

Lubbock above average in alcohol-related accidents

By Jenny Klein/Staff Reporter

A national study released Jan. 14 revealed Lubbock ranks above average in the number of alcohol-related traffic fatalities.

Lubbock came in 81st out of 106 cities across 38 states studied in the number of alcohol-related traffic deaths from 1995 to 1997. The cities were ranked from those with the lowest rate to those with the highest.

The average rate of alcohol-related deaths was 4.75 deaths per 100,000 residents. Lubbock's score was 6.30 fatalities per 100,000 people. Dallas had the highest rate with 10.23 fatalities per 100,000.

Jere Hart, a city traffic engineer, said the number has decreased since this study was conducted.

In the year 2000, four out of 20 traffic fatalities were alcohol-related, Hart said. In 2001, 10 out of 24 fatal car accidents in Lubbock involved alcohol.

Hart said the statistics may not be a good representation of the city.

"We're kind of in the center of the entire region. Lubbock services a much larger population than the 200,000 residents we have," he said. "People come in from smaller communities in the area for recreational purposes."

There is also a higher percentage of the 18- to 30-year-old age group, Hart said. This is the age group most likely involved in alcohol-related accidents.

Though the city is host to several anti-drinking and driving programs, like Mothers Against Drunk Driving, Texas Tech offers education on the subject as well.

Tech offers a free driving service for students who need a ride home after a night of drinking, to help prevent drunken driving. However, the program, Safe Ride, has had funding problems over the past year, Jo Henderson, health education coordinator at Student Health Services, said.

Tech's student health service is proposing an increase in the student transportation fee to establish funding for the program, hopefully to be initiated by fall, Henderson said.

The proposal is to go to the Board of Regents in February.

Currently, the only program available to students for alcohol prevention and drunken driving awareness is the Raider Assistance Program, Henderson said.

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OVERKNIGHT UPSET

Raiders wreck Oklahoma 92-79, upsetting a No. 6 team for second consecutive week

By Matt Muench/Sports Editor

While the Texas Tech student section began to chant R-E-S-P-E-C-T Saturday at a packed United Spirit Arena, Red Raider forward Kasib Powell raised his arms in the air.

Respect is all he wanted.

The Raiders may have gotten it.

For the second consecutive week, Tech dropped the No. 6-ranked team in the country, which should put the Raiders in the Top 25 for the first time since 1997.

Oklahoma State fell victim last week. It was Oklahoma's turn on Saturday.

Final score: 92-79.

"When we beat Oklahoma State, other teams thought we were pretty good," Powell said. "But they also thought that (OSU) played bad instead of us playing good. That's why it was important for us to get this one and show people that we are a good team, and that we can play with anybody."

The win for the Raiders (15-3 overall, 4-2 Big 12 Conference) avenged the loss to the Sooners (15-3 overall, 4-2 Big 12) two weeks ago in Norman, Okla. that sent Tech home with a 26-point loss.

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CRAIG SWANSON/Staff Photographer

TEXAS TECH MEN'S basketball coach Bob Knight stops to chat with the campers and fans waiting in line early Saturday morning before the game. Raider fans were lined up from the United Spirit Arena to Weymouth Hall.

Students pitched tents as early as 18 hours before Saturday's game at noon

By Laura Sepeda/Staff Reporter

If Texas Tech University athletic officials were surprised when Red Raider fans formed a line extending all the way to Weymouth Hall for the Tech-Texas basketball game Jan. 14, then they were in for a real treat when a number of fans took their loyalty a step further by camping overnight at the United Spirit Arena for the Tech-Oklahoma game Saturday.

The sun rose on food items and revealed tents, blankets and various game day gear gracing the scene in testimony of the frigid ordeal endured by pepped-up fans.

The campers began pitching their tents and set-

ting up camp on and around the USA as early as 6 p.m. Friday.

Joey Charrier, a junior business management major from Midland, braved the cold with five of his Kappa Chi brothers.

"Everyone wants to be at this game today," he said. "This typically isn't a big game. But this whole season has been big because we have been winning."

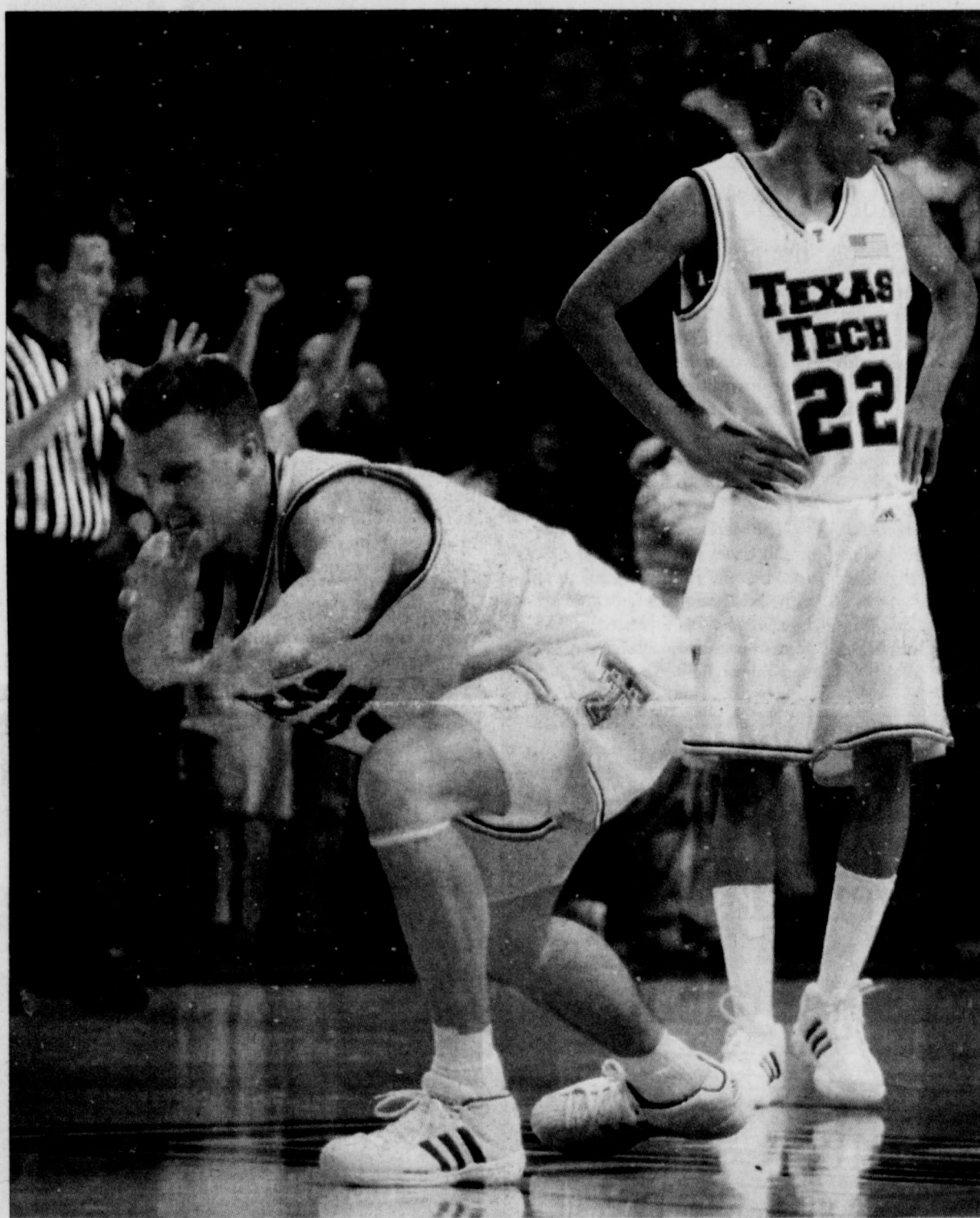
Charrier and his tent-mates arrived at the scene at 1:30 a.m. Saturday. Josh Byrd, an industrial engineering major from Dallas, was among them.

"I've camped out for several games," he said. "But this is only the second time I have done this at Tech."

Despite the cold, Byrd said the experience was invigorating.

"We didn't get much sleep though," he said. "Just coming out here seeing everybody screaming and hollering and setting the tent up just gets you pepped up and ready for the game."

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GREGORY KRELLER/Staff Photographer

TEXAS TECH FORWARD Pawel Storzynski shows off his dancing skills following a lob pass to Tech center Andy Ellis during the Red Raiders' 92-79 win against No. 6-ranked Oklahoma Saturday at the United Spirit Arena.



CRAIG SWANSON/Staff Photographer

RED RAIDERS ANDY Ellis, Will Chavis and Nick Valdez high-five fans who camped overnight at the United Spirit Arena to get seats to the Tech-Oklahoma game.

Tech alum bids for U.S. Senate

CAMPAIGN TRAIL: Democrat Ed Cunningham plans on visiting more than 30 college campuses

By Justin Matthews/Staff Reporter

Democratic U.S. Senate candidate and former Texas Tech law student Ed Cunningham visited Lubbock Saturday as he campaigned in a silver motor home front of Tech's School of Law.

Cunningham, a graduate from the University of Texas and Texas Tech School of Law, is a Democrat running for the U.S. Senate seat being vacated by Republican Phil Gramm. Cunningham's campaign, which plans to visit more than 30 college campuses over six weeks, is designed to grab the attention of the younger crowd.

"We are giving away Super Bowl XXVI and NCAA Final Four tickets in a drawing to students who are registered voters," Cunningham said. "If elected, I would be the youngest U.S. Senator ever, so I believe I relate well to college students."

The 35-year-old native of Fritch was the first offensive lineman in UT football history to be voted team MVP and later went on to have a brief career in the National Football League.

"My links to the NFL have definitely helped, but more than anything, what I learned in West Texas has benefited me the most during this campaign," Cunningham said.

After graduating from law school in 1994, Cunningham began a career in Austin as a litigation attorney, representing businesses such as Ford Motor Company and the Chrysler Corporation. More recently, Cunningham moved into sports litigation, representing professional athletes.

Sara Hossman, Cunningham's press secretary, said the campaign would focus mainly on the economy.

"The main issues during Ed's campaign are going to be the economy and the problems encountered with Enron," Hossman said.

Attorney General John Cornyn is running as the Republican candidate for the Senate position.

"When people see one of John Cornyn's campaign ads, they should ask themselves, 'Who is paying for that ad?'" Cunningham said.

Cunningham said his campaign is funded largely by professional athletes and events funded by those athletes.

He explained that he does not hold anything against the Republican Party.

"People sometimes ask me why I'm not Republican, because I have money," Cunningham said. "I feel like I'm Luke Skywalker trying to be recruited by the Dark Side, the Republican Party."

Cunningham said Tech students should look at what's affecting them, when voting.

"Don't believe me; don't believe any politician. First, see what's behind them, who they are and what they back; research them," Cunningham said.

HANGING OUT



DAVID JOHNSON/Staff Photographer

ANDREA LUHM, A freshman international business major from Houston, makes her way up a pole with help from Jason Caffey, a senior ESS major from Stanton, at the ropes course west of RP Fuller track Saturday.

Dead Enron exec had challenged accounting practices

By Kristen Hays/Associated Press

HOUSTON — A former Enron Corp. executive found shot to death in his car in an apparent suicide had reportedly challenged the company's accounting practices almost a year before it plunged into bankruptcy.

J. Clifford Baxter, who resigned as vice chairman in May, was named in an explosive warning that another Enron executive sent to company Chairman and Chief Executive Kenneth Lay in August about questionable financial practices.

"Cliff Baxter complained mightily to (then-CEO Jeff

Skilling and all who would listen about the inappropriateness of our transactions with LJM," Sherron Watkins wrote. LJM is one of the partnerships apparently used to keep a half-billion dollars in losses off Enron's books.

The same letter warned, "we will implode in a wave of accounting scandals" unless Enron changes its practices.

On Friday, Baxter was found dead in a Mercedes-Benz parked on a median not far from his home in the affluent Houston suburb of Sugar Land. He had been shot in the head.

Police found a suicide note and said a .38-caliber revolver was at his side. The contents of the note were not disclosed.

A justice of the peace initially ruled the death a suicide but ordered an autopsy because of the intense interest in the case. Results of that autopsy are expected to be released Monday, Sugar Land police spokeswoman Pat Whitty said Saturday.

Baxter, 43, left Enron several months before the company collapsed in the biggest bankruptcy in U.S. history.

Enron's sudden downfall and financial practices are now under investigation by federal prosecutors, the FBI, securities regulators and 11 congressional committees. Lay, a focus of the investigations and one of President Bush's strongest supporters, resigned this week.

Up 2 Date

The Rundown



Perry promises new transportation plan

HOUSTON (AP) — Gov. Rick Perry promised a suburban Houston chamber of commerce Saturday that Texans will see unprecedented changes in the way cars, goods and utilities are transported after an announcement planned for Monday.

"I want you to pay attention to whatever newspaper you read on Tuesday," Perry told the Fort Bend Chamber of Commerce at its banquet in Houston. "Because you're going to see an extraordinary plan to construct corridors in this state."

Perry, who has shied from detailing his proposal prior to the formal announcement, suggested the "visionary" plan would be a total departure from the way transportation has been laid out previously in Texas.

Buda man arrested for dumping sewage

AUSTIN (AP) — A Buda official arrested last week and charged with illegally dumping sewage also lacked the state license required to operate the wastewater treatment plant he ran, state records show.

Public works director Everett Conner, 52, was licensed by the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission to work on pipes and pumps that collect sewage. He was not qualified to operate a wastewater treatment plant that contains far more complicated equipment and processes, officials said.

"If he was working on the plant, that would appear to be another violation," commission spokeswoman Adria Dawidczuk told the Austin American-Statesman for Saturday's editions.

Judge signs injunction against phone psychic

JOHNSTOWN, Pa. (AP) — A judge has ordered the marketers behind television psychic Miss Cleo to stop calling customers who have asked not to be contacted and stop pressuring people to pay for calls they are disputing.

Cambria County Judge Gerard Long signed a preliminary injunction last week against Psychic Readers Network and its in-house billing agent, Access Resource Services, according to the Pennsylvania attorney general's office. A message left Friday with Access Resource was not returned.

The state filed a lawsuit in November accusing the companies, based in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., of violating the state's Telemarketing Registration Act and other laws.

Navy officer accused of exploiting a minor

NORTH CHARLESTON, S.C. (AP) — A Navy petty officer is accused of making pornographic home videos with a 16-year-old girl and another sailor, police said.

Jessie Oldfield, 20, is charged with first-degree sexual exploitation of a minor, according to court papers. He is a student at the Charleston Naval Weapons Station's nuclear power training unit.

Oldfield was being held on \$100,000 bail. A call to North Charleston police was not immediately returned Saturday; it was unclear whether Oldfield had retained a lawyer or was facing other charges.

The other sailor in the video is on active duty in another state, authorities said.

Famed one-eyed lion dies in zoo

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — Marjan the lion, who reigned regally at the Kabul Zoo during 23 years of war and cruelty, knew only a few weeks of peace and kindness before being found dead in his cage Saturday morning.

He lost an eye to a grenade and lost weight in the deprivation of the war years, but never lost his aura of dignity. His death tore at people for whom he had come to symbolize Afghanistan's sufferings and aspirations.

"I consider myself a pretty rough guy ... but I cried," said John Walsh, international projects director of the World Society for the Protection of Animals, which is leading an international drive to bring aid to the wrecked zoo's remaining animals.

U.S. forces find war images on cave walls

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan (AP) — U.S. Marines who joined elite Navy SEALs in searching al-Qaida caves said Saturday they made some unsettling discoveries: a photo of President Bush with blood running down his face and another of Osama bin Laden holding a Kalashnikov rifle and marked with the words "Leader of Peace."

The Marines' accounts, given during interviews at the U.S. military base here in southern Afghanistan, provided a rare glimpse into the cave-by-cave war being waged by U.S. forces hunting for elusive al-Qaida and Taliban fighters.

Quote of the Day

"I feel like I'm Luke Skywalker trying to be recruited by the Dark Side, the Republican Party."

— ED CUNNINGHAM, Democratic U.S. Senate candidate, on choosing political parties. Please see TECH, page 1.

Horoscopes

If Your Birthday is This Week: Finalize all outstanding contracts, business tasks or paperwork. Financial promises and legal obligations may soon become complicated by unnecessary delays. Watch for authority figures to focus on strict rules, regulations and practices.

Aquarius (Jan. 21-Feb. 19): Social pleasures will be satisfying. Although work demands are high, spend some extra time building social and romantic harmony. Many Aquarians will be offered a rare astrological opportunity for renewed love, shared intimacy and quick social increase.

Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20): Tell friends and relatives exactly what you think this week. Honesty and clarity will be rewarded with improved relations or progressive discussions. Some Pisceans may still encounter reluctance from long-term lovers or older family members.

Aries (March 21-April 20): Sentimentality and dreamy thoughts will have special appeal. For many Aries natives, the inner and outer world may need realignment. Spend more time outside of the home and avoid reflection on past disappointments.

Taurus (April 21-May 20): New business or financial information may be bothersome. Expect an annoying wave of small details and changing

agreements. Show authority figures your expertise with minor problems, while staying focused on the big picture.

Gemini (May 21-June 21): Social requests and business messages will increase. Watch for needy friends and new work assignments to actively compete for your attention. Go slow. Egos will be easily bruised.



Cancer (June 22-July 22): Previously silent colleagues will notice your personal appearance or make surprising social comments. Try not to blush. The private lives of friends and lovers will likely be made public.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): Recent differences of opinion may be resolved. Watch for loved ones to accept rare proposals or strained explanations. This is the right

time to correct misconceptions or encourage others to take responsibility for their actions.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): A romantic or social conflict may bring a powerful realization. Watch for loved ones to argue over minor details and silly issues. Social irritability may be an indication that others are feeling restricted or vulnerable.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23): Workplace diplomacy will lead to improved efficiency. Listen closely to the observations or subtle instructions of a colleague. Substantial business or financial gains are available by relying on the efforts, contacts or daily experience of others.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22): Planned family events will bring added enjoyment and security. Expect open communications between loved ones and fast home proposals.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21): Long-term relationships will begin a phase of reflection and evaluation. Expect loved ones to contemplate new home options. Some Sagittarians may

also experience the return of an old friend or a series of oddly sentimental moments between old lovers.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 20): The moodiness of loved ones may bring powerful insights. Recent romantic or home doubts may be revealed to be more complex than originally thought. Find honest ways to discuss and clarify your feelings.

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Congratulations to our winners of the I-Book laptops, Shayla Faubus and Daniel Wimmer.

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Announcement

To better serve the students, Student Business Services has extended our lobby hours to 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM. Watch for future evening and weekend hours.

Second cancellation will be done on January 29, 2002

Mapping technology could solve mysteries of brain

By Natalie Worthen/Staff Reporter

Brain mapping is a fairly recent development, which displays a brighter image of the brain on a computer screen.

The procedure is used to observe the brain's structure and electrical activity. A map of the brain consists of a picture from an MRI placed underneath a picture of a scan of the electrical activity of the brain shown on a computer screen.

The technique will help doctors put together pieces of the puzzle, the 3-D picture of the brain from the MRI and a picture of the electrical activity.

Dr. Dwayne Paschall, associate pro-

fessor at the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center, said a number of places now have MRI machines that can take a picture in 3-D of the brain and bring it up on the computer. CAT scans were a previous method to gain information about the brain activity.

"What our system is able to do is take a picture of a brain from an MRI, then place electrodes that record the electrical activity of the brain," Paschall said. "Then we place the pictures of the two on top of one another, getting a very precise picture of what is working."

Paschall said combining the two in the last four to five years has produced a

breakthrough technology.

"We've had the pictures for a while and we've had usage of electrodes for a while, but we haven't been able to combine the two," Paschall said.

Paschall said the combination of the two makes brain mapping possible.

"Brain mapping has a number of benefits," Paschall said. "If there has been a stroke, we are able to get a photo of the dead brain tissue

and see if there are parts of the brain that are still functioning."



Brain Mapping

Kindra Cronenworth, a senior physical therapy major, said she thinks brain mapping is important to researching the brain's activities.

"The procedure seems very helpful," Cronenworth said. "I

think it will benefit future research to help us learn about diseases dealing with memory loss and stroke victims."

Paschall said with the accessibility to

the brain photos, physicians are able to observe how the brain rearranges itself after it has been traumatized.

"As researchers, we can see how the entire brain is working," Paschall said. "Watching it, the brain reveals how it fits together as a whole piece; we notice how the cerebellum helps people learn, helps with memory and helps you hear. We are just now able to see these things."

Paschall said the procedure is still experimental right now because it is expensive.

"Until we have better data, it will be something few have the opportunity to use," he said.

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Tech coach Bob Knight said it was a nice turnaround for his squad.

"I thought our kids did a really good job coming back off of having been beaten as badly up there as we were," Knight said, referring to the 98-72 loss at Oklahoma on Jan. 12. "We had to play a lot better today, obviously, than we played up in Norman to be competitive in the game."

After leading 40-37 at halftime, the Raiders began to make their move early in the second half with a 12-4 run fueled by one of Tech guard Nathan Doudney's four 3-pointers.

Doudney finished with 12 points off the bench.

Sooner guard Hollis Price halted the run on a running jump shot, but Tech went right back at Oklahoma by scoring on six consecutive possessions to take a 73-58 lead with more than eight minutes to play.

Oklahoma pulled within 10 points with 3:51 left before Tech center Andy Ellis' lay-up ended a 25-second possession and sparked a 6-0 run to put the game out of reach at 86-70 with 2:14 remaining.

"That was the first time that I breathed a little sigh of relief," Knight said.

The rest of the way Oklahoma struggled to get close, and with seven seconds left to play, Knight walked the sideline and shook hands with Sooner coach Kelvin Sampson.

"Make sure you give them credit," Sampson said. "You're good."

Sampson said it was Tech's big three, Powell, Ellis and Andre Emmett that played significant roles during the Tech victory.

The three combined for 63 points. Emmett led all scorers with 26.

"In the second half, we couldn't get them stopped," Sampson said. "We played uphill all night, and it seemed like they played downhill."

The new Associated Press poll will be released today and Tech is expected to be in it.

Sampson said the Raiders are beginning to turn heads in the nation.

"We didn't underestimate Texas Tech," he said. "This Texas Tech team is good. Coach Knight has done a phenomenal job with this team."

When asked if the Raiders are exceeding his expectations, Knight said, "No, they're exceeding yours but not mine."

AKA sorority to host week-long activities

By Damion Davis/Staff Reporter

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated, a national service organization, will host a week of events beginning today.

Skee Week will be a week of activities for Texas Tech students and Lubbock residents, ranging from make-up workshops to community service projects.

Erica Singleton, a senior marketing and management major from Dallas and president of Alpha Kappa Alpha, said this would be a time for students and community members to gain some knowledge and get an insight on what their organization is all about.

"We want people to know that we are more than just about parties. We are based on community service, and people don't know about that because it's not something you can advertise," she said.

The weeklong event will begin today with a scavenger hunt and pizza party in the Carpenter/Wells Residence Hall training room from 7 to 9 p.m.

Tuesday there will be a makeover workshop held in the Carpenter/Wells Residence Hall training room from 7 to 9 p.m.

"This is to help women learn more than just about make-up. It will also be a chance for them to learn how to dress professionally and look presentable as they get ready for the real world," Tiffany Riley, a senior management major from Boston, said.

Singleton said the workshop will teach women a lot about themselves and where true beauty comes from.

"Women will learn that beauty

comes from the inside. It will also give them some self esteem that will help them in the future," she said.

Wednesday will be poetry night, held at the Coffee Haus, located at 1401 University Ave. from 7 to 9 p.m. This event is open to anyone wanting to express themselves through poetry.

"This will be a chance for all people to come and express themselves in any way they would like to. It will be a chance for us to get to know other people better," Singleton said.

Thursday, the organization will host a community service project at the Ronald McDonald House at 1212 Indiana Ave. from 7 to 9 p.m. The activity will include cleaning and getting rooms ready for parents and children to occupy.

"Community service is very important to our organization. I enjoy giving back to the community. This is one of our main focuses, and we go and help at the Ronald McDonald House throughout the year," Singleton said.

Riley said it is important for all people to participate in events such as this.

"It is important to be able to help those less fortunate. Giving back is very important," she said.

Alpha Kappa Alpha will finish the week with a fun day at the Skate Ranch located at 4701 West Loop 289 from 7 to 9 p.m.

Riley said this would be a time for people to get out and have some fun and, at the same time, do something a little different.

"It's a chance for us to have a good time and do it away from a party. This is just something people can come out to and have some fun at," she said.

Fans

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Byrd said Tech athletics is doing great this year.

"The improvement is what is catching everybody's attention," he said. "I am really excited for Bobby Knight and I am excited to see where he is going to take the team."

Ryan Gough, a sophomore Electrical Engineering major from Waco, arrived at the USA nearly eighteen hours before the start of the game.

"I got here around 6:40 p.m. and my friends got here around 6:20 p.m. to set up the tent," he said.

Gough said they took a lot of blankets but not nearly enough to keep them warm.

"But it wasn't cold enough to keep us away though," he said. "We can't wait to support the basketball team

and see the Red Raiders beat the hell out of Oklahoma."

The crowds continued to grow throughout the night; the line extended past Weymouth Hall by game time.

Friday afternoon, Capt. Gordon Hoffman from the Texas Tech University Police Department said in anticipation of the event, several personnel would be stationed around the USA as a "precautionary" procedure.

"It is mainly for building security," he said. "We can't stop the fans from lining up, and we have never had any serious incidents in the past."

No reports of any problems have been turned in to the Texas Tech Police Department so far.

In an acknowledging move of the fan's support, members of the basketball team ran down the line before the game, giving high-fives to the fans and thanking them for their support. The Red Raiders defeated Oklahoma 92-79.

Survey

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maintains, when they party, they're not partying safe," Henderson said.

The MADD organization campaigns against drunken driving, and while their programs are effective, they can only do so much, she said.

"I don't know what it takes to get them to stop," Henderson said.

Sometimes, it takes a close call or a death of a loved one or friend, but it shouldn't go that far,

Henderson said.

Henderson said if more students would stand up to their friends and tell them they do not approve of their behavior, it might make a difference.

Hart said deaths caused by driving while intoxicated are unnecessary and easily preventable.

"If you've been drinking or know you're going to be drinking, get someone else, either a designated driver or a cab, to take you home. Otherwise, you may never get there," Hart said.

The study was published in the February issue of the journal "Preventive Medicine."

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First lady redefines old standards

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KATIE HARRIS

Since its birth, the United States has seen several presidents. For every president, there has been a first lady. The role of the first lady has never been fully defined, yet as her husband takes office, the first lady often has the strongest influence over the leader of the free world:

Different times have called for different first ladies. During World War II, Eleanor Roosevelt was a presence. She became the voice for many during the war, even while her critics begged her husband to shut her up. There have been first ladies who stayed quietly off the radar, like Bess Truman and Mamie Eisenhower. Some, like Jacqueline Kennedy, were made into fashion icons, while many others were deemed fashion faux pas. Others, like Mary Todd Lincoln and Julia Dent Grant, spent extravagantly on entertaining and fulfilling their roles as White House hostesses.

Most first ladies have advised their husbands concerning public policy. Nancy Reagan, Lady Bird Johnson, Rosalyn Carter and many others gave their opinion about happenings in the country. But one first lady tried to create

policy. Hillary Clinton, who told voters that we elected not only the president, but her as well, pushed the envelope. Hillary Clinton turned the job of first lady into a profession. She moved from the traditional role of political adviser to policy maker, a power not given to her by the Constitution or electors.

We must remember, however, that all these women who have held the title of first lady were much more than the figure they created during the few years they were in the White House. They were complex characters who cannot be summed up by short briefs in history books. However, by marrying their husbands, they became just that. Being first lady is having yourself and your family put out on the table, open to ridicule and criticism. It is having a job that you have to define yourself. And these women were not even the ones elected into office.

At the beginning of President Bush's term, it looked like Laura Bush's history brief would mirror Reagan or Truman. Bush did not have an agenda. She was the anti-Hillary.

However, Bush has brought something back to the role of first lady that it has been lacking — a woman's touch. Bush is a model of what I think deep down women want to be. Bush is an

independent and confident career woman, but at the same time, she is an involved mother who will gladly take her place at her husband's side, not in front or behind him. Bush is reserved with a stately beauty, a welcome change from the so-called modern woman.

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With Bush, women get the best of both worlds. Bush shows women they can indeed have a successful career and be independent, while at the same time they can enjoy the feminine role of the nurturing wife and mother. The events of Sept. 11 and Bush's reactions to them only confirm my idea that she is an intelligent, thoughtful and caring person.

Clinton is not really what the modern career woman is. Bush has shown America the modern woman will have her own career, yet will always remain a nurturer devoted to family. She has already become much more than the first hostess. Although the history books may say she was a reserved and conservative woman, Bush is becoming a great role model for young women, and this is only year one. Her critics are not going to have much to say, even about her fashion sense.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Mediocrity does not deserve money

To the editor: The new athletic fee is fine by me, but I want something in return. I am pretty sure that I am not the only one that feels like this, but I want more than a mediocre football team (7-5 is all right if you like kissing your sister). Apparently, Lubbock and Tech are content with receiving a green participation ribbon, like they give out for elementary school track meets, for playing football. Give us something people would be willing to pay for, instead of making it mandatory. If the fee is agreed upon I want some return on my money spent. Here is what I want:

First, I want a football team that will finish in the top 25 next year. Second, I want no more embarrassments given to us from Texas (42-7) and no more losses to teams like Kansas and Iowa. I know that on any given Saturday anything can happen, but if we want to be at the next level, we cannot let any one game be lost.

So, if whoever is in charge of this fee change can promise these two things, I promise that most of the university would be behind it. But, if they cannot, the students and myself (as Dallas Grant would put it) will be rear-ended by one more fee increase.

Brent Becker
senior
civil engineering

Athletic fee equals university advancement

To the editor: Every day I pick up a copy of *The UD* and flip to the letters to the editor. It seems just about every day the same people that are content with living their lives in the middle of the road are complaining. The latest complaint from the middle of the road folks is about the increase in athletic fees.

We have the opportunity to have a university that excels in all areas, yet there are those people that just want to get by. They want the money to go to what they are interested in and nothing else. We have the opportunity to help the athletic part of our university excel and will give the students and alumni something else to be proud of.

I am all for supporting every aspect of our university. I might not attend the arts events because that is not what interests me, but I want them to succeed, and I want to support them in anyway I can. We should all want this university to succeed because it makes us all look better in the long run. The academics, arts and athletics are all very important and

should all be given the opportunity to excel. By supporting the athletic fee, you are supporting the advancement of Texas Tech. The fee increase is not just about putting people in the seats at games, it is about supporting success. If you would like to hang a mediocre diploma on your wall at the office and do just enough to get by, by all means get after it. But please have the common courtesy not to hold the rest of us back that want to make this university the best it can possibly be.

Stephen Stoltz
junior
civil engineering

A reminder on who really signs the check

To the editor: I am a consumer who spends thousands of dollars a year at one of the largest businesses in Lubbock. The money I spend affects jobs in every sector of the local economy. Sometimes, I travel great distances to spend money here. As a consumer you can count on my repeat business for many years. In addition, I also help bring in government subsidies, grants from public and private donors as well as research.

I work here in Lubbock. I am a student, and as such, I am a consumer of the services offered by Texas Tech University. That's right, I am a consumer. However I continually find myself fumbling through a bureaucratic nightmare.

I risk being run down by cars while trying to cross University Avenue every morning because no one sees the need to build pedestrian bridges. I have waited three weeks to get a book for a class because the bookstores' plan to cut costs means cutting book orders. If I fail to explain to Financial Aid that I am waiting for the university to pay my tuition by their self-imposed deadline, then I am dropped from my classes. I have to park somewhere near Uzbekistan and if I have a legitimate reason to drive onto campus, I can't do so until after 3:30 p.m., according to the Parking Nazis. If you work at Texas Tech, I am your employer. If you landscape the campus, provide a meal, run a guard booth, lecture, help me check out books, take my tuition money or provide a service, please remember that even if I don't sign your paycheck, I am the reason you are here. A little more business sense and a little less bureaucracy would make us all happier people.

Marcy Dickson
junior
history

Embarrassing odors explained; medication warnings given

READERS ASK

QUESTION: I have an embarrassing problem. I have developed a chronic gas problem. My stomach churns constantly. The other day, I let one out during math class and several people turned and looked at me. I have tried everything I can over-the-counter to stop this, and I am eating the same things I used to before this started. What can I do?

ANSWER: Well, what happened to you has happened to the best of us. It helps to have a plastic chair cushion, your dog or someone else to blame the problem on, but you can't always have something or someone else there to save face. Even though you haven't changed what you normally eat, our bodies sometimes decide to change for no apparent reason. What might have been easily digested may now be the culprit of your faux pas.

Some foods are more likely than others to cause gas. Those include beans, apples, pears, peaches, whole grains, broccoli, cabbage, onions, asparagus, milk and dairy products, carbonated drinks, dietetic foods and sugar-free candies and gum.

You may also be taking in more air when you eat, so try eating slowly and really chewing your food. Chewing gum, sucking on hard candies and smoking sometimes bring in more air, so it has to escape somehow.

Try eliminating one food at a time from the gas-producing list. That way, you might be better able to identify the bad food. Also, you can try activated charcoal tablets or capsules from a health food store. They may work on the gas and rolling stomach without messing up your bowel movements.

And, as always, you can talk to your doctor about the problem. Unfortunately, so many things that were once considered taboo in public are now just fine; gas has yet to come around as acceptable.

QUESTION: I get really bad leg cramps in bed at night. I lay there writhing in pain, trying not to wake my roommate. What causes them, and how do you get rid of them?

ANSWER: One thing that can cause leg cramps is an overreaction to exercise or work. Cramps can be caused by dehydration or an electrolyte imbalance. Make sure you are eating plenty of fruits and veggies and drinking fluids. If this doesn't resolve the cramps, then see your health care provider. It could be symptoms of restless leg syndrome, which can be evaluated and treated.

QUESTION: My boyfriend says I am frigid. I have always thought that it meant that I couldn't enjoy sex, but I really do, if it is done right. I just haven't got the heart to tell him that. Just what does frigid really mean anyway?

ANSWER: Webster's defines it as "abnormally adverse to sexual intercourse, used especially of women," and "unable to achieve orgasm during sexual intercourse," and "lacking in warmth or ardor" and lastly "indifferent".

The term "frigid" has traditionally been used by men. I have never heard a woman use the term to describe a man, but I suspect it could be used on some.

You state that you really do enjoy sex if it's done right. Alfred Kinsey, in his famous report on sex, said there were no frigid women, just inept men. Could be your boyfriend falls into that category? I do not believe that every sexual failure means one partner is frigid or that the other is a failure as a lover.

The best way to handle a frigid situation is to talk about what feels good. Educating each other is the way to a more fulfilling sex life. If you have had very little or no sexual experience, a caring partner will need to take it slowly asking questions like, "Does this feel good?" or "Do you like this?" Get to know your body. Encourage your partner to take time to get to know your body and reserve the term "frigid" to describe the arctic north.

QUESTION: What general advice do you have for people taking prescription medicines? I have had trouble with vitamins making me queasy, capsules being too big to swallow easily and bad reactions to medicines.

ANSWER: There are some prescription medicine basics you should be aware of. If the directions say to take a pill with a meal, you can take it right before, during or right after eating. If the directions say to take a medication on an empty stomach, wait at least two hours before or after a meal to take it.

Check with your pharmacist before cutting pill in half or opening a capsule. Some of those must be swallowed whole to dissolve in the right part of the digestive tract.

Have someone check on you when you start taking a medication.

Some drugs will make you drowsy, cloud your judgment or cause other troublesome reactions. Have your pharmacist or health care provider review all the medications as well as herbal drugs you are taking to avoid adverse drug interactions.

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Tech sweeps BYU to open season

By Jeff Keller/Staff Reporter

Texas Tech coach Larry Hays could not have asked for a better start to his 16th campaign at the head of the Red Raider baseball program as Tech took three games from the visiting Brigham Young University Cougars to start the season off with a 3-0 record. The Raiders won game one 8-6 and took games two and three 6-5 and 10-2 respectively.

Tech pitcher Steve Rowe came out of the bullpen to pitch two scoreless innings and claimed the victory in game one.

The game was played as the first contest of a doubleheader. About 2,500 fans attended the game.

The Raiders jumped out to a 3-1 lead through three innings but trailed BYU 6-4 entering the bottom of the seventh inning before mounting a late-inning rally.

Tech had runners on second and third in the bottom of the seventh when infielder Joel Buchenauer ripped a single to center field, scoring both runners. Buchenauer scored on an error later in the inning to give the Raiders a 7-6 lead going into the eighth.

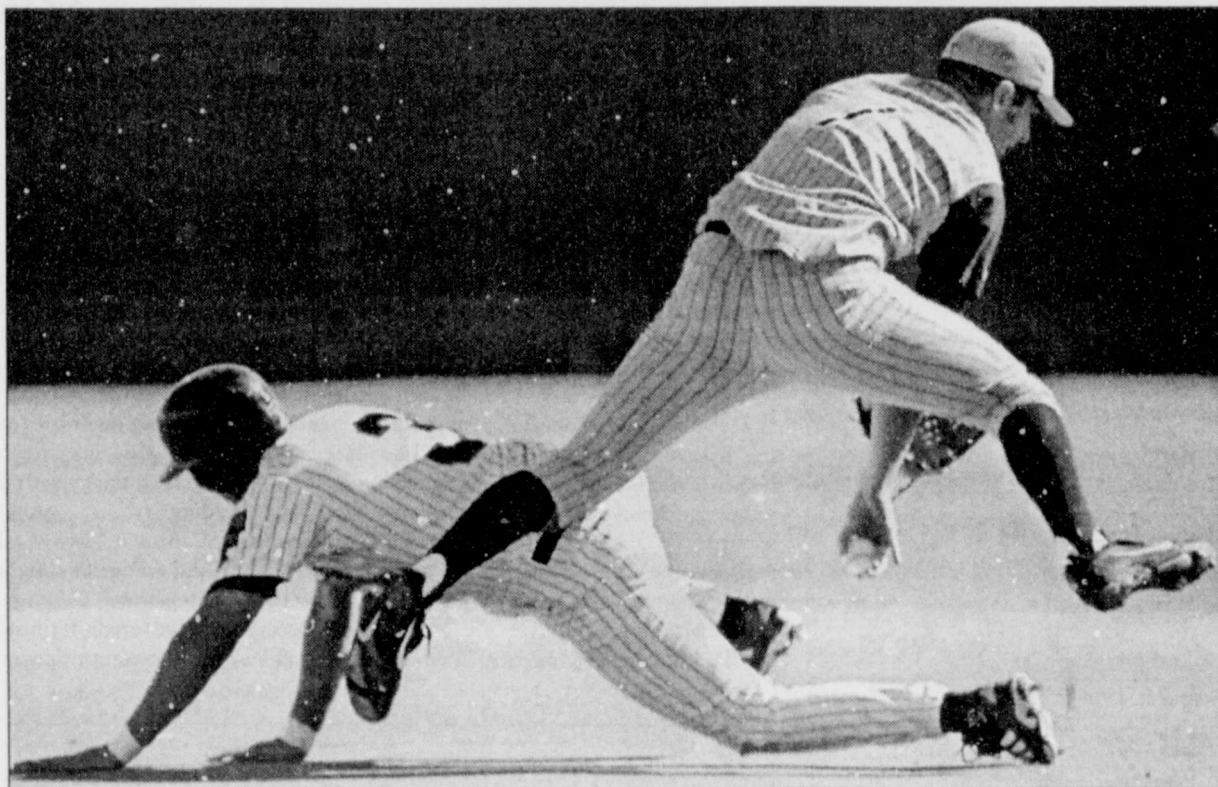
The Raiders added another run in the bottom of the eighth to pick up the final margin of victory.

Rowe said he was pleased with Tech's performance in the season-opener and was glad to have the season underway.

"We were excited to get out here and play finally," Rowe said. "The fall and the time before the season always takes such a long time. It always seems like opening day is never going to get here, but once it finally does, you are really excited to play."

Tech picked up the sweep of the doubleheader under the lights at Dan Law Field with a win in its final at bat.

Tech trailed 5-3 after 6 1/2 innings but battled back to tie the game at five



TEXAS TECH SENIOR catcher Willie Durazo slides past the tag of BYU pitcher Scott Koffman Saturday at Dan Law Field. The Red Raiders took three from the Cougars to begin the 2002 campaign 3-0. Tech won 8-6, 6-5 and 10-2.

heading into the ninth inning. In the bottom of the ninth, with runners at the corners, Tech outfielder Jon Slack slugged the game winning single to left field giving Tech the 6-5 victory.

Left-handed pitcher Brandon Shaw picked up the win for the Raiders in game two.

In game three of the series, the Raiders once again fell behind early to the Cougars, trailing 2-0 after 2 1/2 innings.

But in Tech's half of the third inning, the Raiders pulled ahead for good courtesy of the bat of designated hitter Nick Blankenship. With the bases loaded, Blankenship cranked Cougar pitcher Scott Koffman's offering over the chain link fence in left field and into the Tech

bullpen for a grand slam that put the Raiders up 5-2.

Blankenship had five runs batted in the three-game series and said after falling behind early in game three, his grand slam helped turned the momentum in Tech's favor.

"It was great for us to come out and have that big inning," Blankenship said. "We kind of carried it through the game, and they got their heads down as we scored more and more. With baseball, anything can happen, and we just sort of carried that momentum through the rest of the game."

The Raiders added one run in the fourth, two in the fifth and two in the eighth to claim the 10-2 victory and the

season opening three-game sweep of the Cougars.

Tech starter Nathan Fouts pitched six innings to claim the win for Tech in the series finale.

The Raiders received a solid performance from right fielder Scooter Jordan throughout the series.

Jordan, a junior college transfer from Navarro Junior College, went 5 for 9 in the leadoff spot in the batting order for Tech this weekend in his first series as a Raider.

Jordan added three RBI in the series and said he was not nervous heading into the series because he knew what he had

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Wildcats end Lady Raiders' three-game winning streak

Texas Tech guard Jia Perkins' 24 points, five assists and five steals were not enough to counter the potent offensive attack of the No. 11-ranked Kansas State Wildcats as the No. 12-ranked Lady Raiders fell to KSU 76-63, Sunday in Manhattan, Kan.

Perkins had 18 points in the first half to help keep Tech in the contest as both teams went into the locker rooms at halftime tied at 33.

Tech hung with the Wildcats early in the second half, trailing by four at 48-44 with just less than 11 minutes remaining in the game. But the Lady Raiders could not withstand the 3-point shooting power of KSU.

Kansas State shot 70 percent from

beyond the 3-point arc in the contest connecting on seven of 10 of its 3-point shots.

The Wildcats shot 62 percent from the floor overall while holding Tech to a 34 percent shooting clip in the contest.

KSU forward Nicole Ohlde poured in 23 points and snared 11 rebounds in the winning effort.

Wildcat guard Megan Mahoney contributed 11 points and four rebounds to the KSU cause.

KSU moves to 19-2 overall and 7-1 in Big 12 play with the win, while the Lady Raiders fall to 12-6 overall and 4-4 in Big 12 action with the loss.

Tech next faces Texas A&M at 7 p.m. Wednesday in College Station.

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Failed drug test disqualifies U.S. bobsledder

(AP) — U.S. bobsledder Pavle Jovanovic was disqualified from the Salt Lake City Olympics after failing a drug test.

The 25-year-old Jovanovic, of Toms River, N.J., a pusher on the top four-man and two-man sleds of driver Todd Hays, tested positive for a steroid on Dec. 29, the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency said Sunday.

A replacement for Jovanovic was not announced immediately. A three-member panel of the American Arbitration Association (AAA) will determine later how long he will be suspended from the sport.

Jovanovic was tested during the U.S. Olympic Trials in Park City, Utah. A written report was to be released on Monday, according to Matt Roy, executive director of the U.S. Bobsled and Skeleton Federation.

"A doctor from the ADA testified that it was likely the result of contaminated supplements and that it would not have given him any competitive advantage," Roy said. "Pavle is currently investigating what his recourse is."

Jovanovic is the second bobsledder disqualified this month, though the other athlete was reinstated on appeal.

On Jan. 7, the International Bobsled

Federation (FIBT) banned Latvian driver Sandis Prusis from World Cup competition and the Olympics. Prusis tested positive for nandrolone on Nov. 9, after a training run at the Olympic track in Park City.

But Prusis and Latvian Olympic officials appealed the decision, blaming the positive test results on dietary supplements. The FIBT agreed and imposed a three-month retroactive suspension on Prusis that will end Feb. 9, making him eligible for the Winter Games.

Jovanovic's disqualification comes only three weeks before the bobsled competition at Park City, and only a day before the deadline to submit names of athletes to the International Olympic Committee.

"The biggest problem is the deadline," Roy said. "We are extremely disappointed that Sandis Prusis ... will be racing, and Pavle won't at this point. We

don't believe that it's fair."

Hays, who has rocketed to the top of the sport in the past year, is expected to break the U.S. drought at the Winter Olympics. The United States has not won an Olympic bobsled medal since Arthur Tyler captured the four-man bronze in 1956 at Cortina, Italy.

"Todd still has an excellent chance at two medals if Pavle cannot participate," Roy said. "But it certainly doesn't help matters."

Hays led the combined World Cup standings before skipping the final two races of the season. He has used his four-man brakeman, Garrett Hines, in the two-man.

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Reeves ready for second year at the helm of Tech softball

By David Wiechmann/Staff Reporter

While the world notices the turnaround Bob Knight has made with the Texas Tech basketball program, a quiet Red Raider softball coach is making a similar impact of his own. Bobby Reeves came to Tech last season, and after turning the program around in his first season, Reeves enters his second campaign at the helm looking to improve even more.

In his first season as head coach, Reeves led the team to a 37-24 record and an NCAA Regional appearance. In 2000, the Red Raiders finished the year 19-36.

Reeves grew up in Shallowater, and said he jumped at the chance to return to his roots last year when he was offered the job at Tech.

"I was tickled to death at the opportunity to come back," Reeves said.

Reeves was an assistant softball coach at Tech for three and one half years starting in 1996. Before coming to Tech he helped coach baseball at his alma mater, Lubbock Christian University, for two seasons.

Reeves is back on familiar soil and smiles when he talks about his job and the Lubbock area.

"This is a dream come true," Reeves

said. "I grew up here. My wife's family is from here. I've had my guns up since I could walk. There's not another place I would rather be than here."

He left Tech for one year to serve as the head coach of Southwest Texas State. In his year away from Tech, Reeves led the team to a school best .619 winning percentage and a No. 3 ranking in the Midwest Region.

Reeves returned for the 2001 season and seems to have brought with him the winning attitude he experienced at Southwest Texas. However, he takes the modest approach and tries not to take credit for the team's dramatic change in winning percentage in his first year at the reigns.

"I don't know if that has anything to do with me or not," Reeves said. "You just have to give the players direction and something to aim for. I think the players and my assistants do a great job."

After seeing the success of the team last season, Tech athletics director Gerald Myers said he is happy with the job Reeves has done.

"No question about it," Myers said. "Coach Reeves did an outstanding job pulling the team together."

Myers gave Reeves credit for instilling confidence in the team to perform

well. "He gave them confidence to win," Myers said. "He's a good teacher and a good strategist in softball. He's an all-around good coach."

Reeves said he tries to give the team enough confidence to accomplish what the players set their minds to and is not really responsible for what happens on the field.

"I have to get them to believe they can do it," Reeves said. "Once they believe that, the pieces fall into place."

Tech outfielder Eva Harshman said Reeves provided the spark the team needed to move to the next level, and his coaching staff gets along well to help instruct the team better.

"This team needed the right combination of coaches to turn around," Harshman said. "And the girls have to want to turn around, too."

Reeves hopes the team can make further improvements, and he sees the potential. That potential, however, cannot be tested until it takes the field for competition.

"This team has got the makings to be better (than last year)," Reeves said. "With freshmen pitching, we won't know how they will handle it until we get out there. We don't have any answers until the umpire says 'Play ball.'"

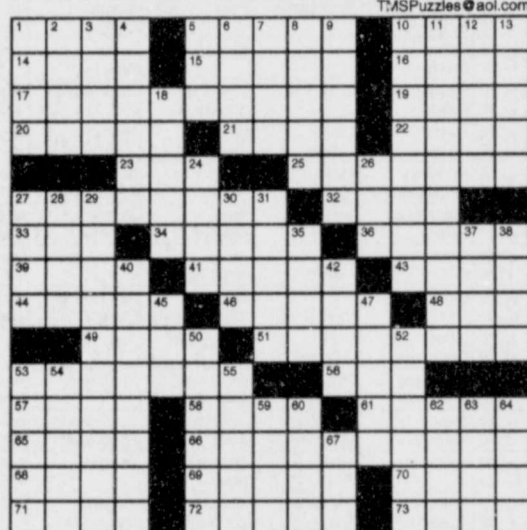
TEXAS TECH SECOND-year coach Bobby Reeves observes at Rocky Johnson Field during practice last week. Reeves led the Red Raiders to a NCAA Regional berth last year.

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Tech women netters focus on team attitude

By David Wiechmann/Staff Reporter

Tennis is usually considered a sport of individual accomplishments, but in the spring, there is no "I" in team for the Texas Tech women's tennis season.

Unlike the fall season, the spring campaign is based only on how a team performs, not how an individual plays.

The Red Raiders began practice this week in preparation for the season opener at home Feb. 9 against UT-Arlington.

Tech Sophomore Irinia Tereschenko, who is ranked first in the Southwest Regional in doubles, said only the team matters now.

"The spring season is more important than the fall because it (the fall) is individual," Tereschenko said. "We are the team, and that's the whole purpose for why I'm here. We are a team, and we hope to do good, and we have the chances to do that."

Junior Beverly Dawson is the other half of the No. 1 doubles pairing in the

Southwest.

The Raiders received a ranking of No. 15 in region to open the season. The Intercollegiate Tennis Association placed Tech one spot out of the national rankings at 76th.

Tech coach Virginia Brown said she hopes the team can play well and improve its ranking.

"What we have to make happen," Brown said, "is at least maintain our ranking in the Southwest Regional."

Brown said the team is in good condition with everyone on the team returning from last season including seniors Alenka Ovin and Noel Ruiz, who return from ACL injuries sustained last year.

Brown said with those players coming back, she thinks the team is in a good position to move up in the rankings because of the ITA's rankings.

"They (the ITA) ranked eight Big 12 schools above us," Brown said. "So every time we beat one, it gives us more points."

Ovin said the team theoretically has two new players and is better because of her and Ruiz's returns.

"(Brown) said even though she didn't recruit any players," Ovin said, "it's like she has two new ones because we (Ruiz and I) are back."

Ovin said she wants the team to do big things in her final campaign as a Red Raider.

"This is my last season, and I wish to do well," Ovin said. "I've been here four or five years, and we never did something extraordinary. I want to get in the NCAA's or do well in the Big 12. I want to finish with something good."

Brown said Tech faces a tough schedule with Texas Christian University and Florida International on the slate this year. TCU and FIU are ranked 20 and



TEXAS TECH SOPHOMORE Irinia Tereschenko works on her backhand stroke at the McLeod Tennis Center last week. Tech opens the season Feb. 9 against UT-Arlington.

30 in the nation, respectively.

Ovin said the team cannot be afraid or intimidated by a ranked team, and must have the mind set to win if the Tech is to reach the NCAA tournament.

"We have to go ahead and step up on the court and do our job," Ovin said. "And it is a team, but everyone has to win their match."

Tereschenko said the schedule will test the players' mental strength more than their bodies.

"It's (the schedule) tough because we have to play every weekend,"

Tereschenko said. "But it's more mental because you have to analyze your matches and keep focused."

Brown said the only worrisome part of the schedule is switching between playing matches indoors and outdoors. Tech travels to Colorado, Iowa State, Nebraska, Kansas and Missouri; each have indoor facilities. Brown said the adjustment to hitting inside may be difficult to make.

"The air is so light here," Brown said. "We have to work on topping the ball and holding it in. Inside, it sort of takes care of itself."

Sweep

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to do to help the Raiders win.

"I just tried to go in and set the table and just get on base and let it flow after that," Jordan said. "It's good to start off with the leadoff batter on base and get to steal a bunch of bags and set the table for Nick (Blankenship) and guys like that."

Jordan said he was impressed with the atmosphere the Tech fans provide at Dan Law Field.

"This was my first series and I just loved the fans," Jordan said. "It seems like you've got everybody on your side; so it was great to pull-out wins like we did this weekend."

With the sweep of the Cougars, the Raiders match last season's start of 3-0. Hays said he is pleased with the perfect start considering the strength of the Cougars.

"This was a big series for us because BYU is a good club," Hays said. "A sweep against anybody would be good for us right now, but BYU is going to get better as the year goes on, and I think they are going to have a good year."

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Chocolate LOVERS

WINE AND DINE: Lubbock residents drink wine, eat candy at fifth annual fantasia.

By Preston Files/Staff Reporter

The wine cellar was lit with the dark wondrous glow of a candy children crave. Tables of chocolate displays decorated the winery's vault where guests tipped their glasses and filled their plates with some of the most elaborate chocolate decorations to ever enter a stomach.

Llano Estacado Winery and the South Plains Chapter of the Texas Chefs' Association held the Fifth Annual Wine and Chocolate Fantasia Saturday.

The charity event benefited the West Texas Parkinsonism Society and the Chefs' Scholarship Fund.

"It started out slow, and it just gets better every year," Russell Gillentine, Llano Estacado Winery Tasting room director, said.

Gillentine said this year's fantasia contained some of the most fabulous chocolate merchandise.

"Anybody that doesn't come is really missing out on something," he said. "Not only to see the presentation of the chocolate displays but to taste it, and the wine's not bad either."

Kurt Melle, a member of the Texas Chefs' Association said the events purpose was to raise money.

"We started the chefs' scholarship first and this event was a way to fund the scholarship," he said.

Melle said the event has sold out the last three years and the turnout this year was probably the best they have ever seen.

Preceded by a chocolate competition, the fantasia held on display a plethora of entries where eyes lusting chocolate were treated to a showpiece accompanied by hors d'oeuvres or appetizer portions.

The competition awarded first, second and third place trophies in each category consisting of Chef, Food Service, Amateur and Student. Also awarded were Best of Show and People's Choice Award.

The four judges selected consisted of two celebrity and two professional judges. William Kerns, a multi award-winning critic and entertainment editor for the *Lubbock Avalanche-Journal*, and Shawn Lindsey, news anchor for "Fox 34 News at Nine" were the two celebrity judges. The professional judges were Andi Lester, a chocolate specialist and an executive chef for George Ventures Group in San Antonio, and Kelly Cook, a certified executive chef and president of the Texas Chefs Association.

"We were very fortunate to have all our judges here this year," Gillentine said.

The Silver Spoons, students from Brownfield ISD in commercial food services class, took first place with "Spud's Kitchen."

Karen Brodbeck entered her "Chocolate Eruption" in the amateur category, and it was chosen for first place.

Chad Wilson, from Slaton Bakery, won first place in the professional category with his entry of "Hunting for Chocolate."

In the Chefs' division, Sherrell Wilson, also from Slaton Bakery, was honored with first place for his display "How the West was Won."

The display took more than 60 hours to make, Wilson said. He sculpted 10 chocolate windmills to end up with three, two of which were on display.

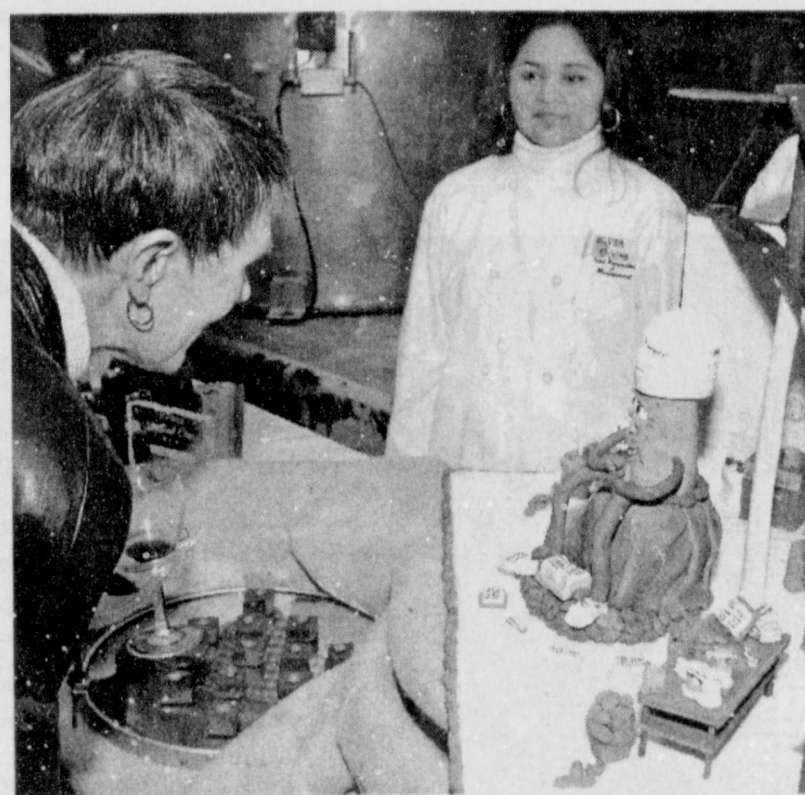
The set up consisted of solid milk chocolate and white chocolate, and Hershey's syrup in chocolate water wells constructed of Styrofoam cups cut and dipped in chocolate which was held together with salt.

Miniature fences across the chocolate ranch wonderland were made from spaghetti nodes dipped in chocolate and pretzel posts dipped in the creamy candy as well. The escarpment to depict a yellow house canyon was composed of English toffee, which guests tasted.

Wilson's "How the West was Won" also took the honor of People's Choice.

"I am shocked, I really can't believe it," Wilson said. "Whenever we came out here today I was going to be thrilled with third place."

Best of Show was awarded to



LUBBOCK RESIDENT JUDY Pesetski observes a chocolate sculpture hand made by students at Brownfield High School as Brownfield student Diane Alfano looks on.

"Chocolate Decorated Cake" entered by Lindsay Norman in the student category. The piece was affiliated with Aunt Norie's Confections.

Two entries were affiliated with Texas Tech University.

Jodi Gray, assistant dining manager of Housing and Dining Services, was an entrant in the professional category with her display titled, "Don't Worry Bee Happy."

Rocky Rockwell, senior chef of Housing and Dining Services, was an entrant in the chef division with an untitled display.

"Being a professional, you don't really care or not if you come in first, it's being in the competition that matters."

Gray, who didn't place in the awards this year, said he will still participate next year.

"Having a judge come up and tell you why your display did or didn't win just gives me the reason to try harder to be able to do it the right way next year," he said.

Gray, who won first in 1999 in the professional category, said people enjoy-

ing her work makes the time and effort worth it.

"The most fun is just watching everyone enjoy themselves." She said.

Llano Estacado provided glasses of wine featuring the Cabernet Sauvignon, Passionelle Rhone-style Red, Texas Chardonnay, Texas Chenin Blanc and Vinter's Selection Blush.

The types of wines were chosen because of their popularity and the wide variety they offer, Patrick Surat, a member of the Llano Estacado winery said.

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Riders

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Nash said the rodeo can lead to a number of other opportunities.

"There are many avenues that the rodeo can lead to," Nash said. "It's a springboard into many other things. I need my education, and I value the education I'm getting at Texas Tech."

There is not much rivalry between riders, says Stephens.

"The rodeo competitors help each other out," Stephens said. "Competition is between you and the animal. The cowboys can't get on the bull

without help, so they have to be there for each other. They're like brothers."

Stephens said the riders have to love what they do and be good to take it to the next level.

"Professional riders go from event to event," he said. "They have to be good at it to make money. They go against the animal, and then it's done. The next event they do it all over."

The Association Supply Company sponsors Nash.

"Bigger sponsors, such as Wrangler, will see that I'm wearing another sponsor's shirt, and want to sponsor me as well."

Nash also said there is an amount of passion required to compete.

"You have to love to do it," Nash said. "And when you get to do it, you love it."

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Blood, Sweat and Bulls



CODY NASH, a senior agriculture communications major from Tolar, prepares his bull rope before competing.

Bull riding competition lures participants from across the region

By Liesl Klinkerman/Staff Reporter

There is a line of cowboys awaiting their turn to test destiny. Their arms are crossed and their faces are set with determination. In the arena, a bull is bucking furiously, while a cowboy struggles to hold on with one hand. He is thrown off, and quickly sprints away as the bull trots around confused. A few clowns scurry to the rescue, streamers of rainbow whipping behind. One big question remains. Did all that excitement last eight seconds?

Thursday, about 100 riders from all over Texas and surrounding states, gathered at the South Plains Livestock Pavilion vying for first place in the 29th Annual Mid-Winter Championship Bull Riding competition. First place offered \$5,000 and a belt buckle worth \$600.

"I'm excited," Cody Nash, a senior agriculture communications major from Tolar, said. "I just want to get on and go!"

In bull riding, there are two judges who give a score to both the rider and the bull.

Even though Nash did not place in last week's event, he is glad to have been a part of it.

"It was a good event," Nash said. "There were a lot of contestants, and overall, it was a good event. I'm kind of mad at myself because I didn't ride better, but that's how it goes."

Courtney Stephens, a junior public relations major from Roanoke, said 100



KEITH AIKIN, A junior agriculture education major from Fort Scott, Kan., rides during the 29th Annual Mid-Winter Championship Bull Riding competition. Aikin was disqualified for not staying on the bull 8 seconds. His time was 7.96 seconds.

points is the highest possible score.

"The bull is given a score by each judge, 1-25 points, based on how he bucks, how fast he spins and how high he jumps," Stephens said. "The cowboy is also given a score, 1-25, by each judge. His score depends on the control he shows, his strength, form and his spin licks. Their free arm can't touch anything. There is no score if the cowboy is on for less than eight seconds."

Nash believes that to succeed in bull riding, a person must not only be physically strong, but mentally in tune as well.

"You really have to have a positive mental attitude," Nash said. "Having that and being healthy are the two main elements of the sport. Guys who succeed have an extremely positive frame of mind. I'm trying to achieve that."

Nash compares bull riding to the

sport of boxing.

"Bull riding is a lot like boxing," Nash said. "You have to go in confident. In boxing, if you act scared of your opponent, you probably won't do too well; same in bull riding. Even though the bull is bigger, you can't act scared."

The bulls used in the sport are well taken of, Stephens said.

"They're handled so much by their trainers," she said. "They're taken such good care of, that someone could probably go up and pet them."

"They're bred, like dogs or horses, only they're bred to buck. It's their calling in life. They just love to buck. These bulls are just as athletic and held to the same standard as the cowboys."

Nash also said the bulls are handled with care.

"The bulls are bucked only one time in one night, so they work less than five

minutes a year," Nash said. "Everyone gets a fresh animal, so it's fair."

Since he began riding later than most, Nash said he has had to put in more time and effort to catch up on his skills.

"I didn't ride in high school at all," Nash said. "In college, when I began riding, the bulls were better, so I was behind the gun. In the last three years, my skills and my frame of mind have improved. I took a weight training class for riding and read books."

Throughout the years, Nash has kept his goal in mind and kept his priorities in check.

"I have a goal in mind," Nash said. "And a lot of things I do revolve and focus around that goal. I value my education, and I value my degree. I can't ride bulls forever."

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Late-Night Players

Local performers spend weekends showcasing talent for Hub City

By April Tamplen/Staff Reporter

Nestled in the back of George Sorenson Theater in the historic Cotton Exchange Building, small crowds of people gather every weekend to watch different types of performances by Lubbock residents.

This program, called Midnight Escapades, takes place from 11 p.m. to 1 a.m. every Friday and Saturday night.

Mike Morelli, producer of the program, started the theater as a place for different artists to perform a variety of art for audiences.

"Nothing else of this nature seemed to be going on around here," he said.

Each weekend, different artists perform acts that include improvisation, stand-up comedy, music, plays, dances and performance art.

Morelli said the performers get paid 20 percent of what is made at the door.

"You pay whatever you roll on two dice to get in. But if you get a 12 you roll again," he said. "So the fee is not outrageous."

Will Roby, a junior theatre major from Beaumont, performs at Midnight Escapades every week.

"On a really good night we get paid about a dollar," Roby said. "But it is not about the money, the money is a symbol of appreciation."

Roby performs with an improv acting group called Alternative Fuel. "We are a group of 10 members who like to do improv," he said. "We

are working to become a student organization."

Roby said anyone is invited to participate in Alternative Fuel's rehearsal, which is every Tuesday and Thursday at 10 p.m. in the Tech Theatre Annex.

"Getting up in front of an audience is scary, but it is supposed to be scary," he said. "We remember we are there for a reason, and that reason is to make people laugh."

Morelli said that Midnight Escapades is open to any act.

"If you want to get involved, call up the theater and get going," he said. "Submit the idea you want to do, and go for it."

Each night the performances are different at the theatre.

"Some of the best performers are here at Midnight Escapades," he said. "It changes every night so you never know exactly what to expect."

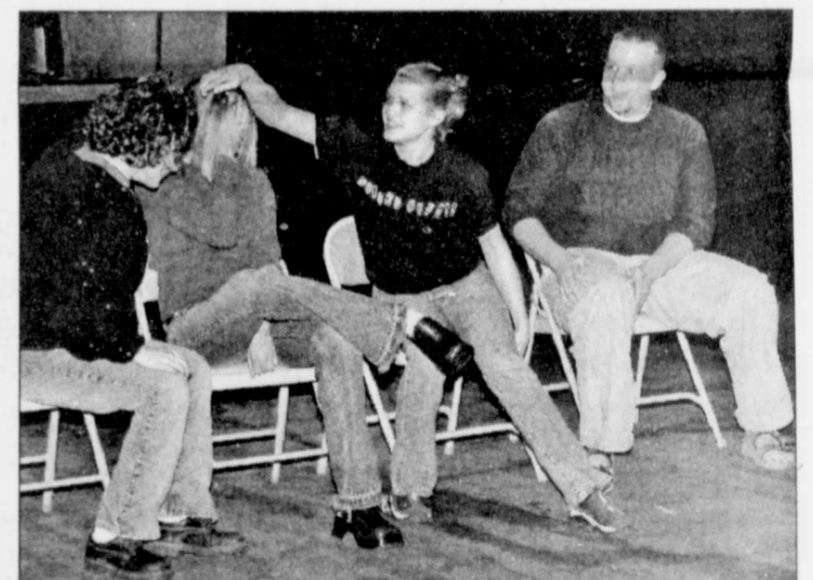
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Roby said Midnight Escapades has a pretty wide appeal to different people.

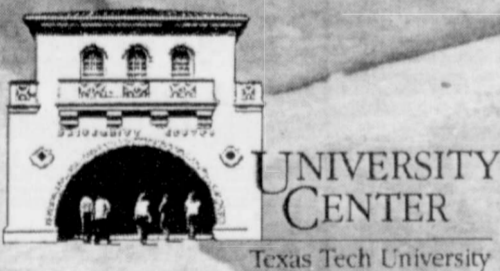
"The audience believes in what we are doing," he said. "This is an open-minded place that is a lot of fun."

Midnight Escapades takes place in George Sorenson Theater located at 1511 Texas Ave. in the Llano Estacado building of the Cotton Exchange building. For more information call (806) 762-7128.



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SARAH CUNNINGHAM, A junior theater major from Amarillo; Kelley Beaman, a freshman theater major from Dumas; Casey Threatt, a freshman theater major from Flower Mound; and Tug Toler, a sophomore theater major from Westpoint, perform an improv Saturday night at Midnight Escapades.



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