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America suffers first casualty of war

RIOTERS REBEL: A CIA officer was killed by Taliban and al-Qaida prisoners.

By John J. Lumpkin/Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Rioting prisoners killed CIA officer Johnny "Mike" Spann at Mazar-e-Sharif in northern Afghanistan, the agency said Wednesday. He was the first American killed in action inside the country since U.S. bombing began seven weeks earlier.

Officials recovered his body from a prison compound only after northern alliance rebels backed by U.S. airstrikes and special forces quelled an

uprising by Taliban and al-Qaida prisoners.

Spann, at the compound to interrogate prisoners, was caught inside when the riot began and had been missing since Sunday. The CIA provided few details of the circumstances of his

CIA Director George J. Tenet addressed agency employees Wednesday morning, saying Spann was an American hero and calling on fellow officers to "continue the mission that Mike Spann held sacred."

"And so we will continue our battle against evil with renewed strength and spirit," Tenet said, according to a statement provided by the

The flag outside CIA headquarters in McLean, Va., flew at half-staff.

President Bush said through a spokesman he regretted the death. "The president understands that this battle began Sept. 11," White House press secretary Ari Fleischer said. "There may be more injuries, there may be more deaths, and the president regrets each and every one."

Spann was a paramilitary trooper within the CIA's Directorate of Operations, the agency's spy

"Quiet, serious and absolutely unflappable, Mike's stoicism concealed a dry sense of humor and a heart of gold," Tenet said. "His brand of leadership was founded not on words, but on deeds - deeds performed in conditions of hazard and

Spann, 32, leaves a wife, two daughters and an infant son.

Originally from Winfield, Ala., he served in the Marine Corps as an artillery specialist, reaching the rank of captain before joining the CIA in June 1999

"He wanted to be in the FBI or CIA. That's what he always wanted to do," said Billy Mack Spann, a distant relative in Alabama. "He got in the service and went from there."

"This week has really brought home the war to Winfield," said family friend Tracy Estes.

Four other Americans, all military personnel, have been killed in connection with the fighting in Afghanistan. All died in accidents outside the country, two in a helicopter crash in Pakistan.

The CIA has been running covert operations in Afghanistan alongside the more public military effort. CIA officers are believed to have been

providing weapons, money and intelligence to rebel groups opposing the Taliban and al-Qaida, as well as interrogating prisoners captured during

The prison riot began Sunday when hundreds of Arabs, Pakistanis and other non-Afghan prisoners captured after the fall of Kunduz, the Taliban's last stronghold in the north, stormed an armory for weapons.

Thousands of northern alliance fighters, aided by U.S. commandos and airstrikes, assaulted the compound, but the prisoners held out for days.

Five U.S. soldiers were seriously wounded Monday when a U.S. bomb went astray. They were evacuated to a U.S. military hospital in

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Lubbock businesses stable

LOCAL IMPACT:

Despite national downturn, Hub City economy seems to be holding its own.

By Jenny Klein/Staff Reporter

Local businesses need not fear. The Lubbock economy is faring well despite the national economic reces-

Members of different business sectors came to this conclusion Wednesday morning at the Chamber of Commerce's War on Terrorism Conference, said Jay Dycus, the chamber's vice president of business develop-

This is the second meeting since Sept. 11 the chamber has hosted to discuss the impact the war on terrorism is having on local businesses.

"We're doing very well considering we're in a recession and in light of what happened in September," Dycus said.

Aside from the aviation and travel industries, other businesses in the city have not been directly affected by the attacks or the recession, Dycus said.

Jack Boyster, general manger at South Plains Mall, said the mall has not really felt an impact on its business, unlike many other places throughout the nation.

"Our sales have carried on the way they were tracking before Sept. 11," he said. "There is a different impact locally versus nationally."

With the holiday season approaching, Boyster said he doesn't foresee any major problems.

"Sales were pretty strong during Thanksgiving, indicating we're going to do fine during this shopping season. I don't expect a huge increase or decrease in sales," he said.

The retail business at the mall is not experiencing the lay-off conditions many other companies are having because Lubbock seems to be sheltered from some of what's going on elsewhere.

This could be due in part to Lubbock's location, Dycus said.

Local business members came to a consensus at the meeting Wednesday that Lubbock is a buffered area geographically, and the city does not host any nationwide businesses, such as Dell Computers, that employ large numbers of people.

"Lubbock is shielded from these huge heaps and valleys in other parts

of the country," Boyster said. Although the projected growth rate is only 1 to 2 percent this year, Dycus said, the important thing is the city is

growing instead of slowing down. "If we could grow any at all with these conditions, I think we'd be pretty well off," he said.



CRAIG SWANSON/Staff Photographer

TEXAS TECH STUDENTS push a snowball out of the way of a campus bus Wednesday afternoon after word spread that classes had been canceled because of the inclement weather. The students were using the snowball as a road block near the Broadway entrance to campus

Snow, ice cause campus shut down



JENNA HANSEN/Staff Photographer ON THE HILLS of Urbanovsky Park, Texas Tech students Brian Levea and Kevin Kohl push Jeff Levea on a cafeteria tray Wednesday.

Weather leads to canceled classes, student antics

By Melissa Guest, Jeff Stoughton and April Tamplen Staff Reporters

The crunch of snow under the feet of class-bound Texas Tech students didn't last as long as many thought it would when word spread quickly Wednesday the university was closing because of inclement weather.

"Classes should have been canceled (Wednesday) morning when the rest of Lubbock didn't have to attend school," said Tashien Lecky, a senior telecommunications major from Houston, adding the safety of students was a

"I saw the bus get stuck in the mud and ice at the (University Center)," Lecky said. "This can't be safe." Cindy Rugeley, vice chancellor for News and Information, said the decision to cancel classes was made by



CRAIG SWANSON/Staff Photographer

BRACING HIM FOR the cold weather, students decorated the Will Rogers statue and his horse, Soapsuds, on Wednesday.

Tech President David Schmidly. Wednesday morning, she said, the Tech police chief had driven the roads around campus at about 5 a.m. and had deemed them

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Senators focus on elections

LOOKING AHEAD:

Student Senate to vote on bill, which would alter run-off election dates.

By Pam Smith/Staff Reporter

Texas Tech student senators will vote tonight on whether they want to amend the election code to change the dates of any possible run-off elections in the future.

"The reason we want to change said Senate President Kelli Stumbo. "The way it stands now in the election code, we have to wait until after Spring Break to have a run-off."

In March, 2,735 students voted in the Student Government Association elections, which constituted 11. percent of the student body. The turnout for the run-off, despite having all three executive positions on the ballot, was about 350 people.

"Students have already voted once, and it is already hard to get them to vote again," Stumbo said. "This will just be a way to try to keep the momentum up."

Bill Brannon, election commission adviser, said the change in dates for the election should not cause any changes in the way the election is run.

"If the decision is made now to make the change, it won't affect the elections," he said. "If the decision had been made two weeks before the election took place, it would have been different."

Brannon said he thinks the change will help the turnout in vot-

"If there is not a break between the two elections, I think that it will make a difference that will result in a higher turnout," he said. "It would be

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Transition begins toward performing, visual arts college

CONSOLIDATION: Tech's newest college could be in place as early as Fall 2002.

By Melissa Guest/Staff Reporters

The transition begins for Texas Tech's new College of Visual and Performing Arts.

A transition team will begin organizing the college, which may be formed by Sept. 1, 2002.

The college, which was approved by Tech's Board of Regents on Nov. 2, would consolidate the departments of Art, Music and Theatre and Dance

into one college. Currently, those departments are housed in the College of Arts and Sciences.

Garry Owens, chairman of the School of Music, deans and support staff, Owens said. will lead the committee, which comprises two faculty members from each department. Owens said the committee would review the current organization, including course and degree descriptions and representation between the three departments.

"We'll be looking at everything, down to the furniture in the dean's office," Owens said.

The Higher Education Coordinating Board is reviewing the budget for the college and will be taking comments through Dec. 15 before making its decision, said Cindy Rugeley, vice chancellor for News and Information.

"I think everybody's hoping we will have our first new college in over a decade," she said.

A dean for the college will be appointed by the president and must be approved by Regents, Owens said. The college will require a dean, two associate

"What we'll need to have is new people in administration," he said. "I think it will be able to let the units have its dean who talks to the provost. It's a more direct approach than in the past."

Owens said the college has been a work in progress for more than 30 years and should be realized next September.

"It's been around for a while and now we're able to put it together and make it happen," he said. Jane Winer, dean of the college of Arts and Sci-

ences, said the new college would provide the fine arts department's higher visibility, both for students and potential donors. "It really is an aspiration that has been around for a long time," she said. "It's been this unresolved

thing. That alone, I think, makes it a good thing."

Although there are plans for a building to ac-

The delay in forming the College of Visual and

A performing arts center would require addi-

company the new college, the project still is in the

planning stage, Assistant Provost Elizabeth Hall

said. Regents approved planning for a performing

arts center at their August meeting. Funding for the

college comes from administrative cuts made this

Performing Arts has been because of a lack of fund-

"We've just gotten to the point where we can work this out fiscally," Winer said.

Currently, the College of Arts and Sciences is the biggest at Tech. With the division, the number of students majoring within the college may fall closer to that of the College of Business Adminis-

Ex-Student's ceremony rings in upperclassmen

GOLDEN DIPLOMA:

Juniors and seniors get their hands on the official class rings.

By Laura Sepeda/Staff Reporter

Rain, shine and snow aside, several Texas Tech juniors and seniors slipped a shiny milestone on to their fingers Wednesday night during the Ex-Student's Association official class ring ceremony.

The ceremony, also held Tuesday night at the Merket Alumni Center Banquet Hall, gave some upperclassmen something to look at while looking forward to gradua-

"It has a very classic look," said Yvonne Osuna, a senior public relations major from Slaton who attended the Tuesday night ceremony.

Every ring is engraved with the motto "Strive for Honor."

"I think it is important for everyone to develop school pride," Osuna said. "Participating in the ceremony is a great way to do that. I grew up here, and I love Texas Tech.'

The ceremonies split the presentations according to college. The students from the colleges of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, Architecture, Art, Education and Engineering received their rings Tuesday. Students from the Jerry S. Rawls College of Business Administration, the College of Human Sciences and the Tech's Health Sciences Center received theirs Wednes-

> Tech President David Schmidly presented the rings while Michael Heintze, vice president for Fiscal Affairs, called out the students' names.

The original ring tradition at Tech disappeared in the 1950s.

Curt Langford from the Exstudents Association said the ring ceremony, as it is today, began in Spring 1998 with a restored official ring that depicted the most endearing symbols of the university, including the bell tower and the seal.

"Every semester an increasing number of students have become involved in the ceremony," Langford said. "Since that semester, we have sold over 5,000

The Student Alumni Board, which is hosting the event, and the Ex-Students Association have established eligibility standards for students wishing to order a

"We require at least junior status as well as the other requirements that the university has established for receiving a diploma," Langford said. "When you are wearing the ring, you are essentially wearing a diploma. We are working to build the importance and significance of

The official class ring is standardized. Women have the option of choosing between a traditional ring and a signet

Langford said he was impressed with the attendance because those who order rings are not required to attend the cer-

"Not everyone went," he said, "but a lot of family members were there. It was so important to some of them that we had a few fly despite the weather."



CRAIG SWANSON/Staff Photographer

TEXAS TECH PRESIDENT David Schmidly presents a ring to a Tech student Tuesday night at the Merket Alumni Center during the Ex-Student's Association's official ring ceremony..

Southwest Collections Library gathering steam with expansions, changes

By Marie Gosnell/Contributing Writer

In the Southwest Collections/Special Collections Library, many changes are taking place, including a huge expansion of collections, research areas and ar-

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clude a larger emphasis on the performing arts, as well as sports history and natu-

"We are the repository of all materials from the now defunct Southwest

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chives. Some of the new focus areas in- Athletic Conference, at one time, one of the premier conferences in the nation," said Steve Bogener, coordinator of exhibits and outreach. The library has much of the history of the Tech athletic program, including oral history interviews from athletes at all levels of com-

> The library features exhibits from a number of painters, singers, dancers, writers and performers associated with West Texas.

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"It is significant that so many performers and musicians came from this part of the country," Bogener said. "We are striving to become more interdisciplinary and serve any number of departments on campus and the community at large."

The library has nearly 500,000 photographs, more than 5,000 oral histories

and more than 50,000 books. "We're trying to make the general public and students more aware of what we offer here. It's an unknown treasure," Bogener said, noting the library's further expansion into the areas of natural history, English, philosophy and art should make its resources more desirable to everyone.

Several prominent writers recently contributed materials to the library as part of Texas Tech's Natural History Initiative. Rick Bass, William Kittredge, Barry Lopez, Bill McKibben, Doug Peacock, David Quammen, Pattiann Rogers and Annick Smith all added personal papers focusing on the Southwest.

"Barry Lopez is arguably one of the best writers of the 20th century," Bogener said. "All of the writers are quite well known in literary circles, having written many award-winning articles and books."

Lopez in particular, Bogener said, brought his materials to the library because of the novel approach Tech is taking to create an interdisciplinary curriculum to utilize his work.

"They (the authors' papers) will be part of the humanities element for researchers and scholars and students in an approach to meld the hard sciences like biology to the humanities so that folks in either of the disciplines will take away with them, through a degree at Texas Tech, some knowledge from both realms," he said. "What I like to call it is a treasure trove of history."

Bogener said the library is quickly becoming a premier repository of papers about the natural world.

As part of the Natural History Initiative, the library participates in an ongoing partnership with the Nature Conservancy of Texas, the Museum of Tech's Natural Science Research Laboratory, the Honors College's Natural History and Humanities Program and the newly established Bioinformatics Program.

"We are at the beginning stages on the program," Bogener said, "but the overall plan for the inclusion of scholars

from many backgrounds is promising." The Natural History Initiative serves as an addition to the library's historical strengths in ranching and agricultural heritage and the environment, Bogener said.

"Many scholars consider the Southwest Collections/Special Collections Library to have the best ranching materials in the world," he said. "We have been cited in countless journals, magazines, books and other published material."





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Northern Alliance rejects outside security help

We have to decide

whether we should

not help them move

along and overcome

obstacles.

- FRANCESC VENDRELL

Deputy U.N. Mediator

By Tony Czucka/Associated Press

KOENIGSWINTER, Germany -The northern alliance on Wednesday rejected an outside security force for a post-Taliban Afghanistan, saying the alliance's own forces were sufficient.

The issue of security is one of two items to be decided at U.N.-sponsored talks among four Afghan factions that will decide the war-torn country's political future. The other issue is an interim administration.

"We don't feel a need for an outside force. There is security in place," northem alliance delegation leader Younus Qanooni told reporters at the talks, which began Tuesday outside Bonn.

Qanooni said, if a more extensive security force is needed, it should comprise of ethnic groups within Afghani-

The United Nations has offered three proposals for a security force to ensure peace in Afghanistan once the Taliban are defeated: an Afghan force, a U.N. peacekeeping force and an international security force. Officials have indicated that an international force would be the most realistic.

The United States, which has sent a delegation to observe the talks, has not taken a position on whether an eventual security force should be multinational, U.S. envoy James F. Dobbins said.

"Our understanding is not that they're refusing to discuss it but that they're of the view that security is actually pretty good at the moment," Dobbins said, referring to the northern alli-

Qanooni also dampened expectations building at the talks that the exiled former king would head an interim administration, saying he would have a role only if elected by a traditional national council, called a loya jirga.

"We don't believe in the role of a person and personalities. We believe in a system," Qanooni said. "If the people

has a role, of course, no one can deny

Delegates from other factions at the conference indi-

cated earlier Wednesday that consensus was growing around the ex-king as head of a transitional administra-

The first goal of the talks is to decide on an interim administration that will run Afghanistan until a loya jirga can convene, possibly as

early as March. Tribal leaders at the initial loya jirga would approve a transitional government to be in place for up to two years, leading to a second loya

agree through a loya jirga that the king jirga, which would approve a constitution and set the stage for elections.

Fatima Gailani, an adviser to one of the four groups negotiating at the talks,

said Wednesday that the delegates appeared to nearing agreement that former King Mohammad Zaher Shah, 87, would run that first administration. Zaher Shah has been living in exile in Rome since being over-

thrown in 1973. "The majority, everyone agrees that whatever

procedure, he will be the head of it. How much power he will have, we have to discuss this," said Gailani, who is advising the delegation of exiles based in

Peshawar, Pakistan.

Deputy U.N. mediator envoy Francesc Vendrell and Dobbins, the U.S. envoy, both said delegates from all four groups at the table would like to see a role for the king.

No faction favors a return of the monarchy, and northern alliance leader Burhanuddin Rabbani strongly opposes the king as head of state.

The four delegations were to meet Wednesday afternoon in a working session with the chief U.N. envoy to Afghanistan, Lakhdar Brahimi, following a meeting earlier in the day between the two largest factions, the northern alliance and that of the exiled former Afghan king, U.N. spokesman Ahmad Fawzi said.

Secluded in a luxury hotel near Bonn, Germany, the groups are under strong international pressure, not only from the United Nations but also from the United States and Afghanistan's neighbors, who have observers at the talks, to come up

with a formula for an interim administration to replace Taliban rule and a security force.

Vendrell indicated a measure of impatience with the pace of talks so far. Despite plans, the four groups have not yet met together since agreeing to the

agenda on Tuesday. Vendrell indicated a measure of impatience with the pace of talks so far. Despite plans, the four groups have not yet met together since agreeing to the agenda on Tuesday.

"We have to decide whether we should not help them move along and overcome obstacles," he said, adding that the U.N. will probably "encourage them, prod them."

After heralding a unifying tone at the opening sessions, the United Nations toned down expectations on the talks'

"These talks are not going to be easy. One grain of sand can stop the machine," Fawzi said.

Senate

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hard to say how much of a difference it would make without studying the history of the election turnouts."

Stumbo said the delay between the general election and the run-off becomes difficult for everyone involved, including the students who are voting for the candidates.

"It is hard on the candidates and on the students because they just want to know who won the election," she said. "It also means that candidates have to run around in anticipation for a greater amount of time."

Stumbo said early indications show several people are interested in running for the top positions, including a possible four candidates running for SGA president. She said while it is hard to tell how many people would be running, the increased numbers hint at the need for a run-off election.

In Spring 2001, there were run-off elections for each of the top three offices. Three candidates ran for president, three ran for internal vice president and seven ran for external vice

"As soon as you get more than two or three candidates running for an office, it most likely will have to end in a run-off," she said. "In order to win, a candidate must win 51 percent of the

Stumbo said the possible change in dates is not the only avenue senators are taking to increase voter turn-

"It should not be a problem," she said. "If they had decided to change it two weeks before, it may have been a problem. We are planning to have a referendum election before the general elections in the spring. During that election, we are going to advertise for the other one."

The Student Senate will meet at 7 p.m. today in the Senate Room of the University Center. This will be its final meeting of the Fall 2001 semester.

Snow

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Another consideration, Rugeley said, was Wednesday was the last opportunity for professors to give tests before finals.

"The roads were passable - it didn't appear to be a risk to students, and because of the timing and not being able to reschedule those tests, they didn't cancel this morning," she said.

Schmidly decided later in the day to cancel at 3 p.m., and then moved the time back to 1 p.m.

"Since then, it has continued to snow, and it doesn't show sign of letting up," she said later Wednesday afternoon.

However, students who missed tests because of the 1 p.m. cancellation may still have to take them, Rugeley said.

"The department heads have been given authorization to reschedule by the president's office," she said.

Sarah Hembree, a junior French major from Tyler, said the morning commute made her think twice about going

"It took me 45 minutes to get to class from Quaker," she said. "I was sliding all over the road. It is way too pretty to be in school for the first snow.

Tech police Maj. Eddie Huckabee said there were three traffic accidents on campus Wednesday morning, but added most students were driving carefully. He said the most important thing to remember when driving in icy conditions is to drive slowly.

"It may be easy to go, but you can't stop suddenly," he said. "Whatever you do, you need to do at a speed that's safe for these conditions. The best way to protect yourself is to stay off the streets."

Reini Butler, a junior public relations major from Abilene, said her trip on the bus Wednesday morning will be one she

will not soon forget. "You could feel the bus sliding sideways into other lanes of traffic," she said. "How could this possibly be safe?"

Butler said she thought going to class was pointless after waiting 30 minutes for the bus, which made her late to class.

Capt. John Gonzalez of the Texas Department of Public Safety said DPS officials responded to 35 accidents in Lubbock on Tuesday, one of which involved a woman on U.S. 84 who was killed when she was ejected from her

Gonzalez, who did not have accident statistics from Wednesday, said, above all else, people should remember to wear their seat belts.

Jaquana Carter, a junior advertisement major from Dallas, said her experience driving in the snow Wednesday didn't quite compare to her time spent in the parking lot.

"I was stuck in the parking lot snow for 10 minutes, and nobody would help me," she said. "Not only were the roads bad, but the parking lots were horrible."

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Germany, where one remained in intensive care and the other four were in good condition.

The alliance had recaptured most of the fortress prison by Wednesday. Hundreds of prisoners and dozens of alliance fighters were dead.

The CIA often keeps the death of one of its own secret, usually to protect a clandestine operation or the identi- cumstances.

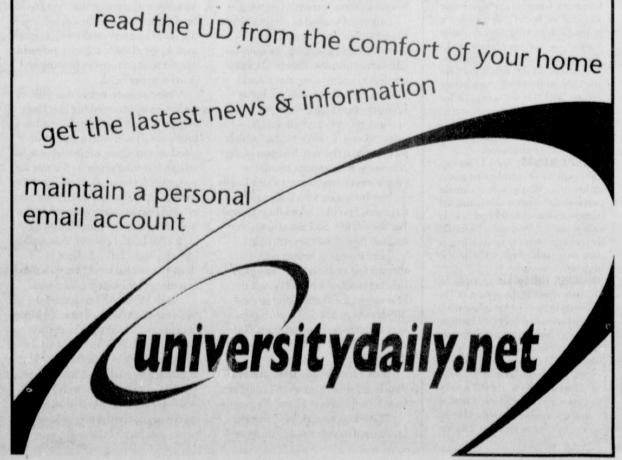
ties of foreign agents working with the officer. Neither was the case with Spann's death.

Two CIA officers died in the line of duty in 1998. No information has been released about their identities or the cir-

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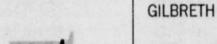












The therapist asks, "The feeling just isn't there

anymore?"

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therapist and

says, "I'm really

worried. My wife

and I just don't

have the same

feelings for each

other we used to

have. I guess I

just don't love

her anymore and

she doesn't love

me. What can I

"That's right," the man reaffirmed. "And we have three children we're really concerned about. What do you suggest?"

"Love her," the therapist replied.

"I told you, the feeling just isn't there anymore." "Love her!"

"You don't understand. The feeling of love just isn't there."

"Then love her. If the feeling of love isn't there, that is a good reason to love her."

"But how do you love when you don't love?"

"My friend, love is a verb. Love the feeling — is a fruit of love the verb. So love her. Serve her. Sacrifice. Listen to her. Empathize. Appreciate. Affirm her. Are you willing to do that?"

I found this story in Stephen Covey's book, "The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People." It shows the foundation to why America is lovesick - we walk wounded and lonely because we are not willing to do the work of love.

Almost every song on the radio and movie in the theater deals with the topic, but we remain uninformed. Our culture today is overly obsessed with a concept of love that is completely

unrealistic and dysfunctional.

Covey says, "Reactive people make it a feeling. They're driven by feelings. Hollywood has generally scripted us to believe that we are not responsible, that we are a product of our feelings. But the Hollywood script does not describe the reality. If our feelings control our actions, it is because we have abdicated our responsibility and empowered them to do so."

We choose who we love. We choose when we love. We choose if we love.

You don't fall in and out of love. Love is not an "I'm crazy about you" crush syndrome we can't control. We are wrong when we assume love is simple and it is just the matter of finding someone to love that is

have allowed our instant gratification society to shape us into sheep, swept off our feet by the mystery of it all. We don't show all of our cards, we play childish manipulative games, we tell little white fibs and yet, somehow, expect to end up dancing in a bed of roses. It is time we all get real and get our heads out of the perfume-scented clouds of naiveté.

Love too often confused with Barbie dream life

Some of you girls just want a trophy boyfriend, someone's picture to hang up in your dorm room and talk about with your sorority sisters. If you just want to date a cute face driving an expensive car, then be real with yourself.

Have fun and don't falsely convince yourself you are "in love." When you have sex with him don't call it "making

love." Don't cheapen love, just because you don't want to feel cheap. Too many women cry tears of heartbreak into their pints of ice cream over losing the man of their dreams when all they wanted to do in the first place was be a life size version of Barbie and Ken and someone with whom to cuddle.

And some of you proverbial Ken dolls are so easily "played" by women who seduce you into "falling in love" with them. Books like "The Rules" teaching women to "catch a man" are New York Times Bestsellers because, sadly, they work.

Walking airheads that unconsciously fall for this can't get a woman off their minds because she doesn't ever call, has perfected the "hard to get" scam, fakes her confidence and doesn't ever show her true emotions.

His cave-man-evolved ego has got to have her and keep her, but make no mistake about it, a beer is not needed to lighten his heart when it all goes up in smoke, because it was never involved.

Dating and love have become two separate issues all together and to mix them up is being, at the least, immature. You have to decide what you want to be good at and how you want to spend your time.

And yes, these days you have to choose because the culture of dating has transformed itself into a channel from which love does not easily flow. Unless you are the rare person who still simply dates someone to get to know them better, you could place a good bet on love losing all of the odds.

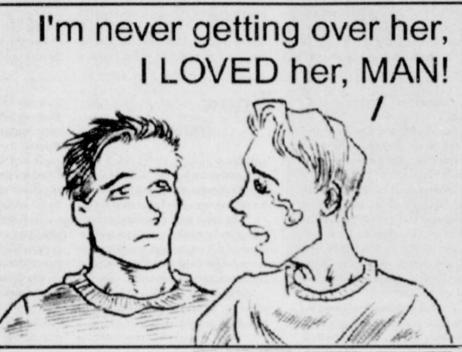
Because adoring another person for who they honestly and completely are is the only "true love."

The famous philosopher Paracelsus once said, "He who knows nothing, loves nothing...the more knowledge is inherent in a thing, the greater the love...Anyone who imagines that all fruits ripen at the same time as the strawberries knows nothing about

If you keep picking your partners before the harvest is ready, then don't be surprised when it all goes bad. Why do you waste your desires on worthless things that quickly spoil? Fine wines are valuable and get better with age because they are preserved with care.

If love is your goal, stop living in explosive extremes. Take your time. Don't confuse sexual attraction for illusionary intimate feelings. And don't confuse flighty fickle feelings with love that is sustained by action. Be yourself. Be real. Be more than words.

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difficult. Searching for "the one," our long lost other half, has become a tradition we have embraced with stupidity. Hearts



Christmas candy canes and whup ass

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BRANDON FORMBY

or some strange reason, I love Christmas. The presents, the good will toward men, all of it. As someone with no soul, I find it odd

this time of year really gets me excited and pumped. Carol of

Lights, to me, is an age-old tradition of holiday cheer and school history that should be honored, loved and, of course, attended. The annual ceremony is my favorite thing about Texas Tech, and believe it or not, is a unique tradition that many schools including Texas A&M — have been

known to show interest in copying. Last year I walked to campus before the ceremony began much like a 5year-old child runs down the stairs on Christmas morning. Basically, I was so excited, my adrenaline alone could have been used to power the lights lining the buildings on campus.

And as Professor William Hartwell began to sing "O Holy Night," which by the way, is the very best part of the ceremony, no questions asked, the

people next to me began talking loudly. Not being one who is afraid of strangers, I politely asked them to hush. But they didn't. So I asked again, no quite so nice. And they still didn't.

I know cussing, yelling and threatening violence at a Christmas lighting ceremony probably isn't the best way in the entire world to show holiday cheer, but they were ruining my very absolute favorite event on the face of this earth and the No. 1 reason I love this institution.

I don't feel too bad about the bitch slap. It did shut them up so I could at least hear the end of Hartwell's singing.

This whup-ass style of Christmas love reared its ugly head again when I was home over Thanksgiving.

and flowers. Candy and poetry.

Drama queens date knights in

shining armor and think all their

nights on the town and diamond rings equal a real relationship

words of affection, fancy attire,

founded on love. And it's a lie.

People get married too early

and too young because of this lie.

And some of us never get over those in our past because we

never realize we were not even

telling ourselves the truth. We

Illusion and confusion.

My mother has had the same fake Christmas tree since the Nixon administration. While the monstrosity is fake, it looks like it is dying, as the fake needles have fallen so much through the years, what with having three boys running around it.

But the tree I can handle. The tree I can understand. It's the angel my family has topped the tree with for the past three decades or so that drives me absolutely crazy.

For a while now, I've told my mother we need a new angel. I'm not trying to go all Martha Stewart on her or anything, but that poor damned angel looks like something you take out into a field and shoot just to put it out of its misery.

Her head is made of Styrofoam, her face has been painted on, except for the two eyes that were glued on, and her dress is a lovely light blue felt.

Her halo fell off when I was seven. To replace it, some genius in my family (and if you know my family, you know the list of suspects on this one is long) took a pipe cleaner, rolled it around a quarter to get a nice circle going and glued it to her head.

Unfortunately, before this delicate surgery was performed her hair had already begun to fall out. So she has a lovely comb over with a pipe cleaner glued on top. One year her left eye fell off, got lost somewhere in the tree and was never replaced. I'm not sure if she tried to escape from the attic one year or what, but her right wing has had a hole in it since the Iran-Contra affair.

It's her head, however, that really gets me. Right behind where you'd think the left ear would be, is evidence of some sort of blunt-force trauma.

So as Mom and I decorated the tree this year - in between sips of whiskey, of course - I finally got to the box with our poor angel in it. I lifted the lid and there she was - full of wounds, weathered by time, with her contusions and all - staring at me with her last little eye, left with a look that simply, quietly said, "For the love of Jesus, you freaks, just friggin' throw me away - I

can't take this crap any more you sick, twisted fools!"

So I finally decided enough was enough. We already had two of the three most important ingredients for a successful Christmas (the tree and the liquor). By darn, we needed a good, upstanding, healthy angel.

As I got my coat and keys, Mom told me what kind of angels she liked and Dad yelled something about a new angel being a waste of time and who cares anyway.

Clenching my teeth and trying to minimize the smoke pouring from my ears, I told my mother if Scrooge wasn't in a more Christmas-like mood when I returned with the new family angel, I would kick his butt so hard he'd feel like someone had used a Christmas tree as a rectal thermometer.

So I set out to the stores to find the most beautiful angel I could. And boy, was I surprised how far angel technology has come. There were angels made of porcelain wearing the finest robes lined with fur. There were angels with wings spun from gold. Some angels sang and some of them danced. One did the laundry, cleaned the windows and vacuumed, and one did a few things I'm not sure are appropriate for angels at all.

They had angels of all ethnicities and backgrounds. They had traditional angels and contemporary angels. Some were as dainty as hummingbirds, while others were as large the athletic department's cell phone bill.

I finally found one I liked, bought it and returned home with my prize in hand. It wasn't an easy job to save Christmas at the Formby house, but then again, it never is.

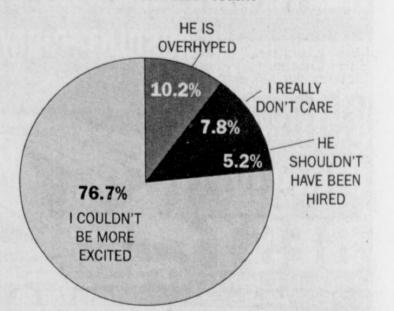
So to all of you out there who hate angels and Carol of Lights; who talk through Christmas songs and gripe about cheer, be forewarned - bitch slaps can be handed out just as easily as candy canes.

Merry Christmas.

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ONLINE POLL

Here's how 344 people responded to The University Daily's online question, "How do you feel about Bob Knight, now that he's officially made his debut as Texas Tech's men's basketball coach?"





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(FAR TOP): THE view from the Architecture building shows the campus dusted in snow as students walk to and from class in between the Architecture building, the Business Administration building and the new English/Philosophy/ Education Complex. Classes weren't canceled until 1 p.m. Wednesday. (ABOVE): Texas Tech students head for a Red Route bus Tuesday afternoon. Many of the buses were packed more than

usual, as the cold weather and snowy terrain persuaded several students to take the bus rather than walk.

CRAIG SWANSON/Staff Photographer TAKING ADVANTAGE OF the snow, Ginny Reid, a sophomore public relations major from Houston, and Greg Kopecke, a sophomore geology major from San Antonio, make a snow woman in front of Sneed Hall.

New York firemen's bodies accidentally switched

By Larry McShane/Associated Press

NEW YORK — A firefighter killed at the World Trade Center was buried in the wrong grave after the medical examiner's office mistakenly identified him as one of his fallen colleagues.

"It's an incredible sequence of events," Ellen Borakove, spokeswoman for the medical examiner, said Wednes-

Christopher Santora, 23, was mistakenly identified as co-worker Jose Guadalupe because both men had the same congenital anomaly in two vertebrae. Additional DNA testing turned up the mistake on Tuesday, Borakove said. Santora's body was buried by

Santora's family attending the funeral.

Wednesday. A memorial service for him that his parents had scheduled for Saturday will become a funeral instead. Both men worked at Engine Co. 54,

a Hell's Kitchen firehouse that lost 15 firefighters when the twin towers collapsed Sept. 11.

The medical examiner's office has identified 453 people who died in the terror attacks. It said this was its first

"My first reaction is, how terrible it tebrae. Three doctors and a radiologist is for the Guadalupe family," Santora's agreed the X-rays were the same person, Guadalupe's family on Oct. 1, with mother, Maureen, told The New York Times. "I feel awful this is on the back clared the body to be Guadalupe's. Santora's body was to be disinterred of someone who had closure. I'm nearly speechless ... I can't be angry.

The body was originally thought to be 37-year-old Guadalupe's because it was found near the truck he drove.

His dental records were not obtainable, and the body's fingerprints were obliterated, so the doctors compared Xrays taken of the body with X-rays of Guadalupe supplied by the Fire Depart-

Both sets had an anomaly in two ver-

and the medical examiner's office de-

It turns out, though, that Santora had the same rare condition in his neck. Doctors discovered the error after examining a DNA sample taken from the body, a process performed on all remains, and realizing it was Santora's.

After tests were completed Tuesday, representatives of the Fire Department and the medical examiner's office called on the families and explained the mis-

Guadalupe's mother, Rowena, said at

Two more teens suspected in Columbine-style plot

By Lisa Lipman Associated Press

BOSTON — A 17-year-old girl who allegedly agreed to smuggle guns into her school for a Columbine-style rampage but later leaked the plan by warning a teacher has become the fourth teen charged in the case.

A fifth teen, an unidentified 16-yearold whose involvement in the plot has not been released, was expected to be charged Wednesday.

Amy Lee Bowman pleaded innocent Tuesday to charges that included conspiracy to commit murder. Authorities say she was part of a plan to smuggle guns under black trenchcoats, detonate explosives and kill as many students and faculty as possible at New Bedford High School. The plot was allegedly focused on killing "thugs, preps and faculty."

Three other students — brothers Eric McKeehan, 17, and Michael McKeehan, 15; and Steven Jones, 15 - were charged earlier in the plot. They pleaded innocent Monday to conspiracy to commit murder, possession of ammunition and other charges.

Unlike the other defendants, Bowman was freed until her next court appearance, Dec. 17.

"Sometimes we have to treat people differently based on the circumstances,"

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prosecutor Raymond Veary said. Bowman, like Eric McKeehan, was charged as an adult. The two 15-year-

olds were charged in juvenile court. According to police, Bowman agreed to smuggle guns in and take part in the shooting, but tipped off her favorite teacher, Rachel Jupin, about the details of the plan because she did not want to see the woman killed.

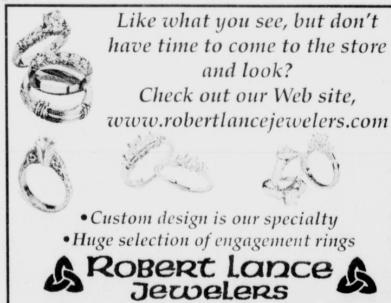
Jupin contacted the assistant headmaster, who eventually turned the matter over to police. Police questioned Bowman, and the teen-ager disclosed the plot, authorities said.

Police also learned of the plan through a note discovered by a janitor and other evidence.

Bowman told police that the McKeehans and Jones planned to videotape their killing spree, then climb onto the school's roof to smoke marijuana, drink alcohol and possibly take LSD before shooting each other.

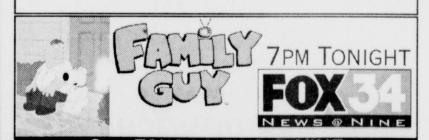
Jupin told police that Bowman is "a good kid ... who has had a terrible life up





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Auditions for spring theatre to begin

By Liesl Klinkerman/Staff Reporter

The Texas Tech Theatre department will be holding auditions for the upcoming Fall Main Stage and Laboratory Theatre shows on 7 p.m. Monday on the main stage of the Charles E. Maedgen Jr. Theatre.

Prior to the audition, students must pick up audition/information sheets at the Maedgen Theatre office, Room 125. Auditions are open to all students currently enrolled at Tech. Undergraduates must have six or more credit hours, while graduates must have three or more credit hours.

There are four plays for which auditions are being held: "The 1940's Radio Hour," "The Tempest," "A Doll's House" and "Raider Red One Act Spectacular." The Lab Theatre, which is putting on "A Doll's House" and "Raider Red One Act Spectacular," is student run and directed.

All of the shows are very enjoy-

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able," said Richard Privitt, an audience relations specialist at Tech. "The 'Raider Red Show' consists of various original one-act plays. Any student can submit a one-act play for Raider

Besides that, when students are auditioning, they should dress appropriately and have fun doing it.

RICHARD PRIVITT Audience Relations Specialist

Deciding on what plays to do takes a group effort and involves both the faculty and the students.

"The students can submit ideas. The idea then goes to a committee, which helps with the play selection," said

The 1940's play is fun and pertinent, Privitt said, and has a new meaning since the Sept. 11th tragedy.

"The Tempest' is a Shakespearean play," he said. "It's good to expose students to pre-modern drama. It's great, they've put a new twist on a classic Shakespeare play."

Students who are auditioning for the spring season must bring ten copies of their audition form/information sheet, 90-second memorized monologue appropriate to the productions and a memorized sixteen-bar song from modern musical theatre. Volunteer musicians for "The 1940's Radio Hour" are also encouraged to audition. Musicians should bring their own instruments to the audition and will be given 60 seconds to perform while students who are singing, acting, and playing an instrument will be given extra 30 sec-

Auditioners must provide their own sheet music for the accompanist, but CD and tape players will be provided for those who need them.

There are approximately 10 parts open for audition in the main stage plays. "A Doll's House" has about eight parts open, two of which are for chil-

"There is a very strict time limit with the auditions," Privitt said. "Besides that, when students are auditioning, they should dress appropriately and have fun doing it."

Students who are selected for further auditions will be announced the following day and posted on the Theatre callboard and the Maedgen Lab Theatre (west entrance) door. Callbacks for "The 1940's Radio Hour" and "The Tempest" will be on Tuesday from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. and on Wednesday from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., respectively, on the Maedgen Theatre

Callbacks for "A Doll's House" will be held on Thursday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., on the Maedgen Theatre stage.

For further information about upauditions call (806) 742-3601

A CRAFTY ONE



CAT TAMEZ, A freshman biology major from McAllen paints her frame for her art at a Me. Inc. meeting Tuesday in the University Center Ballroom. Me Inc. has organized eight programs in the past year focussing on developing students' leadership qualities.

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The Texas Tech School of Music will have their 25th Annual Madrigal Dinner 7 p.m. today in the Helen DeWitt Sculpture Court at the Tech Museum.

David Forrest, a teaching assistant in the choral department, said there is nothing like this event in Lubbock.

"This event is very unique. It is the only one that keeps all the traditions of Medieval times. We will have a jester and many other traditional things there," he said.

The Madrigal dinner is held in a theater set in the times of yesteryear. There will be events such as a Royal Court and the Carol of the Drum.

"This is a fundraiser that is held every year and this year it will be a wonderful program to see," Forrest said.

The entertainment will be provided by Tech's vocal chamber ensemble performing classic carols, Renaissance madrigals, and other settings of Christmas texts. Magicians, jugglers, acrobats and wandering minstrels will be a part of the atmosphere for the evening.

The evening will include a gourmet dinner and a cash bar. Tickets can be purchased by calling Select-a-Seat at (806) 770-2000. Tickets are \$22.50 for Tech Students and \$37.50 for general admission.

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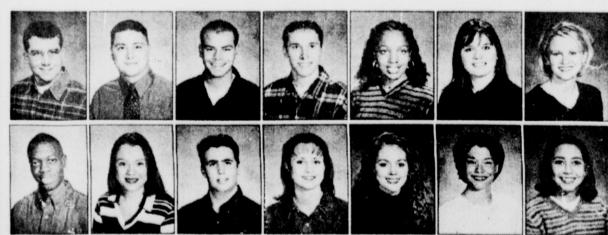
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Big 12 title game caused by turkey tampering

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PHIL RIDDLE

t is a mass conspiracy. We, as a nation of turkey-eating football fanatics have been victimized. No one can possibly know how high up the cover-up must

Forget bin Laden. Forget Saddam Hussein. Forget a staff of people with the combined IQ of a brass doorknob is running the Dallas Cowboys and something must be done soon. This is

Before you start thinking I'm just another conspiracy theorist, hear me

Someone has been tampering with

No, my former theory about the government putting cameras in chickens so they could spy on our rural population, which would have been easy enough to prove, is small potatoes now.

Somebody, the government, foreign spies, maybe the WWF, has injected our turkey supply with a hallucinogenic so powerful and so widespread that we all see the same misleading scenes.

That's right, I'm talking about

Oh, so I'm crazy, huh? Did you see the Nebraska-Colorado game last

The Big 12 match-up, which,

the country ate turkey, had to have been a mass

hallucination. How else can you explain a 62-36 dismantling of the nation's No. 1 college football team?

It must have been an apparition that the Buffaloes ran for more than 200 yards against the vaunted Black Shirt defense of the Cornhuskers

It had to have

been a result of some chemically induced hysteria that everyone in the media even reported on the accuracy

incidentally came after the majority of of the obvious falsehood, which was a Colorado victory.

Then, if that

weren't enough,

Oklahoma State,

yes, the Cow-

boys, the team

pop orange

uniforms and

isn't offensive

enough to be

supposedly

defending

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censored on the

Family Channel,

which wears ice-

You expect me to believe that instead of the Nebraska-Oklahoma rematch we all looked forward to and so richly deserve, we're going to see Texas and Colorado in the Big 12 title game?

Okay people, it's time to come out of our pumpkin pie stupors and

demand truth from those in power.

You expect me to believe instead of the Nebraska-Oklahoma rematch we all looked forward to and so richly deserve, we're going to see Texas and Colorado in the Big 12 title game?

And Texas A&M is getting a bowl

It's not that I really mind who goes to the Big 12 title game in Dallas. After all, that city is certainly due some good football at any level.

It's just that the experts have told us since week four of the college grid season that the 'Huskers and Sooners were going to knock heads in December for a shot at the national title and the prestige that brings to the conference.

Maybe it's the Big East behind the turkey tampering. They've talked all along about how great Miami is.

Perhaps it's the blow-hard Southeast Conference with all their supposed powerhouses like Florida

and Tennessee Maybe it was Baylor that put funny mushroom dust in our moms' combread dressing. It's been so long since the Bears won a game, they

could be more than a little jealous. Whoever is responsible needs to get the real results from the weekend's games so the Longhorns and Buffaloes don't waste all that time and money going to Dallas for a game set up in our collective imagination by

unscrupulous turkey tainters. Wait. Maybe it was the cranberry

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"I have been working on my shot and I have been hitting it," Ritchie said. "Hopefully I can keep it going throughout the season because I know the team depends on me for that."

Ritchie has averaged 26 minutes of playing time per

game this season and was the Lady Raiders' leading scorer in their 64-60 win against Oregon State with 21 points.

Ritchie has her full confidence when- hot and I know she will put it in."

ever she feels like taking a shot. "She has the green light on the threepoint line," Sharp said of Ritchie. "That's an important part of our attack."

> Ritchie shooting 53 percent from threepoint range this season and has seven more nonconference contests to improve upon that average before the Big 12 Conference season starts in early lanuary.

> > Perkins said

"She is one of our purest shooters,"

she will continue to get Ritchie the ball behind the three-point arc.

Tech coach Marsha Sharp said Perkins said. "When she is hot, she is

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partment is now taking reservations for tickets to the Red Raider Foot-

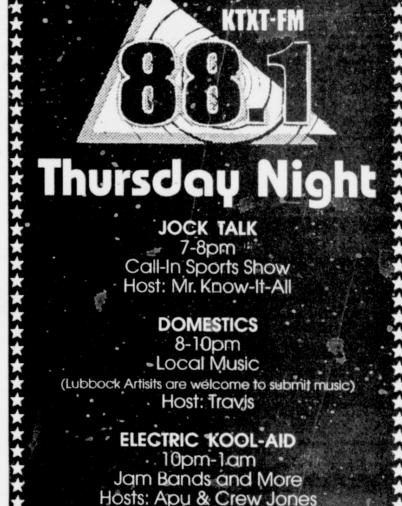
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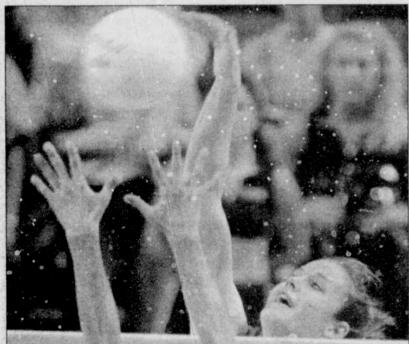
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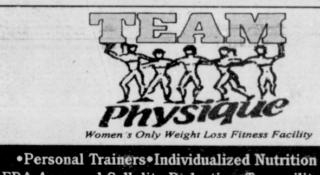
Raiders look to take advantage of NCAA bid, Utah





TEXAS TECH'S ANGELA Mooney spikes over a Missouri defender during a match

FILE PHOTO/University Daily earlier this season. Tech faces Utah today in the first round of the NCAA Tournament.



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By David Wiechmann/Staff Reporter

After getting a surprise berth to the NCAA tournament, the Texas Tech volleyball team hopes to have a surprise of its own in store for Utah.

The Red Raiders will square off against the Utes Thursday in Salt Lake City for the second time this year. Last time these two teams met, Utah came out on the winning end 3-1, but Tech coach Jeff Nelson and players said their chances are much better this time

"We're definitely healthier than the last time we went up there," Nelson said. "Last time Ann (Romjue) was out nursing her back, and Melissa (McGehee) was sick."

Outside hitter Heather Hughes-Justice said Utah should not take the Raiders for granted because they have played with their usual line up for most of the season and are playing better than early

"We didn't play them well before, but, we're playing better now, and they might not expect it," Hughes-Justice said. "And

Utah eliminated Tech in the first round of the NCAA tournament last year in Hawaii,

and the familiarity of the two squads may be cause for a small rivalry.

"I think there may be a little bit of a rivalry there," Nelson said. "The other matches have all been good matches, and maybe we'll come up with another one."

Nelson said there is no bad blood between Utah and Tech.

The players respect each other, but it will be an emotional match given Tech knows what to expect and it is the

"We know them well so it's not an

environment we're not familiar with," Nelson said.

Because Tech was not expected to

reach the post season, Hughes-Justice said the Raiders hope to turn A lot of people. some heads and

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HEATHER HUGHES-JUSTICE Texas Tech Volleyball Player

> lighter." Outside hitter Kelly Johnson said she hopes to back up her Big 12 Newcomer of the Year award with a good perfor-

mance and contribute to a Tech win. "I think the Newcomer Award will encourage me to play well at the tournament," Johnson said. "I want to show the reason why I got it."

Tech's strategy for the match will not be any different from its last meeting with Utah. Tech only hopes to do what it didn't do in August.

Hughes-Justice said Tech was beating Utah in last year's first-round match but failed to close out the match, losing

Tech will have to get past Utah's block as the Utes rejected the Raiders 17 times in August.

Nelson said emotions will have to run high against Utah, and he hopes to spoil the Utes' perfect record at home this sea-

"We'll need to play with more emotion and more heart than we did on Saturday," Nelson said. "It's the end of the year, and you have to come up with your best match of the year. Plus, they're 14-O at home this year and it would be nice to be the one that ended it."

A Tech win would put the Raiders in the second round against either BYU or Utah State.

Ritchie becoming Tech three-point charm

By Jeff Keller/Staff Reporter

As the Lubbock weather has taken a turn toward the chilly side, one thing has remained red-hot — the three-point shooting of Lady Raider guard Natalie

The sophomore Amarillo native has been lighting it up from beyond the three-point line this season, canning 10 of her 19 attempts from long range through three games this season.

Texas Tech is 2-1 in those contests and guard Jia Perkins said Ritchie has been a major contributor in the Lady Raiders' winning start.

"Natalie (Ritchie) has been hot," Perkins said. "That has helped us a bunch. If we're down by two points (Ritchie) will just hit a three and we will be up by one. I think that helps us a lot just because we know we can get her the ball and she will just put it in."

Ritchie's shooting statistics this season show how fond she is of the three-

Ritchie has made twice as many three-point shots as two-point shots. Nineteen of her 31 shot attempts this season have come from behind the three-

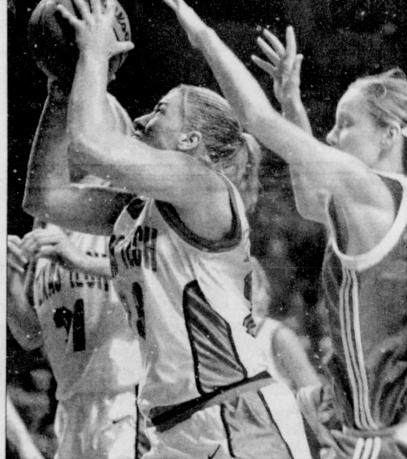
Ritchie credited a great deal of her three-point opportunities this season to Perkins. Perkins averaged 14 points per game last season as a freshman and has drawn the attention of opposing defenses in the early goings of this season.

Ritchie said this has helped her to get more open shot attempts.

"I'm the two guard and Jia (Perkins) is such an awesome player, if they dive off on her at all when she is creating stuff she can create me an open shot out there," Ritchie said. "Also with Plenette (Pierson) down in the post each game, my defense can sag off and I can be open on the three."

Ritchie said she has practiced he long range shooting and it has paid off in the first three games of this season.

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TEXAS TECH GUARD Natalie Ritchie attempts the short jumper. Ritchie is Tech's top three-point shooter for the Lady Raiders.

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