward Kasib Powell on Monday evening during the Red Raiders' 81-56 win over Texas-El Paso at the United Spirit Arena. Valdez scored eight points in 24 minutes of action.

Knight said he saw better play out of his backcourt Monday than what he witnessed during Saturday's loss.

The Tech guards totaled just three assists against the Bearkats, but answered with 15 assists on Monday. "Tonight, we had guards getting the ball to people," Knight said. "And that makes a hell of a lot of difference of how we play."

Emmett said the Raiders came out more focused

against the Miners than they did versus the Bearkats.

"We were more mentally prepared this game than any other," Emmett said. "We just wanted this game. We knew what we had to do and we did it."

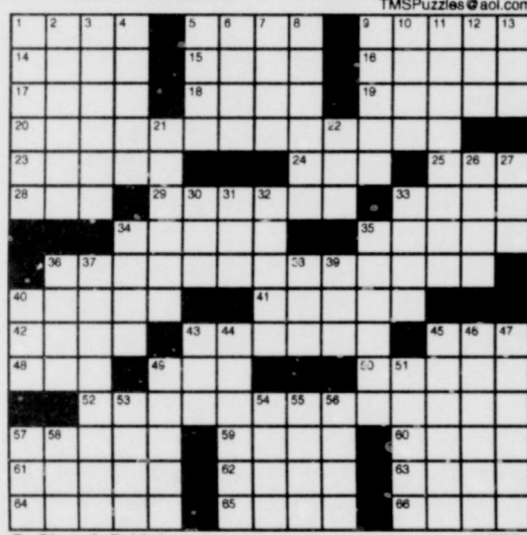
Powell said he expected stiffer competition against UTEP.

"I didn't know it would be this easy," Powell said. "But we came out and played our basketball."

### THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

**ACROSS**

- 1 First word of "Jabberwocky"
- 5 Alternative to ahem
- 9 Grocery section
- 14 Exceptional
- 15 Crow's-nest call
- 16 Wedding-party member
- 17 \_mater
- 18 Baby powder
- 19 Luster
- 20 Iron
- 23 Trunk
- 24 Manger morsel
- 25 Iceberg summit
- 28 Mata Hari, for one
- 29 Shower wall, often
- 33 Temper tantrum
- 34 Like most windows
- 35 Fraine schooner
- 36 Copper
- 40 Gaseous state
- 41 Nuts
- 42 Learned monkey-style
- 43 Drew breath in shock
- 45 Poetic peeper
- 48 Brown in the sun
- 49 Sushi delicacy
- 50 Remove the bolt
- 52 Nickel
- 57 Vegetable oil spread
- 60 Kiddie
- 61 Misprint
- 62 Diversify
- 63 Woodwind
- 64 One's second decade
- 65 Tight or split followers
- 66 Chances



By Diane C. Baldwin  
Columbia, MD  
11/27/01

**Monday's Puzzle Solved**

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|--------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|-------|
| 5 Butter squares         | DATE                  | BLIP                            | TRIAD |
| 6 Counterfeit            | ALUM                  | AONE                            | WINCE |
| 7 On one's own           | LANA                  | SECT                            | ENDUP |
| 8 Business magnate       | INANUTSHELL           | ITO                             |       |
| 9 Anything whatever      | AGES                  | OFFSET                          |       |
| 10 Capri or Man          | SMITHS                | DOG TAG                         |       |
| 11 Insufficiency         | NINES                 | FIREHOUSE                       |       |
| 12 Guitanist Paul        | UMA                   | AUNTS                           | ISA   |
| 13 Hosp. intake areas    | GENDARMES             | DUSTS                           |       |
| 21 Blather               | YODLER                | CUTESY                          |       |
| 22 Earmark               | SLEEVE                | SEMI                            |       |
| 26 Inventor              | LEV                   | INCOLD                          | BLOOD |
| 27 Pig enclosure         | IDEAS                 | AREA                            | IDLE  |
| 30 Business abbr.        | CONDO                 | SEER                            | ZEARL |
| 31 Grant of Hollywood    | ENTER                 | HOPS                            | ERNE  |
| 32 Objects of devotion   |                       |                                 |       |
| 33 Risque                | 39 Antagonist         | 49 Murdered civil-rights leader |       |
| 34 Walk wearily          | 40 Dyeing tub         | 51 Explosive stuff              |       |
| 35 Pitcher's preparation | 43 Golly!             | 53 Religious figure             |       |
| 36 Hemingway nickname    | 44 Nook               | 54 Dash                         |       |
| 37 Start shooting        | 45 Toed the line      | 55 Geeky one                    |       |
| 38 Dandy                 | 46 _ up (accumulated) | 56 _ in the Attic               |       |
|                          | 47 Canine varieties   | 57 Old pro                      |       |
|                          |                       | 58 Mine output                  |       |

## Volleyball

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He said the Big 12 is the hardest conference to play in, and he thought Tech would need a .500 conference record to make the post season.

Johnson, who was named the Big 12's Newcomer of the Year, said the announcement was hard to believe at first. "I was the last to know," Johnson said,

"so I thought they were all lying."

Hughes-Justice said following the loss to the Aggies, Tech's spirits were down. The tournament bid changed that.

"It was a really good surprise," Hughes-Justice said. "Saturday was a bad night for us, and we all cried in the locker room for 45 minutes because we thought it was over. Now the NCAA has shined a new light on us, and we have a new chance to show them we deserve to be here."

The Raiders hope to take advantage

of being an underdog and an unexpected selection when they face Utah. Tech played Utah in the first round of last year's tournament and early in the season this year. Tech lost both matches 3-2, 3-1 respectively.

"I don't think we have any pressure coming in," Hughes-Justice said.

Perhaps Tech can take claim of the saying "third time's a charm."

"I wasn't quite ready to be done," senior Skydra Orzen said. "I think we have

a good chance."

The Raiders will enter the tournament as underdogs, but the experience of playing in the most competitive conference this year, by way of the eight teams selected to the tournament, should prepare them for the tournament.

"We have to treat it like any other night in the Big 12," Orzen said. "To be nervous at this point is ridiculous. We have to give it everything. We have nothing to lose."

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