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Tech officials: Summer school will continue

By Kelly McAlister/Staff Reporter

Texas Tech officials announced Thursday that 2003 summer school program funding would not be affected by reduced state funding.

Last year, Tech faculty members were prompted to decide between summer funding or salary bonuses, in light of a state budget shortfall and a turbulent university-funding schedule.

Chancellor Dr. David Smith said he is going to try to ensure funding for summer school program.

"Summer school is very critical for our students and faculty," he said. "It's important for

our growth that we support summer school."

Smith said class sizes could be larger or held in fewer buildings throughout campus, but those decisions have not yet been made.

Tech Provost William Marcy said the budget cut will not adversely affect summer school.

"This year's program will be as strong as the one we had a year ago," he said.

With the expectation of a fall freshman class that could exceed last fall's record by 1,000 students, Tech administrators are looking to shift some of the fall load off professors by increasing the summer school programs, Marcy said.

"Currently, 10 percent of student credit

hours come from summer courses," he said. "We would like to see 35 percent."

Vice Provost James Brink said the source for this year's funding for faculty salaries will come from designated fees, which are used for specific purposes.

Unused course fees and graduate tuition fees create a funds balance, which are comprised of funds not specifically earmarked but could generate revenue.

Because of the growth in the student body at both the undergraduate and graduate level, the university has collected fees faster than it would have if the student body stayed the same.

Additional fee revenue has been gener-

ated by the past year's growth of nearly 2,000 students.

The influx of credit hours resulted in a surplus of funds, which have been allocated toward summer school funding.

Tech budgeted for 600,000 student credit hours last biennium but exceeded the prediction by 120,000, Marcy said.

"We are pulling everything we can to support students," he said. "The academic programs have the highest priority."

Vice President for Student Affairs Michael Shonrock said ensuring summer school this year is a team effort among the office of the provost, president and academic deans.

"We've got to identify the resources to

maintain and support summer school," he said.

Some students worry the budget shortfall may affect some graduation plans.

Eric Emerine, a senior civil engineering major from Amarillo, said without summer school, he would need to take 24 hours next fall in order to graduate in December.

"I was looking at taking a lot of elective courses, probably in two summer sessions," he said.

Chris Berry, a senior mass communications major from Garland, said he would not be able to graduate until spring 2004 if he cannot take six hours during this summer session.

"I think a lot of people would leave (Tech) if there was no summer school," he said.

SGA votes to back transportation fee

By Matt Muench/Staff Reporter

The Student Senate approved four resolutions Thursday night, two to honor the victims of Space Shuttle Columbia and two to send a message to the Texas Tech administration.

Three resolutions were approved without disagreement from the senators.

However, resolution 38.17 caused a 45-minute debate. The resolution, which was presented by Graduate School Senator Jeff Moss, asked that the Senate recommend the administration's approval of the transportation fee.

The proposed fee, which would force all students to pay \$45 a semester beginning next year, is a result of funding buses for on- and off-campus routes. If it is not approved, buses will be limited; if approved, it will increase bus service.

After the resolution was read, controversy erupted.

"I believe the majority of students on campus use the bus system and continued bus service," Moss told the Senate. "Ultimately, the money has to come from somewhere, and this is the answer."

Graduate School Senator Tim Wright stood up and told the Senate it should approve the resolution.

"I have never seen the administration deny what the students have said," he told the Senate. "If we let this go and let the administration get away with it, basically we give up our power and what this body stands for."

Graduate School Senator Kelly Jones moved to amend the resolution by saying the administration should also look at other possibilities of funding the buses and not just take it out of the students' pockets.

"I agree that the money should have to come somewhere," Jones said.

"But I do not agree it should just come from the students. I would like to have more options to pay for the buses."

Moss then gave his opinion of the amendment. He said there is no time for other options since the fate of the fee will be determined in the next two weeks.

"I think we should look at other options," he said. "However, we do not have time to do that. And it is not like the state of Texas is going to help us with the buses. I ask that you vote against this amendment."

Moss and Jones went back and forth, and after all was said and done, Moss won the debate. The

Senate did not approve the amendment, and the resolution was adopted with only three senators disagreeing.

The meeting closed with the approving of resolution 38.18, which was presented by Business Senator Mitchell Moses who requested the administration establish advisory committees for all student fees.

The Division of Student Affairs is the only department that has the committees.

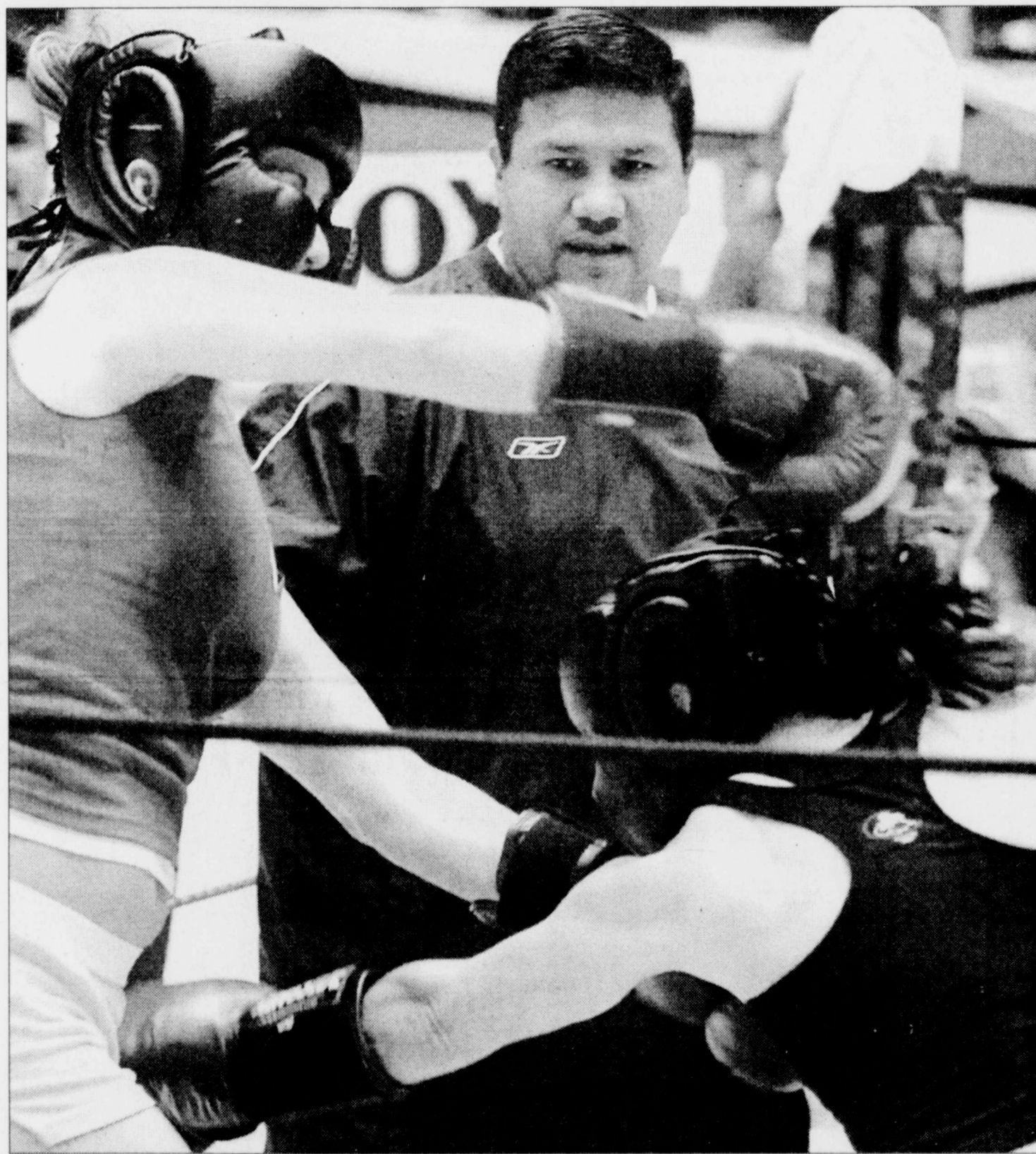
The Senate wants committees for the athletics fee, arts fee, course fee, information technology fee, library fee and any other fee that may be created in the future.

Moses said the resolution is hand-in-hand with the transportation fee.

"This would keep it from getting swept under the rug," he said. "Committees will give us a chance to refocus and look at what we can do to fees."

The other two resolutions, 38.15 and 38.16, honored the seven

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CRAIG SWANSON/Staff Photographer

TEXAS TECH STUDENTS Holly Potter, a junior public relations major from Arlington, and Monica Rowe, a graduate student studying exercise physiology from Arlington, go head to head during intermission at Thursday night's Cotton Kings game. The event was a part of a "Fight Night," which is a charity event that entertains the crowd while players are off the ice.

'Fight Night' continues as Cotton Kings tradition

By Angela Timmons/Staff Reporter

The Cotton Kings may have been upset as a result of their loss Thursday night, but Texas Tech students were on their feet cheering for contenders at the King's annual "Fight Night" in the Municipal Coliseum.

"Fight Night" brought out 10 contestants from Tech this year, drawing mainly from Greek organizations, except for participant and champion Monica Rowe, a graduate student studying exercise physiology from Arlington.

Rowe represented her youth group from St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church.

"It's open to all Tech students," said Jeannie Diaz, Cotton Kings executive consultant and a graduate student studying sports public relations from Lubbock. "It went really well last year, and we only had one night with two fraternities participating."

This year, five games will feature "Fight Night," Diaz said.

"We try to do more to get Tech students out," she said. "And it gives the winners an opportunity

to bring money to their organizations."

Five winners came out of the five rounds, including a round of female fighters. Mary Robinson, a senior management and marketing major from Austin who works as an account executive for the Cotton Kings, said the prizes include cash, a leather jacket and a trophy. Robinson said non-winners receive a first-aid kit for their organizations.

The event was judged by Gilbert Castillo, a graduate student studying education from Lubbock.

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JAIME TOMAS AGUILAR/Staff Photographer

MAX HINOJOSA, VICE president of operations, discusses current and future campus parking conditions and building federally funded parking garages at Thursday's Student Senate meeting.

Texas Tech responds to Powel's Iraq speech

By Heidi Toth/Staff Reporter

Texas Tech student Megan McIlwain supports U.S. military action in Iraq.

"I just think we should go and bomb them just to show how big we are," the sophomore early childhood education major from Seminole said. "We're going to be seen as too weak if

we don't do anything."

Jack Zachry, a sophomore mechanical engineering major from Dayton, Nev., agreed. He said the United States is doing what it should be, especially given Iraq's history of deceit.

"Just keep a little bit of pressure on them," he said. "Let them know there will be consequences."

In Washington, the evidence

against Iraq is piling up. According to the Associated Press, the U.S. government has satellite images of several suspected weapons sites being cleaned up before U.N. weapons inspectors arrive.

Phone calls have been intercepted, many of which hint Iraqi officers are hiding evidence from inspectors. There are reports that biological weap-

ons are in the field.

All of this information was presented by Secretary of State Colin Powell, the biggest dove in President Bush's administration.

However, Saddam Hussein is not impressed with Powell's information. In an interview with British peace

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Tech equestrians gallop over competition at OSU

By Jack Sheaffer/Staff Reporter

The Texas Tech equestrian team earned reserve championship team honors at the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association regional Feb. 1 at Oklahoma State University.

Tech's equestrian team has 12 members on its prolific squad this year, all of which participated in the Hunter Seat Show in Stillwater, Okla.

All riders placed in their classes, including first-time competitors. Riders are allowed to participate in more than one class at each show, and there are usually two to three shows per weekend at each event.

The reserve championship finish is the team's best finish.

Tech Equestrian Team President Jessica Bieber, a senior agricultural communications major from Ovilla, said the horses used in the shows are provided by the host venue for each particular event.

"We were really ecstatic and proud of winning the reserve team championship award because we competed against four varsity status equestrian teams," she said. "This honor is hard to achieve with such high competition, but our team deserved this win. We all work extremely hard throughout the year, and these shows highlight our dedication."

Among the number of equestrian

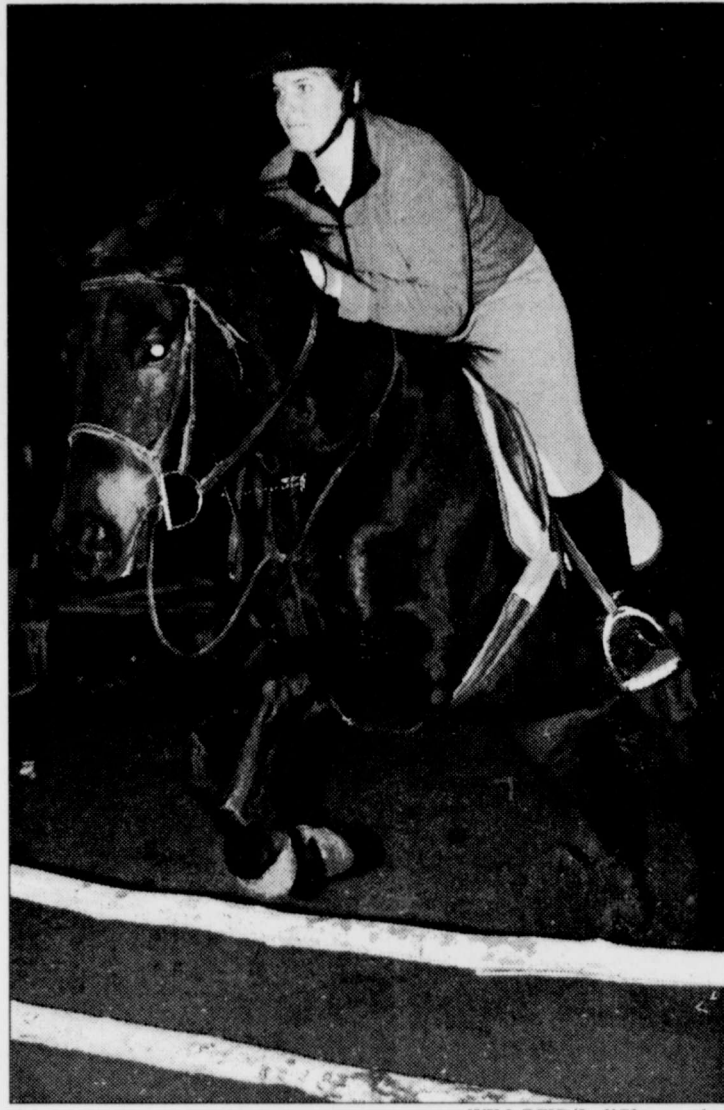
team winners are: Elisa Campbell, who placed first and second in Advanced Walk-Trot-Canter-Equitation on Flat; Jessica Bieber placed second and sixth in Novice Fences; Claire Prieto, who received second and fourth in Open Fences and placed first and second in Open Equitation on Flat; and Jennifer Hatzel placed second and fourth in Intermediate Fences and second and fourth in Intermediate Equitation on Flat.

The riders are judged on body position, showmanship and how well the horse is ridden. The riders do not have an opportunity to practice with their mounts or to get acquainted with the horse before competing.

Riders earn individual points by placing first through sixth in their respective classes. In each show, the participating teams designate a "point rider" in each individual class. The points earned by the riders help contribute to the team's total points.

The team's next competition is Feb. 15 at West Texas A&M University in Canyon. This is the last show of the season and will determine the total points for the year for English riding.

Both Jessica Bieber and Claire Prieto are within 10 points to qualify for the regional championships, which will be held March 8 in Stillwater, Okla.



WILL REID/Staff Photographer

JESSICA BIEBER, A senior agriculture communications major from Ovilla, jumps over a cavalletti during her training session on Thursday evening at the Texas Tech Equestrian facility. The Tech equestrian team earned reserve championship team honors at the Intercollegiate Horse Show regional Feb. 1 at Oklahoma State University.

Bush promotes hydrogen fuel cells to power cars

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush on Thursday urged Congress to "think beyond the normal" and approve his plan to spur development of clean-burning hydrogen fuel cells to power cars that he said would reduce pollution and America's foreign oil dependence.

In a National Building Museum speech, Bush promoted his request for \$1.2 billion in federal money over five years into hydrogen fuel cell research. The money is aimed at finding ways to get the fuel to where it can be used. Without fueling stations, nobody will want to buy the cars even when they land in showrooms a decade or more from now.

"What we do today can make a tremendous difference for the future of America," Bush said.

Beforehand, the president spent about 20 minutes watching demonstrations of cars, a scooter and portable electronics such as cell phones and lap tops, all powered by hydrogen fuel cells.

On a corner outside the building where he spoke, a knot of protesters complained about Bush's energy policies, which include drilling in Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, which Bush also pushed in

his speech. "Caribou Not Oil," one sign said. First announced in his State of the Union address, Bush promised "a new national commitment" to take fuel-cell powered cars "from laboratory to showrooms" within the next 20 years.

Of the money he proposed, just \$720 million would represent additional spending beyond what is already planned for fuel cell research. In all, Bush wants to spend \$1.7 billion over the next five years on two projects.

Critics have noted that it will be a generation before hydrogen-powered cars are widely available and affordable and have questioned Bush's short-term energy policies as well.

A year ago, the administration announced a 10-year program aimed at helping automakers develop fuel cell technology to replace the internal combustion engine.

The new program — called "Freedom Fuel" by the White House — would focus on spurring research to develop the technologies and infrastructure needed to produce, store and distribute hydrogen for use in future fuel-cell vehicles or stationary electric generating facilities.

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activist Tony Benn, Hussein accused the United States of wanting to control the world and insisted Iraq had no weapons of mass destruction.

The Bush administration is threatening Iraq, Hussein said, to seize Iraq's oil fields. The United States would then be able to dictate to other world powers, such as China,

Russia, Germany, France and Japan.

He also said Iraq was prepared to cooperate with weapons inspectors to avoid war.

Powell's evidence, which he called circumstantial at best, still forms a conclusive picture of what Iraq is trying to hide, he said. But is it enough?

The answer is both yes and no, said Martin Edwards, assistant professor of political science at Tech. For the American public, the evidence is

enough to justify military action in Iraq.

However, the majority of the international community needs more. Edwards said the U.N. ambassador for China spoke after Powell and said more inspections are in order, not an attack.

All U.N. action must go through the Security Council and the five permanent members of the Council, — the United States, the United Kingdom, France, China and Russia—

have veto power on any action.

"We have to figure out a way to get China, Russia and France on board," Edwards said.

Law professor Jorge Ramirez agreed, saying Powell's presentation did not convince the Security Council. Most other countries want more diplomacy, more inspections and overall, more time.

"The United States is saying we're out of time. We've got to go in," he said.

For complete details on Texas Tech's response to the pending war with Iraq, look online.

Fight

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Castillo is a two-time national middleweight Golden Gloves champion and works at the Robert H. Ewalt Boxing Recreation Center teaching boxing.

"I'm really looking at the way they're hitting and the good they're hitting," Gilbert said. "Area sportsmanship is the No. 1 thing."

Gilbert's judgment was assisted by the crowd's response to fighters. In general, fighters receiving the most crowd enthusiasm won the round.

"The more people out, the better chance they have of winning," Robinson said.

The first round brought out Moses Uribarri, Delta Sigma Phi member and a senior business management major from El Paso, and Anthony Prajer, a senior computer science major from Lubbock and Theta Chi member.

Uribarri said he boxed for two years in high school, but said he was a little nervous.

"It's a tough sport," he said. "If I win, I'm gonna throw a big party." Uribarri did, in fact, win and stuck around to show his support for other fighters.

Next up were Ricardo Fourzan and Aaron Jauscke. Jauscke, a junior fi-

nance accounting and pre-medicine major from Dallas and Beta Theta Pi member, had plans to help his fraternity with any cash prize he received.

"Part of it will go to the American Cancer Society," he said. "That's Beta's main philanthropy."

Jauscke said donating money would go to paying off dues to the fraternity.

Jauscke lost to Fourzan, who said after the fight, he thought he got "a little lucky." Fourzan had a crowd to impress, however, saying his family and brothers were there to win for Fourzan is a freshman pre-medicine and business major from Lubbock and a Sigma Phi member.

The next round of fights brought Jake Herring, a junior business major from Azle and Pi Kappa Alpha member, against Brian Knust, a freshman business management major from Houston and Delta Tau Delta member.

Knust fought Herring with several blows and crowd enthusiasm.

Following Knust and Herring were the only two female competitors, Rowe and Holly Potter, a junior public relations major from Arlington and Alpha Phi member.

Before the fight, Potter said she was excited because most people never get to see girls fight.

"I'm excited because everyone has a desire to get in a fight at least one in their lives," she said. "I'm just going to get out there and make a total fool of myself; it's gonna be cool."

Potter, 5-foot-11 with no prior experience in boxing, said she has a competitive nature. However, she lost to the 5-foot Rowe, who said Castillo taught her how to box.

"I've been dreaming of this," Rowe said. "I know God's on my side."

The night ended with Jacob Sotello, a junior architecture major from Boerne and Sigma Phi Epsilon member, and Weston Harding, a freshman mechanical engineering major and president of Theta Chi.

Before his winning match, Harding said he was "souped up."

"I trained with Gilbert," he said. "He's a badass. If I lose, I lose, whatever."

Future "Fight Night" matches will be held during Cotton Kings games on Feb. 13, 19 and 27 and March 6.

Senate

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astronauts on the Space Shuttle Columbia that deteriorated over Texas last weekend. Resolution 38.16 was introduced for the sole purpose of Tech graduate Rick Husband, who was the commander of the shuttle.

The two resolutions already had the unanimous consent of the Senate before the meeting began.

Law School Senator Brandi Grissom presented the resolutions to the Senate.

"This is basically our way of letting them know they are in our thoughts and prayers," she said. "We not only lost seven astronauts, but we lost one Red Raider."

Look for the Tech Traditions series to run on Mondays through March 10.

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down words.

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Thursday's Puzzle Solver grid with solutions for the crossword puzzle.

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Liberals should take blinders off

A fair warning to the readers, for the 90 percent of Tech students who can't stop reading right now because this is an article of a political nature.

There is a current trend in the United States that I have become sick and tired of: the constant, unfair criticism of the current administration. A certain part of our population is so blinded by particular political beliefs (begins with a "D" and ends with an "emocrats"), they will find any reason to criticize.

Now, I'm not one to blindly follow whoever is in power. At the start of the Iraq situation, I was skeptical, but I have heard way more than enough evidence to know they are a threat and must disarm.

However, the overwhelming amount of evidence is not good enough for some people; they want more. I'd wonder that if Saddam

Hussein testified before Congress and admitted he wants to attack America and shot them all in the face with nerve gas, liberals would still want more evidence.

Another argument against the Iraq situation is that rather than make the United States and the world a safer place, President George W. Bush and the administration are just in it for the oil. This has yet to be seen, but I guess I am just a little less cynical than the common liberal. I am one of those who believe our leaders care about the people of the United States, Iraq and the rest of the world.

Maybe by some outrageous chance, Bush just wants to inch closer to world peace and prevent another terrorist catastrophe. Liberals would rather wait until thousands more of our innocent citizens are murdered before they support any sort of meaningful action against Iraq.

And maybe, just maybe, there is



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the slightest chance the current administration would like to see the people of Iraq given freedom rather than live in fear of a dictator who would have people who dictate him killed (try going to Iraq and complaining about "President" Hussein, lefties).

And by some insane chance, maybe the current administration would like to eliminate a threat to world peace and eventually make our world a secure place. But that's just crazy; it's got to be the oil, now doesn't it?

Fortunately, despite much protest, the current administration is deter-

mined to disarm Iraq. Same thing goes for the United State's top ally, Great Britain. However, some countries in particular are unfortunately taking a more liberal approach. That's right, France, I'm talking about you. What are you going to do, send some U.N. inspectors to my dorm? Uh oh, I'm real scared now.

This Wednesday, Secretary of State Colin Powell presented countless pieces of undeniable evidence to the U.N., but those opposing action against Iraq seem to be too blinded by their beliefs to see this threat is right in front of their faces.

So now that the U.N. inspectors have been rendered useless and the evidence is overwhelming, the U.N. really only has two sane options. The U.N. must set a reasonable deadline for Hussein to disarm on his own and allow the inspectors to confirm it, or they will have to be disarmed by force.

Hussein hasn't cooperated with

the U.N. for 12 years, and in this age of terror, we cannot afford to wait around for 12 more years. And if he decides to defy the U.N. any longer, it will be his own foolish fault.

I think the last thing anybody wants is a war. No matter what the opposition of our current administration thinks, Bush and the whole world want to see this terrible situation we are in end peacefully.

And yes, it is all right to question those in power, but when it is obvious they are handling this situation exactly like it should be handled, they should just trust their elected officials and not ignorantly argue a dead issue.

So for the time being, let's hope Hussein does the smart thing and abides by the U.N.'s demands. If war is the only way, so be it. In the worse case scenario of war, I am confident this nation and our allies will be ready to defend freedom and world peace.

Balancing budget a lost cause for some

Notice of Overdraft is the daily newsletter to my residence. I have quite a problem with money, and I think a lot of other students do. Actually, I know a lot of students do, maybe not specifically with a checking account, but most definitely with a credit card or two.

No matter how loaded I seem to be or how broke I am, I cannot stop buying crap until I am left with less than zero. Perhaps you think of it as when the black turns red or that little dash shows up before your available balance. After this is when I stop and think, "Maybe I should stay home and 'save' money." I don't even realize I am not saving anything, I just straight up don't have any to spend.

I seem to save money to go out on the weekends, but during the week, I think of all these "necessities" I really need, like toothpaste or perhaps an Italian crême cake. So of course, I get

in my car and head to United. Maybe I still need one more book or a floppy disk from the bookstore; spending money seems to be my forte. I have no realization or accuracy of the amount of money in my account.

Through my mistakes, though, I seem to be getting better. My freshman year, I don't remember anyone explaining to me how \$500 credit-limits eventually come out to owing \$1,500. That caused some damage.

Then my sophomore year, I attempted to not eat the entire semester to pay for my credit mistakes the prior year; rather than the ethical thing, buy groceries. I would sacrifice the food for an extra \$20 on Friday night. My priorities were all scrambled.

At what age do you begin to realize when your bank says, "\$20 remains," you can't forget a little \$4 check for gas that could really mess



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your dollar sign up. I admit I am improving, but it really is a hard concept to grasp.

I suppose if I really paid attention to exactly how much single Snickers add up to in one month and do the same with every other purchase, I would be alright. But I don't. And, I did, that would be a worse dilemma.

I seem to leave it up, unfortunately, to my poor memory. It never fails that I leave out a check or two on my balance sheet. Yet it never fails that my

parents come to the rescue.

I am fortunate to have parents who understand this severe disability associated with most young adults in today's society. They have patiently, and at times unknowingly, helped me through starving periods.

More so, I am grateful to have friends who are willing to spot me. Hopefully, they know when I get some money, I will return the favor.

Now there are a few of you who expect us to "help out" every day, not just on rare occasion. Just so you know, you are not helping cure this disorder. I say yes, but my wallet is screaming no.

Let me make one thing certainly clear: I have been times when I was that person without a job; I am not being a hypocrite. I am definitely not denying that I have never been that person. To those of you who helped me, thank you.

I just want people to realize this is a problem for many others and myself and is a real terrifying illness. We lack all understanding of the subject or idea of simple accounting. I know nothing more than the basic spelling of the word.

If you are one of the few who awake and overnight you knew, then congratulations. But as I said, you are one in a few. You have been gifted with a special talent. You might as well congratulate your parents, too.

To friends and parents of my clueless people, I want to thank you for all your patience and understanding of the little money-ignorant mistakes we kids make. I know not what I do; I just know I am addicted to spending it. It is uncontrollable.

There is some hope nearby. Slowly, I see myself becoming more capable of handling this little task all by myself. And the day I do, it will be hats off for me and you.

Listening to stars provides entertainment, advice?

Valentine's Day approaches, and everyone wants to know what the future holds for them. What most people don't know is besides being a consummate writer, a talented entertainer and a world-renowned sports reporter, I also dabble a bit here and there in the field of astrology.

In fact, I've been doing it for several years now, and I feel I am qualified to pass on to you some tidbits of knowledge from my extensive astrological repertoire.

Horoscope for the remainder of the Aquarian month:

Aries (March 20-April 19): You will find many great things in the next week, but it is key that you not overlook them. If you do, they will pass you by. Love shall find you if you look for it, but it won't if you don't. Ask the girl in your history class out, regardless of whether her boyfriend plays football.

Taurus (April 20-May 19): There is something new coming to your life. It is either tangible or intangible, so

be alert. Don't let the opportunity to meet someone new slip through your fingers, unless you're antisocial, in which case, stay in your home. If you've been dating someone for a week, don't say I love you yet.

Gemini (May 20-June 20): Your family may change its view of you this week, or it may not. Financial difficulties affect you in the near future unless you find a job paying more than \$100,000 a year. If you see a produce stand by the side of the road, don't buy any grapefruit.

Cancer (June 21-July 21): Though the winds of doubt are blowing, don't get knocked over. Your love life may improve if you meet someone you are interested in who is willing to talk to you. Be honest with those around you, and you might be successful. Treat your dog's ringworm immediately.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): Don't shy away from intellectual endeavors, even though your time is precious. Try to do something nice for someone, and you may be rewarded greatly.



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If you drink too much, you may throw up, so be careful. Remember! The road to hell is paved with good intentions.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 21): If you're in love, be alert to the possibility that you might not always be. Don't be distracted by interventional events; you may inadvertently ignore those closest to you. Try to find a good book to read, one with lots of pictures. Baseball season may start soon.

Libra (Sept. 22-Oct. 22): A new friend is on the horizon if you're truly willing to meet him. Someone will reveal to you a secret this week, so keep the safe locked up. A rash may

appear if you are overly stressed, but Scorpio is available.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Whatever you do, don't let your cat cross the street on Tuesday. Be friendly to everyone you meet, especially the redneck who will cut you off in the pickup truck with a bumper sticker that reads, "Guns don't kill people, I do." Valentine's Day is coming, whether you want it or not.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): If you wash your car, it will rain within the following 48 hours. Your financial situation will improve if you earn more money. If you get a better job, you may earn more money. If the state of South Carolina secedes, stay in Texas.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Loyalty and affection are definitely in your future. If you can't find them, simply go out and buy yourself a golden retriever. The girl with piercings in her ears, eyelids, eyebrows, tongue, nose, *censored* and upper lip and the T-shirt reading, "I must express myself so \$%#@ off" would not be a good person to invite

to any upcoming senior citizens banquets.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 17): More than likely, you will have a birthday during this time period. If you turn 19, don't be surprised when no one cares. If you turn 20, try to be patient. If you turn 21, you may have lots of fun. If you're depressed, play a rousing game of Pictionary to lift your spirits.

Pisces (Feb. 18-March. 19): The vibe of love is emanating strongly in your life right now. Or you may just be developing a serious case of acid reflux, but that's not something for which I'm qualified to offer recommendations. Take a moment to get in touch with your family and friends. Have a beer, too.

I hope you were at least moderately entertained as you read through these "astrological" predictions. That must always be the aim any time one is reading a horoscope. If you get to the point where you're reading them to find out what your life will be like and what decisions you are going to make, then you're an idiot.

Letters to the Editor

Point of month is to celebrate heritage

Mr. (Dave) Ring, when I first took notice of your article ("Month to celebrate similarities," Feb. 4) I was unsure as to whether to take what was said to heart or have some leeway on you because you are ignorant.

To start, you asked, "What is the point of Black History Month?" Well, Mr. Ring, the point is simple. The point of Black History Month is to celebrate what makes us who we are as a race.

We celebrate our achievements and growth, as well as encouraging our community to continue to raise the bar and get away from the "No Limit video" stereotype.

First of all, you are right. Martin Luther King, Jr. did have a dream about us coming together rather than being segregated or segregating ourselves. However, we have only come so far on his dream.

We are now in a society where we have what are considered by many to be equal rights, but we also are in a society where people are still around who believe Black History

Month is just another way to "use our racial background as a crutch."

It is because of people like you that we have Black History Month. It is our opportunity to share amongst ourselves and with others where we have been, where we are now and where we are going.

Furthermore, you must realize in this country, we celebrate everything under the sun. So what is so wrong with celebrating our diversity? Celebrating our culture?

It is very true that in a great world, "there should be no need for a few weeks of racial emphasis." However, at this time, we are not there yet. Now Dave, let's be honest. I am sure that you do not understand, but I am sure that as an "elitist," you are always up for enjoying the holidays set aside because of the work and effort of others. Case in point: What do you do for Martin Luther King weekend? Cinco de Mayo? Easter? Memorial Day?

Kandace E. Johnson is a sophomore political science major from Arlington.

Column shows there is still gap in understanding our cultures

I am saddened by Dave Ring's opinion piece that appeared in Tuesday's paper.

Ring hit the nail on the head when he said, "The struggle for equal rights is undeniably still a struggle." I'm concerned that he would continue adding burdens to that struggle by creating an opinion piece that was obviously crafted for attention. He's got my attention.

I am a white female, and I am deeply offended. It is said those who are head of the herd are there because they deserve to be. But this is a myth, perpetuated by those who are in power.

Is Saddam Hussein in power because these are his just deserts? Ring is correct in his assertion that "using your race, gender or religious belief as an excuse or crutch is sad and pa-

thetic," but incorrect in assuming the other side of the coin, using your social status as a rod of power, is right.

Have we, as humans, worked so far in life to cling to these myths as truth? How can Ring, an obviously intelligent person, have missed the whole point?

At a recent conference I attended in Albuquerque, N.M., I finally realized what it means to see beauty in other cultures. I am appalled by the idea Ring seems to hint at in his article: that all black people are "rapers."

Reading his article, I might assume all non-black people are bigots. At the conference, I realized we don't only celebrate our similarities, though Ring seems to believe this is the point of Black History Month, but also our differences. A month like this one, set

aside for one minority, can make us more aware of other minorities, too.

America can be a "tossed salad," where everyone maintains their own flavor, and that's the beauty of a month-long celebration. No one should have to wear the fact that they are a minority "like a burden;" they should have a time to celebrate their cultural richness and to make others aware of how wonderfully different we all are.

I assert that the "point" to Black History Month isn't so a minority can "expand brotherly love," but so that, through the lens of one culture, we can see how far we've come and how far we still have to go. Thank you, Dave Ring, for showing us our distance yet to travel.

- Shannah Head is a freshman English major.

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at www.universitydaily.net.

Tech grad adds twist to West Texas piano beat

By Sara Schroeder/Staff Reporter

Piano music is usually characterized by melodramatic, soothing, classical tunes.

Most people prefer listening to the other genres of music rather than slow down to the gentle pace of classical piano.

One person, however, has broken the mold of what some think of as "boring" piano music.

Doug Smith, West Texas' premier pianist and composer, has put his own twist on the piano to include more upbeat, up-tempo, eclectic music that can overwhelm a person's ears.

His musical genres include rock

'n' roll, jazz, ragtime and contemporary beats.

Smith will be performing in concert at 8 p.m. Sunday at the Cactus Theater. Tickets cost \$20 and can be purchased by calling (806) 762-3233.

Karen Sims, marketing director for the Cactus Theater, says the Cactus Theater is a great place to showcase Smith's breathtaking musical talents.

"Cactus offers an intimate surrounding and a state-of-the-art sound and light system to really show off his ability," she said.

His concert will feature two 45-minute sets with a 15-minute intermission.

Smith is a veteran to the Cactus Theater; he was one of its first performers when the Theater opened.

"I feel like I have the home-field advantage when playing there," he said.

Smith was a child prodigy who began playing the piano at the young age of two while growing up in Kermit.

"He was writing, composing and playing the piano at a young age," Sims said.

His first concert was in the first grade, which is when he decided he wanted "to pursue this for his whole life."

Smith is a graduate of Texas Tech

and also recorded his live album at the Student Union Allen Theater.

He has composed 10 compact disks since his first in 1982, including the most recent, "Confirmation."

Smith said inspiration for his music comes from the many different aspects of life.

"My music is inspired through the trials and tribulations of life," Smith said. "I am fortunate to be able to document life through music."

Inspirations include his wife of 12 years and his two sons, who are 10 and seven.

"Music came to me through the spirit of life," Smith said.

Smith also said his "music com-

municates with people on a different level; it breaks down barriers."

Others find his music truly gratifying and a joy to listen to. Sims describes his music as genius.

"I absolutely love his music because it is different than what most think of as a normal pianist," she said.

Smith wears Texas character to his shows with his West Texas outfits and attitude toward the audience, Sims said.

"He is showy," she said. "He always wears jeans and boots and explains where his inspiration for his music comes from."

She also said Smith "is intimate with the audience."

Smith said he has trouble picking

a favorite song he has composed.

"My favorite song changes from day to day," he said. "I have a place for all of them in my heart."

Smith said he is proud to be a West Texas pianist and composer.

His music touches all who listen, with its rhythmic tempos and inspirational messages.

"He's just a good old country boy who is a genius at the piano," Sims said.

Smith will continue to produce his music as long as he has the heart to do so.

"Music is a blessing," he said. "It's why I wake up everyday, besides my wife and children."

Choosing the cinematic junk pile of 2002 films simple

Pointing out the bad movies of 2002 is as easy as shooting fish in a barrel. Actually, it's as easy as looking at fish in a barrel.

It seems arbitrary to actually put the worst films of the year in order of bad to really bad, so we will have to settle for an alphabetical listing. It also is impossible to limit the list of the worse films of the year to merely 10 movies. I was, however, able to narrow the list down to 20 awful films. Of course, I did not see everything released this year.

"40 Days, and 40 Nights." This is essentially a movie about an erection, not to mention the love story is flat-out hypocritical.

"The Adventures of Pluto Nash." Eddie Murphy has officially flushed his career down the proverbial toilet. I doubt even "Shrek 2" can save him now.

FILM REVIEW



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"Ballistic: Ecks vs. Sever." Not only the dumbest movie title of the year, but this film is nothing more than one loud and obnoxious noise.

"Collateral Damage." Ah-nuld is indeed getting too old, and even this film is below him.

"The Country Bears." A movie based on a theme park attraction. What

next? Maybe a movie based on Ronald McDonald and his gang.

"Crossroads." I said it before, and I'll say it again: Britney Spears is "not a singer, not yet an actress."

"Deuces Wild." This version of "West Side Story" sans musical numbers is pure rubbish. It also sounds like the actors took accent lessons from Kevin Costner.

"Dragonfly." Speaking of Costner, no "Word of the Year" would be complete without him.

"Enough." I cannot even describe enough how much I hated this movie. This girl-power melodrama emits a foul stench from the rental shelves.

"Fear Dot Com." A web-sight that

kills people—could have been interesting, but instead plays out like a bad episode of the "Twilight Zone," and then goes way off the deep end in the finale.

"Formula 51." This seems like an action movie made just so Samuel L. Jackson could wear a kilt for no apparent reason.

"Full Frontal." Director Steven Soderbergh has made a pompous and pretentious film of compost here featuring an excellent cast. It was probably the biggest disappointment of the year.

"Impostor." This was originally a 30-minute short film. The studio added an hour of meandering chases to make it a feature length film. It shows.

"Kung Pow! Enter the Fist." What

could have been a clever satire of Japanese Kung Fu movies is simply just flatulence.

"Life or Something Like it." I like "chick flicks," but this romantic comedy is trite and shallow. It's about as fake as Angelina Jolie's blonde wig.

"The Master of Disguise." A note to Dana Carvey: If you beg, they might take you back at "Saturday Night Live."

"National Lampoon's Van Wilder." No doubt I will get some hate mail for this one from some frat boys, and I admit I did laugh a few times, but slurping down dog semen at least merits

mentioning.

"The New Guy." Trying to bank on his "weird guy" persona from "Road Trip," DJ Qualls proves he is simply a one-joke clown.

"Rollerball." High in the running for absolute worst of the year. A horrible cast, a moronic script, and short-sighted directing. Question: Why are we remaking old movies that were awful in the first place?

"Scooby Doo." The worst thing about this movie was the dog. Could they not have spent a few more dollars and at least tried to make him look real?

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Red Raiders take diamond, face San Diego

By Jason Lenz/Staff Reporter

Coming off a 21-4 shellacking of the West Texas A&M Buffaloes on Tuesday, the Texas Tech Red Raiders will begin another home series this weekend versus the Toreros of the University of San Diego.

The victory over WTA&M followed a disappointing 9-6 loss to New Mexico on Sunday. Junior first baseman Doug Beck said the win Tuesday showed a development in the team's character.

"If we can bounce back like that every time mental and physical breakdowns happen, I think we're in good shape," Beck said.

The game against West Texas A&M was a big victory for the Raiders, senior starting pitcher Nathan Fouts said.

"It was important for us not to let down after the first couple of innings after we were ahead by so much," he said. "We scored runs most every inning of the game. That shows that we never give up if we're ahead by a lot."

Even though the Buffaloes were only a Division II team, Nathan Fouts said he was still pleased with the team's performance.

"We didn't play down to their

level," he said. "If we play a lower division team, we're not going to play down to their level, and I hope that's going to carry over to the teams that are better than us; that we can go out there and play harder than they do."

Nathan Fouts said he has a personal connection with the San Diego squad, another motivating factor.

"My best friend is their shortstop," he said. "I played high school and junior college with him."

The weather may be cold over the weekend, which Nathan Fouts said would help Tech.

"They are a West Coast team," he said. "They play in warm weather all the time. It being so cold is going to give us a big advantage."

Tech coach Larry Hays said he expects a tough series from the Toreros, regardless of the elements.

"Just because they're from San Diego doesn't mean they can't play in cool weather," he said.

San Diego played a tough series versus the University of Texas last weekend, and they were successful last year. Hays said those are two reasons he expects some tough games.

"They're a team that made (NCAA) Regionals last year ..." he said. "Anytime a team makes a re-

gional (tournament), they've kind of got it going."

Sophomore catcher Cooper Fouts said he also expects to see a different brand of baseball this weekend.

"I think they're going to be tough," he said. "Most West Coast teams are going to play some small ball and make you get them out. They're not going to be the team that comes in here giving up a lot of outs. They're going to make us work for everything we're going to get."

Offensively, Tech has pounded the ball by hitting home runs in the first four games. Junior designated hitter Evan Shahaak has hit four homers. Hays said the Raiders cannot plan to continue that trend indefinitely.

"Who you're facing kind of dictates what kind of runs you're going to score, ..." he said. "To have a good year, we've got to be able to do it in a lot of ways. Because when you face a good pitcher, I don't care who you are, you're not going to be able to hit them, so you've got to be able to manufacture runs."

The games are scheduled for 3 p.m. Friday, 2 p.m. Saturday and 1 p.m. Sunday at Dan Law Field. If weather forces a cancellation of Friday's game, most likely there will be a double-header at noon Saturday.



CHRISTIAN COLONEL SLIDES into home during Tech's win Tuesday. Tech hosts San Diego this weekend. GREG KRELLER/Staff Photographer

Basketball Picks

Record	Griz	Lenzo	Matt	D-Man	The Hat	George
Percentage	23-13	24-12	23-13	28-8	16-20	20-16
Tech vs. Missouri	Missouri	Missouri	Tech	Missouri	Missouri	Missouri
Iowa State vs. Tech (W)	Tech	Tech	Tech	Tech	Tech	Iowa State
Kansas vs. KSU	Kansas	Kansas	Kansas	Kansas	KSU	Kansas
Baylor vs. OU	OU	OU	OU	OU	Baylor	Baylor
Iowa State vs. Colorado	Iowa State	Colorado	Colorado	Colorado	Colorado	Iowa State
Texas vs. Texas A&M	Texas	Texas	Texas	Texas	Texas A&M	Texas
OSU vs. Cincinnati	Cincinnati	OSU	OSU	OSU	OSU	Cincinnati
KSU vs. Baylor (W)	Baylor	KSU	KSU	KSU	KSU	Baylor
Colorado vs. Texas A&M (W)	Texas A&M	Colorado	Colorado	Texas A&M	Texas A&M	Texas A&M
Kansas vs. Texas (W)	Texas	Texas	Texas	Texas	Texas	Texas
Missouri vs. Nebraska (W)	Missouri	Nebraska	Missouri	Missouri	Nebraska	Missouri
OSU vs. OU (W)	OU	OU	OU	OU	OSU	OSU

Connecticut coach's surgery for prostate cancer successful

FARMINGTON, Conn. (AP) — Connecticut basketball coach Jim Calhoun had his cancerous prostate removed Thursday, and a full recovery is expected.

Calhoun will be released from the hospital this weekend and will be able to resume coaching in three-to-four weeks, Dr. Peter Albertsen said.

Albertsen, Calhoun's urologist, said there were no problems during surgery at John Dempsey Hospital.

"Coach Calhoun's cancer appears to be confined to his prostate," Albertsen said.

The coach was diagnosed with cancer Friday, and doctors said they caught the disease early.

Calhoun is in his 17th season at

UConn, and assistant George Blaney is coaching the team in his absence.

Calhoun has led the Huskies to national prominence, capped by an NCAA title in 1999. With a career record of 637-290, including 14 seasons at Northeastern, he is among the top 10 active Division I coaches with at least 600 career wins.

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Tech cannot dwell on 800

By Matt Muench/Staff Reporter

Bob Knight said he was going to wake up Thursday morning and forget about winning his 800th career game; he has more important things on his mind. And it's not about his individual accomplishments; it's about his team.

"When I wake up in the morning, the thing on my mind will be the Big 12 record of 3-4," Knight said after Wednesday's 75-49 win against Nebraska. "I didn't expect to be that way, I don't like being that way, and I don't like being that way."

Now the magic number is .500 as Tech (13-5, 3-4) tries to get to 4-4 in Big 12 Conference play when it faces Missouri (13-5, 4-3) at 12:30 p.m. Sunday in Columbia, Missouri.

A win by the Red Raiders would put them in a tie for fifth place, eight days after they sat in the eighth slot

of the Big 12 standings.

A victory over the Tigers will be no easy task. They are 10-0 at home this season and came close to beating rival Kansas on the road Monday.

Tech, in contrast, is 0-3 away from Lubbock in Big 12 play.

However, Tech guard Andre Emmett said Wednesday's win gives Tech momentum.

"We've been in a slump, and this right here will hopefully carry us into the next game and the next game," Emmett said. "This win will definitely pick this team up."

Tech forward Kasib Powell said Tech is still in a hole, but a win Sunday will help the team reach even ground on one condition: Tech does not get too relaxed with a lead.

"We want to stay focused," Powell said. "I think one of the reasons why we are in a hole at 3-4 is too many times, we relax and we don't keep go-

ing at it. We have nine more conference games. We just want to compete in it every game."

Relaxation almost haunted Tech at times Wednesday through the first half, Tech played conservative and Nebraska cut the lead to 12.

Knight was not too happy about the letup and said it is something Tech needs to correct quickly.

"I about traded my first half (Wednesday)," he said.

Emmett said Knight should have been upset.

"I don't blame him for what he said," Emmett said. "I was in the locker room kicking stuff, too."

Knight said the Raiders have to be a stronger team down the stretch.

"We got to probably be a little stronger on the front line, but by the same token, if we are going to be

stronger, we got to be better too," Knight said. "We can't be just stronger."

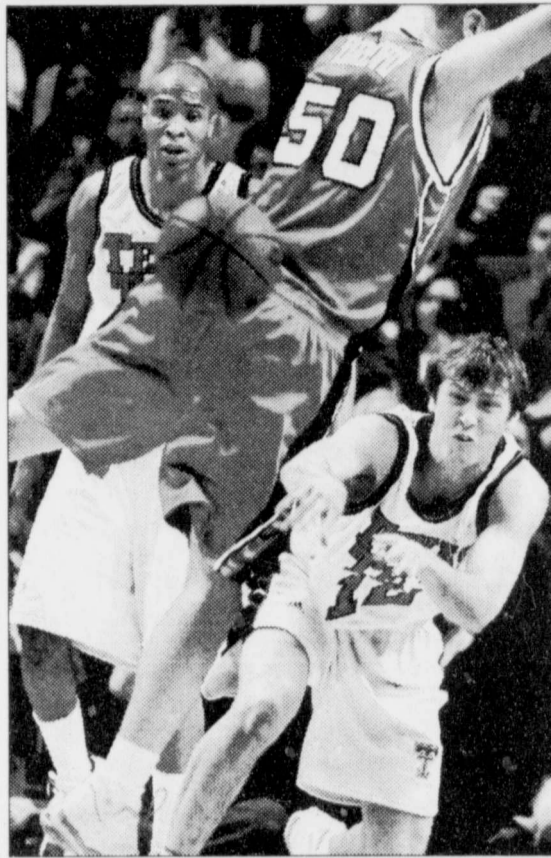
Perimeter shooting also is an area of concern for Knight heading into Sunday. He said his team shoots well in practice, but it has not consistently carried over into game situations.

"We shoot about 50 percent (from 3-point land) in practice, which is extremely good," Knight said. "But we have not shot well in games."

Tech guard Nathan Doudney found his shooting touch and played a key role in Tech's win Wednesday. He was 3-16 from behind the arc entering Wednesday's game and was 3-5 against the Cornhuskers.

"That obviously helped us," he said. "We need to get more of that from him and other players."

ABC will televise the game nationally.



TECH GUARD NATHAN Doudney makes a pass, falling to the court during Tech's 75-49 win over Nebraska on Wednesday night in the United Spirit Arena. The Raiders travel to Missouri to face off with the Tigers on national television at 12:30 p.m. Sunday.
GREG KRELLER/Staff Photographer

Women's tennis opens at home

The Texas Tech women's tennis team will play its first match of the spring season this weekend when the team faces Texas-San Antonio at 1 p.m. Friday at the Lubbock Country Club.

The decision to move the first match to the country club was made because of poor weather.

Tech also will face Big 12 rival Texas at 11 a.m. Saturday and Air Force at 11 a.m. Sunday. Both of those matches will be played outdoors at McLeod Tennis Center.

Texas is currently ranked No. 12 in the nation and will give the Raiders an early Big 12 challenge in the season.

When Tech was last seen in November at the ASU thunderbird Invitational in Phoenix, Ariz., the team

sent both of its competing doubles teams far into the consolation bracket of the tournament.

The doubles team of Irina Tereschenko and Beverly Dawson was one of the duos to advance and over the break was named to the pre-season All Big 12 team. Tereschenko also was named an All-Big 12 individual candidate.

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Week off helps Lady Raiders prepare for ISU

By David Wiechmann/Staff Reporter

After an eight-day layoff from competition, the Texas Tech Lady Raiders (18-2, 7-1 Big 12 play) will play host to Iowa State (9-10, 4-4) and hope to not miss a step because of the time off. Tip off is at 3 p.m. Sunday in the United Spirit Arena.

The Lady Raiders do not believe they will enter the game sluggish or

unprepared given the week off.

"We've been preparing really well for Iowa State this week," guard Erin Grant said. "And coach (Marsha Sharp) is giving us one day off (to rest), and we're just trying to keep our intensity up throughout this week and be prepared for this weekend's game."

The preparation has come in many forms. Sharp said the team increased its workout regiment early in the week.

The players hit the weight room and focused on conditioning to prepare for the final stretch of Big 12 Conference play.

Then Sharp began breaking down the Cyclones' defense, and Natalie Ritchie said the team used the week to practice against a variety of zone defenses.

"We just use it as our benefit for our team," Ritchie said. "We've been work-

ing on a lot of different things. Iowa State likes to run zone, so we've been practicing against a lot of chunk zones."

Tech has been busy working against 2-3, 3-2, Box & 1, 1-3-1 and Triangle-2 defenses to be more than

ready for Iowa State on Sunday. The Raiders are not worried about missing their shooting touch on the court because of the long wait for this game.

"Everybody has to be focused and do their job," Ritchie said. "We know we're going to make some and miss some, but we just have to be focused during this time, especially during these eight days, because we know it's in the middle of conference (play)

and we're half way to our goal, which is to be conference champs. So we need to be focused right now, and we're not going to not work hard in practice."

Grant said there will be no need to worry if points do not get put on the board quickly.

"If they don't fall right away, our defense is going to have to be sure and play strong," Grant said. "Eventually, our shots will fall, especially here at home. I think we have a good feel for the baskets. Eventually, they will fall, even if we are a little rusty in the beginning."

The home court advantage may play a bigger role than normal since

ISU shocked the world by upsetting Kansas State in Ames, Iowa, last week.

Ritchie said that will not be on the players' minds; they will only be thinking of the task at hand.

"We're going to be really intense for our game," she said. "We're at home; we always feel more comfortable playing at home. We know Iowa State's a great team, but we can't worry necessarily about what they do. We have to take care of what we do."

Sharp said with her team currently tied for the conference lead, it is no time to look ahead and possibly let an ego balloon. There is still four weeks left in the season for anything to happen.

"What you want to be at the half-way point in the conference is still be in a position to give yourself a chance to win," Sharp said. "We have to win eight more games; we have to treat every single one of them like it's the most important game we've played this year because it is."

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