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Provost search committee names four final candidates

CANDIDATE FORUMS

Daniel Acosta Jr.: 4 p.m. Monday, 169 Human Sciences
Viola Florez-Tighe: 4 p.m. April 23, 169 Human Sciences
William Marcy: 4 p.m. April 8, Student Union
Marlene Strathe: 4 p.m. April 11, 169 Human Sciences

Source: Provost search committee

By Justin Matthews/Staff Reporter

Four candidates remain in Texas Tech's search for a new provost. After more than six months of searching and sorting through more than 30 applicants, the provost search committee has narrowed the field to four candidates: William Marcy, academic dean for engineering; Viola Florez-Tighe, from the University of New Mexico; Marlene Strathe, from the University of North-

ern Colorado; and Daniel Acosta Jr., from the University of Cincinnati. Provost search committee member Madonna Miner said narrowing the field was easier than she anticipated. "Because we had a pretty clear sense of what our criteria was, it wasn't too hard to narrow it down," Miner said. "These four scored highly in meeting the expectations we are needing for the provost position." Each candidate will visit the univer-

sity during the next month for the final evaluation and public forums. The four will each visit the campus for two and a half days to meet with groups from within the university. Marc Giaccardo, faculty senate president and committee member, said the forums will be a good chance to see the candidates up close. "All four are very qualified on paper," Giaccardo said. "It's a chance to see how each person reacts to different situations

in person." Acosta will be the first to visit campus. He will arrive Monday and will attend his open forum from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Human Sciences building, Room 169. Marcy will host his forum at 4 p.m. April 8 at the Student Union. Strathe will arrive April 11 and will speak at 4 p.m. in the Human Sciences building, Room 169. Florez-Tighe will arrive April 22 and will attend a forum at 4 p.m. April 23 at the Human Sci-

ences building, Room 169. "The upcoming campus interviews will tell us quite a lot," Miner said. "We hope that a large number of people turn out for the forums so we can get plenty of feedback." Feedback sheets will be distributed to people at the forums to get input from students, faculty and staff. "The faculty are very very interested

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New office made up of two current departments

COMING TOGETHER: Center for Campus Life will be located inside renovated Student Union.

By April Tamplen/Staff Reporter

The Office of Student Activities and the Office of Campus Life at Texas Tech are merging to create a new department called Center For Campus Life.

Candice Troke, assistant dean of students, said because the Office of Student Activities and Office of Campus Life are similar, there is a need to develop a joint department.

"A new department would make a better use of resources," she said. "It is a collaboration to meet the university's strategic plan."

Greg Elkins, director of Campus Life, said joining the two departments would better serve the community.

"The impact of working together to provide services is the main reason for the new department," he said. "Basically, the new department will continue to offer the same services but under one umbrella."

Elkins said the process of making a new department began in November.

"It started out with interviewing the two offices and getting their thoughts

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OUTGOING PROVOST JOHN Burns speaks about the new Experimental Sciences building at the building's groundbreaking Thursday. The building will be located north of the Biology building, where a portion of the R-2 lot is located.



DAVID JOHNSON/Staff Photographer
BUILDING DESIGNERS AND Tech officials break ground on the new Experimental Sciences building north of the Biology building Thursday.

BREAKING NEW GROUND

Tech officials celebrate new sciences building, while some criticize loss of parking due to facility's construction

By Laura Sepeda/Staff Writer

Members of the Texas Tech administration and representatives from different areas of campus helped break ground for the new Experimental Sciences Building on Thursday.

Among those present were Interim Chancellor Dr. David Smith, Student Government President John Steinmetz, Provost John Burns, Mike Ellicott, vice chancellor of facilities, planning and construction, Robert Sweazy, vice president of research and graduate studies and technology transfer, and Carl Phillips, chairman and professor of biology.

Former Texas Governor Preston Smith also attended the ceremony along with others who had a hand in the development of the new facility.

Although the groundbreaking ceremony was Thursday, the actual construction of the building will begin within the next two weeks.

Lee Lewis Construction is in charge of building the facility.

"Sometime within the next two weeks is when the actual building will start," Phillips said. "The whole idea is to get it done as quickly as possible."

Ellicott said the \$37-million building is slated to be complete in about 26 months, depending on the weather.

The new building will be constructed north of the biology building. It will house updated technology, equipment and labs designed for research.

Burns said Tech has needed a research facility for a long time.

"We haven't built new research space since 1969," he said.

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U.S. troops to remain in Afghanistan

By Sally Buzbee/Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — American troops will stay on indefinitely in Afghanistan amid troubling power struggles and the continued presence of al-Qaida fighters.

The Bush administration says it will not send American peacekeepers to the country, but U.S. combat troops will train the Afghan army in addition to fighting the al-Qaida network. The Americans also might intervene to keep feuding warlords apart, a top official said.

"Very little is possible in a country if there is not reasonable security," Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said Thursday.

He urged international donors to provide funding to train the Afghan army, money that wasn't provided in an earlier conference in Tokyo that raised several million dollars to help the interim Afghan government.

U.S. officials will meet next week in Geneva with other countries to try to

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FILE PHOTO/The University Daily
MEMBERS OF THE 2001-2002 Texas Tech cheerleading squad practices to get ready for the upcoming season. The squad will compete in nationals next week.

Cheerleaders to compete nationally

By April Tamplen/Staff Reporter

The Texas Tech cheerleaders received a paid bid to the 2001-2002 National Cheerleaders Association competition.

The competition is at 3 p.m. April 4 in Daytona, Fla.

Angie Labaj, Tech's cheerleading coach, said the process of being selected for nationals began by sending a video to the NCA.

"You receive a bid by the way the NCA ranks your video," she said. "By receiving a paid bid, we get our hotel and shuttle for free."

From the video, Tech was rated sixth in division 1A.

Labaj said Tech received the highest rank in the Big 12 Conference. University of Oklahoma ranked eight in the division and is the only other Big 12

school who will have the opportunity to compete in the competition.

The cheerleading squad will perform a routine to music that lasts two minutes and 15 seconds. Stunting, pyramids and tumbling are all included in the routine.

Labaj said the progress of the cheerleading squad this year has been amazing.

"This is one of the most talented squads Tech has ever had," she said. "Going to nationals is just icing on the cake with all the work the squad has done this year."

Kerri Sasso, captain of the women's cheerleading squad, said the squad is well rounded.

"The squad is dedicated this year, and everyone is excited about going to nationals," she said. "Prac-

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Tax laws fail to account for inflation

(AP) — For taxpayers in at least a half-dozen states from Alabama to Hawaii, next month's bill will likely take a bigger bite than last year's because legislators don't account for inflation when they craft tax law.

The problem is that governments in those states do not automatically increase their standard deductions along with inflation, leaving middle- and lower-income taxpayers with bills that have grown steadily for years.

"It's a built-in tax increase," said Oklahoma state Rep. Dan Webb, an accountant and Republican who has pushed for change for over a decade. "We've been basically cheating the taxpayers of Oklahoma for all these years."

Since 1982, his state's standard deductions have remained unchanged, with a top level of \$2,000 for singles. Alabama (\$2,000 for singles) also hasn't changed since 1982. Hawaii (\$1,500 for singles) hasn't changed since 1989.

Other states in similar situations include Georgia, Louisiana and Virginia — plus the District of Columbia.

In comparison, the federal government tied its standard deductions to inflation in 1985 by a technique known as indexing and has seen the standard deduction for singles grow from \$2,390 in 1985 to \$4,550 this year.

Of the 41 states that levy an income tax, nearly half increase their deductions as inflation rises. Most others adjust their deductions sporadically. The rest have allowed their standard deductions to languish. To decrease a taxpayer's bill, tax codes provide standard deductions for single taxpayers, married couples (who can file jointly or separately) and single heads of households.

The majority of taxpayers use the standard deduction rather than itemize. In 1999, 67.5 percent of taxpayers claimed a federal standard deduction, the Internal Revenue Service estimated. In Oklahoma, 61 percent used the standard deduction for state income taxes.

Lawmakers in some states that haven't adjusted their deductions for a decade or longer are fighting to increase them now but acknowledge tough odds in a year when nearly every state is facing budget shortfalls.

Quote of the Day

"Basically we want to kick their ass. We want to beat them convincingly. That is our goal."

— RICHARD CRABTREE, co-captain of Tech men's tennis team, on UT-San Antonio. Please see RAIDER, page 10.

The Rundown



Babysitter arrested in connection with death

HURST (AP) — Police arrested a 38-year-old baby sitter on suspicion of capital murder in connection with a toddler's death last week.

Donna Brazzell of Hurst was arrested Wednesday at the Hurst police station, where she was being interviewed about the death of 21-month-old Karrin Broadus, police Lt. Steve Moore said.

Brazzell was being held on \$150,000 bail at the Hurst Jail. Under Texas law, a suspect in the death of a child younger than 6 can be charged with capital murder.

The girl's father, Darrin Broadus, 28, left the toddler overnight with Brazzell at a Hurst apartment complex while he was at work, police said. When Broadus picked up Karrin the next morning, March 22, she was bruised and went into seizures. She later died at a Fort Worth hospital.

New York emergency director steps down

NEW YORK (AP) — The man who directed emergency operations during the World Trade Center attacks stepped down Thursday as head of the city's Office of Emergency Management.

Richard Sheirer was coordinating evacuations, rescues and triage as the twin towers collapsed Sept. 11, calling for harbor and air protection and shutting down the streets of lower Manhattan. In the months since, Sheirer has directed the massive recovery and cleanup operation at the site.

"We did what you do always — you adapt," said Sheirer, 55, standing on a ramp leading into the seven-story pit at ground zero. "We took all the planning we had done for coastal storms, for bioterrorism, for all hazards, our experience with water mains, with fires, with collapses, and we used every bit of that experience to deal with this."

Former Mayor Rudolph Giuliani tapped Sheirer in February 2000, when snowstorms and water main breaks were considered emergencies. Before the terror attacks, Sheirer's most intense day as director was a July 2000 explosion and building collapse that killed three people.

"Richard Sheirer is one of my heroes," Giuliani said. "He's one of the people I relied on the most in getting the city through Sept. 11."

Sheirer, a former fire department dispatcher, who rose through its ranks before becoming police department chief of staff, lost dozens of friends in the attacks.

His eyes still well with tears when friends' remains are found. A stout man with a round face and big glasses, he embraces firefighters, one after another, when he goes to ground zero.

Slowly however, New York's emergency services are regrouping. The first of 86 firetrucks ordered to replace those lost Sept. 11 was delivered to a downtown firehouse Thursday.

U.S., Russia reach agreement with Iraq

MOSCOW (AP) — Russian and U.S. diplomats said Thursday they have built a stronger consensus on a refined U.N. oil-for-food program for Iraq, clearing the way for quick approval by the U.N. Security Council.

"Our hope is that the council will act as soon as possible and it will act unanimously on this new resolution," U.S. Assistant Secretary of State John Wolf told reporters in Moscow.

Russia's Foreign Ministry also hailed the outcome of the two-day consultations, saying they helped reach "significant progress in coordinating the main parameters" of the future sanctions scheme.

The so-called oil-for-food program began in 1996 to help ordinary Iraqis cope with sanctions imposed after Iraq's 1990 invasion of Kuwait.

It initially provided food and basic humanitarian goods but has expanded to cover public services such as education and water supply.

Funded by oil sales, the program has become the mainstay of the Iraqi civilian economy.

Russia, Iraq's top trade partner and its closest ally on the Security Council, had long backed Baghdad's demand to lift the sanctions altogether.

It has blocked previous attempts by the United States and Britain to push through a new, revamped version of the U.N. oil-for-food program for Iraq.

With relations improving between Washington and Moscow, Russia agreed last fall to approve the new list of goods restricted for export to Iraq by May 30.

The goal of the refined sanctions is to loosen restrictions on strictly civilian goods or remove them from the sanctions list to ease civilian suffering. It would also tighten controls on items that could help Iraq build up its weapons arsenal.

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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ACROSS

- Mynard
- Supped
- Exploits
- Romanian-born writer Wiesel
- Delete
- Dash
- Epic tale
- Noodles
- Black-and-white cookie
- Residue
- Faux pas?
- In that place
- Horizontal beams
- Way up
- Ink stains
- Vegetable dish
- Hawaiian hi
- Experimental place
- Be adjacent to
- Sing sentimental songs
- All's last name
- Tavern by a tube station
- Flouge, LA
- Sirength
- Did modeling
- Personal points of view
- Useful qualities
- Violent jerk
- Entrechat?
- Zany Olsen
- Perjurer
- Osprey's claw
- Gone
- Starter chips
- Three-wheeler
- Hereditary unit
- Dishonorable man
- Sen. Kefauver
- Memorable times

DOWN

- City near Phoenix
- Lament's lament
- Endive?
- Affirmative vote
- Take off
- Really angry
- "The Face is Familiar" poet
- Italian art patron
- Last letter?
- Dreamboat
- Reiner and Jung
- Buy a round
- Packs away
- Make an effort to resist
- Scintilla
- Miami team
- Memo acronym
- "The Thief of Baghdad" star
- Dracula's drink
- Daffy bird?
- Johnson of "Laugh-In"
- Coup de grace?
- Help after a heist
- Precludes
- Tape
- Constrictors
- One and the other
- Make arrangements
- Small seabird
- Urchin's defense
- Muezzin's God
- Type of fishing net
- Condition
- ...on-Trent
- Train units
- Came down to earth
- Cantrill or Turner
- Only thing I have for you?
- Live

Thursday's Puzzle Solved

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Video tour brings world to Tech

By Jeremy Smith and Preston Files/
Staff Reporters

The Texas Tech University Library will present a video tour of France at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Library's second floor classroom.

The display of France is part of the Grand Tour Video Series, which highlights various vacation destinations overseas.

A 40-minute to one-hour long video will be shown during the presentation, followed by a discussion.

Presenters will provide the audience with historical information, handouts recommending Web sites and other suggested reading for people who want to conduct further research on each location.

The series features videos from the International Cultural Center Library and focuses on presenting both tourist and historical information about some of the countries traditionally visited on a grand tour of Europe.

Kara Whatley, subject librarian for agriculture, biology and chemistry at the University Library said she the series is fun activity for students during the Spring semester.

"It is very useful for students, particularly if they are going to travel, study abroad or (spend) a semester in Spain," she said.

The speakers that host the events are chosen because of their knowledge of the history, art, culture and traditions of featured countries.

Peter Kargbo, instruction librarian, hosted the video presentation on the United Kingdom on Tuesday.

"The presentation was an appetizer of the entrée of the rest of the series to come," he said.

Kargbo said the purpose of the series is to make students aware of the resources in the ICC library.

"It aroused student's interest to go and visit the countries," he said.

Myra Brown, interim International Cultural Center Librarian, said while the event is fun, it is important that the library pursue its mission to educate students.

"We want to focus on the little things and make each presentation a real flavor of the society," she said. "We want to create the country's atmosphere, not just present a cold video and chat."

Whatley said the idea for the series surfaced at the American Library Association Conference she attended.

"The video series is a great way to highlight the collection and attract regulars as well as people who normally wouldn't come to the library to read," she said.

"It also provides information to students who do not have time for a class."

Brown said she would like to make the library more fun, not so formal and more patron-friendly.

"We want to showcase that the library

has fun things to offer and it is not just a place holding books for research assignments," she said. "The video series does this."

Brown said the series can help raise interest in travel.

"A lot of us have a sense of adventure," she said. "This is a way to learn and go see these places."

One location is featured at each session. Presentation sessions are held every Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the University Library's second floor classroom. Complimentary refreshments are served to attendees.

Countries later to be highlighted in the series include: Italy, Spain and Portugal.

Brown said the series covers countries that are, in some way, important to American education.

"Europe influences our culture through fashion, food and style," she said. These events are open to the public and free of charge.

JOB HUNT



TECH AIR FORCE ROTC members talk about military careers at the AFROTC Career Day Thursday in the Student Union.

Provost

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in this because, quite frankly, we have had a very good provost in Burns," Giaccardo said. "It's always hard to find someone equal when a good person steps down."

There will be a reception following the forum.

The search began after Provost John Burns announced his resignation in April.

Burn's office said he will not retire from the university and has plans to begin teaching classes.

The provost of the university is assigned the job of being the chief academic officer. Provosts report directly to the university president and handle most of the day-to-day academic issues.

Deadline for the final decision is Sept. 1.

President Schmidly said he will make the decision based on what he has learned from the selection committee's advice.

Mormon temple ends public tours

By Michael Mondragon/
Staff Reporter

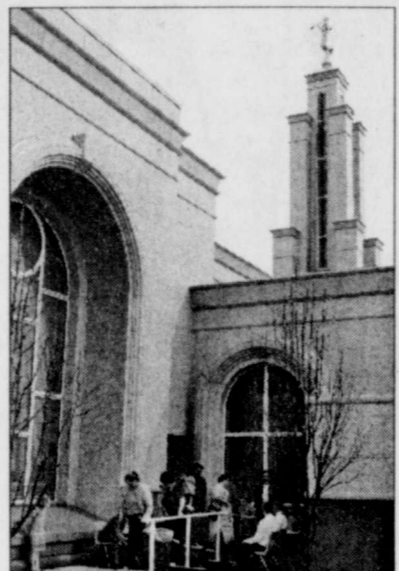
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will end the open house of the Lubbock Mormon Temple at 8:30 p.m. today.

After Saturday, only qualified members of the Mormon religion will be able to enter the Temple for worship. No longer will people of other religions be able to see the decorations inside the temple, Jay Jensen, coordinator of the open house of the Lubbock Mormon Temple, said.

"We still invite the public to our services, and we are not closing the doors to becoming members of our church," Jensen said.

Even some Mormon members will not have access to the temple unless they have authorization through the Bishop of the Mormon religion, Jensen said.

To have access to the temple, members must be honest, not drink alcohol, not use drugs, not smoke and must give free time to the church, Jensen said.



DAVID JOHNSON/Staff Photographer
LUBBOCK RESIDENTS TAKE a tour of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints temple in Lubbock. The temple will be closed permanently to the public today.

The construction of the temple began in November 2000 and ended March 22, Clay Reber, a member of the Mormon church, said.

"The temple is faced with empress white and majestic gray granite, which was quarried and cut in China," Reber said.

The art glass windows were imported from England, and the door hardware came from Lithuania. The woodwork throughout the temple is solid cherry wood, Reber said.

Every room of worship features seating for 40 people, Reber said.

The temple is designed for Lubbock Mormons as well as those in surrounding communities, Reber said.

Before the temple's construction, Abilene was the site of the nearest temple that members of the Mormon religion could go to for worship.

Lubbock Mormon members could attend weekly service in Lubbock, but worshipping could only take place in the temple.

The funds to build the temple were generated by members of the Mormon religion, Lorum Stratton, stake president of Mormon church, said.

"Every member must give profits to the church through their income, and through that income, we call tithing, this temple was possible to build," Stratton said.

Co-owner of pharmacy blamed for fatal outbreak found dead

PLEASANT HILL, Calif. (AP) — The former co-owner of a pharmacy blamed for a fatal meningitis outbreak was found dead with six skin patches containing a powerful painkiller attached to his body.

The body of Jamey Phillip Sheets, 32, the former co-owner of Doc's Pharmacy, was discovered by his wife, Michelle, on Tuesday.

Michelle Sheets told authorities her husband was depressed about a 90-day suspension of his pharmacy license. No note was found, but authorities said they do not suspect foul play.

The punishment stemmed from a state investigation linking the pharmacy to a tainted batch of injectable steroids that caused an outbreak of meningitis last June, killing three people and leav-

ing 13 others hospitalized. An administrative law judge had found that poor sterilization techniques and other substandard practices caused the batch to be tainted with bacteria. The state said Sheets' partner, Robert Horwitz, did not properly supervise two technicians.

The state pharmacy board found Sheets had no direct involvement, but bore some responsibility because he was co-owner.

Horwitz, 62, lost his pharmacy license, and the technicians, like Sheets, had their licenses suspended.

Sheets' wife told authorities she found her husband's body when she returned from a visit to her mother. Painkiller patches containing the opium-like drug fentanyl were stuck to his chest, stomach and neck. Toxicology test results were pending.

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Apathy ruining generation's potential

COLUMN



DANIEL WHITE

Sometimes it is so easy for us to sit back and accept the hand life seems to deal us. Many times it seems as if we allow others to determine the course of our lives.

Frederick Douglass once said, "Find out

just what any people will quietly submit to, and you have the exact measure of the injustice and wrong which will be imposed on them."

Though he originally spoke these words to stir the emotions of those who had been oppressed at the hand of slavery and racial prejudice, I now echo the truth in statement as it has meaning still to this day. I believe every word we speak has power, and often times, we undeniably do not believe in the power our words have.

At the same time, we do not understand the affect we can make by simply taking a stand and choosing to speak about the issues affecting us. You see, a few years ago, the media attempted to erase our identity when they labeled us as Generation X and placed boundaries and limits around the potential greatness our generation is capable of. Yet, sadly, it is as if we

have accepted this title by choice because it seems most of us simply do not care about things anymore.

Perhaps the only way to succeed in the future is to look back and learn from the past. See, we as students are descendants of men and women who fought long and hard for what they believed in, but today it seems the fire that burned within those leaders of the past who preceded us has flickered to ash and cinders within us today.

When is the last time you took a stand and defied opposition to make your voice heard for what you believe in? When was the last time you gave people a reason to follow you because you were willing to be a leader and fight for what you believed in?

In the '60s, college students revolutionized the way higher education was conducted and perceived for an entire nation. Yet, it seems in this millennium, we have chosen to make our mark through our nonchalant attitudes toward the issues affecting our society. Our parents, grandparents, the civil rights leaders and women's suffrage leaders fought hard to make a change because they believed in the importance of what they fought for.

What do we fight for? You see, I think we have been successful in convincing ourselves those days are over, and we no longer need to fight for our beliefs. The last time I checked, genocide, senseless crime, poverty, racial and sexual prejudice, administrative corruption and racial profiling were still just a few of the issues either directly or

indirectly affecting us all as a society.

You have the right to pick and choose your battles, but regardless of what it is you may choose to stand for, you must realize no matter what the circumstance you have to fight if you ever plan to see a change. We have become so content with allowing others to fight our battles, we don't even fight for ourselves.

How do we fight? We fight with our written words; we fight with our music; we fight with our voice, but we fight the most when we finally decide to take a stand for what we believe in.

If you want things changed in your life, on this campus, in this city and even for this country, don't sit and wait in hopes someone will come along and make a difference. Be the one who makes difference.

Saul D. Alinsky said, "The means-and-end moralist or non-doers, always wind up on their ends without any means."

We cannot allow this to happen. I believe the greatest misconception we have accepted as being reality is our fight, is a defensive strategy to an

opposition, and we only need to fight when we feel our rights are being tested. However, if you go back and pay close attention to the words of Douglass, he is saying our fight is offensive as opposed to defensive in the expectation that the level of which we will quietly submit to in terms of our rights is constantly being tested.

What does this mean? This means if we do not stand up for ourselves daily, those in power will test their abilities to infringe upon our rights. If you don't think so, why is it we don't take a stand and speak against poverty and starvation until it affects us? Why not speak against senseless crimes such as rape and child molestation until it affects us or someone we know?

We have a strong voice, but we simply choose to remain silent. Someone had to stand up and fight to give us the rights we have today. Will you be the leader of tomorrow and stand against injustice today?

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Athletics getting too much emphasis

To the editor: Please tell me Brendan Head's column was a misprint (UD, 03-20). Tell me that the athletics department does not really have TVs, VCRs and PlayStations. Tell me this is all a horrible joke, which I wouldn't believe even if you did try to tell me that lie.

I say enough is enough. Where does the athletics department get off spending money for that kind of crap? No wonder they can't keep inside their budget. How dare the athletics department assume that I am willing to pay for them to have an updated lounge or all the electronics that can fit into a Chevy Blazer? Where do the athletes get off thinking they have the right to this kind of luxury? Whoever gave them the impression they were better than anyone else on campus? I say enough is enough.

How do we go about getting this stupid fee off of our tuition? How do we get rid of Gerald Myers (since he

obviously has no idea what he is doing)? How do we either get the administration to listen to the students or get rid of them, too (since the administration is only a rubber stamp for what the athletics department wants)?

And if one more person tells me that the Student Government Association represents the students, I am going to scream. The SGA does not care about the students. They are a rubber stamp for what the administration wants (see a trend here). And don't tell me the Student Services Fee Committee is looking out for the students either. That's crap, and we all know it.

What do we have to do to make the administration and everyone else realize that no one but the athletes care about athletics? Maybe it's time to return to the '60s and stage a protest of our own. It's time, past time, for someone in authority to take the students of this school seriously.

Amanda Taylor
 freshman
 history

Name not out of date

To the editor: I regret that I am not writing with a happier agenda. I am writing this letter in reference to the article, "College committee finds 'agriculture' outdated."

I am a graduate student here at Texas Tech and an alumni of the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources. I admit the world of research and thesis writing has kept me somewhat removed from the everyday campus occurrences. However, I have not been shielded from the disturbing news of the proposed name change for the college.

As a person with deep roots in agriculture and a huge devotion to the college of Ag, I am opposed to this change before I even ask why. However, I would like to ask why. I don't quite understand what the committee feels we could possibly gain from this change. I do, however, realize what we could lose. I remember being an Ag council officer in my senior year, a position that put me in close touch with both students and faculty.

I can tell you first hand that every student and faculty member in this college is proud of the college. A main reason we are so proud of our college is that we are all proud of agriculture, proud to be involved in agriculture and proud of what our college is doing for the future of agriculture. Do you see a trend? Agriculture is who we are; it is what we do; it is where we come from, and it's what we're proud of.

To remove this name from our college is a proverbial slap in the face to everything we stand for and have worked so hard to achieve. Changing the name of the college will not change the public's opinion of agriculture. It will just give them one more excuse to forget that it exists.

The only thing that can change the opinion the general public holds about agriculture is to educate them. We should not simply comply with the ignorance of the masses but seek to destroy it.

Crystal Sultemeier
 graduate student and alumna of
 College of Agricultural Sciences and
 Natural Resources

Life really is a highway

COLUMN



RACHEL RICHMOND

I know this 20-year-old woman who has never in her entire driving career driven on the highway. This baffles me.

As soon as I got my temporary

license at the age of 16, I drove toward highway 75 in Dallas, entered and floored my POS thunderbird to 85. It was my first glimpse at freedom and it was spectacular.

How does she expect to get anywhere? By taking the side streets, by always expecting others to drive? That would take way too long and sometimes not to the driver's desired destination. So, the highway is the only option left. It is faster, safer and there are fewer stops along the way. So, what is my point?

Tom Cochran was right when he sang, "Life is a Highway." Comparing life to a highway is a perfect example. Sometimes the road is clear and steady; sometimes the traffic is heavy and you don't feel like you are going anywhere, and sometimes you are stuck on the side of the road with a flat tire.

Being stuck on the side of the road with a flat tire is not an ideal situation. But, sometimes decisions you choose can put you in that position or life throws a few nails in your path for you to handle. Yes, some situations can be almost unbearable, but nothing is so bad that it cannot be overcome without one's will or faith. You have to find your inner strength as a person to change your life or handle the cards you were dealt with grace. It is possible to do with positive energy.

When you are in bumper-to-bumper traffic and moving at the pace of a snail, some tend to believe that nothing will be accomplished and you will never make it to your desired destination. Patience is virtuous. Make the correct decisions for you, sit back, turn on the radio and relax.

Life is better set to music anyway. Things will eventually fall into place at their own pace. What is the rush? And if they don't, make a change. Remember that you are the driver of your life.

If the road is steady and the traffic is smooth, just go with the flow. Do not worry what lies ahead and just learn to deal with the situation. Worrying about your distant future too much can make you overstressed and crazy. Just take the situation at face value. I hate when people say "things will work themselves out for the best" because it is true and they are right.

On the highway of life, there are chances and risks one can take to mold his or her life. Decisions can be vital for one to head in the direction they desire. But sometimes, the not-so-ideal choice is picked, and our life has taken a different route. Trying to find the highway again without a map can be difficult. So, how does one ride the highway or learn not to stray too far off the path?

If you have made decisions that do not fit the life you want, simply ask for directions or help. Believe it or not, the loved ones that surround you love you for a reason. If they want to see you succeed in your goals, they will help you. Just because you took a wrong turn, does not mean you are never allowed back on the highway. It will just take longer for you to get where you want to go. So, openly take support, advice and everything else attached. Use these things to change and make a new decision into a new direction.

Do not be afraid to take the wheel and take control of your life. Be the driver, take control of the radio and decide what direction to take. You are in the driver's seat, not your parents, friends or colleagues so take responsibility. Make the best of the road trip because it is a long one. So, sit back and enjoy.

Rachel Richmond is a senior journalism major from Plano. She doesn't believe this column makes much sense either. She can be contacted at Rachel1979@hotmail.com.

HSC students to host charity event

By Natalie Worthen/Staff Reporter

Texas Tech Health Sciences Center first-year medical students found themselves out in the field with nearly 100 boys and girls from the Children's Home of Lubbock on Thursday playing kickball.

The HSC students are participating in the City Lights 2002, a charity ball at 8 p.m. April 13 at the Lubbock Club, which will raise money for charities through tickets sales and monetary donations.

Tickets for the black-tie event will be \$100 for the public and \$60 for students and HSC residents. Ticket sales will go toward the donations.

The money raised will be divided equally among the Children's Home of Lubbock, the March of Dimes and the Lupus Foundation of America.

The students played kickball to meet the children the money would benefit.

The first-year medical students from the HSC host the City Lights charity ball, and every year the charity committee determines whom the proceeds will benefit.

This year, the decision was based upon medical research, awareness and promotion, and children's outreach.

The students have raised \$20,000 of their \$40,000 goal so far. A silent auction is planned for the ball in an attempt to raise more money for the community organizations.

Reagan Street, chairwoman of City Lights and a first-year medical student from Mineral Wells, said the event will be entertaining for those interested in purchasing a ticket to attend.

"You can enjoy dining and dancing while still helping out the community," she said. "The students at the TTUHSC have been very supportive in planning the ball."

The ball has been in existence since 1997, and Street said the public is unaware of the event.

"The hardest part about trying to raise money for the ball was because many people had not heard of City Lights," Street said.

Chad Johnson, co-chairman of City Lights and a first-year medical student from Denton, said the event was fun, and he enjoyed playing kickball with the kids.

"It feels good giving back to the community," he said. "I think it is important in life for all citizens to have a feeling of self-worth from helping others."

Johnson said the emphasis of the



JEREMY MOORE/Staff Photographer
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER T.J. PATTERSON pitches a kickball to children at the Children's Home of Lubbock on Thursday. The event was in preparation for the City Lights charity ball.

event was on the children not HSC students raising money for charity.

"We want to give to those who are hurting," he said.

Lynn Harms, president of the Children's Homes of Lubbock since

1995, said the organization has many physical and programmatic improvements enjoyed today by the children.

"Two years ago, the City Lights helped us add a beautiful playground for the children," he said. "Recently, we have added an emergency center for families brought to us in extreme conditions, and we are working on adding cottages with four to five apartments in them for single women and their children."

Harms said several cottages are in the works and one would be finished by the end of the year.

"Currently, we have one cottage that will be ready for occupants on September 11; in five years I estimate we will have about four to five cottages holding approximately 20 families."

T.J. Patterson, city councilman for District 2, said the charities help more than 100 children every day.

"What we are doing with these charities is reaching out and touching God's children," he said. "Indirectly we are all involved."

Patterson said support from the community was always appreciated.

"No matter how successful you are, you can always have help to do better," he said.

"This is a great program and support from the community is always needed."

Afghanistan

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raise money for an Afghan army, Rumsfeld says his hope is that the national army can become strong enough to overcome regional rivalries and guarantee stability for Afghans so that U.S. troops can leave.

"But it is not knowable how long that will take," Rumsfeld said earlier this week, setting no deadline for a U.S. withdrawal.

The main U.S. role for now will be attacking al-Qaida who have "melted" into mountains and villages and across borders, Rumsfeld says.

Many analysts are urging an even more aggressive U.S. and international role, worried that the day American and other Western soldiers leave is the day Afghanistan again will start to disintegrate.

Cheerleaders

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ting takes up a lot of time, which we have not had much of."

The squad traveled recently to the NCAA basketball tournaments.

The cheerleading squad consists of 24 members, 12 women and 12 men. Only 20 members from the squad can compete in nationals.

Sasso said seven women and 13 men compete in nationals.

"We need more guys to do stunts and pyramids," she said.

Sasso, a sophomore exercise sports science major from Dallas, said Tech has a good chance to win nationals this year.

"I think since we did not go last

year, everyone is ready to see what Tech has to offer," she said.

Labaj said the last time the Tech cheerleading squad went to nationals was two years ago.

Chad DeArmon, captain of the men's cheerleading squad, was a member of the squad that went to nationals in 2000.

In 2000, the squad received fifth place in the competition.

DeArmon said if the cheerleading squad makes finals, the performance mat would be directly on the beach in Daytona.

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Groundbreaking

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"That was this (Biology) building. If we are going to continue to grow undergraduate programs and research programs, we are going to need more research space, and that is exactly what this new building is going to do for us."

Phillips said the new building is not specifically designed for biology or any other discipline.

"This is an interdisciplinary building," he said. "A lot of faculty and students will benefit from this, not just the biological sciences."

During his speech, Phillips thanked the faculty members, who had input in the design of the classrooms. He also shared with the audience some of the plans for the building, which aside from new equipment will include a state-of-the-art visualization center.

Although the building will overlap into the R-2 parking lot, Ellicott said that parking would not be a problem.

"We will actually be picking up an additional 550 parking spots," he said.

Madonne Miner, an English professor, agreed.

"We have been given alternate parking spots," she said. "I can't foresee the closure of part of the lot behind us being a problem."

Miner said the majority of the faculty and staff in her building will relocate to the new English/Philosophy in July.

However, Vicki Raymond, a secretary in the Mass Communications building, said the parking situation would only get worse in spite of that.

"The lot is still cut in half," she said. "It's just not going to get any better any time soon and everyone in this office agrees with me."

Raymond said she pays \$375 dollars for a reserve-parking permit.

"I have worked here for 20 years and when I started it was only \$30. From what I hear, the parking situation for students is just as bad."

Center

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and ideas," he said. "We want to better service students by creating a new, easier department."

Troke said the Center for Campus Life will work under three main areas to assist students.

The first area deals with service, leadership and first-year connection.

Troke said this area will help students of all majors improve the experience of their first year at Tech and help students who are enrolled in courses that relate to service work.

"We want to help attract and retain first-year students," she said.

The second area deals with administrative support and Texas Tech's traditions.

Troke said the traditions include the Masked Rider, RaiderGate and Red Raider Camp.

The third area works with student organizations and events.

Troke said a big emphasis the new department will be making is focused on diversity.

"We want diversity in everything, which is not limited to education, student organizations and programming," she said. "We are focusing on diversity from the small town to the big city, no matter what religion or race a student is, we are working to make everyone call Texas Tech home."

Troke said the Center for Campus Life will focus on teamwork between the faculty and students.

"Students will be involved by being a huge part in decision making," she said. "Any major can get involved here, whether you are an (agriculture) major and you want to do Masked Rider or you are a public relations major and you want to do promotions."

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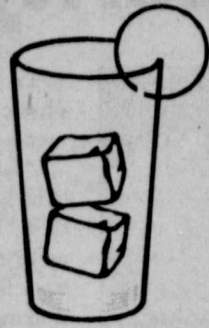
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Construction begins after Afghan earthquake

By Burt Herman/Associated Press

NAHRIN, Afghanistan (AP) — Food, medicine, tents and other aid supplies began pouring into the quake-shattered northern Afghan region around Nahrin on Thursday after workers used explosives to clear roads leading to the stricken area.

Afghanistan observed a national day of mourning for the victims, although the death toll in Monday's powerful temblor was unclear. Officials said it was in the hundreds, not the thousands as originally feared.

A strong aftershock Wednesday sent boulders tumbling across mountain roads, temporarily blocking efforts to rush relief supplies to tens of thousands of Afghans left homeless by a devastating quake this week. But aid workers said boulders blocking main routes had been blasted apart with explosives overnight and that the relief effort was now in full swing.

"Everything is moving along quite well," said Sherine Zaghow, an aid coordinator for the French relief agency ACTED. "The roads have been cleared and distribution has begun."

The 6.1-magnitude quake struck nearly 80 villages in a mountainous region nine miles in radius, leaving 100,000 people either cut off from food supplies or homeless. The United Nations said the death toll, at 600 confirmed dead on Wednesday, was expected

to reach 800 to 1,200.

By Afghan standards, aid reached the quake-stricken Hindu Kush region with remarkable speed — assisted by U.S. forces in Afghanistan to battle Taliban and al-Qaida forces and international peacekeepers whose first job is maintaining security in the capital, Kabul.

"We're here, obviously, for a combat mission, but when this unfortunate accident happened, we were standing by with our coalition partners," said Maj. Leanne Smullen, who accompanied two U.S. Chinook helicopters from Bagram air base laden on Wednesday with U.N. medical supplies and tents. The crew also evacuated one injured person.

Three Chinooks landed in Nahrin early Thursday loaded with wheat, blankets, California dates, water and Army rations. U.S. soldiers jumped out of the choppers and circled them as aid was unloaded, providing cover in case of attack.

"It's never too much to be too safe. It's very possible we could have al-Qaida or Taliban that we don't know about in the area," said Marine Capt. Steven O'Connor, a military spokesman.

A Russian mobile hospital unit was on its way from Tajikistan, Interfax news agency reported. The International Security Assistance Force in Kabul was to bring a mobile medical unit later in the day, along with four doctors and eight medics. Pakistan dispatched a C-130 transport plane to Afghanistan carrying

tents, blankets and medicine.

Teams of physicians from Medecins Sans Frontieres, or Doctors Without Borders, were being sent to look for injured survivors unable to make their way to makeshift clinics in Nahrin.

Despite rough, poorly maintained roads and frequent truck breakdowns, 2,000 tents, 10,000 blankets and 1,000 tons of food reached Nahrin, 105 miles north of Kabul, a little more than a day after the quake, U.N. spokeswoman Stephanie Bunker said. Clothing, mattresses, cooking sets, medical supplies and surgical units also were on the way.

It took desperate aid workers a week to reach villagers after a 1998 quake in northern Afghanistan killed 5,000 people.

Still, the needs were greater than the supplies at hand Thursday. U.N. officials said they need 20,000 tents, 160,000 blankets and 10,000 mattresses.

While considerable aid had reached Nahrin, the staging area for distribution, some residents in the old part of the city, which was completely destroyed, said Thursday that no assistance had reached them.

Haji Habib, 38, who lost eight relatives — all children — in the earthquake, came to the relief center because surviving members of his family had almost no food.

"We don't have any food, we just have dried bread," Habib said. "Here there is sugar, bread, tents and blankets,

everything, but they don't distribute it. Why?"

Aid distribution to some of the 42 outlying villages was only just gearing up after reconnaissance teams concluded aerial and ground surveys Wednesday.

A new landslide prevented aid workers from reaching Burka north of Nahrin, where aerial reconnaissance showed half of the homes in eight villages had been destroyed, leaving 800 families homeless. Road crews had just cleared the dirt mountain track to the remote region when the 5.4-magnitude jolt loosened more boulders Wednesday, said U.N. regional coordinator Fahrana Faruqi.

Aid workers were deciding Thursday how to reach the area — by donkey or helicopter — said Alejandro Chicheri, a World Food Program spokesman in Kabul.

Relief efforts may be hampered by minefields left over from 20 years of conflict, their threat multiplied by concerns that the mines had been shifted by the quake.

"You just need one mine to stop everything," Chicheri said.

The United Nations said it remained concerned about conditions in the Panjshir Valley, tucked deep inside the Hindu Kush mountains north of Kabul, where six villages with 3,000 people were completely destroyed, and Lakankhel, where aid workers estimate up to 70 percent of homes in seven villages were destroyed, affecting 935 families.

Officials in Italy say threats warrant no particular concern

By Peter W. Mayer/Associated Press

ROME (AP) — Premier Silvio Berlusconi said Thursday there is "no need for particular concern" as his defense chief criticized the U.S. government for warning that extremists might target Americans in four Italian cities on Easter.

Italy stepped up security after the State Department warned on Wednesday that a "possible threat exists to U.S. citizens in the cities of Venice, Florence, Milan and Verona on Easter Sunday from extremist groups." It urged Americans to be alert and avoid large crowds.

After a Cabinet meeting Thursday, Berlusconi said Italy was ready to deal with any possible terrorist threat. "We have put anything that can be put on alert on alert," the premier said, "but based on the information we have there is no need for particular concern."

A U.S. official said the warning was based on information developed in cooperation with Italian authorities. But Italian Defense Minister Antonio Martino, who commands both defense forces and paramilitary police, said the U.S. decision to issue the warning was "unfortunate and inopportune."

"If you indicate a danger on a

date, either the date is right, and to announce it all around it can become a precious signal for the terrorists who will then change their plans, or the date is wrong, and you can't understand why it was made known, frightening people," Martino said in an interview published Thursday in the Rome daily La Repubblica.

The State Department warning did not identify the extremist groups or elaborate on the nature of the threats, but it warned that "these groups do not distinguish between official and civilian targets."

The Italian Interior Ministry said that security measures — already increased following the Sept. 11 attacks in the United States — were stepped up further in the four cities following Wednesday's warning and tighter controls were in effect at the country's airports, seaports and train stations and ports.

Pairs of police strolled by outdoor cafe tables in St. Mark's Square in Venice, a city crowded with tourists, including Americans on spring vacations.

"There is nothing special to worry about," Venice Mayor Paolo Costa said in an effort to ease any fears. "People should just keep their eyes more open."

Florence was also packed with tourists, including many Americans. There, police patrolled Piazza della Signoria, a popular tourist area near the Uffizi museum.

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12:00	Woodshop Quilt Day	News Days of Our Lives	Beautiful	Jerry Springer	All My Children	Paid Program	
1:00	Sew/Nancy Clifford	Lives Passions	As the World Turns	Jenny Jones	One Life to Live	Matlock	
2:00	Sageva Zoboomatoo	Hiyad Square	Guiding Light	Paid Program	General Hospital	Divorce Court	
3:00	Arthur Cyberchase	Rosie O'Donnell	Maury Povich	Paid Program	Street Smart	Joe Brown Joe Brown	
4:00	Beth/Lions R. Rainbow	Oprah Winfrey	For Women Judge Judy	7th Heaven	Tell/Truth Family Feud	Home Impr. Shoot Me	
5:00	Zoom Nightly Bus.	News NBC News	Jeopardy	Weekend Link	News ABC News	Sabrina Simpsons	
6:00	Newshour	News Extra	CBS News	Voyager	News W/ Fortune	Friends Raymond	
7:00	Wash. Week	Providence PG	American Fighter	Movie: Death By	Home Videos PG	That 70's Kinghill	
8:00	Now w/ Bill Moyers	Dateline	1st Monday	Magi	Best Commercials	Dark Angel	
9:00	If Women Ruled the World	Law & Order: SVU	48 Hours	Cops Cops	20/20	News	
10:00	Nightly Bus.	Conan	Letterman	Blind Date	Change/Heart	Incorrect Abbott	
11:00		O'Brien Friday Night	Kilborn	Paid Program	Access	Spin City Coach	

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7:00	GED Connect.	Saturday Today		Paid Program Old House	Mary/Ashley Teachers Pet	Transformers Wild Force	
8:00	Tot TV Book/Virtues		Bob/Builder Dora Explore	Bob Vila Jack Hanna	Recess	Digimon Gaijor	
9:00	Green Gables Redwall	M. Stewart All About	Blue's Clues Little Bill	Paid Program	L. McGuire Even Steven	Medabots Digimon	
10:00	Dragonfly TV	Just Deal	New House Home Show	Poland Saturn Show	Lloyd/Space Supreme	Mon Colle Alienators	
11:00	Animal Con. Y. Garden	Slate '77 Inside	Paid Program	WWF Wrestling	Winnie House/Mouse	Helmet	
12:00	Test Kitchen Old House	City Guys	Paid Program	Movie	Paid Program	Paid Program	
1:00	NY Workshop	Paid Program	Tennis Masters	World Figure			
2:00	Woodwright Antiques	Papa! Player/Year	Movie: 'Bon Voyage'	Skat'g Champ ship		Movie	
3:00	Roadshow Motorweek	All-Star Softball	Basketball: Final 4	Charlie Brown	Golf: Houston		
4:00	Fine Art Memories	Van's Triple	Movie: 'The Triple'	Open			
5:00	P. Morrison Right/Wrong	TX Reporter NBC News	Basketball: Men's	Stargate	ABC News 3rd Rock	Shoot Me CBS News	
6:00	Voyager	News Hi/ve Square	Champ'ship	Enterprise	3rd Rock W/ Fortune	Friends Raymond	
7:00	Lawrence Walk Show	NBC Movie: 'Fish'		Movie: 'Pretoria'	ABC Movie: 'Spy Who'	Cops Cops	
8:00	Ed Sullivan Show	Called 'Wanda'		ne	Loved Me	AMW PG	
9:00	Austin City Limits	Law & Order 'TV14		Deep Space 9		News Sports	
10:00	Senior Jr. Amer. High	News Saturday	News 3rd Rock	Buffy	News	Seinfeld MAD TV	
11:00		Night Live 'TV14	Movie: 'Prime Cut'	Mutant X	Movie: 'Thin Line	Andromeda	
12:00		Profiler		Outer Limits	Between Love And	X-Files	

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7:00		Sunday Today	Franklin Oswald	Paid Program	Christian In Search	Paid Program	
8:00	Kids Bookworm	TX Reporter 1st United	CBS Sunday Morning	Paid Program	Feed/Child Prognosis	K. Copeland Eddie Trice	
9:00	Bunch	Methodist Meet the	News Face/Action	Weekenders	In Touch	FOX News Sunday	
10:00	TX Parks Tony Brown	Press Paid Program	Robert Schuller	Tarzan Lightyear	Si Se Puede Pollard Ford	South Crest Baptist	
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1:00	Rel/Ethics Trailside			Sheena	Golf: Shell Houston	And A Little	
2:00	Waterways McLaughlin	Basketball: Dallas @	Final 2 Show	Beastmaster	Open	Movie: 'Honey, I	
3:00	5th Gospel	Washington	Glory in	V.I.P.		Blew Up The Kid'	
4:00	Life of Jesus	Basketball: LA Lakers	Black & White	Relic Hunter	Nabisco Champ'ship	Deep Space 9	
5:00	Health Diary Healthweek	San Antonio @	Paid Program	Mutant X	ABC News 3rd Rock	Andromeda	
6:00	Lawrence Walk	LA Lakers	50 Minutes	Buffy	ABC Movie: 'The	Futurama Kinghill	
7:00	Nature	Weakest Link 'G	Max Bickford	Movie: Rocky	Commandmen- t'	Simpsons Greg/Benny	
8:00	American Experience	Law & Order: CI	CBS Movie: 'Analyze	Horror Picture		X-Files	
9:00	Lewis & Clark	Law & Order: SVU	This	Deep Space 9		News Red Raider	
10:00		News In/Edtion	News	Blind Date	Reid Raider	News	
11:00	Mystery!	Extra Weekend	3rd Rock	Blind Date	Paid Program	Access Hollywood	
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Play spectacular offers diverse performances

By Marilda Oviedo/Life & Leisure Editor

The Texas Tech University Department of Theatre and Dance will host their 5th Annual Red Raider One-Act Play Spectacular beginning Monday and running until April 7.

The Spectacular will showcase four one-act plays and a dance number.

Eric C. Skilles, a graduate student studying fine arts and director of the play "The Temple is Fading" said the plays offer something for both the drama buffs and the general audience.

"Shows like the 'Kamii' and 'Lovers of Verona' are very nontraditional, and the other shows have a stage appeal," Skilles said.

"Kamii" is written in the tradition of Japanese Noh theater.

"It's a theatrical form involving movement, music, masks and poetry," playwright Chuck Clay said.

Clay, a fine arts student, said it appeals to anyone who knows about theater.

"It is completely different than anything people are used to," Clay said.

Director Will Roby, an art student, said it is a story about nob-actors performing on nob-plays.

"There is a show within a show," Roby

said. The show within the show features the story of Christ's betrayal as it is presented through movement and song.

The other non-traditional play is done in a commedia del Arte style. Entitled "Lovers of Verona," the play is written by Joshua Blanchard, a graduate student.

The play revolves around two young lovers.

"It's fun, very acrobatic; it's like a circus," Blanchard said.

The cast consists of 16 characters, and the story focuses on two lovers trying to get to their wedding day in one piece.

The two other plays that Skilles said have a broader appeal are "The Temple is Fading" and "Relax, Relate, Shut Up."

"Temple," written by fine arts student Melanie Bell and directed by the

Skilles shows two lonely people using each other for survival.

"It's a conversation between two people on the sidewalk," Bell said.

The two main characters, a man and a girl, imagine that they are somewhere other than a dirty sidewalk.

"It's about human connection," Bell

said. Bell, a first-time writer, said she is enthusiastic about seeing her show produced.

"I'm excited because it is a chance for me to see something I've written," Bell said.

Another first-time writer, Liz Castillo, is responsible for the last play of the evening.

"Relax, Relate, Shut Up" focuses on a conversation in a psychiatrist's office.

Castillo, a graduate student studying fine arts, said the play focuses on a dysfunctional family. The family goes into the office and walks out knowing that nothing will ever be the same.

"By the end of the play, you don't know who's gay and who's not."

The Spectacular will also feature a dance performance entitled "In the Air" based on the Phil Collins song of the same name.

Wendy Bair, a dance major and performer in the production, said the dance will interpret the urban-legend behind the song.

"Each of the dancers plays the parts of one of the characters of the urban-legend story," Blair said.

The legend details a trip that Collins took as a child to camp. While there, the legend continues, Collins witnessed a boy drowning another boy. This haunted him all his life and prompted his writing of the song.

This is Bair's first time to perform.

"I think it's really exciting," she said. "It tells a story, and it's not traditional

jazz or ballet. It's free form movement, and that is refreshing to see."

The Spectacular is student run with a couple of faculty members acting in a purely hands-off capacity.

"To be part of a company that is all students is very unique," Castillo said. Skilles said he believes that it is a

unique system.

"We are doing what we would do in the real world," he said.

Skilles said that it offers unique opportunities to have the directors and playwrights working together.

"We work very hard to make our visions align," he said.

Clay said he believes the production will be a success.

Shows will be at 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday with a 2 p.m. show scheduled for Sunday.

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— WENDY BAIR
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'Blade,' 'Rookie' bring adequate entertainment

MOVIE REVIEW



JAMES EPPLER

"Blade II"

This is a sequel to the gory 1999 surprise hit. "Blade II" is a film that constantly raises the question, "Haven't we seen this before?" Wesley Snipes returns for round

two as "The Day-walker" named Blade, a human-vampire hybrid possessing all of a vampire's strengths and none of its weaknesses.

It's apparent that a sequel was not originally planned because the movie producers find a way to bring back Kris Kristofferson's character, who supposedly committed suicide in the original.

This time Blade faces not only the usual run-of-the-mill vampires but a new mutated breed of vampires called reapers that drink both human and vampire blood.

Blade is petitioned by the normal vampires to take a clan of expendable crewmembers and defeat this new and dangerous breed.

Viewers will have no trouble guessing plot devices will twist long before they arrive. It's just a matter of waiting for a gimmick to pay off. On the plus side, there are some super-cool gadgets being used to take out the creatures. It's also fun to watch Blade slice and dice his opponents. But when watching this film paired with the original, one can't help but notice some striking similarities.

Fans of the original will not be fooled by the rehashing of old tricks. But it's obvious that Snipes and company had fun making this splatter-fest. Vampire-

movie enthusiasts will be pleased with the material, and the film is certainly never boring. But upping the gore factor and using typical sequel devices just isn't enough to make this film as up-to-par as its predecessor.

EPPLER'S RATING:
★★ 1/2

"The Rookie"

Dennis Quaid stars in this true story of a has-been baseball player, Jimmy Morris, who had to drop out of the minor leagues because of a pitching injury to his arm.

Years later he is teaching High School chemistry and coaching the baseball team. Even with the old injury, Morris still pitches in the high 90s, unbeknownst to him. His players agree to play their hardest, and if they win the district title, Morris agrees to try out for a Major League team.

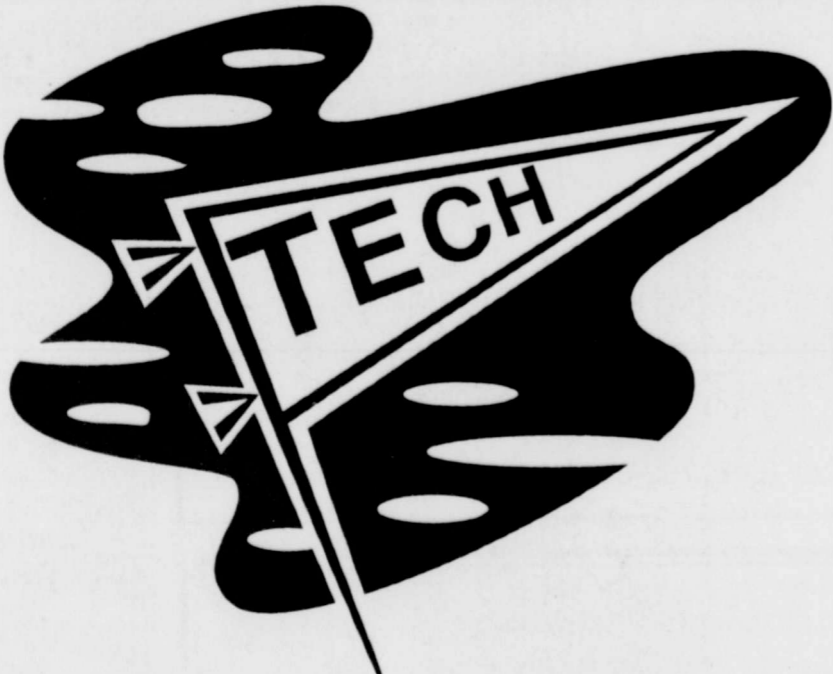
When they win the district title and tell their coach, "It's your turn now," Morris is compelled to live up to his end of the bargain. He impresses the scouts

with his fastball and now has to accept the fact that his playing ball again may be a real possibility. His wife (Rachel Griffiths from HBO's "Six Feet Under") is not happy with his decision, originally worried that he will hurt himself again.

What makes "The Rookie" so good is that the audience can find a character that is easy to cheer for. He's an admirable personality and a Texas family man to boot. Unfortunately, some may be turned off by the film's G-rating, surmising that it is solely for the tikes. In actuality, this is a great story that everyone can enjoy.

EPPLER'S RATING:
★★★ 1/2

- ★★★★★ - Flawless
- ★★★★ - Excellent
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- ★ - Awful




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'Choice' starts Opera season

LONDON (AP) — The world premiere of "Sophie's Choice," composer Nicholas Maw's contemporary opera inspired by William Styron's novel, will be among six new opera productions during the upcoming Royal Opera House season.

The Royal Opera House, home of the Royal Opera and the Royal Ballet, is Britain's flagship venue for opera and dance. The 2002-03 season, which starts in September, also will include a major new ballet production.

Announcing his first season as music director of the Royal Opera, Antonio Pappano said it would present the six new opera productions alongside five that are new to the company — four co-productions with other companies and one concert.

Heading the list of new stagings is "Sophie's Choice." Austrian soprano Angelika Kirchschlager will make her Royal Opera debut as the anguished Sophie. The director, Trevor Nunn, heads London's Royal National Theater.

The production plays the first of five performances Dec. 7.

Receiving new productions during the 2002-03 season are "Ariadne auf Naxos," "Madama Butterfly," "Luisa Miller," "Die Zauberflöte" and "Wozzeck."

Dawn Upshaw, Natalie Dessay and Matthias Goerne are among the noted singers who will be making Royal Opera debuts.

CBS takes new reality show to the extreme

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Even the stoutest maxims can be turned on their heads.

There are second acts in American lives. And reality television isn't necessarily synonymous with total schlock.

CBS' new "AFP: American Fighter Pilot" could be proof.

Early episodes show it has the potential to open a fascinating window on a high-octane, risky day job: flying F-15 fighter jets for the Air Force.

The young filmmaker behind it, Jesse Negron, seems sincere about creating an honest portrait of three aspiring fliers and their families and not just sucking them dry for entertainment value.

And Negron can't be accused of au courant patriotism. "AFP" was conceived and largely filmed before the Sept.

11 terrorism attacks.

That said, viewers have to look past the program's glitzy graphics and editing that would suit a military recruitment video as produced by MTV — and which, initially at least, threaten to overwhelm the human drama.

This "Top Gun"-style veneer probably was inevitable, though. Tony Scott, the director of the 1986 film starring Tom Cruise as a cocky Navy flyboy, is an executive producer of "AFP" (debuting 8 p.m. EST Friday).

Negron solicited Scott's involvement as a producer partly because he wanted to use the cachet of "Top Gun" in marketing "AFP." But the real-life pilots are too complex to reduce to swaggering stereotypes, said Scott and Negron.

"You have to have an ego to say 'I'm a

little guy but I'm bigger than a \$30 million, fire-breathing titanium jet," said Negron. "But at home, I see them interacting as husbands and fathers in a very normal way."

He acknowledges the series could trip itself up with an overly stylized approach. But the visual hipness shouldn't lead viewers astray, he said.

"The concept was to hit hard in the beginning with the sex appeal of their job and how cool their job is, and then the reality sets in."

Reality is that at least one of the trainees is now involved in the war effort. CBS was withholding further details, partly to keep viewers watching through the eight episodes and partly because of Pentagon limits on disclosure of individual assignments.

The series does offer a wealth of detail

on the planes (maximum speed: 1,875 mph), the pilots and the demands of military life. The series was filmed primarily at Tyndall Air Force Base in the Florida panhandle during a 110-day training program.

The focus is on Todd Giggly, Marcus Gregory and Mike Love: Will they make it or wash out? Will they be accepted in the fraternity of veteran pilots with intimidating call signs like "Shark" and "Heater"?

But there's more to "AFP" than testosterone.

"The biggest surprise to me was how family-oriented these guys are and how the two extremes of their personality live together," Negron said. "They love to go out — they call it 'raging' — into the air space and fight. And at the same time they go home and are totally the guy next door."

An airplane buff who holds a civilian

pilot's license (and who was kept from a military aviation career by his eyesight), Negron initially cooked up the idea of a documentary on pilots because he wanted to hang around jets.

"The more research I did on it, the more the real story of these guys became interesting to me," he said. "Very few of us have life and death in our lives every day."

His plan for a film turned into a reality series when he collected a wealth of footage. Scott, who says he had encountered military secrecy before, described himself as "stunned" by the access Negron was granted.

"For whatever reason, the squadron took me in as one of their own and they choose to open this world up to me," Negron said. "What you see in the show is a very candid look at how these warriors are made."

Most restrictions on filming involved cockpit electronics and briefings and debriefings about the plane's performance. Footage was reviewed only for classified material, said Negron, who figures the base commander recognized the show as a public relations opportunity.

That's understandable, since Hollywood has lately jumped on the military bandwagon. Producers of ABC's "Profiles From the Front Line," say they plan a "pro-military, pro-American stance" for the reality show being made with Pentagon cooperation.

Negron contends he has produced more than sanitized propaganda.

"There are things in there that are going to make people squirm a little. They're very, very blunt about what they do for a living."

Naomi Campbell wins lawsuit against tabloid

By Beth Gardiner/Associated Press

LONDON — A tabloid newspaper had the right to counter supermodel Naomi Campbell's untrue public claims that she had never abused drugs, but *The Mirror* went too far when it published a picture of her leaving a group therapy meeting, a judge ruled Wednesday.

Justice Sir Michael Morland — who said the model had misrepresented herself to the press in the past and lied under oath — ruled that even celebrities who use the media to buff their own images are entitled to some privacy.

He awarded the 31-year-old, London-born model \$5,000 in damages and told *The Mirror* newspaper to pay her court costs, reportedly about \$285,000.

Campbell, who was not in London's High Court for the ruling, had sued MGN Ltd., publisher of *The Mirror*, for breach of confidence and unlawful invasion of privacy after the tabloid published a photo of her leaving a Narcotics Anonymous meeting in London a year ago.

She had told the court she felt "shocked, angry, betrayed and violated" by the story.

Her lawyer, Keith Schilling, said he had discussed the verdict with the model, who was in Los Angeles.

"She is naturally delighted with the decision," he said. "This is a landmark case — it establishes that anyone in the public eye, whether through choice or inadvertently, is entitled to protection for their private lives."

Schilling said Campbell planned to donate the damages to charity.

Mirror Editor Piers Morgan said the ruling was ridiculous and mocked the size of the damages.

"Supermodels don't even get out of bed for less than 10,000 pounds (\$14,000), so she doesn't even have enough to pull back the covers," he said outside court.

"She's won on a very small technical point of law in relation to confidence," he said. "I'm at a loss to understand what her case was."

Courts have been struggling to establish a consistent approach to privacy cases since the European Convention on Human Rights — which says individuals' private lives must be respected — became law in Britain last year.

Bob Satchwell, executive director of the Society of Editors, said the Campbell verdict did not set any precedent, add-

ing: "Supermodels ... and pop stars and other powerful people have to expect more attention from the media than ordinary people."

Britain's aggressive tabloids are the frequent targets of celebrity lawsuits.

The damages awarded are often too low to have much of an impact.

Morgan had told the court the newspaper took a sympathetic approach to Campbell's problem and said she was not entitled to the same privacy as ordinary people because she used the media to promote her image as a model and to discuss intimate details of her private life.

Defense lawyer Desmond Brown argued that Campbell's drug treatment would not expose her to any stigma or damage her career.

But Morland ruled Campbell had succeeded in establishing the newspaper broke confidentiality and violated the Data Protection Act.

It is a British law that guards personal information.

Because the model had publicly denied drug addiction, he said, it would have been acceptable for *The Mirror* to report that she had been addicted and was undergoing therapy.

But the details of her treatment, including its location, "bear the badge or mark of confidentiality," the judge said.

"Although many aspects of the private lives of celebrities and public figures will inevitably enter the public domain, in my judgment it does not follow that even with self-publicists every aspect and detail of their private lives are legitimate quarry for the journalist," he said. "They are entitled to some space of privacy."

While Morland concluded Campbell had suffered distress after the photo was published, he said he had considered her testimony about the picture's impact with caution.

"She has shown herself to be, over the years, lacking in frankness and veracity with the media, and manipulative and selective in what she has chosen to reveal about herself," he said.

The judge also said Campbell had lied to him when testifying about the reason for her 1997 hospitalization in the Canary Islands, which she said was because of an allergic reaction.

Morland denied *The Mirror* permission to appeal his ruling, although the newspaper can petition the Court of Appeal for permission, which Morgan said it was considering.

HBO to show Oscar-winning documentary

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — French filmmakers Jean-Xavier de Lestrade and Denis Ponchet came to Duval County hoping to do a documentary about a wacky lawsuit.

When they couldn't find one, they were directed to the local Public Defender's Office, where they learned about the case of 16-year-old Brenton Butler, who was facing trial for the 2000 murder of Mary Ann Stephens, a Georgia tourist.

Their film "Murder on a Sunday Morning" — detailing Butler's defense, his trial and acquittal — won the Academy Award for best documentary last Sunday and airs this Sunday on HBO.

In accepting his award, De Lestrade cited Martin Luther King Jr.'s speech about an America where children "will not be judged by the color of their skin but the content of their character."

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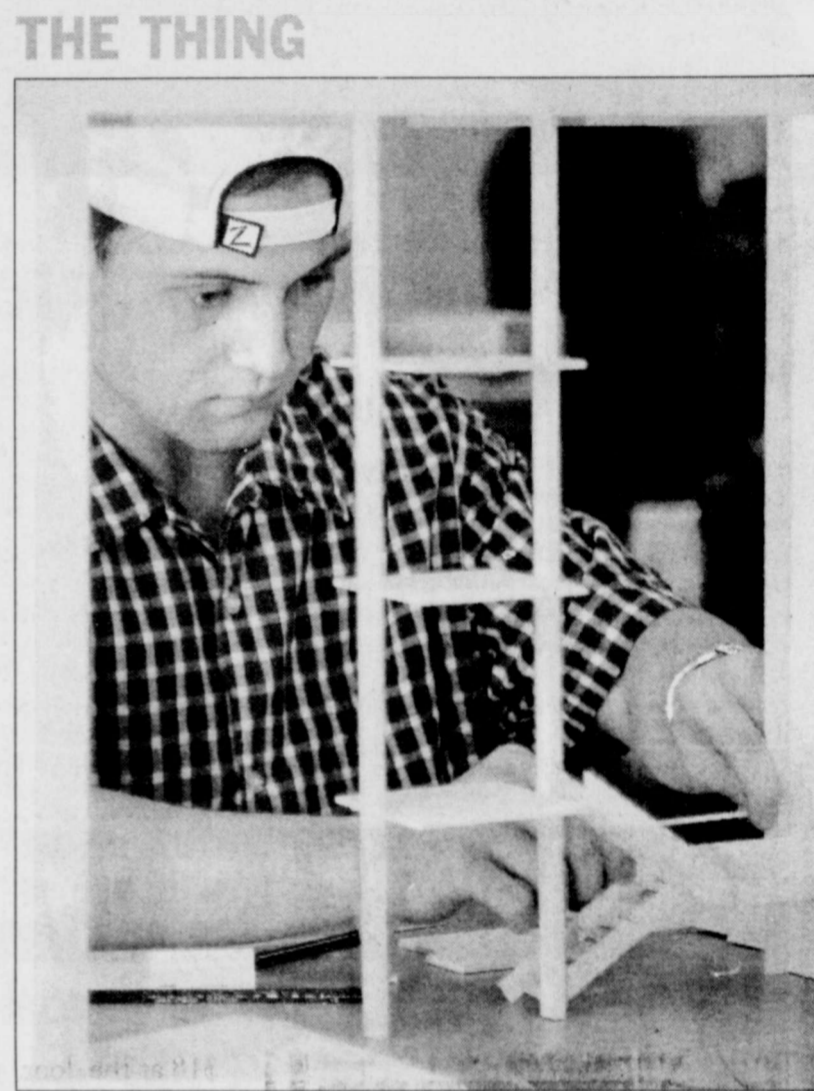
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Women's tennis squad makes fearless prediction

TEXAS TECH WOMEN'S tennis player Noel Ruiz returns a serve during Tech's loss against Oklahoma on Tuesday at the McLeod Tennis Center. Tech players told their coach they will not lose a match the rest of the season. JAIME TOMAS AGUILAR/Photo Editor



WIN OUT: Texas Tech players tell coach they will not lose a match the rest of the year.

By David Wiechmann/Staff Reporter

After a down-to-the-wire match against Oklahoma on Tuesday, the Texas Tech women's tennis team will travel to face Iowa State and Nebraska this weekend.

Tech (5-11 overall, 1-3 Big 12 Conference) lost its fifth match 4-3 against the No. 44 Sooners and has a new outlook for the remainder of the season.

"We have an attitude that is not conducive to winning," Tech coach Virginia Brown said. "Every school is working; we're working at it, but we just don't do it. (The players) said they're not going to lose anymore, though. I guess they're tired of it, too."

Brown said her players' new attitude is a good place to begin turning their sea-

son around, and the Raiders are going to give their all against No. 68 ISU (5-5, 1-3) and No. 58 Nebraska (11-4, 1-4).

"We're going to give it an All-American try," Brown said. "If they say they're not going to lose anymore, that's a pretty good start right there."

If the Raiders were to win the rest of their matches, it would give them a 7-2 conference record.

Every team remaining on Tech's schedule is ranked in the Omni Hotels Top 75, and the Raiders are the only team in the Big 12 not ranked.

"We are the only team in the Big 12 not ranked," Brown said. "That really disappoints me because we don't know how to win anymore."

Brown said her team could possibly get in the rankings if it were to upset some more teams this year. The Raiders have already defeated two ranked teams.

Co-captain Noel Ruiz said Tuesday's loss was heartbreaking and motivated the team.

"After we lost to Oklahoma, we met and everyone wants to win," Ruiz said. "Somebody has to step up."

Ruiz said the team is excited about this match because it is crunch time, and the team has had success when getting fired up.

"We need to pump ourselves up and show that we want to win," Ruiz said. "The only match we have all been pumped up for was Missouri, and we won."

Brown said her team is playing well and has successful players, but the team has not reached the level it needs to at this point of the season.

"They're doing the best they can do, and everyone on this team has won something," Brown said. "But we're not as good as we should be."

She said the key to making this season a success will be making a big change.

"We just have to turn it around," Brown said. "It has to be something they want, though, not what I want."

Ruiz said the team will have to believe in itself to win and have more fire in their belly.

"We need to get our self esteem up," Ruiz said. "And we have to want it more."

Raider men's tennis team seeks domination against UT-San Antonio

By David Wiechmann/Staff Reporter

The Texas Tech men's tennis team will not get to put its perfect record at the McLeod Tennis Center on the line Saturday against UT-San Antonio because of expected rain. Nonetheless, they can put their perfect record in Lubbock to the test.

The Red Raiders (9-7 overall, 1-2 Big 12 Conference) have not lost a match in the Hub City this season, and they will play UTSA at the Lubbock Country Club at 4 p.m. Saturday. Tech was scheduled to play Abilene Christian

University also, but that match was cancelled.

Tech coach Tim Siegel said the match will be a good test for the team because UTSA has gotten better and is coming in having built up some steam.

"They are a very improved team from last year," Siegel said. "They've been playing very well, and they're playing with a lot of confidence right now. They're a team we can't take lightly. We have to step up and play hard."

Siegel and the players are not letting that bother them because they know they have got a lot going for them right

now, too, because of the Raiders' near wins over Texas and Baylor last week.

"We are definitely a team that can play with anybody," Siegel said. "But if we're not ready to play, we can lose to anybody."

Co-captain Richard Crabtree said the close matches with powerhouses Baylor and UT were painful losses but shines light on what is to come.

"It shows we got some positives from what happened, but it still hurts because the Texas match was so close," Crabtree said. "It is a little encouraging, though because every match was close."

Siegel said he does not like to think about moral victories even though he knows his team had a chance to beat the Longhorns.

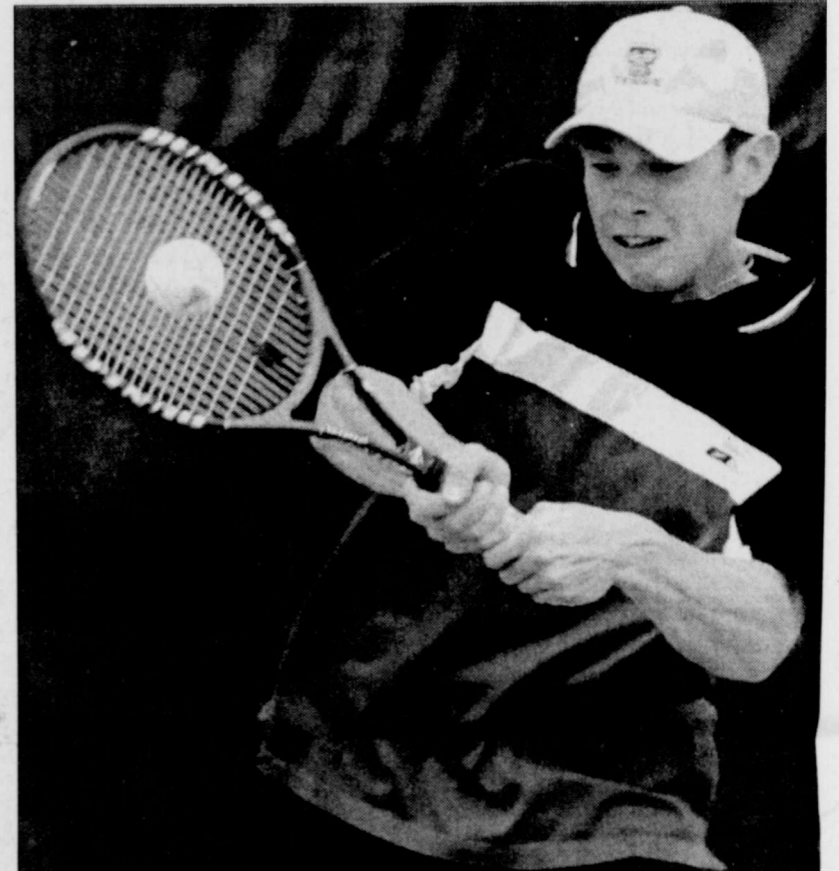
"If things had gone a little differently,

we could have won. We had a legitimate chance to beat Texas," Siegel said. "That says one thing about us — we come to play. There has not been one match I have been disappointed in how we played."

Perhaps that thought of the moral victory in the back of their minds will motivate the Raiders to overpower the Roadrunners, Crabtree said.

"Basically we want to kick their ass. We want to beat them convincingly. That is our goal," he said. "They are a team with confidence right now, and we want to jump on them early. I think we have a lot of confidence right now, but wins is what we're after."

Siegel said he wants their opponents to know that Raiderland is a hostile environment.



GREG KRELLER/Staff Photographer
TEXAS TECH TENNIS player Richard Crabtree returns with a forehand swing during practice at the McLeod Tennis Center earlier this season. Crabtree and the rest of the Red Raider squad will try to snap a two-match losing streak when Tech faces UT-San Antonio at 4 p.m. at the Lubbock Country Club.

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Texans face 'Boys in franchise opener

IRVING (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys won't appear on Monday Night Football for the first time since 1990, but they will open next season in prime time.

The Cowboys start the 2002 season with a Sunday night game at Houston against the expansion Texans on Sept. 8. The team's only other prime-time appearance on the NFL schedule, released Thursday, is a Saturday night game at Philadelphia on Dec. 21.

"Opening the year on national television will be an exciting event, and we look forward to reviving our rivalry with Houston," Cowboys owner Jerry Jones said in a statement.

Jones said he wasn't upset by the Monday night snub.

"I don't view the Monday night thing as a negative," he said. "We have a young and developing team, and from a growth perspective, I think our guys will benefit from a steady routine of Sunday games. I know that was the case in 1990, when we were turning the corner with another young club."

Dallas' home opener is Sept. 15 against the former Houston team, the Tennessee Titans.

The schedule works out well for a renewed Washington rivalry, with the Redskins coming to Dallas for the nationally televised Thanksgiving game and the Cowboys closing the season at Washington.

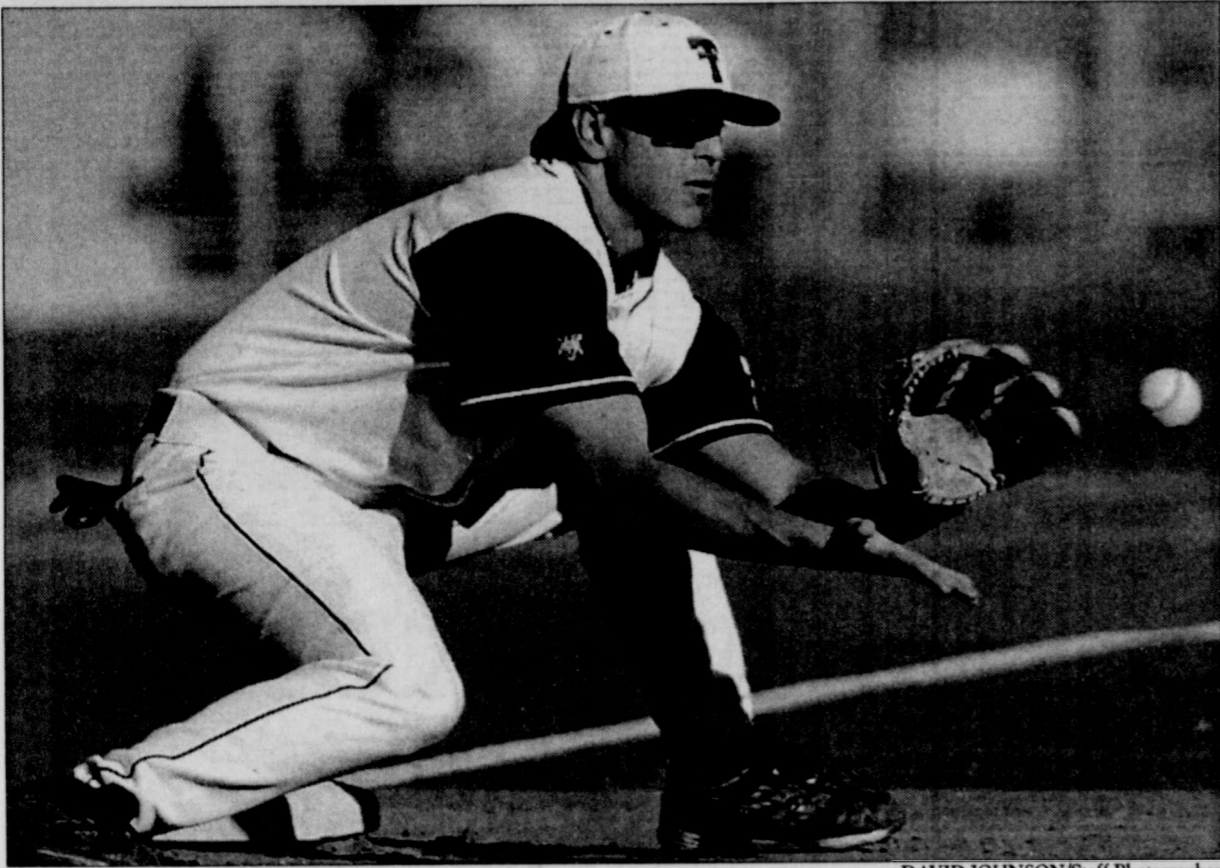
The Cowboys have beaten the Redskins nine straight times, but new Washington coach Steve Spurrier has done all he can to fire up the rivalry. When he was hired in January, Spurrier promised to reward owner Daniel Snyder with a victory over Dallas.

"The first game ball I'm going to give him is when we play the Dallas Cowboys," Spurrier said.

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Tech throws back to 1928, looks ahead to Mizzou



TEXAS TECH THIRD baseman Nick Blankenship prepares to make the low catch earlier this season against TCU. Tech faces Missouri in a three-game series this weekend. Game time is at 7 p.m. today at Dan Law Field.

By Matt Muench/Sports Editor

The year was 1928 when Texas Tech fielded its first baseball team. To pay homage to its past, this year's Tech squad will celebrate Turn Back the Clock night at 7 p.m. today at Dan Law Field in the first game of a three-game series against the Missouri Tigers.

Tech will wear replica uniforms from the 1928 season while the Tigers are expected to flashback to 1952.

"It is something a lot of teams like to do," Tech coach Larry Hays said. "It is a way to kind of honor the game, and hopefully, it will be a good thing for us."

Tech shortstop Gera Alvarez said he is looking forward to throwing back to 1928 and wearing the old uniforms.

"It will be really cool," Alvarez said. "I have never done that. It will be fun, and I think the fans will like it as well."

Game two of the series will begin at 2 p.m. Saturday followed by the series finale at 1 p.m. Sunday, which will feature an Easter Egg Hunt for children following the game.

Alvarez said Tech (21-12 overall, 5-7 Big 12 Conference) is coming in with an aggressive mind and simple attack plan — to sweep.

"That is our goal all week," Alvarez

said about sweeping the Tigers. "Missouri is coming into our place, and I think that is definitely our goal."

But Hays said not so fast on thinking sweep. He wants his squad to only focus on Friday.

"If we start thinking (sweep), then we aren't thinking too good," Hays said. "We have to focus on Friday first. It is too tough of a league to think ahead."

Although the Tigers enter the game with a 10-13 overall record and 5-7 conference record, Alvarez said overlook is not a word that will go well with Missouri.

The Tigers began Big 12 play 0-6 but won two out of three against the Big 12's top-ranked team, Baylor, last weekend.

"They beat Baylor, and Baylor is a good team," Alvarez said. "(Missouri) might be on fire right now so we can't

take them lightly. We have to play aggressive and tough in front of home crowd and get some wins."

Hays said the Raiders have to watch out for the Tigers young pitching staff, who has three freshmen in their starting rotation. Hays said he is unsure if all three will pitch this weekend.

"They have young pitching, and they started with them, and it looks like they are starting to come around," Hays said. "That is not good for us."

Tech third baseman Nick Blankenship, who leads the Big 12 with 12 home runs, said this is the time teams are starting to peak in this conference.

"Our league is pretty tight right now, and everyone is starting to play pretty good," Blankenship said. "You have to take every team the same, nobody lightly because they are all pretty talented."

It is something a lot of teams like to do. It's a way to kind of honor the game, and hopefully, it will be a good thing for us.

— LARRY HAYS
Texas Tech Coach

Heath replaces Richardson as Arkansas' head coach

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. (AP) — Stan Heath was hired as coach at Arkansas on Thursday after leading Kent State to the final eight of the NCAA tournament this season.

He replaces the only coach to lead the Razorbacks to an NCAA basketball title. Nolan Richardson was fired one game shy of completing his 17th year at the school.

Heath, speaking at a news conference, called Richardson a pioneer for black basketball coaches.

"I'd like to thank Coach Richardson," said Heath, who is black. "He's opened up barriers. He's a leader."

Arkansas hopes Heath can extend his one year of success at Kent State to a school that won the NCAA title in 1994 and made three Final Fours between 1990 and 1995.

"We have a coach here who can continue the great tradition of Eddie Sutton and Nolan Richardson," athletic director Frank Broyles said.

Heath was introduced at Bud Walton Arena, with chancellor John White passing out Heath candy bars to open the news conference. Within a minute of announcing Heath's appointment, Broyles led a crowd in a "Woo-Pig-Sooie" cheer.

Heath stressed that Arkansas players will have to concentrate on academics as well as basketball. None of Arkansas' incoming freshmen class of 1994 graduated within six years, according to NCAA figures.

UConn's Bird named women's player of the year

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Sue Bird, the cool, clever point guard who has helped bring Connecticut within two games of a perfect season, was honored Thursday as The Associated Press player of the year in women's basketball this season.

Brenda Oldfield was picked as coach of the year after leading a remarkable turnaround in her first year at Minnesota, which had its first winning season since 1993-94.

Bird, a senior, was an over-

whelming choice by the 44-member national media panel that votes in the AP poll. Oldfield edged Connecticut's Geno Auriemma, a three-time winner, for the coaching award.

This is the fourth time a Connecticut player has been the AP player of the year, an award that started in 1995. UConn's Rebecca Lobo won it that first year and was followed by two more Connecticut players, Jennifer Rizzotti in 1996 and Kara Wolters in 1997.

Connecticut, which plays Tennessee in the Final Four on Friday night, has built a 37-0 record with near flawless offensive execution and relentless defense, and Bird is the one who gets it all started.

It's just that she'd prefer to do it without getting so much attention.

"Our team is more than one player," said Bird, also the leading vote getter on the AP All-America team. "It's a team. That's why I have some trouble accepting individual awards."

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