

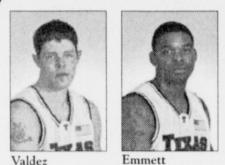
Emmett, Valdez's playing status uncertain

By Matt Muench/Staff Reporter

Texas Tech basketball players Kasib Powell, Will Chavis and Mikey Marshall met with local media Wednesday and said they are still disappointed with fellow teammates Andre Emmett and Nick Valdez.

Emmett and Valdez were both suspended Monday and did not play during Tech's 77-65 loss to Texas. Their status of Saturday's 12:45 p.m. tip-off against Texas A&M at the United Spirit Arena is uncertain.

Players voted the two not play because they reportedly missed the team's 10 a.m. breakfast and 11 a.m. shoot-around in Austin on Monday. Also, players voted them not



to play because of Emmett and Valdez's performance during the Red Raiders' loss to Oklahoma last Saturday.

"You have to be responsible on and off the floor and do what's right for the team,"

Marshall said. "This is not an 'I' thing. You comment, but the two practiced with the have to have five people on the court to win the game."

Chavis compared basketball to life.

"It is disappointing," Chavis said. "If you don't show up to a job, you may get fired. Like I said, we are disappointed. But we have to move forward."

Powell said Emmett and Valdez have apologized.

"They know they messed up," he said. "The most disappointing thing is we had a lot on the line during the Oklahoma game. It wasn't like we were 20-2. We had our backs against the wall."

Emmett and Valdez were not available for

team Wednesday.

Tech men's basketball spokesman Randy Farley said they do not deserve to talk to the media

"I don't think they have earned the privilege to talk to you guys," Farley told members of the media Wednesday.

Farley said Knight granted Emmett permission to speak with the media, but Emmett, who is the Big 12 Conference's leading scorer, declined.

Powell said Emmett and Valdez practiced "hard and good" on Wednesday but said he has no idea if the two will play against the Aggies.

"I'm not sure if they are playing," Powell said. "If they play, it will help us out a lot. If they don't, we will play good. But I'm not sure. We just practiced today and didn't talk about any thing like that."

The Lubbock Avalanche-Journal reported Wednesday the two players were "set up" according to Valdez's father Joe, and did not receive a wake-up call from the front desk like all the other players. Therefore, they missed breakfast and practice.

"Both Andre and Nick believe they were set up, purportedly for their irresponsibility toward the team, more likely their relative re-

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# Grand jury: teen shooting justified

By Heidi Toth/Staff Reporter

A grand jury voted not to indict two Lubbock police officers who shot and killed a local teenager in January.

Assistant Criminal District Attorney Trey Hill said the grand jury decided the shooting was justified and voted there was no fault for Officers Chris Hennsley and Brad McMahan. them

Both officers returned to work Feb. 5, Assistant Chief of Patrol Dale Holton said.

Hennsley and McMahan were both placed on administrative leave after the shooting, which is standard procedure in these kinds of incidents, said Bill Morgan, of the Lubbock Police Department.

In situations like these, Holton as a functional gun. said, the department requires the affected officers to give a critical incident and stress debriefing. More formal counseling is done as well, which can last as long as the officer and the a criminal investigation, which is stancounselor feel is necessary.

"If there were any major problems,

"They followed policy; they followed state law," he said. "They were acting in self-defense."

Police were called to the intersection of Erskine and Fordham Streets late in the afternoon Jan. 24, after the dispatcher received a call about a Hispanic male, dressed completely in black, carrying a gun.

The officers intercepted De La They shot Michael Cain De La Rosa, Rosa and asked him to stop and talk 19, after he pointed a replica gun at to them, but he ignored them, Morgan said in January.

> He continued walking until he reached the intersection, at which time he turned around quickly and pointed what was believed to be a gun at the officers. They fired, hitting De La Rosa in the chest and right arm.

Morgan described the gun as a non-functional, full-sized semiautomatic handgun, which looks the same

There were dual investigations into the incident. The police department conducted its own internal affairs investigation, and there also was dard in any shooting.

The evidence gathered in the



they wouldn't be released back to duty," Holton said.

Both officers also were exonerated through the internal investigation the police department conducted. Holton said there will be no negative repercussions in their careers because of the incident.

criminal investigation was given to the District Attorney's office, which then presented it to the grand jury.

"Every time an officer discharges a firearm, it gets reviewed by the grand jury," Hill said.

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# Student Senate opens agenda with fee forum

By Matt Muench/Staff Reporter

The Student Senate will begin its meeting at 7 p.m. today with a forum open to all students to discuss the re- utes. lease of the global fee document that proposes a 19 percent increase in tuition and fees beginning this summer.

The meeting will be held in the Student Senate room of the Student Union building.

After the forum, the Senate will attend to regular business and attempt to approve two resolutions. First, Resolution 38.20 will ask the Senate to im-Colby Street.

Second is Resolution 38.19, in which the Senate will commend the H.C. Watson family for having at least one member of the family enrolled at Texas Tech since 1952, the longest consecutive family enrollment in Tech history.

Student Government Association President Kelli Stumbo said invitations to the forum have been sent to all the administrators involved in increasing the fees.

This is a chance for students to line. understand why this is happening, and it will clear a few things up," she said.

"Nobody likes increases, and this is a great way to make your opinion known and attend."

The forum will last about 30 min-

"I hope we have a good turnout and have some good discussions," Senate President and SGA Internal Vice President Jeremy Brown said. "This is a chance to question the global fee document and have any questions answered."

Seven senators co-authored the legislation to impeach Street, stating he has been absent for two meetings peach Arts and Sciences Senator this session, which "constitutes gross neglect of duty."

> Arts and Sciences Senator Heath Cheek, chairman of the Rules and Administration Committee, said Street's excuses for his absences were not valid.

> "The committee felt that his excuses were not legitimate and not reasonable excuses," he said.

> Street said both absences were because of school related functions he attended, and he turned in absentee forms but missed the submission dead-

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CRAIG SWANSON/Staff Photographer LADY RAIDER COACH Marsha Sharp shows her Guns Up to the crowd Wednesday night after winning her 500th career victory. Below: Cisti Greenwalt, Lady Raider center, shoots from the paint during the Oklahoma game Wednesday night at the USA.

# Lady Raiders sack Sooners 59-48

By David Wiechmann/ Sports Editor

The Victory Bells rang out for the 500th time under coach Marsha Sharp's tutelage after a Lady Raider game Wednesday night.

The No. 8 Texas Tech Lady Raiders (21-3, 10-2 Big 12) defeated the Oklahoma Sooners (15-10, 6-6) 59-48 in a game that had strong Big 12 Conference implications and a shot at a milestone.

After the game, Sharp would not put a feather in her own cap but instead said the 500th win is more of a Tech landmark than a Marsha Sharp one.

"I think this program's a lot bigger than one person," she said. "And it's certainly a lot bigger than I am. I think the fact that we have an administration at Texas Tech that felt women's basketball was something special says a lot ... and 500 wins at one university is a lot

for one program, and I feel this is more of a reward for our program.'

Guard Natalie Ritchie did what Sharp would not do by praising the woman who brought her to Tech and made her a Lady Raider.

"I'm going to speak for all of us because coach Sharp is a very humble person," she said. "From the very beginning she took this program over ... she sees a vision for what women's basketball and women's athletics can be, and I'm honored to be a part of this because she's done so many things for women's basketball."

Ritchie said Sharp could take credit for making a lot of collegiate athletes who they are today because she is an inspiration to more than just Tech.

"Her teams (in the past) are why a lot of us play basketball and why we stay in the gym,"



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# University Day in full force despite overflow concerns

By Angela Timmons/Staff Reporter University Day will not be overshad-

Friday's University Day will serve as a reminder of the ongoing issue of increasing numbers of incoming freshmen and decreasing budgets.

University Day, which will be held in the United Spirit Arena, is a chance for prospective students to see Texas Tech on an average day, as well as learn about opportunities and areas of the university, University Day Coordinator Jobi Martinez said.

rising cost of education are hanging dling programs and students. We'll over state universities, Martinez said have to continue to be creative in us-

owed "People are still willing to come,

to fly, to drive," Martinez said.

Prospective and new students from all over the state and nation attend University Day, she said, and budget and costs are always an issue.

"The issue (of budget) is always on ing. the table, in the past, and will continue to be," Martinez said. "Texas Tech University enrollment is growing, and we're very proud of that. Although budget shortfalls and the We've always been creative in han-

ing the resources we have available to ents understand the reason for eduprovide prospective Texas Tech stu- cation costs. dents with the opportunities we have to provide."

Vice President for Student Affairs Michael Shonrock said an issue faculty and staff can expect to field questions about will be housing and din- and we need to provide the best ex-

"It's filling up quickly," Shonrock said. "We always see students and parents asking questions about applying. It's not unusual to get questions of oncampus availability.'

Shonrock said it is important this year for Tech to help students and par-

"We want to help students and parents understand it's your investment, your opportunity," Shonrock said. "The cost is going up, but we want to respond the best we can, planation of why these costs are going up."

Shonrock said much information will be available in terms of financial aid, with many students looking into grants, scholarships

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# First Sept. 11 suspect convicted

Wednesday of more than 3,000 counts dant was "a cog that kept the machinof accessory to murder for helping Mohamed Atta and two other suicide pilots in the Sept. 11 attacks on the United States, ending the first trial connected to the suicide hijackings.

Mounir el Motassadeq, 28, was sentenced to the maximum 15 years in prison for helping the Hamburgbased al-Qaida terror cell that included Atta, the lead hijacker and two other suicide pilots, Ziad Jarrah and other suicide pilots.

In addition to the 3,045 counts of accessory to murder, he was convicted of five counts of attempted murder and bodily injury.

during his 3 1/2-month trial, and his and showed no emotion as the verlawyers had demanded acquittal.

Judge Albrecht Mentz sided with

HAMBURG, Germany (AP) - prosecutors' argument that a complex used his power of attorney over al-A Moroccan student was convicted mosaic of evidence proved the defen- Shehhi's bank account to pay rent, ery going."

> "The accused belonged to this group since its inception," Mentz said in reading the verdict. "He knew and approved the key elements of the planned attacks.'

> El Motassadeg has acknowledged knowing six other alleged members of the Hamburg cell - Atta and two Marwan al-Shehhi; and organizers Ramzi Binalshibh, Said Bahaji and Zakariya Essabar. But he says he knew nothing of their plans.

El Motassadeq denied the charges Motassadeq sat between his lawyers dict was read.

Prosecutors allege el Motassadeq

tuition and utility bills, allowing the plotters to keep up the appearance of being normal students in Germany. Prosecutors also pointed to the fact that he signed Atta's will.

Witnesses testified that el Motassadeq was as radical as the rest of the group, talking of jihad and his hatred of Israel and the United States.

El Motassadeq himself admitted training in one of Osama bin Laden's camps in Afghanistan in 2000.

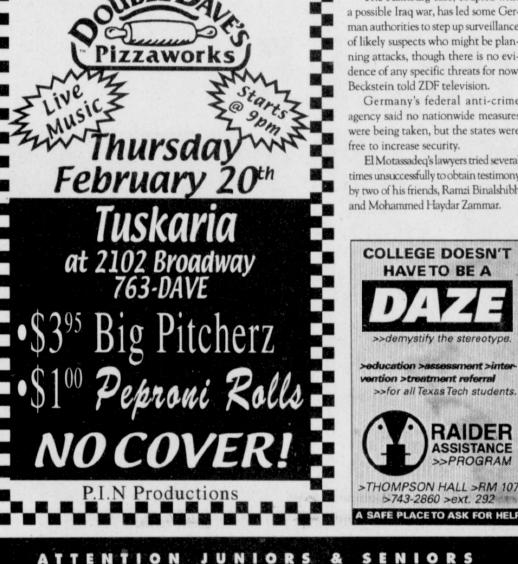
He said he was simply providing an innocent service to friends and that he took weapons training in Afghani-A slight, bearded man, El stan because he believed all Muslims should learn to shoot.

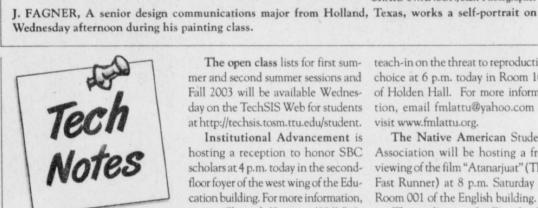
> The prospect of el Motassadeq's imprisonment in Germany raised security fears even before the verdict. Terrorists might attempt hijackings or kidnappings to free him, said Bavaria's top security official, Interior Minister Guenter Beckstein.

The Hamburg case, coupled with a possible Iraq war, has led some German authorities to step up surveillance of likely suspects who might be planning attacks, though there is no evidence of any specific threats for now, Beckstein told ZDF television.

Germany's federal anti-crime agency said no nationwide measures were being taken, but the states were free to increase security.

El Motassadeq's lawyers tried several times unsuccessfully to obtain testimony by two of his friends, Ramzi Binalshibh and Mohammed Haydar Zammar.





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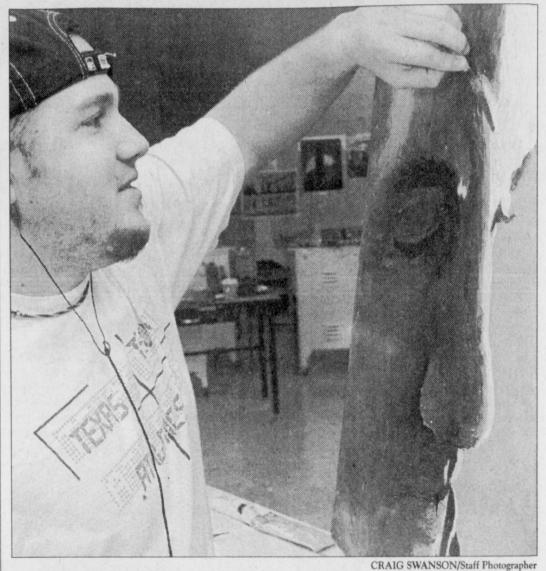
The open class lists for first sum- teach-in on the threat to reproductive mer and second summer sessions and choice at 6 p.m. today in Room 106 of Holden Hall. For more information, email fmlattu@yahoo.com or visit www.fmlattu.org.

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# NEWS

# Victim's dead pet assists with convicting suspect

DALLAS (AP) - A pet cockatoo who died while trying to protect its master is credited with giving police evidence crucial to convicting a neighbor in the man's slaying.

A Dallas County jury Tuesday convicted Daniel Torres of capital murder in the Christmas Eve 2001 slaying of Kevin Butler. Because prosecutors didn't seek the death penalty, Torres received an automatic life sentence.

Prosecutors told jurors the bird's beak hit Torres' head as it flew at him in an attempt to protect Butler in his Pleasant Grove home in southeast Dallas.

After the 18-inch whitecrested cockatoo, named Bird, bloodied Torres' head, Torres wiped the blood and then touched a light switch, leaving his DNA at the crime scene.

Police used the evidence to get an arrest warrant for Torres, whom prosecutors say went to Butler's house with his half brother on Christmas Eve 2001 to settle a dispute.

According to testimony, Butler was stabbed in the chest and abdomen, his throat was slashed and he suffered a brutal beating.

Torres' DNA also had been found on the handles of two knives

used to attack Butler, lead prosecutor George West said. One of them was found under the victim's body.

"This bird spoke; he spoke to us," West told jurors. "We know this bird will attack anybody who is attacking his owner. And who did he attack? Daniel Torres."

Torres had said in a written confession that he stabbed the bird with a fork because it had pecked him "all over my head." However, on the witness stand Tuesday, Torres denied the account and blamed the crime on his half brother, Johnny Serna.

Serna will face a similar charge at a later trial. He worked for Butler's pool company and the two had a falling-out, Torres said.

Defense attorney Phillip Linder told The Dallas Morning News for a story in its Wednesday edition that he did not believe his client's attack on Bird played into the jury's decision.

"I think that even without the bird - the crime scene, the photos and the way the victim was bound --- it was a violent struggle," Linder said. "The state had a lot of evidence."

Butler's family said he loved animals and often adopted strays and pets that his friends could not keep.

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and resources.

Martinez said the program has been going on for more than 10 years but will be a little different this year, as the program will be turning more attention to transfer students than usual.

"This year, we're dedicating an entire afternoon of presentation for transfer students," she said, adding that opportunities for transfers at Tech will be highlighted.

Shonrock said one area the university is looking to highlight is the \$1.5 billion Career Center project in the Wiggins complex of the Chitwood/Weymouth area, which will be open for use after Spring

# Status

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Wake-up call or not, Powell said they should have been there.

"I'm not sure if everyone did get (a wake-up call) or not," he said. "But they both have been here for two years, and they know (what the schedule) is."

Tech's road-game routine did not change in Austin. The team arrived there Sunday and stayed at the Crown Plaza Hotel. As usual, players ate breakfast at 10 a.m. After they ate, they headed to the arena for a walkthrough at about 11 a.m.

Break. Shonrock said the new facility is going to be professional and "top of the line," with a full staff and a staff member devoted to helping students find internships.

"One of the best investments we can make is to help students find jobs," Shonrock said. "It does excite me to see what we're doing at Texas Tech University."

Martinez said University Day also is a great experience for admissions counselors, faculty, staff and current students to see the quality of incoming students.

"The quality of student is going up, and as admissions counselors, we are looking at that," Martinez said. "We do want to give students every opportunity to come to Texas Tech;

Emmett and Valdez were not on the bus when it left for the arena.

The Raiders held a team meeting upon arriving at the arena. It was there, Powell said, the team voted to bench Emmett and Valdez. Also, Joe Valdez told the A-J it was

fishy because Emmett and Valdez were roomed together for the second consecutive road game, which is not routine. However, Farley cleared that rumor

"Mr. Valdez is incorrect. Mr. Valdez needs to check his sources," he said. "Andre and Nick have not been assigned together since last year. They went against the rooming assignment at Iowa State and chose to room together. Mr. Valdez's statements are a little ridiculous and a lot ludicrous."

the current admissions standards is something we'll have to look at."

Martinez said academic programs and spirit are major parts of University Day. Spirit squads, bands and Saddle Tramps will be at the USA to welcome new and prospective students.

"Current students take with them the spirit and memories of while they were here at Texas Tech," Martinez said.

Shonrock said the day is about becoming Red Raiders.

"It's a great day to showcase academic areas and programs," he said.

University Day participants, Shonrock said, will tour residence halls, visit campus colleges and eat at residence halls.

Farley said players are not allowed to switch rooms.

"They were irresponsible there," he said. "They were irresponsible for missing breakfast, and they were irresponsible for missing the shoot around."

Knight was not available for comment Wednesday, but said on his weekly radio show Tuesday he is unsure of the future status of Emmett and Valdez. He said the two did not deserve or have the right to play.

"Their status for the future will basically depend on them, their attitude and their approach," Knight said. ""There's a responsibility that kids need to learn through athletics. Those two kids, Valdez and Emmett, have a long way to go in learning responsibility."

# Senate

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He said he understands the Senate is following procedure, and he hopes everything will turn out OK.

"I don't think they are out to get me," he said. "I care a lot about this, and I know that they are pretty much. following the rules."

He also said he is nervous.

"Impeachment is not a very flattering thing to hang over your head," he said.

Brown said the impeachment is automatic because rules state after a senator has two unexcused absences, it is routine to bring them up on charges.

"You hate to do it, but those are the rules," Brown said. "He can plead his case, and then we will move to vote."

This will be the third time this session the Senate will vote on an impeachment.

Former Human Sciences Senator Karen McNally was impeached last fall and former Agriculture Senator Cade Morris was impeached but not removed from office, although he later resigned.

Education Senator Heather Smith is the lone author of resolution 38.19 that is an attempt to honor the H.C. Watson family. Smith is the great granddaughter of H.C. Watson, and she is one of four family members currently attending Tech.

"I think it is a pretty cool thing to have a family member here every semester consecutively since 1952," she said. "We want to honor that."

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In the internal investigation, separate Firearms Review Boards were appointed for the officers, according to information from the police department. The Board was responsible for reviewing both investigations and getting testimonies from officers and other witnesses to reconstruct the shooting.

The Board also will assess the quality of post-incident investigative processes and the adequacy of current use-of-force policies, according to the police department.

According to state regulations, police officers are trained to shoot when their life or a third party's life is in danger. In January, Morgan told The UD officers are trained to shoot for the central mass of their targets, which provides the easiest target.

They also are trained to shoot only to prevent harm, he said.

Police shootings in Lubbock are rare, Holton said. The numbers added

letter from neighbor complaining about music: \$0

frame for concert ticket stubs: \$13 vintage rock posters: about \$40 each

cds (this year alone): \$300

used turntable: \$20

guitar pick necklace: \$.75

up to less than one death annually from a police shooting.



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# War not worth more sacrifice

you remember when your innocence of the world around you was lost? I can remember back to elementary school and the times when I had no troubles; I am sure it was the same for you.

Do you remember when all you cared about was what snack there was today and if the person you had a slight crush on was going to be there? We didn't care that there was a war going on across the world. I just remember my dad had not been home in a while, but I still got lots of presents from him.

Can you remember back to all those free times of your life? You were truly free because you did not have to worry I never really saw it all until that moabout where your next meal was coming from and how you were going to pay for it. You didn't have to resort to Raman Noodles to keep your stomach from growling during that quiet moment in class. I can remember my time of innocence clearly because I cherish have coming upon us. I will admit I it dearly.

I also can remember when the world stopped being a perfect place for

I was in the second grade. I remember playing at the Youth Center on the Air Force Base where my mom had dropped me off to play with my friends. But not more than an hour later, all of our parents showed up. But they were the other parent will try to explain it not there to pick us up. They were there to watch the news.

All of the moms were sitting there watching the news. They were just sitting in silence, none of them saying a word. So being the nosy kid that I was, I-walked up and asked what was going on. My mom had always been upfront with me when I asked a question, but this time, she did not say a word. So I peeked around her, and there on the television were bright lights going had never heard of. She told me this place was where my dad was.

I then looked more closely at all the women forming this circle and realized there were tears running down their faces. They were all keeping their emotions in because they did not want the kids to know what was happening where our dads were.

After we left, I pestered my mom before they should. with questions. She answered them all, and it made me realize maybe the world out there isn't perfect.

closely at how people reacted in cer- it's also the future generation.



**Kellie Tolbert** lilnymph\_klt@hotmail.com

tain situations. I began to think back on all the things I had seen but never really processed on a semi-adult level. I looked back on funerals I had been to but thought were just really sad parties. ment. I am not saying I became totally knowledgeable of all the bad in the world, but that moment of truth shined a lot of light on my life.

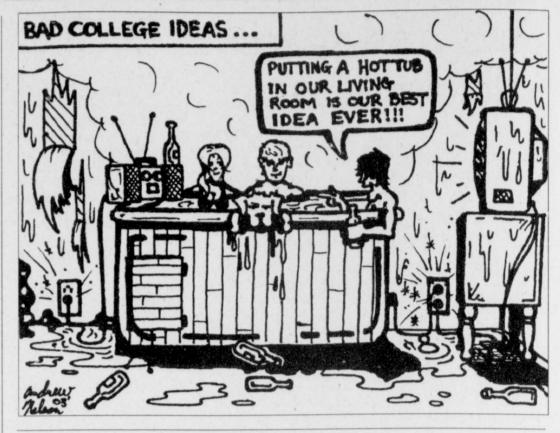
I started thinking back on this moment because of the pending war we don't to pay attention to all the news about this situation until they interrupt all broadcasts and say we have bombed Iraq. But I remember how the Gulf War made me realize the bad in the world. and it makes me wonder about the kids now. How will this affect them when their dads or moms go off to another place they have never heard of? Sure, all to them, but they won't understand until they see the emotional affect the war has on their parents.

At this time, they are beginning to see how the world hurts people for no reason. They don't truly understand why their parents are sent away to fight something called a war. They don't care about wars and the political views that started them. All they care about is where their mommy or daddy went.

Sure, some people notice how upacross the sky somewhere in a place I set kids get when their parents leave, but I don't think you realize how much it affects the kids in the long run. The kids left behind grow up fast when the realization of it all hits.

I am not anti-war because I think we are fighting a war to save our president's fathers' name. But I am antiwar because I believe it is not worth making another generation grow up

My only hope in writing this column is to shine some light on the children that are being affected by the war, After this, I began to look more too. It's not just you and your friends;



# SGA needs input, not apathy

In less than a week, Texas Tech will be holding its annual Student Government Association election. And in typical fashion, I'm here to play cheerleader to civic virtue and tell you your vote does count, and yes, you should use

The argument I want to make' is that contrary to frequent premature diagnoses, the SGA isn't dead yet. It still matters. Therefore, your vote does too. Unfortunately, if you're like nine out of every 10 Tech students, you haven't been using it.

A lot of pundits are dissatisfied with the SGA. Some argue it has been transformed into a mere rubber stamp for every administrative decision, every fee increase and so on. Boo hoo.

The SGA isn't the problem; student apathy is. The SGA should be the solution. How many people even bother to contact their senators about an issue?

The Student Senate has dealt with a number of important issues this year, including the student regent proposal, anti-discrimination protections for homosexuals, the SGA's own election code and that weird optional transportation fee. While I've been less than satisfied with how some of these issues have



Joe G. Biles www.joebiles.com Ask yourself: Have you studied the issues? Do you know where the candidates stand? Which ones are more style than

# substance?

by a number of senators. And none of these issues has been as explosive or divisive as last year's debate over the student athletics fee.

All of these issues directly affect the entire student body, and they all merit our attention. That attention hasn't been forthcoming.

Unfortunately, voter turnout has hovered at about 10 percent since the SGA went to electronic voting three years ago. As I argued Jan. 23, not only has electronic voting depressed voter been resolved, I have been im- turnout, but it also has led to quite a pressed by the leadership exhibited bit of alleged voter fraud. So in es- dent Government Association.

sence, one-tenth of the student population is picking 100 percent of our leaders and representatives-when that choice isn't being subverted by illegalities.

Of the 10 percent that actually votes, how many really bother to consider the issues and the candidates? How many actually attended the executive candidate forum Tuesday? (If you didn't, I hope you read the account published here in The UD.) How many carefully scrutinized what was said? The fact is, a lot of times, you can't trust what you hear in a stump speech.

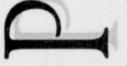
Ask yourself: Have you studied the issues? Do you know where the candidates stand? Which ones are more style than substance?

Now go vote. And make sure your friends do too. Because I guarantee you candidates are doing the same. And if voter turnout is low, that support will mean a lot.

Come Feb. 25 and 26, everyone running is going to make sure their church group, film club, honor society and 200 closest fraternity brothers are getting online and voting. If you're one of the silent 90 percent, you're letting those groups pick the winner for you.

Please, do your civic duty. Log on to www.sga.ttu.edu. Vote your conscience. Let's make 2003-2004 the most successful year yet for your Stu-





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# Letter to the Editor

# Burden should not be placed on families

In Sunday's Lubbock Avalanche-Journal, Gov. Rick Perry said, "Recent proposals to cut state funding to higher education and deregulate tuition will not shift the financial burden to students and families." A headline in The UD on Monday read, "Tuition, fees could increase by 19 percent."

Perry also suggests that deregulation will entice students by lowering tuition in certain fields that have a higher need and increasing tuition in fields with high demand.

Who will decide which degrees are to have lower tuition or higher tuition

Texas Tech officials also have expressed concern regarding increases in tuition and fees, and how this may affect students and their families and the increased burden.

Well, let me tell you exactly how the economy has affected my family of five with two working parents (both at Tech) this past year: No. 1: property taxes increased

more than \$300 No. 2: house insurance \$250 No. 3: car insurance \$600 No. 4: gasoline, still going up No. 5: tuition and fees \$200 No. 6: Salary increases \$0

Just how are the families and students expected to continue to pay for increases in services across the board, much less increases in their tuition?

Yes, maybe Tech is trying to recruit students from the University of Texas and Texas A&M when their

pricing Lubbock families out of Tech, as well as those in surrounding communities?

I believe my son will NOT be able to attend Tech in the fall 2003 semester, given the rise in tuition, since he does not qualify for any student aid or scholarships, which are awarded as need-based, and according to many, we are not "needy."

My son has a part-time job and lives at home in order to cut expenses. I can't imagine living more "within our means," as we don't take vacations, don't eat in restaurants or go tuition is increased. But what about to the movies. We simply live pay-

check to paycheck, as so many others do, and now we are being forced to cutback even more to accommodate the slump in the economy.

I don't mind not going to the movies or even eating out, but to pay an additional \$400 in tuition costs on top of all the other increases we have had to cope with this year just may be the last straw. I imagine he will be one of many enrolling at South Plains College in the fall and, in turn, helping them with their budget crunch.

- Liz Hildebrand, an academic program assistant.



# Grad school hosts research competition; abstracts due Friday

NEWS



HEATHER DOUGHERTY/Staff Photographer ADAM BROWN, A graduate student studying biology from Grand Prairie, makes gel samples Friday afternoon in the Biology building. He and other campus graduate students will compete in the annual graduate research competition on March 28.

By Angela Timmons/Staff Reporter

Texas Tech's graduate school will host its second annual research competition March 28 in the Library's Teaching Learning Technology Center. The competition will be held in conjunction with undergraduate research. Those interested in participating must turn in abstracts on Friday

Abstracts may be submitted to chad.s.davis@ttu.edu by 5 p.m. Friday. Entry forms and information may be found at www.orgs.ttu.edu/gpsga.

The research competition provides an opportunity for graduate students to present and discuss their research, Graduate and Professional Student Government Association President Deidre Parish said.

"I think it's a great opportunity for graduate students to promote research," said Parish, a graduate student studying biology from Lubbock.

Many graduate students have never had the chance to cross paths or know what others are doing in their individual research labs, Parish said.

She said the competition should include at least 50 presenters. Presenters will put together a poster displaying their research and findings so attendees may observe and ask questions.

Chad Davis, a doctoral student studying agriculture education from Slaton, said the competition is treated more as a poster competition to present research ins a more visual form.

"Posters are more conducive for people outside of the discipline to benefit," Davis said.

Davis said what sets this competition apart is the interdisciplinary format. The competition includes several divisions, such as sciences, social sciences and visual and performing arts.

"Trying to hold one competition in several different disciplines is very unusual," Davis said. "It's very unique to bring all of the different disciplines and different academic areas together."

Davis said deans from the different disciplines helped the graduate students select judges for each particular division. Judging criterion will be left up to the judges, Davis said, and will probably stay as close to whatever discipline the judge is representing.

Winners will receive a small monetary award, a plaque and recognition for their work, Davis said.

Davis and Parish commented that recognition and presentation is probably the most important aspect of research.

"It allows a graduate students the opportunity to present, and that's important for a graduate student," Parish said. "We need to be able to explain to people what we're doing, and it builds a resume and enhances research."

Parish said research is why graduate students are here.

"Our research is instrumental in the

chancellor's Student First initiative," she said. "Because part of the Student First initiative is to recruit and retain not only students but faculty ... by presenting research here on campus it allows students to practice with research and to promote Texas Tech.

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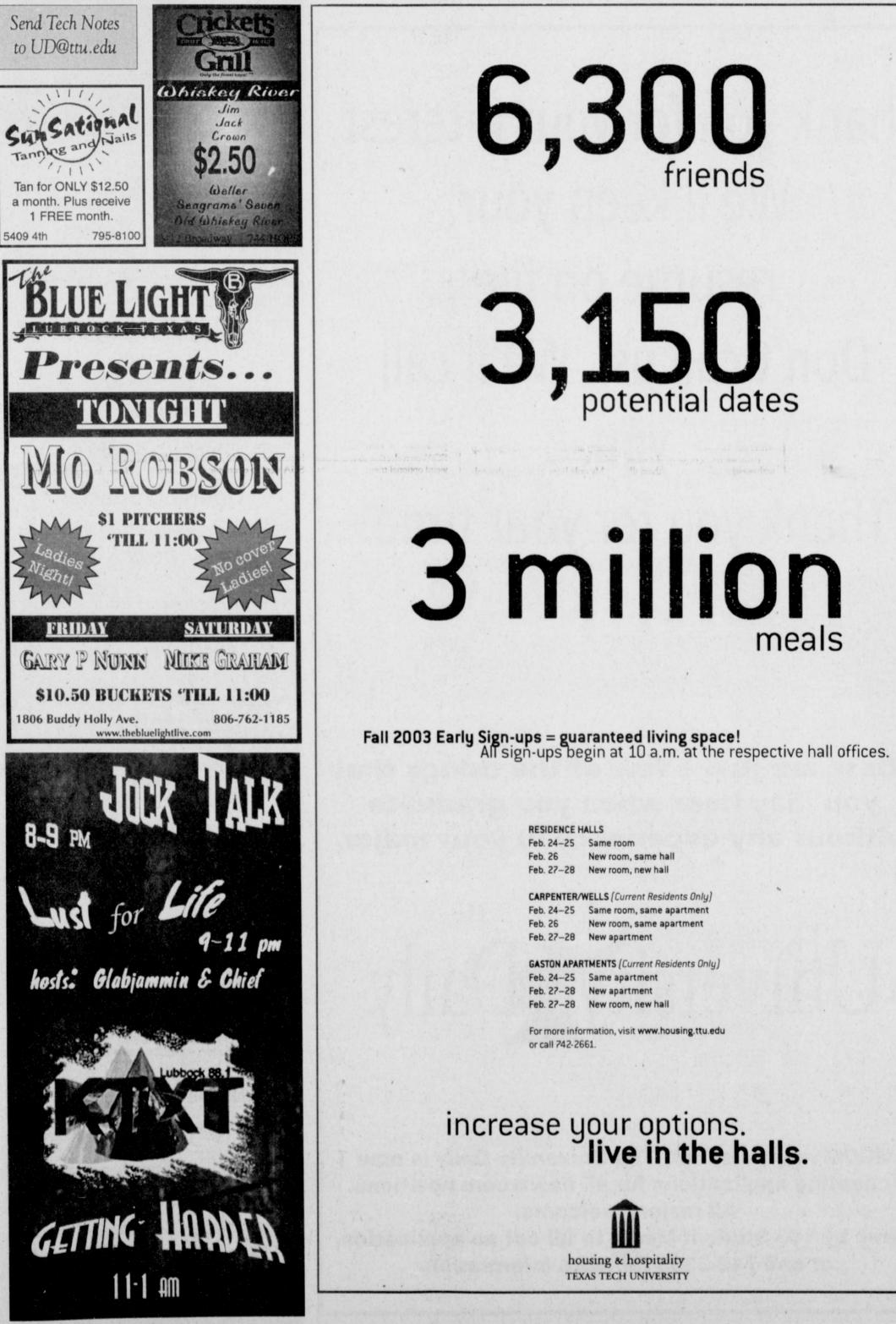
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Parish said presenting research also allows professors to have their name recognized.

Biology professor Robert Baker said a tremendous amount of research is done by graduate students, and those students augment research done by the professors they work for.

"The way the system works, typically a graduate student works for a professor; a long-term contact that maybe worked 20, 30 years on a project," Baker said. "The graduate student comes in and takes it to another level."

Baker said the biggest part of research in his lab is the actual hands-on work done by graduate students, commenting the compe-



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# Style show joins organizations, cultures

# Students demonstrate their past and present in fashion

## By Harvey A. Mireles/Staff Reporter

When people think of fashion shows, extravagant venues such as London, Paris and New York may come to mind. Tech organizations showed Wednesday evening that Lubbock is just as rich in fashion as it is in culture.

The Second Annual African-American Style Show, sponsored by the African Student Association, the Black Student Association and several area clothing stores, showed styles common in Africa that have been adapted in modern American fashion. The event had an attendance of more than 100 spectators.

The style show, themed "From Africa to America," started with a focus on African style and culture, including some history and music. Members of the African Student Association performed a traditional African dance rou-

tine, followed by a reading of a West admissions and co-chairwoman of the African folktale by Eric Strong, a member of the African-American History Month steering committee.

Several African countries, includthe show. The segment covered casual, formal and most popular styles from the countries

Selegha Daukou, a junior mechanical engineering major from Nigeria, said the event was a great op- students' own collections," Alford said. portunity to provide cultural awareness and enrichment.

"Tech does not always get the op- get from participating." portunity to host something like this," Daukou said. "It gives people a began almost a year ago. chance to break into African-American fashion sense. It is a wonderful and unique opportunity to showcase one," she said. "Planning sessions be-African culture as well as African- gan last spring for this one, and we just American culture."

event, said she is excited to see different student associations involved and working together.

"This is a significant collaboration ing Nigeria, Tanzania and Kenya, were of student organizations," Alford said. represented in the clothing portion of "It's been a good exercise in unity and collaboration."

> She said an important aspect of the style show is the student involvement in putting the show together.

"The cross-cultural sharing as they get together is something those involved

Alford said planning for the event

"We started thinking about doing started having meetings more and Marie Alford, assistant director of more frequently as the time got close."

She said the audience received exposure to cultures and styles they may not be familiar with and will hopefully leave with a sense of appreciation for the African culture in general.

"Simply by exposure to different cultural communities and cultures' dress, it will foster awareness of unique qualities each culture has," Alford said. "Some people believe that you need to be the same to get along, but it is very impor-"The clothes came from mostly the tant to celebrate our uniquenesses."

Martin Dorsey, a sophomore cell and molecular biology major from Terrell, is the president of the Black Student Association. He said models from the association wore clothes commonly worn in America or Africa.

"This will bring us together as a the style show again just after the first Black community," Dorsey said. "This was the first time we have actually worked with African Student Association, and I think this has brought us closer together."



TYSON JEFFREYS/Staff Photographer LORRAINE SOBERS, A graduate student studying petroleum engineering from Trinidad and Tobago, models her dress from the islands.

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SPORTS

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# **Reeves:** defensive consistency a necessity

## By Kyle Clark/Staff Reporter

Sometimes a few days of rest can mean the world before trying to perform a big task. The Texas Tech softball team is at least hoping its short break will help prepare for the Cougar Invitational this weekend in Houston.

Tech spent last week on the road playing games against New Mexico State before heading to Las Vegas, Neva., to play in the UNLV Classic. Along the way, the team said it had brushes with bad conditions, sickness and even a few rugged motel rooms.

After returning home, coach Bobby Reeves said that aside from trying to get rid of some colds and stomach viruses, the team had a few things to work on.

"We're struggling in the mental part of our defensive game, making mental mistakes," Reeves said. "As far

she said. "So we can become Lady

is proud to be a part of Sharp's 500th

win and knows Sharp holds a special

place in her heart for No. 500 because

of the passion she has for the game.

yells at you in practice," Davis said.

"You know she wants to make you a

As for the game, which Sharp felt

better player, and I think it's awesome

that she got her 500th win."

"You know she cares when she

Freshman LaToya Davis said she

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Raiders."

as pitching and hitting, we're doing well. That's why today we're going to spend a day on foul balls, ground balls and doing some communication work."

As for Reeves' players, the team showed excitement about being home for the first time in a while and getting in some practice before playing six games in Houston.

Sophomore pitcher Amie Stines said the team wants to use this week to do well in Houston.

"We're all ready to really do well in a tournament," Stines said. "We need to get some of the kinks worked out this week. It's good because we have two days of practice this week, and last week, we didn't have any." In the last tournament Tech

played, the team went 1-4 to push this season's record to 6-10.

Reeves said with the success Tech has had in many areas of the game, the team could easily be 11-5.

was the most important part of the night, Tech struggled in the first half and entered the locker room trailing 23-25. The Lady Raiders came out with their guns up and starting hitting what they shot at.

"I think at halftime, we weren't playing with enough energy and intensity to win the game," Sharp said. "I'm proud of the way we stepped it up in the second half on both ends of the floor."

Sharp said her team finally took advantage of some key defensive stops by translating them into points.

Fourteen of those points came early in the second half. After a quick exchange of points, the Lady Raiders

"We had 13 or 14 homeruns in the tournament," Reeves said. "I think Kristi Robles hit .700 out there so we're swinging the bat well enough. We have the chance to rebound."

One of the big hitters in the UNLV Classic was outfielder Amanda Douglas, who had a pair of homeruns during the week.

Douglas said Tuesday, she is proud of the way Tech has played offensively and feels fortunate for the way she has played.

"I'm happy with our offensive performance," Douglas said. "I'm happy we're doing better than last year. I'm glad I'm being able to produce, and I hope I produce for the rest of the season. One girl starts hitting, and it's just kind of contagious."

Turning the page to pitching, the players believe the team is an effective group

Stines said she believes the pitching staff just needs to be more consis-

went on a 14-0 run that lasted for Tech's only 3-pointer of the game.

In the middle of the run as the fans began to make more noise, Tech's student section began heckling Oklahoma coach Sherri Coale, and Coale responded to their enthusiasm by blowing them a kiss.

"They were great," she said. "They were absolutely great. That's what you're supposed to do, isn't it?"

Coale congratulated Sharp on her win and said she respected her very

tent.

"We've had moments of brilliance, but we've gone down a lot," she said. "We've done a lot of 180s, where games are completely different. We're not consistent at the moment."

As for Tech's defense, Reeves said he believes Tech can improve in the two practice days and thinks Tech has a chance to win every one of its games in this weekend's tournament. "We're playing six games down

there, and we have a chance to win all of them," he said. "By this time next week, I'd like to have won eight games."

The team was right beside its coach in predicting a good performance this weekend. Stines said the team would step up this weekend.

"We're going to try and step up," she said. "We're getting closer to conference, and that's when it really matters a lot. Tournaments are important, but we were just playing."

much.

"She's a very classy lady," Coale said. "She's one of the best in the business, and she's a really, really good thing for women's basketball."

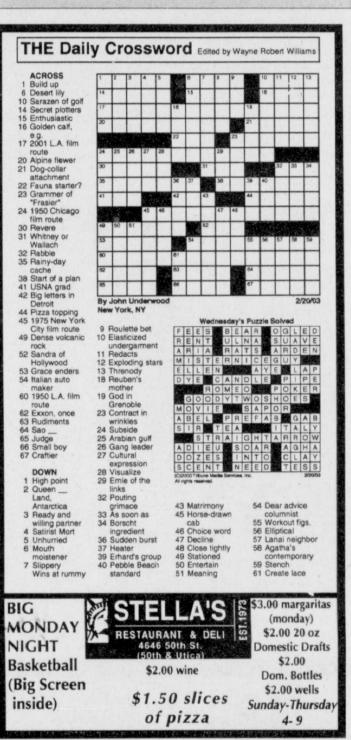
Despite the fanfare and congratulatory hugs, Sharp said her team still has some business to take care of. "This is a great win for us, and

we're still in a conference race," she said. "We can still at least get a share of it if we continue to win, and that's the most important part about (Wednesday). We got to go on the road a couple of times, and hopefully, we can come home and try to set up something special."



ESMERELDA PEREZ DIVES for a flyball in practice. Perez and the **Raiders** travel to Houston for this weekend. FILE PHOTO/ The University Daily

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# Tagliabue discusses minority hiring

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) -When James Harris retired as an NFL quarterback two decades ago, no team would hire him as an assistant coach.

Now he's one of the NFL's few top black executives, the new vice president of player personnel for the Jacksonville Jaguars. But Harris thinks the league has work to do in minority hiring.

"We're talking about African-Americans, but we're also talking about the best candidate to get the job," Harris said. "In some cases, where an African-American is the best candidate, he's still not getting the job."

Harris ate dinner Wednesday night with commissioner Paul Tagliabue. Among Tagliabue's other guests were the NFL's three black head coaches: Tony Dungy of the Colts, Herman Edwards of the Jets, and Marvin Lewis of the Bengals.

Among the topics was the NFL's new plan to promote minority hiring.

It requires teams to interview at least one minority candidate for coaching vacancies. But the Detroit Lions were unable to get a minority to talk to them after it became clear they were ready to hire ex-San Francisco coach Steve Mariucci.



nearly five minutes. During the run, Tech took its first lead of the game (32-31) since the 19:10 mark in the first half. In that run, Ritchie made



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# Netters excited about first match at McLeod

By Kyle Clark/Staff Reporter

The Texas Tech women's tennis team ran into a new kind of challenge last week in a match in Waco against Baylor. It was Baylor's rowdy crowd that threw the Raiders for a loop.

Coach Sandy Collins said her players had to contend with about 20 hecklers at Saturday's match. She also said the wild fans were an unusual sight at a tennis match.

"That was different than the norm for a tennis match," Collins said. "It was tough on the girls, but they have to deal with that, and some of them couldn't."

Collins said the actions of the fans were not patrolled or reprimanded by Baylor officials, and it was not consis- matches against Iowa at 10 a.m. Sat-

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spectful Baylor crowd.

"In tennis, you clap for the good matches are at home. things done by the home team and generally leave it at that," Collins said. "When they start verbally breaking the team is better than it has played. down every point you miss and how you miss it, that's different. The girls to go out and get had to contend with Baylor fans."

Aside from the fan's heckling, poor Iowa," Collins weather also made it difficult for some of the players.

Freshman Tara Browning said the weather forced several players to not were; we just play in their normal attire.

"The conditions weren't the best," Browning said. "A lot of girls played believe in themin their sweatpants."

Now Tech must get ready for

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tent with the actions of a normal, re- urday and against Abilene Christian with losses to Texas and Texas A&M.

Collins said the Raiders are prepared to face the Iowa Hawkeyes and think

"We're ready win against said. "We didn't out and get a win feel Baylor was better than we against Iowa. We didn't win. The girls just have to was better than we selves." Browning agreed and said

there is no reason Raiders the should not win



more than the team we're playing." Iowa has started off the season slow

"I'm extremely confident," Brown- tremely excited about playing here," ing said. "We can get to 2-3 and get Browning said. "It's going to be great. some wins on the board. We want We've only played indoors in a match them badly as a team. It's just going to in town. I've never even played a real come down to whether we want them match on this court. All the freshmen are excited about getting to do that."



University at 1 p.m. Tuesday. Both Collins said the Hawkeyes are a weaker team, but anything can happen in college tennis.

The match against Iowa will be the first match played outdoors for the

team this year in Lubbock, as the team's first two We're ready to go home matches had to be moved to the Lubbock Country Club because of poor weather.

The idea of actually playing at the McLeod Center and having a match on the home court is enticing to Browning. ex-

FILE PHOTO/The University Daily

KENDALL BROOKS PRACTICES for upcoming matches at the McLeod Tennis Center. The women's tennis team will play host to Iowa at noon Saturday.

# Men's spirit leads to win, positive outlook

# By Kyle Clark/Staff Reporter

Texas Tech men's tennis coach Tim Siegel has spent the early part of this tennis season hoping the Raiders will come out and play with ultimate to see. intensity. Sunday against New Mexico, Siegel got his wish.

Albuquerque, N.M., the Tech players said the team showed more intensity, ers." energy and unity than it has all season.

Senior Devin Wakeford said the team was at its best against New Mexico.

tactic worked as Tech's John Walker earned the final point.

Sophomore Esat Tanik said the late rally by the Raiders and the support of teammates were great things

"Some people lost in three sets," Tanik said. "Even when we lost in In a 4-3 win against the Lobos in three sets, we got over to the other court and supported the other play-

Through all the support, the team members may have brought team unity to an all-time high.

Tanik, who is in his first year with Tech, said he felt more like a member "We showed more energy than of a team than he had all season or

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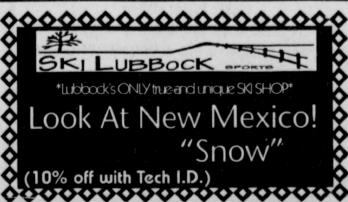
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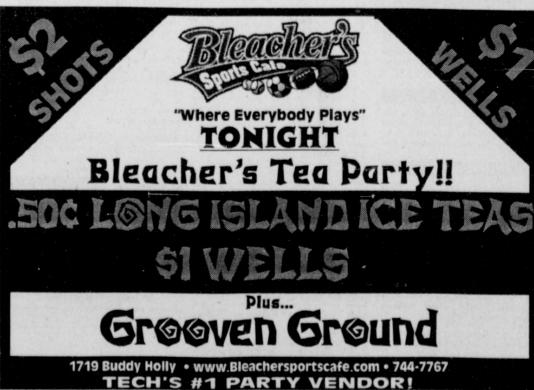




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ever before." Wakeford said. "The biggest thing was that our team was being louder than their entire crowd was."

The loud noises coming from the Raiders were made to pump up fellow players in the hope that the team could close out the final matches. The





with his previous team.

"It felt like a real close team," Tanik said. "To fight like we did. I really could feel this being a close team this weekend. When I played at Tulane, I didn't ever feel like I was this much a member of a team."

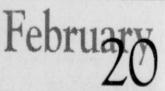
Tech must now take the unity it established in New Mexico and turn its attention to repeating that performance against conference foes Nebraska and Colorado. The team was indoors Tuesday practicing because Nebraska uses an indoor tennis facility.

Assistant coach Efe Ustundag said the Nebraska and Colorado teams are much improved from last season and should give Tech a run for its money. He also said, however, if Tech continues on the pace set against New Mexico, it should leave the weekend with two victories.

Though Tech is coming off a win the team considers to be a pacesetter, Tanik said the Raiders would have to work twice as hard against Nebraska and Colorado to get what they want.

"We're going to have to play two times harder against Nebraska and Colorado if we want to make it into the Top 40 and into the NCAA tournament," Tanik said.

Tech plays Nebraska on Friday in Lincoln, Neb., and plays Colorado on Sunday in Boulder, Colo.



Today in Tech Sports History.

1994: The men's basketball team put together its biggest performance in school history. The Red Raiders scored a team record 128 points in a three-point victory over the Texas Longhorns in double overtime. The milestone broke the previous record by nine points. Tech finished the season with a 17-11 record.

## Today in Sports History ...

1977: Cale Yarborough wins the Daytona 500 by the tight margin of 1.39 seconds. He becomes the first multiple winner of the Daytona 500 at the time. Yarborough finished in last place in 1976.