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## Knight admits to leaking Valdez's records

By Kyle Clark and Matt Muench/  
Staff Reporters

The question of how former basketball player Nick Valdez's personal information was leaked from the athletics department was answered in Dallas on Wednesday by Texas Tech basketball coach Bob Knight.

Knight admitted he leaked the information by telling some people he said needed to know the information. He did not say how many people he told.

"We listed those things that we had to deal with him, and I gave a list of that or discussed it with people that needed to know," Knight said at a news conference at the American Airlines Center in Dallas. "The thing got out some way. I'm not sure why or how that it did.

That was certainly not our intent in that way."

He said he talked to a lawyer who said this does not affect the Buckley Amendment.

The Buckley Amendment, otherwise known as the Federal Education Rights and Privacy Act, protects students' personal information.

A violation of the FERPA could ultimately lose federal funding for a university.

Knight said he contacted a lawyer to see if the act had been violated.

"I talked to a very good attorney who's ex-



Valdez

remely familiar with the Buckley [Amendment]," he said. "And he said there is absolutely not one single thing that involves the Buckley (Amendment) in any way."

Tech athletics director Gerald Myers said there are no new developments.

"There is nothing new to say," Myers said. "We have already said that we didn't mean for anything to come out that was harmful to Nick Valdez. He is still on a scholarship; he is still in school. We regret anything came out."

Myers said he has not heard from Valdez.

Meanwhile, Tech Interim President Donald Haragan asked Tech General Counsel Pat Campbell to look over documents distributed at a March 4 meeting, where the information was discussed to see if there has been a violation of FERPA.

Campbell made it clear he is not investigating the documents; rather, he is looking over them in order to give his opinion to Haragan about whether they violated the act.

Violations of the FERPA often inadvertently occur because people misunderstand what information the act protects, and no university in the nation is without a FERPA violation of some kind, Campbell said.

Although Campbell gave no specifics about what the documents included, he did say the Valdez situation is different from the FERPA cases he has seen in the past because the information included in the documents was not confidential.

"The information is not confidential because so many people knew about it," he said. "I'm dealing with a case that if something is

widely known then disseminated, is that a violation of FERPA? I've never had to look at that before."

Although Campbell said he could give an opinion on most FERPA situations, the Valdez case is much different. Because of prior engagements this week and the nature of the Valdez documents, he said he would not be able to give his opinion to Haragan this week.

Tech Associate Director of the Student Mediation Center and coordinator of Student Judicial Programs Ethan Logan, said Tech is in danger of, at worst, losing federal funds.

"Tech could lose federal funding, and a significant amount of that money is financial aid," he said. "That's in a worst-case scenario."

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### HOUSE HUNTING



EMILY RILEY, A freshman geophysics major from Georgetown, and Lauren Henckel, a junior advertising major from Carrollton, listen as Misty Wilson of McDougal Properties explains how to play roulette during the Housing Fair in the Student Union on Wednesday.

## Campus parking meters effective within month



PIPER KISER, A graduate student from Lubbock studying education psychology, pays for her parking permit inside the parking garage, located on Flint Avenue on Monday before going to class.

By Joey Kirk/Staff Reporter

After Spring Break, students and faculty members should expect some changes in parking methods for specific lots located on the Texas Tech campus.

Park-and-pay stations have been placed in eight different parking lots on university grounds. Starting with the Flint Avenue Parking Facility, which is the only facility with machines in operation, the stations are scheduled to open one area at a time, beginning March 24. The other lots are located at the Administration building, Tech Bookstore, McClellan Hall, Library, Foreign Language building, Music building and Architecture

building.

After being approved by the Board of Regents in December 1999, the Tech Department of Traffic and Parking is putting the plan into effect to alleviate and help shift the financial burden of parking from daytime permit holders.

Michael Lopez, coordinator of events in transit operations, said it is a way to keep the prices of permits low next year.

"We are doing this to get visitors and students who have night classes and don't buy permits to supplement prices," he said. "Right now, permit prices are looking good

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## Knight talks about salary return reasons

By Matt Muench/Staff Reporter

DALLAS — Texas Tech coach Bob Knight's decision to give back his base salary of \$250,000 Tuesday at the main topics of concern Tuesday at the American Airlines Center.

Some Big 12 Conference coaches spoke about it; others gave confusing looks, still wondering why he did it.

Even if Tech runs the table this week at the tournament and wins the whole thing, Knight will not change his mind and ask for the cash back.

"My whole deal was on the season," he said. "I think our assistant coaches did a great job. But I felt at the beginning of the season that we could have a better team that we have had in terms of wins and losses. We haven't been able to get over the hump, and that is my responsibility. It is the first time that I ever felt at a loss."

Knight related the situation to a childhood story, when he was paid \$1 to shovel a walkway covered in snow. He said when he first shoveled it, his



Knight

mother returned home disappointed in his first initial effort.

"She said, 'Get your ass back and shovel that walk' so it was all clear,"

Knight said. "And I did."

When he returned home, he said the first thing she said was to give the dollar back because he did not do well the first time.

"So I did that," he said. "My dad was like that. I grew up with parents that really believed in working and getting paid for what they did."

Iowa State coach Larry Eustacy said he was surprised to see Knight do such a gesture for Tech.

"It shocked me, but he can afford to do that," Eustacy said. "He did what he felt was right, and it is a great

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## Faculty Senate discuss evaluation procedures

By Angela Timmons/Staff Reporter

Faculty senators voiced concerns over annual evaluations of departmental chairpersons as well as discrepancies regarding extra graduate tuition and fee monies currently frozen in accounting at a Faculty Senate meeting Wednesday afternoon.

The Faculty Senate Status and Welfare Committee took steps earlier this month to find out from each college dean how departmental chairpersons and academic administrators were evaluated and what was done with these evaluations. Overall, the Senate is interested in finding out to what extent faculty input is used in evaluating departmental chairpersons and implementing the Faculty Senate's Operating Procedure 30.15, Academic Administrator Evaluation, into use.

Senator Lewis Held, a biology professor, expressed concern over the lack of faculty input regarding the review of departmental chairpersons or those in higher positions. He said not only would he like to see better retention of administrators, he also would like to see unity among faculty in order to gain the ability to review those in supervisory positions.

Senator Don Lucas of the music department said during his time at Tech, there has been no input from department faculty regarding department chairpersons or deans.

"There's no form; there's not a schedule," Lucas said. "It has been my experience that they even appoint a dean without any input from the faculty."

Lucas told the Senate it seems

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## SGA, officials consider expanding free speech zones

By Rachel LaFerney/  
Associated News Editor

As controversy increases on the Texas Tech campus, the desire of student groups to demonstrate in response to issues is prompting the Student Government Association and the administration to consider the possibility of expanding the areas on campus designated for free speech.

In response to the scrutiny of free speech areas, the SGA is developing proposals that would expand the areas students will be able to demonstrate in.

In the recent SGA elections, students who voted were asked to complete a survey about the expansion of the free speech area. The possible locations being considered are the Sundial, the Southwest Conference Courtyard and Memorial Circle.

"What we were doing during the last election, students voted on possible free speech areas," SGA president Kelli Stumbo said. "We are making a proposal to the administration to extend

the free speech areas once we get the results back."

The expansion of the free speech areas has received attention from organizations not affiliated with Tech. The Foundation for Individual Rights in Education sent a letter to Tech Interim President Donald Haragan regarding the limited free speech area.

The Tech Progressive Coalition alerted FIRE to the Student Affairs handbook's free speech area policy,

which limits free speech to the gazebo between the Student Union and the Library. The coalition is not a registered student organization through the Center for Campus Life.

Will Braswell Jr., a graduate student from Jacksonville, Fla., studying computer science and a representative of the coalition, said his organization contacted the FIRE to gain legal backing as the coalition works with the SGA and the administration to expand the free

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JENNA HANSEN/Staff Photographer  
FACULTY SENATE PRESIDENT Shane Blum addresses faculty concern over departmental chairperson evaluations during the Faculty Senate meeting in the Electrical Engineering building Wednesday afternoon.

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The Rundown



Bill to require draft registration for license

AUSTIN (AP) — As the nation teeters on the brink of war, the Texas House on Wednesday gave preliminary approval to a bill that would automatically register young men for a possible draft when they apply for or renew a Texas driver's license.

The bill passed on a voice vote despite objections the measure would be unfair to conscientious objectors. A final House vote is scheduled Thursday. If it is approved, the bill would move to the Senate for consideration.

The bill mandates that information provided on a driver's license application or renewal from men who are between 18 and 26 be automatically registered with the Selective Service System.

Federal law requires all young men living in the United States and its territories to register with the Selective Service within 30 days of their 18th birthday.

The names are gathered in case a national emergency should require a military draft, although there have been no call-ups since the draft ended in 1973. Failure to register is a felony punishable by up to five years in prison and a fine of up to \$250,000, and it can also deny young men eligibility for federal student loans and government jobs.

Twenty-seven states, two U.S. territories and the District of Columbia have adopted similar legislation.

Rep. Lon Burnam, who authored a rejected floor amendment to the bill, said the legislation was unfair to those who object to war for religious and ethical reasons and violates privacy rights.

"I'm asking you to protect my First Amendment right to have my son or potential son or members of my faith community to have the opportunity to refuse to engage in the military system in this country because our faith directs us not to do so," Burnam said.

Rep. Bob Hunter, R-Abilene, who authored the bill, said Texas ranks 49th in the nation in "fulfilling our obligation to register young men."

Missing girl found alive after 9 months

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Elizabeth Smart, the 15-year-old girl who vanished from her bedroom nine months ago, was found alive Wednesday in a Salt Lake City suburb with a drifter who had once done work at the family's home. The man was taken into custody and the teenager was whisked away to a long-awaited reunion with her family.

"Miracles do exist," said Tom Smart, the girl's uncle.

He said Elizabeth was in good condition and meeting with jubilant relatives at the police department. She was expected to go home with her parents late Wednesday.

"I spoke with Ed and Lois Smart, I saw Elizabeth in their arms, she couldn't let go of her little brother," Mayor Rocky Anderson said.

Authorities said Elizabeth, the drifter known as Emmanuel and a woman were all wearing wigs when they were stopped along a street in suburban Sandy, about 20 miles south of Salt Lake City.

Relatives of Emmanuel, whose real name is Brian Mitchell, have described him as a self-appointed prophet for the homeless who has lived in a teepee in the mountains outside the city. He was hired by the Smarts in November 2001 to work on their roof. Elizabeth disappeared seven months later.

Mitchell and the second suspect, identified only as Wanda Barzee, were in custody at the Sandy police station. No charges were immediately filed, but Salt Lake City Police Chief Rick Dinse said: "We are convinced she was kidnapped."

Asked whether he believed Elizabeth was held against her will, he said: "At this point, yes, I do." He did not offer a potential motive.

Witness John Ferguson said the arrest involved a man who looked like a transient and two women wearing unusual clothing.

He said the women had "longer clothing on, blue almost like a pillow case ... over the face almost like a veil"

Serbian prime minister assassinated by snipers

BELGRADE, Serbia-Montenegro (AP) — Serbia's prime minister — who spearheaded the revolt that toppled former President Slobodan Milosevic in October 2000 — was assassinated Wednesday by gunmen who ambushed him outside government headquarters.

Zoran Djindjic, 50, died of his wounds in a Belgrade hospital after being shot in the abdomen and back, said Nebojsa Covic, a deputy prime minister. Police sources told The Associated Press that snipers firing from a building across from the government headquarters shot Djindjic as he left his car. A high-power bullet left a dent on Djindjic's armored car.

Two suspects were arrested, witnesses said. But police, unsure whether they had the gunmen, cast a wide net for the assassins, setting up roadblocks in Belgrade and halting bus, rail and plane traffic from the capital.

Acting Serbian President Nataša Micić, citing "a danger for constitutional order," imposed a nationwide state of emergency, giving the military the same powers as police to detain suspects and investigate.

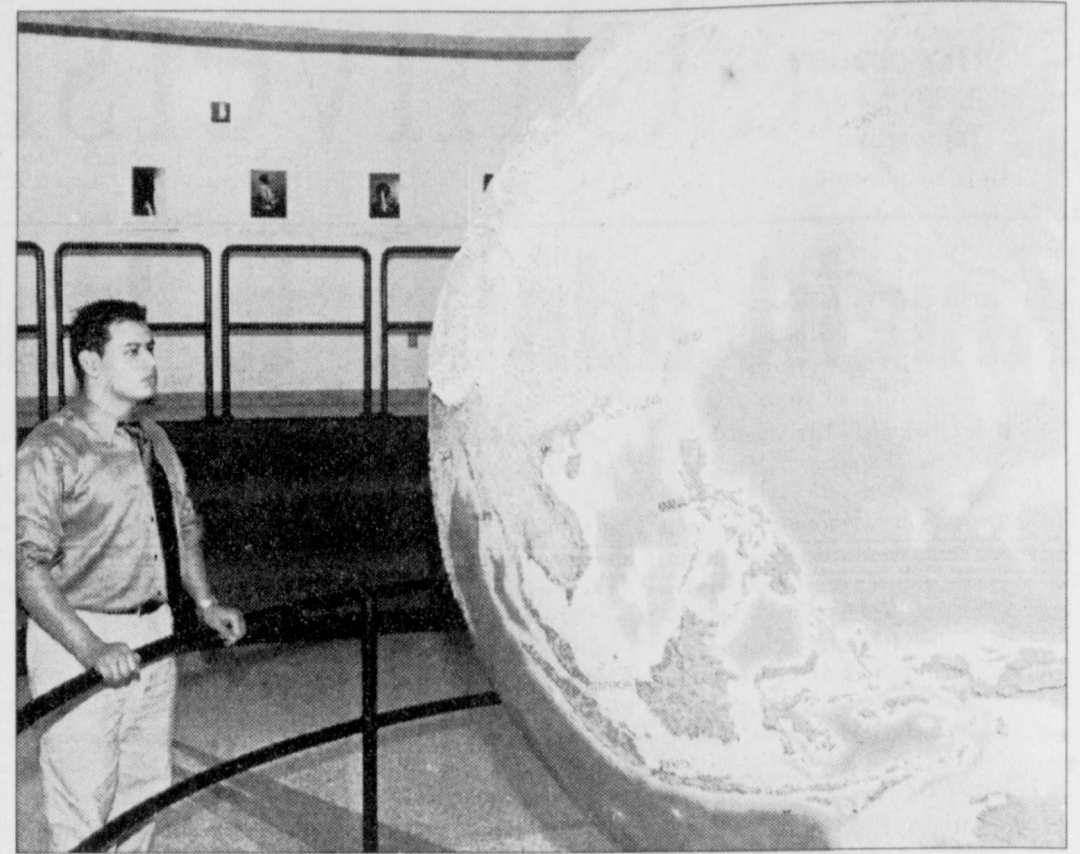
Djindjic had many enemies because of his pro-reformist and Western stands.

He was blasted by Serbian nationalists for leading the popular revolt that toppled Milosevic, then handing him over for trial before the U.N. war crimes tribunal at The Hague, Netherlands. Djindjic recently promised to try to arrest Ratko Mladic, a former Bosnian Serb military commander and the No. 2 fugitive sought by the tribunal, thought to be hiding in Serbia.

The tribunal is handling alleged war crimes committed during the wars that erupted during the disintegration of the former Yugoslavia.

Djindjic was also engaged in a bitter political feud with his former ally Vojislav Kostunica, who stepped down as Yugoslav president earlier this month after the formation of a new state, Serbia and Montenegro.

WORLD VIEW



DAVID ARIANZ, A freshman theater arts major from Slaton, examines the Earth from a close perspective in the International Cultural Center.

Search for bin Laden intensifies

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — The United States and its allies have intensified searches along the border between Afghanistan and Pakistan for Osama bin Laden and other terrorists they fear may respond to war against Iraq with attacks, intelligence sources say.

The sweeps followed the March 1 arrest of al-Qaida's third most powerful man, Khalid Shaikh Mohammed — suspected mastermind of the Sept. 11 attacks.

In the hours after his arrest, a

belligerent Mohammed praised Osama bin Laden and warned that "America will burn if it goes into Baghdad. Americans everywhere will not be safe," Pakistani intelligence officials told The Associated Press.

Pakistani officials Wednesday denied an Iran Radio report that bin Laden had been captured in Pakistan.

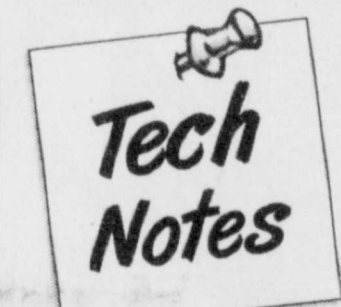
Murtaza Poya, deputy leader of the Islamic Awami Tahrir Party in Pakistan, who was quoted by Iran Radio, gave AP in Islamabad similar in-

formation.

"He (bin Laden) is in the custody of those who were chasing him and the announcement to that effect will be made between March 17 and 18th when the war in Iraq is expected to start," Poya said in a telephone interview.

He refused to identify the source of his information and said he was not told where bin Laden was apprehended or being held.

Pakistani officials said Poya was wrong.



The St. Patrick's Day Concert of Irish Traditional Music and

Dance is at 8 p.m. Friday in the Hemmle Recital Hall of the Music building. Admission is free.

The Texas Tech Alumni Association and Texas Tech Federal Credit Union will host a blood drive and baseball pre-game party from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. March 22 at the Frazier Alumni Pavilion, located east of the baseball stadium.

Students of all majors are invited to join the Pre-Physician Assistants Club's first meeting at 7 p.m. March 26 in Room 113 of the

Chemistry building. The meeting will feature guest speaker Al Bendeck. Refreshments will be provided. For more information, call (806) 724-5149 or e-mail pre\_pa\_ttu@yahoo.com.

The Chancellor's Ambassadors organization is accepting applications from students who will be juniors or seniors in the fall. Applications and interview sign-ups are located in the Administration building and will be accepted through March 28.

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completely at the dean's discretion whether or not there will be evaluations of department chairpersons.

"How will student evaluations be used if department chairs and deans are not being evaluated by faculty?" he asked. "It seems one sided."

Held said putting into motion the use of article 30.15 needs to be actionable and part of procedures such as hiring and firing of academic administrators.

"How will student evaluations be used if department chairs and deans are not being evaluated by faculty?" he asked. "It seems one sided."

The Senate agreed to review responses from college deans regarding the manner.

Also during the meeting, Lucas brought forth a new matter, materialized from an e-mail from Sandra Martinez, a financial analyst for Fiscal

Affairs, regarding the additional \$25 per credit hour charged to graduate students. Lucas said the e-mail stated the money accrued from the change was spent on different line items throughout the university.

Vice Provost Liz Hall said the graduate student funds are currently frozen in accounting, waiting for evaluation.

"We were analyzing possible accounts to fund summer school, and graduate student tuition was a possible way," Hall said.

Hall said the money is being frozen from use while the university finds from department chairpersons what they would use the money for, and assured the Senate the funds would be investigated to make sure they are used properly.

The Senate elected the next academic year's President, Nancy Reed, an associate professor of classical and modern language. Vice president will be Brent Shriver, and Secretary will be Brian Quinn.

Knight

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deal for the institution. I don't respect anybody more than coach Knight."

When asked if Knight can afford to give back his salary, Texas A&M coach Melvin Watkins said he believes Knight is true.

"That is a true statement," he said. "My accountant tells me I am not at liberty to do that. I don't know why he did that. But it is real nice of him."

Nebraska coach Barry Collier said he believes Knight is making a statement to his coaches.

"I think coach Knight is very determined to have his program represent his school, his system and his philosophy in a consistent and aggressive manner," he said. "I think he is making a real statement."

He said the decision would help. "All coaches can relate to the dissatisfaction of a disappointing season," he said. "The process of mak-

ing an issue with your players about that is approachable (im) different ways. This is a headline grabber."

Oklahoma State coach Eddie Sutton said he cannot believe Knight's decision.

"A lot of us realize at times we don't do the job," he said. "He is probably the first one I have seen that is willing to give his pay back to the university. It's amazing."

Tech athletic director Gerald Myers said he is still in shock. "I am really, really surprised," he said.

When asked if Myers would give the money back to Knight if Tech wins the tournament, Myers did not look too confident about the Red Raiders winning four games in four days.

"That is a big 'if' in this tournament," he said. "Because this tournament is tough, very tough."

But he said he is still trying to talk Knight out of doing it.

Area

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speech area. Brasswell said Tech's free speech area is restricted compared to other campuses, and FIRE was upset when it learned of Tech's policy.

While the constitution is working to designate more free speech areas, Brasswell said students should not be restricted to certain areas of campus.

"Isn't the whole country a free speech area? Why shouldn't the whole campus be the same?" he said.

Brasswell said the letter sent to the administration was "heavy-handed."

In the letter, Greg Lukianoff, director of legal and public advocacy for FIRE, called Tech's speech policies "grossly restrictive," and "Texas Tech's nearly 28,000 students deserve more than 20 feet of freedom."

The letter stated Tech's actions regulated free expression and limited students' freedom. It called for the campus to be considered a free speech area.

The letter warned "...of fighting against the Bill of Rights, by which it is legally and morally bound."

In a reply, Vice President of Student Affairs Michael Shormock wrote, "Individuals and organizations may reserve the use of campus grounds for 'special events'... The free-speech area does not require approval or registration."

Shormock said FIRE might have confused the permission required for special events ground use, which is different from free speech demonstrations that do not need permission.

Shormock said he and the president received identical letters and wrote a reply after discussing it with the rest of the administration.

The Center for Campus Life will evaluate the procedures for granting ground use for demonstrations and a way to expedite the process.

Some students, like Chafin Hale, a sophomore business major from Allen, said they support an expanded free speech area.

"I think it's a good idea," he said.

Records

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"I haven't seen institutions lose it so fast."

There is no individual liability for anyone within the institution if they did release the information, Logan said.

Just as no individual can be punished for violation of the act, there has been a precedent set that no individual can bring suit against the university for violation of the act, Tech emeritus professor of law Rod Schone said.

"The Supreme Court made a ruling in its last session in a case involving Gonzaga University that there is no private cause of action," Schone said. "So Mr. Valdez could not bring suit seeking damages."

Valdez's records were passed out at a luncheon last week sponsored by Wells Fargo Bank president Gary Lawrence.

The luncheon was held to discuss plans for a recognition campaign for Texas Tech basketball.

It is still not known how the local businessman received the documents concerning Valdez.

Lawrence did not return phone calls to The University Daily.

Delbert McDougal, CEO of McDougal Companies, told media that he attended the meeting. McDougal has left town and was unavailable for comment.

The Lubbock Avalanche-Journal reported about Valdez included his absences to practices and workouts last season.

It also included the Feb. 17 absence from a team breakfast and walk through practice before Tech's

game against Texas.

Valdez quit the team four days after the absence.

It also was reported the documents included allegations of student misconduct outside the basketball program.

Logan said he does not know if Valdez had records in the Student Judicial Office, but he did, Logan could not address them because of privacy agreements.

Valdez was unavailable for comment.

Meters

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and are not scheduled to change, but I'm not positive at this moment. Hopefully, it will help people that buy them so they will have a place to park without worry."

Currently, all of the allocated spaces are set up to be pay-by-the-space, except for the Band parking lot, which will be pay-and-display. This concept is similar to parking at an airport, where the receipt is supposed to be visibly

placed on the dash of the car. Pay-by-the-space will require the person to note the number of the space and enter it into the payment station during the payment process. The cost will be \$1 per hour and a maximum of \$6 per day.

The parking situation will affect visitors from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

After 5:30 p.m., anyone without a permit will be required to pay the same rates, but those with permits are allowed to park in the metered lots free of charge.

Josh King, a senior public relations

major from Wichita Falls, said he believes the new developments are necessary on campus.

"I think it's OK because other large campuses have it, and it's time that Texas Tech gets up to date," he said. "It will find a place to park, and I am willing to go along with the changes."

Brandon Dixon, a graduate student from Canyon District, engineering, has a different opinion about the parking meters.

"I can't stand them," he said. "I don't plan on using them because I feel I'm

getting cheated."

The meters have been installed in the selected parking lots but are covered up until they become operational. Lopez said the appearance of the meters on campus do not hinder the aesthetic facade of Tech.

"If you are not looking for the parking stations, they are not noticeable, but just like any other thing, they stick out if you are specifically searching for them," he said.

The parking meters will accept \$1 and \$5 bills, as well as MasterCard and VISA as options of payment.

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# Perspectives

## Grad school may be best

If you're about to graduate from Texas Tech with your bachelor's degree, you probably went to the job fairs held at the United Spirit Arena and Student Union last week. If you did, then you saw that few companies are hiring right now. The economy isn't doing too well, and the wisest move may be to stay in school and get a master's degree or beyond.

Not only does an advanced degree add to your earning power, but it also helps you earn faster promotions and can shield you from working under less-qualified people. If you want to teach at the college level, you'll need at least a master's degree.

I'm a graduate student, and I'd like to give some tips that will help make things easier for those who are considering getting an advanced degree. It isn't easy to get, but an advanced degree will make your resume stand out and put some serious dollars into your bank account.

Some can afford to go to graduate school right away, while others have financial or family considerations that require them to put off graduate school until later. It's hard to fit schoolwork into a busy work and family life, but do what you can to make progress toward a degree, even if it means going part-time.

You'll need to apply to a graduate program. Be sure to check on department deadlines for acceptance and get everything in on time. Even if you attended Tech as an undergraduate, you'll still need to get all of your paperwork in to the graduate office.

Most programs want undergraduate grade point averages above 3.0 and possibly much higher, depending on the strength of the program. While some programs are easier to get into than others, remember that almost every program is difficult to finish. If you had problems with schoolwork as an undergraduate, then maybe an advanced degree isn't for you.

The other hard part of getting into graduate school is doing well on the standardized test for your area of study. There are different tests including the GMAT, GRE, MCAT, and none of them are easy. I recommend either taking classes to study for these tests or (at a minimum) buying a study guide with interactive software for these tests. The tests are not cheap, and you want to do well the first time.

And try to schedule your test date well in advance of your application



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deadline. Not only do you want to get ahead early (to enroll in your choice of classes), but you want to have enough time to retake a test if you get a low score.

There are many degrees to choose from, and some students choose to go further in their undergraduate fields, while others choose to complement their undergraduate degrees by going to other areas of study.

For example, many students who earned their bachelor's degrees in engineering, or a medical field, decide to get a master's in business administration in order to have a strong background in the business aspects of their undergraduate fields.

If you decide to change areas of study, be forewarned that you will enter programs that expect considerable knowledge of that field of study. You will most likely have to do extra work to pick up what other students learned as undergraduates.

Expect smaller classes and more personalized attention in graduate school. Serious students enjoy this kind of environment, but others prefer to hide in the back of crowded classrooms. Some lower-level graduate classes may be on the level of undergraduate classes, but the classes soon get much tougher. If you like to hide, then graduate school probably isn't for you.

Finally, it's never too early to start your search for information. Some graduate classes are waived if you receive an A or B in certain undergraduate classes. Waiving classes can save time and money. Also, talk to graduate students in your future department to see if they can give you any advice. You'd be surprised how much you can learn from one or two simple conversations.

I hope this helps anyone who may be considering earning an advanced degree. By planning ahead, you can get an education that will give you real professional and financial security.



## Reader feedback appreciated

I decided to write this column in honor of all the feedback I have gotten from my readers. I really appreciate all that you have said, even the bad things. But I must tell my opinion is wrong; it may be different from yours, but it is not wrong. I usually try not to respond to these people who tell me I am wrong because I believe stupidity deserves no answer.

But I also receive some good feedback that makes me think. The nice ones that agree with my opinions are no fun to read. I like the ones that disagree and want to tell me a thing or two. These are the ones I can laugh at with my friends. These people who get upset over my little opinion react as if my opinion is going to change the world. As if my opinion in our university newspaper is going to cause a revolt among the masses. To all of you who write me these angry letters: I promise my opinion, just because it does not go with yours, is not going to change the world.

I have actually had people come up and verbally attack me about my opinion. I was once at a nightclub, I will not name it, but know that it is known for its partying ways. As I am taking a break from my dance routine in the cage, I had a girl approach me. She began the conversation by asking if I write for the paper. Since I can tell she is slightly inebriated, I am tempted to say no. But I say instead, against my better judgment, she tells me that she and her husband are die-hard Christians,



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and they read my column all the time. She then tells me her husband complains constantly about my columns and how bad the subject matter is. She walks away, looks back and says, "It's all about integrity." I didn't get a chance to say something back because she disappeared into the crowd, but now I have my chance. You're right; it's all about integrity. Maybe that is why she was buying her companion who she was a minor drinks all night from the bar. Must be hard to be a die-hard Christian at times, I know. At least I can honestly say I've never been a hypocrite.

But not all the people who come up to me make me feel bitter. Some

make me laugh. I was at a fraternity party recently where a guy came up and told me I was wrong about what I wrote. The basic synopsis of the column he was referring to stated that I believe everyone should be tested for sexually transmitted diseases. He believed I was wrong because STDs are like cancer; if you have it, you don't want to know about it because it won't make a difference.

I hope this guy remembers saying that because seeing it in print should make him realize just how stupid it sounds. Even though he gets tested every six months, he believes not everyone should get tested. I believed there was no logical argument to his overly stupid comment so I just let him walk away.

I get more drunks than any other type of person coming up and talking to me. They seem to be the only ones who have the guts to come up and tell me what they think. I think I got the most feedback during my sophomore year when I wrote my column about sex. I was constantly referred to as the girl who wrote the sex column. And then people would begin to ask me questions about sex, and there are some questions a lady just doesn't answer.

But I just wanted to say thank you to everyone who reads my column. Even if you read it every once in a while, I appreciate it. I hope you think sometimes they are interesting and sometimes they are just plain funny. And please, keep your feedback coming. If you don't like what I am saying, tell me. It makes me happy to know that people are reading my columns and thinking about what I have said.

## War on war must be fought with rational thought

A great nation like ours is only great if it collectively hesitates to wield its might and is willing to acknowledge its mistakes. On this campus, I've observed arguments against the war with Iraq and have tried to respond rationally.

It has proven to be difficult, as I am overwhelmed with hate, threats and spite. Regime change was instigated by Bill Clinton, who was correct when considering Saddam Hussein to be an imminent threat to the United States in 1998.

I believe his actions slowed Hussein's progress and protected us. A common cry is war should not occur if it is unilateral. Of course, we have dozens of allies in this effort, and wars that have resulted in a greater good. For example, the Civil War, which didn't even receive a congressional declaration of war, was unilateral.

It is wrong to weigh ourselves on the approval of nations that slaughtered millions, such as China, or sent citizens to death camps as did Germany and France. In the early 1930s, many people believed Germany was not an imminent threat and war was unjustified. When a nation is developing its military and has a record of invading its neighbors, the threat is real.

Hussein is responsible for the deaths of 1.5 million people; many are

my people. I do not believe my opinion holds more merit just because I belong to the race Hussein has persecuted so well, but I lose sleep wondering about my people's future.

I do not know of any intelligence that conflicts with Secretary of State Gen. Colin Powell's claim that Hussein is building weapons and supporting terrorists, be it al-Qaida or his own army, which has tested weapons on the innocent 281 times.

Many respond that Powell has not proven any link in public, but in a republic, we lack the right to sensitive information in order to protect spies. If you believe that Powell is dishonest, then listen to the Iraqis that have fled Iraq. Many of the recent defectors, such as bodyguards and scientists, claim Iraq has horrible weapons.

If Iraq does not believe them, you can believe the inspection process. It was charged with confirming that Iraq had already disarmed. It has found they did not. We can either give Hussein an 18th order to disarm, or we can be proactive.

Many believe war can accomplish nothing, but I dare you to ask a black person if his freedom accomplished nothing or to ask a Jew if halting Hitler accomplished nothing or to tell the free in Russia that the Cold War was fruitless. I contend that freedom is not

### GUEST COLUMN

Dustin Farahnak

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cheap, as petty expensive as it will surely be, to create an Iraq that doesn't kill for a wrong vote, being homosexual or resisting the ownership of your husband.

Thousands of Iraqis will die, but millions will be freed. What is that worth? Many argue that college money should come before Iraqi freedom.

I contend that even if we had some

elite right to demand the masses pay for our education, it would still be less important than starting change in the Middle East. In my opinion, the reason for Sept. 11 is people are raised in a society that is taught to hate Jews and the United States. Iraq is not the only place that generates hate, nor is it the worst place.

I contend it is the easiest place to start because a cease-fire agreement has been broken. When free, Iraq will prosper enormously, pressuring Iranians to match that prosperity. Christians generally do not run around burning witches anymore, and the Muslims who haven't become gentle yet, can learn as well. It must start somewhere. Arabs are capable of having a real republic.

A common argument is war is simply the easiest way for Bush to steal oil. However, it would be easier to lift the trade sanctions and let oil flow freely.

Currently, it is the French that benefit from Iraqi oil and the billions owed for the weapons used to persecute Iraqis. Also, the oil from Iraq is sold to benefit only Hussein's palaces and weapons so the Iraqis have no oil to lose. The oil in Iraq should be used by Iraqis to finance a real Republic. Remember the Marshall plan and how we treat defeated enemies.

I do not think the Iraqi people would live in peace if we totally ignored Hussein. The only chance for peace is if their dictators. So give peace a chance.

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After claiming that freedom is not worth dying for and chanting: "This is what democracy looks like," I voiced a dissenting opinion, and a few spit at me, and two cursed and threatened me to leave or shut up. As I tried to say, "The biggest killer of Arabs in the world is ... (the leader of the protest interjected) ... 'The United States of America!'" When I corrected him by explaining it was Saddam Hussein, he didn't even respond, but ran off to talk to a camera.

He blindly threw in "America" when he heard something bad, and I guess that's pretty cute. I don't know that guy's name, but I'd like to tell him that many in my family suffers under totalitarian government, and thanks to him, a few in America.

Don't be like that guy. If it feels good to hate war, define peace.

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ALAN TAYLOR, A freshman broadcast journalism major from Rowlett, will leave on Saturday to be in "Cancun: The Spring Break Movie." He will be in Cancun for eight days to film the movie with 11 other cast members chosen from various cities.

## Tech student snags spot in movie

By Harvey A. Mireles/Staff Reporter

After the dust had settled from a whirlwind of interviews, casting directors for a new Spring Break reality movie chose a Texas Tech student among their cast.

Alan Taylor, a freshman broadcast journalism major from Rowlett, was selected from the final 40 in the final cut to be in the Bunim/Murray produced motion picture "Spring Break: The Movie."

Casting directors filed through an 11-city tour, thousands of interviews and numerous hours of videotapes of countless applicants to make their final decision. A Red Raider is among the 12 who made the cast.

Alan and his brother, Landon Taylor, made a trip to Los Angeles on Feb. 28. They were among the 40 invited for the final interviews.

The final interviews included a sample confession, similar to those done on the Bunim/Murray produced reality series "The Real World," modeling before the casting directors, and answering questions about situations and life experiences.

Casting directors told Alan and Landon they may find out if they had made the cast as early as Saturday night.

"There was no call Saturday, no call Sunday and I received a phone call on Monday, and they said I had an excellent chance," Alan said. "They said it would probably be a good idea to start shopping for some new clothes or tanning or whatever."

Alan said when he received the call from the casting directors to tell him he was in he went into a state of disbelief.

"It didn't set in when they first told me," he said. "I was just kind of like 'oh, thanks, I made it.' But as soon as I got off the phone with them, I called my mom and dad."

Alan said there is not much he can do to prepare himself for the filming in Cancun.

"Whatever happens, happens," he said. "My dad said 'don't get in trouble, or it's your ass when you get back,' but everyone else has pretty much said be yourself."

Alan said he is interested to see who else is cast for the movie.

"I couldn't meet any of the other contestants while we

were there," Alan said. "They could be from anywhere. I wonder who the other people are and how I'm going to react."

Landon, a junior financial planning major from Rowlett, was not selected to join his brother in Cancun, however, he said he holds no animosity to the casting directors.

"They were really apologetic," he said. "I knew they had to eliminate 28 people. It didn't hurt my feelings. I was just going along with Alan."

Alan said he went to an interview on a whim after being turned down for a job because of his schedule.

Approximately 300 people auditioned during the casting call at Bleacher's in mid-January, movie-casting directors said.

"I had fun with the trip to L.A.," Landon said. "It was good to experience the casting of a movie and what it's like to be in the running."

Landon said he was excited for his brother's chance to be on the big screen.

"It's cool; I'm all for it," he said. "I just hope he doesn't get into any trouble he can't get out of. I told him to keep his pants on. Everything will be on video for all of America to see. America includes my grandma and everyone else. They can film everything."

Brandon Becvar, a broadcast journalism major currently enrolled at the University of North Texas, is Alan's best friend.

He said he was dumbfounded when Alan first told him that he made the cast.

"It's still hard to believe he will be in a big movie on the big screen," Becvar said. "He's been saying stuff like 'Yeah, this will be in the special edition DVD. It's really crazy.'"

Becvar said this is the most excited Alan has been in his life.

"He's trying to be cool and collected about it, but this is probably the happiest I've ever seen him," he said.

Alan said he is most looking forward to the free food and buffets because every meal is paid for.

"I'll probably bring my Calvin & Hobbes collection and this one pair of sandals that no one likes," he said.

# Making MATADORS

## Spanish style architecture inspires Tech's first mascot

By Kyle Clark and Nikki Siegrist/Staff Reporters

If it hadn't have been for the efforts of one imaginative female, Texas Tech football fans would have been rooting for the Dogies in 1925.

At the urging of his wife, Tech's first coach E.Y. Freeland opted to label the team "the Matadors" because of the Spanish architecture of the university as opposed to the suggestion of Dogies by the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

The colors scarlet and cream were chosen for the team because they represented a Matador's traditional red cape and black outfit.

While the Matador was officially Tech's mascot for nine years, it is unknown to some students that Tech was ever anything but the Red Raiders.

Mike Finn, a junior public relations major from Bedford, had no idea another mascot name existed.

"I can't imagine it being the Matadors," Finn said. "I think the Red Raiders just makes more sense. If it changed back, I don't know what I'd do."

The beginnings of the Matador dynasty were humbling, as the team did not score a touchdown until its third game of the season.

When the scoring finally came though, it came in a blistering 30-0 shutout of Montezuma on Sept. 17, 1925.

In celebration of the Matadors' first victory, the team was given a black-and-white calf with the score branded on the side.

The calf was a hit at Tech games from then on, with rides being offered to fans during halftime. No fan that season was able to tame the calf as every rider was thrown off.

While the calf was a hit throughout the year, it was time for the animal to go at the season's completion, and in true West Texas spirit, it was barbecued.

At the time, there were not many eyes batted at the barbecuing of the star mascot, but when Tech students now learn of the cookout, there are some surprised reactions.

Ashley Richardson, a sophomore undecided major from Bells, was shocked at the thought of grilling a school mascot.

"That's not cool," Richardson said. "Why would they barbecue their own mascot?"

Finch thought the idea was fairly unorthodox.

"That's crazy," Finch said. "I had no clue."

Tech's current choice of mascot isn't as likely a choice to throw on the grill, which gives a more reassuring feeling.

Saddle Tramp president Stephen Stoltz said the horse is safe from the horrors of the grill.

"The horse we can keep around for a while," Stoltz said. "We're not going to go cooking that thing anytime soon."

The hide from the calf was intended to be preserved and hung in the athletics office, but because of poor handling during the slaughter, the hide was unable to be preserved.

Tech's next mascot was a bull named "The Black Invader." According to Saddle Tramp records, the bull "proved to be more of a jinx than a help, and was soon replaced with the horse."

As for Tech's transformation into the Red Raiders, a two-year process began in 1934 when seven teams from different states were signed on to play against Tech.

To spark more attention to his traveling squad, coach Pete Cawthon ordered new blazing scarlet satin uniforms for his gridlers. This way, if the team did not attract attention with its skill, then it would with its uniforms.

The uniform change may have cemented the team's identity that season.

While there is no way of knowing exactly why Tech was first called the Red Raiders, many believe the first step was taken while playing one of the team's many road games at Loyola. In a story, a sports-writer from Los Angeles saw a struggling, unknown team and gave them his own brand.

The Matadors were fighting heavy odds in the game, and the sportswriter called the team a "red raiding team" because of its scarlet jerseys and fighting spirit. The idea then caught on as sportswriters covering Tech began calling the team the Red Raiders.

The only other popular belief is that Collier Parrish, then-sports editor of the Lubbock Morning Avalanche, was inspired by the all-red uniforms, and the teams' coast-to-coast schedule and began calling them the Red Raiders.

No matter how it happened, the name stuck, and the Tech students seemed pleased with the name.

Richardson said Red Raiders was definitely the better choice for Tech's team name.

"I like Red Raiders better," Richardson said. "When I hear Matadors I just think of old, medieval times."

Stoltz said with the changing of the times, it was a good transformation for Tech to become the Red Raiders.

"The Matadors was unique, and it matched the campus at the time, but there is always a changing of the times," Stoltz said. "Red Raiders is a better fit for the university."

The name Matadors was officially changed to Red Raiders in 1936 with the introduction of the Saddle Tramps.

That year, the Saddle Tramps also organized the masked rider. A rider in a scarlet satin cape circled the field before the game on a Palomino stallion named Silver.

That became an official Tech tradition in 1954, with masked rider Kirk Fulton's legendary entrance to the Gator Bowl and was dubbed the official mascot of Texas Tech.

Stoltz spoke of what the masked rider means to the university and its image.

"It's an awesome expression of the university," Stoltz said. "It's the way the campus is designed. Tech is about running toward the future. It's an awesome symbol for the fans."

Stoltz also said his organization was honored by the group played such a key role in the formation of Tech's traditions.

"It's definitely an honor for us to take part in those traditions and be around during that time of formation," Stoltz said. "That's something we talk about all the time. We're one of the oldest organizations on campus. That's something we take pride in."

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DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection is a form of birth control that is given as an intramuscular injection (a shot) in the buttock or upper arm once every 3 months (13 weeks). To continue your contraceptive protection, you must return for your next injection promptly at the end of 3 months (13 weeks). DEPO-PROVERA contains medroxyprogesterone acetate, a chemical similar to (but not the same as) the natural hormone progesterone, which is produced by your ovaries during the second half of your menstrual cycle. DEPO-PROVERA acts by preventing your egg cells from ripening. If an egg is not released from the ovaries during your menstrual cycle, it cannot become fertilized by sperm and result in pregnancy. DEPO-PROVERA also causes changes in the lining of your uterus that make it less likely for pregnancy to occur.

**How effective is DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?**  
The efficacy of DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection depends on following the recommended dosage schedule exactly (see "How often do I get my shot of DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?"). To make sure you are not pregnant when you first get DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection, your first injection must be given ONLY during the first 5 days of a normal menstrual period. ONLY within the first 5 days after childbirth if not breast-feeding and, if exclusively breast-feeding, ONLY at the sixth week after childbirth. It is a long-term, injectable contraceptive when administered at 3-month (13-week) intervals. DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection is over 99% effective, making it one of the most reliable methods of birth control available. This means that the average annual pregnancy rate is less than one for every 100 women who use DEPO-PROVERA. The effectiveness of most contraceptive methods depends in part on how reliably each woman uses the method. The effectiveness of DEPO-PROVERA depends only on the patient returning every 3 months (13 weeks) for her next injection. Your health-care provider will help you compare DEPO-PROVERA with other contraceptive methods and give you the information you need in order to decide which contraceptive method is the right choice for you.

The following table shows the percent of women who get pregnant while using different kinds of contraceptive methods. It gives both the lowest expected rate of pregnancy (the rate expected in women who use each method exactly as it should be used) and the typical rate of pregnancy (which includes women who become pregnant because they forgot to use their birth control or because they did not follow the directions exactly).

Method	Lowest Expected	Typical
DEPO-PROVERA	0.1	0.1
Implants (Norplant)	0.2*	0.2*
Female sterilization	0.2	0.2*
Male sterilization	0.1	0.15
Oral contraceptive (pill)	0.1	3
Condom (with spermicide)	0.1	3
Progestin only	0.5	3
IUD	—	3
Progestin	2.0	—
Copper T IUD	0.8	—
Condom (without spermicide)	2	12
Diaphragm (with spermicide)	4	18
Cervical cap	6	18
Withdrawal	4	18
Female abstinence	1.9	20
Spermicide alone	3	21
Vaginal sponge	5	18
Used before childbirth	6	18
Used after childbirth	9	20
No method	35	35

\*Source: Trussell et al. Obstet Gynecol. 1992;76:558-567.  
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**Who should not use DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?**  
Not all women should use DEPO-PROVERA. You should not use DEPO-PROVERA if you have any of the following conditions:  
• If you think you might be pregnant.  
• If you have any vaginal bleeding without a known reason.

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- If you have had cancer of the breast.
- If you have had a stroke.
- If you have or have had blood clots (phlebitis) in your legs.
- If you have problems with your liver or her disease.
- If you are allergic to DEPO-PROVERA (medroxyprogesterone acetate) or any of its other ingredients.

**What other things should I consider before using DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?**

You will have a physical examination before your doctor prescribes DEPO-PROVERA. It is important to tell your health-care provider if you have any of the following:  
• A family history of breast cancer.  
• An abnormal mammogram (breast x-ray), fibrocystic breast disease, breast nodules or lumps, or lumps in your breasts.  
• Bleeding from your nipples.  
• Severe depression.  
• Irregular or scanty menstrual periods.  
• High blood pressure.  
• Severe headaches.  
• Asthma.  
• Epilepsy (convulsions or seizures).  
• Diabetes or a family history of diabetes.  
• A history of depression.  
• If you are taking any prescription or over-the-counter medications.

**Does DEPO-PROVERA protect against HIV (AIDS) and other sexually transmitted diseases such as chlamydia, genital herpes, gonorrhea, hepatitis B, and syphilis?**

**What if I want to become pregnant after using DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?**  
Because DEPO-PROVERA is a long-acting birth control method, it takes some time after your last injection for its effect to wear off. Based on the results from a large study done in the United States, for women who stop using DEPO-PROVERA in order to become pregnant, it is expected that about half of those who become pregnant will do so in about 10 months after their last injection; about two thirds of those who become pregnant will do so in about 12 months; about 83% of those who become pregnant will do so in about 15 months; and about 92% of those who become pregnant will do so in about 18 months after their last injection. The length of time you use DEPO-PROVERA has no effect on how long it takes you to become pregnant after you stop using it.

**What are the risks of using DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?**

1. Irregular Menstrual Bleeding. The side effect reported most frequently by women who use DEPO-PROVERA for contraception is a change in their normal menstrual cycle. During the first year of using DEPO-PROVERA, you might have one or more of the following changes: irregular or unpredictable bleeding or spotting, an increase or decrease in menstrual bleeding, or no bleeding at all. Usually heavy or continuous bleeding, however, is not a usual effect of DEPO-PROVERA and if this happens, you should see your health-care provider right away. With continued use of DEPO-PROVERA, bleeding usually decreases, and many women stop having period completely. In clinical studies of DEPO-PROVERA, 55% of the women studied reported no menstrual bleeding (amenorrhea) after 1 year of use, and 68% of the women studied reported no menstrual bleeding after 2 years of use. The reason that your periods stop is because DEPO-PROVERA causes a resting state in your ovaries. When your ovaries do not release an egg monthly, the regular monthly growth of the lining of your uterus does not occur and therefore, the bleeding that comes with your normal menstruation does not take place. When you stop using DEPO-PROVERA your menstrual period will usually in time return to its normal cycle.

2. Bone Mineral Density. The use of DEPO-PROVERA may be associated with a decrease in the amount of mineral stored in your bones. This could increase your risk of developing bone fractures. The rate of bone mineral loss is greatest in the early years of DEPO-PROVERA use, but after that, it begins to resemble the normal rate of age-related bone mineral loss.

3. Cancer. Studies of women who have used different forms of contraception found that women who used DEPO-PROVERA for contraception had no increased overall risk of developing cancer of the breast, cervix, uterus, cervix, or liver. However, women under 35 years of age who first exposure to DEPO-PROVERA was within the previous 4 to 5 years may have a slightly increased risk of developing breast cancer similar to that seen with oral contraceptives. You should discuss this with your health-care provider.

4. Unhealthy Pregnancy. Because DEPO-PROVERA is such an effective contraceptive method, the risk of accidental pregnancy for women who get their shots regularly (every 3 months [13 weeks]) is very low. While there have been reports of an increased risk of low birth weight and neonatal infant death or other health problems in infants conceived close to the time of injection, such pregnancies are uncommon. If you think you may have become pregnant while using DEPO-PROVERA for contraception, see your health-care provider as soon as possible.

5. Allergic Reactions. Some women using DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection have reported severe and potentially life-threatening allergic reactions known as anaphylaxis and anaphylactoid reactions. Symptoms include: the sudden onset of hives or swelling and itching of the skin, breathing difficulties, and a drop in blood pressure.

6. Other Risk. Women who use hormone-based contraceptives may have an increased risk of blood clots or stroke. Also, if a contraceptive method fails, there is a possibility that the fertilized egg will begin to develop, but the uterus (womb) is empty. While these events are rare, you should tell your health-care provider if you have any of the problems listed in the next section.

**What symptoms may signal problems while using DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?**

Call your health-care provider immediately if any of these problems occur following an injection of DEPO-PROVERA:  
• Sudden chest pain, coughing up blood, or sudden shortness of breath (indicating a possible clot in the lung).  
• Sudden severe headache or vomiting, dizziness or lightheadedness, or numbness in your eye(s) or speech, weakness, or numbness in an arm or leg (indicating a possible stroke).  
• Severe pain or swelling in the calf (indicating a possible clot in the leg).  
• Unusually heavy vaginal bleeding.  
• Severe pain or tenderness in the lower abdominal area.  
• Persistent pain, pain, or bleeding at the injection site.

**What are the possible side effects of DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?**

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# Big 12 mascots bring cheer to ill children



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TRUMAN THE TIGER, the mascot for the Missouri Tigers, participates in an open challenge of table soccer with a patient at the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children on Wednesday morning in downtown Dallas. The mascots from the Big XII teams who did not have games Wednesday made their appearance with other spirit squads and Clifford the Big Red Dog (shown in background).

By David Wiechmann/  
Sports Editor

DALLAS — No one enjoys an extended stay at the hospital, but a group of college students brightened the spirits of patients at the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children. Members of the University of Missouri cheerleading and dance teams, Texas A&M Yell Leaders and mascots from Missouri, Oklahoma and Oklahoma State visited the hospital Wednesday morning to bring smiles to the patients' faces and take their minds away from their troubles. "It's a change from the normal routine of practicing, cheering and going to school," said Justin Lurk, a senior business management and statistics major from University of Missouri. "The kids enjoy having us here. It's a joy for them, and it transfers over to us."

The students said they enjoy doing such community service. Carissa Brammer, a senior communications major and member of Missouri's Golden Girls dance team, said it gives them an opportunity to represent their universities and to feel good about what they are doing. "It feels good to do something other than cheer and dance at our games," she said. "This is the kind of stuff that makes you feel good about yourself. The kids are all smiling, and this is why we do it. You don't get into it to just cheer. This is

one of those things that makes it worthwhile."

Courtney Brown, a junior communications major and also a Golden Girl, said seeing how the children of Scottish Rite spend their day and that many of them have extended stays a week or more close to home things possibly could be. "It's a huge reality check," she said. "It makes you feel good to see their faces and how they reacted when we came in. It's something so little for us

to come by and visit them, but it means the world to them."

Brown said visiting the children's hospital made her day because it felt like she made the children's day. "This is really neat," she said. "It's stuff to do that's besides going to the game, and it feels like a difference in their day." This is not the first time the students have done something like this. Lurk said it is his third time to visit a hospital while at the Big 12 Conference Tour-naments.

He said it is a good community service project for the cheerleaders and mascots to do while they have a break from the action of their normal duties.

Kelly Christensen, community relations officer for Scottish Rite, said it is always nice to have guests visit the children.

"Anytime the children get visitors, it's off the day," she said. "The minute they get here, you could see the smiling faces. ... It's always nice to see young (college) kids take time out of their day and make it a priority to do something like this."

Lurk said he feels good about what the students did, and he believes they made the children's days a little better.

"The neatest thing is watching them smile when we leave," he said. "So I guess it worked."

## German club travels to aid disaster

By Sara Schroeder/Staff Reporter

One of the most unpredictable forces in nature can do damage to a town in a matter of minutes. It can bring total destruction and devastation to lives in a single sweep.

The uncontrollable force, which can wreak havoc in the lives of many, can only be one thing: the weather.

Natural disasters, such as floods, tornados and violent storms are dangerous because they can tear down houses, power lines, buildings and anything else in their way.

For one village in Germany, this nightmare became a reality when a flood destroyed 90 percent of the town.

But in the midst of ruin, the Texas Tech German Club will come to the rescue.

Before the learning about the flood, Karla Sutton, president of the German Club, said they forwarded letters to Germany offering to help with possible community service efforts.

"We sent out lots of letters," she said. "We received some responses, but we were unable to go because we couldn't receive that much funding."

After many letters were sent, Check Point Charlie Foundation in Berlin told them about the village of Bad-Schandau, located near Dresden.

"They told us the village had a flood over the summer, and most of it was destroyed," Sutton said.

Sixteen people from the club, including graduate students, will travel to the village today and volunteer their time for nine days, helping to clear up the damage.

Michelle Kristoff, a graduate student studying marketing from Houston, said she is excited to help the village.

"I jumped at the chance to

help," she said. "It's a good opportunity to help."

Funding for the trip, including food, lodging and transportation is

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SENIOR ZOOLOGY MAJOR  
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mostly provided by the Check Point Charlie Foundation.

"The students will have to be responsible for their own spending money, however," Sutton said.

The German Club will help the village in any way it can.

"We'll help clean up and touch base with whatever is left over," Kristoff said.

Exactly what the club will be helping out with is still unclear, but members said they are ready to help with whatever tasks there may be.

"It hasn't been specified what we will be doing," Sutton said. "We aren't sure where they are in the building stage."

The club will stay at a youth camp called Reinhardtsdorf-Schona.

Sponsors for the club include Concord Oil, Walter Borst, a professor in the physics department, the Fredericksburg German Club and Vaughn H. Dixon, D.D.S.

Sutton said while helping out with the damage, they will have the chance to meet and talk with the mayor of the village.

All the volunteers agree this is a once in a lifetime opportunity to help people who have lost most of their belongings.

Brian Treize, a senior computer science major from Amarillo, said this is a great way to help out.

"This is a great thing to do," he said. "It's also a great excuse to go to Germany."

Adam Johnson, a senior zoology major from Amarillo, said the club going to Germany to help out a village is a unique thing.

"I don't know of anyone who's doing something like this," he said. "It's a pretty cool thing."

The German Club will not only be helping the village, but it will gain valuable learning experiences as well.

"This will be a tremendous learning experience," Sutton said. "We will have a chance to learn the language, the culture and experience history, all while helping the community."

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2. French Fries
3. Steak
4. Barbecue
5. Hamburger
6. Pizza
7. Buffet
8. Mexican Food
9. Italian Food
10. Oriental Food
11. Margarita
12. Cold Beer
13. Happy Hour
14. Fast Food
15. All-Night Restaurant
16. All-You-Can Eat deal
17. Favorite Restaurant
18. Friendliest Service
19. Supermarket

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6. TV commercial
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12. Movie Theater
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17. Internet Website

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9. Convenience Store
10. Bookstore
11. Clothing Bargains
12. Tire Store
13. Women's Traditional Clothing Store
14. Women's Casual Clothing Store
15. Men's Traditional Clothing Store
16. Men's Casual Clothing Store
17. Shopping Center/Mall
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20. Best Tattoo Shop
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1. Place to study
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3. Place to work
4. Night Club
5. Bar
6. Business at the Strip
7. Cleaners
8. Carwash
9. Car Repair
10. Haircut
11. Tanning Salon
12. Apartment Complex
13. Place to buy flowers
14. Church
15. Bank
16. Pharmacy
17. Romantic Dinner
18. Health Club
19. Hangout
20. Coffee Shop

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2. Tech Tradition
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5. Professor/Instructor
6. Student Organization
7. Class
8. Major
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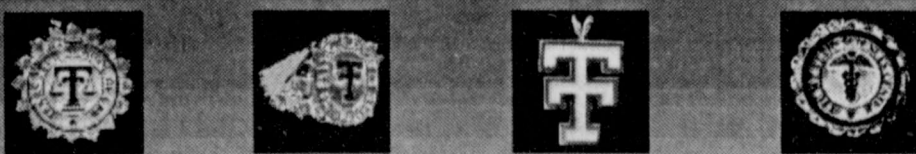
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# Tech travels to Waco

By Jason Lenz/Staff Reporter

Although the undercard fight can be a good one, everyone awaits the main event.

For the No. 21 ranked Texas Tech (16-6) baseball team, the main event comes soon. The Red Raiders travel to Waco to play the No. 8 ranked Baylor Bears (15-5) in a three game series to open Big 12 Conference play.

Game one is Friday at 7 p.m., and games two and three are Saturday and Sunday at 3 p.m. and 2 p.m., respectively.

Tech ended its non-conference schedule with a 6-3 win against TCU Tuesday at Dan Law Field. Head coach Larry Hays said the team is geared up to start conference play.

"We're just ready to go and play Baylor," he said. "It's nothing more than that. It's a conference series, and we're going to go play hard."

Hays said he is not concerned with the team's attitude. If the pitching staff performs well, Tech should fare OK.

"The thing I like about this team is they're just playing hard," he said. "Our team's pretty much confident, but we've just got to pitch. If we'll pitch, our team's ready to play."

Sophomore pitcher Tanner

McElroy said the Raiders are starting to get a little anxious to play conference opponents.

"Everybody's excited to start playing, but we've been ready all year," he said. "Conference is definitely more fun..."

McElroy said the 6-3 victory against TCU would help prepare the Raiders for the series against Baylor.

"We needed this," he said. "We're going to have to pitch well against Baylor because they've got good pitching. I'd much rather win like this than 15-14 or something like that."

Senior leftfielder Scooter Jordan echoed his teammate's sentiment.

"Those are the kind of games you're going to get in Big 12 play," he said. "It's going to be a lot of pitching, a lot of defense and situational hitting."

Junior shortstop T.J. Bruce said the Raiders are anxious to start Big 12 play since the new players have yet to play a conference game.

"A lot of us are all new to this," he said. "So I'm assuming we're a little anxious getting ready to compete in the Big 12. We're ready to go, though. Guys seem fired up and ready to go out there and play hard."

Playing the No. 8 ranked team on

the road is just a precursor to the caliber of the opponents Tech will face in its conference games.

"Our conference is tough," Bruce said. "If it's not Baylor, it's Texas A&M. If it's not A&M, it's Texas. Everybody in our conference is doing real well. You've just got to take who you get, go out there and play hard and hopefully you'll come out on top."

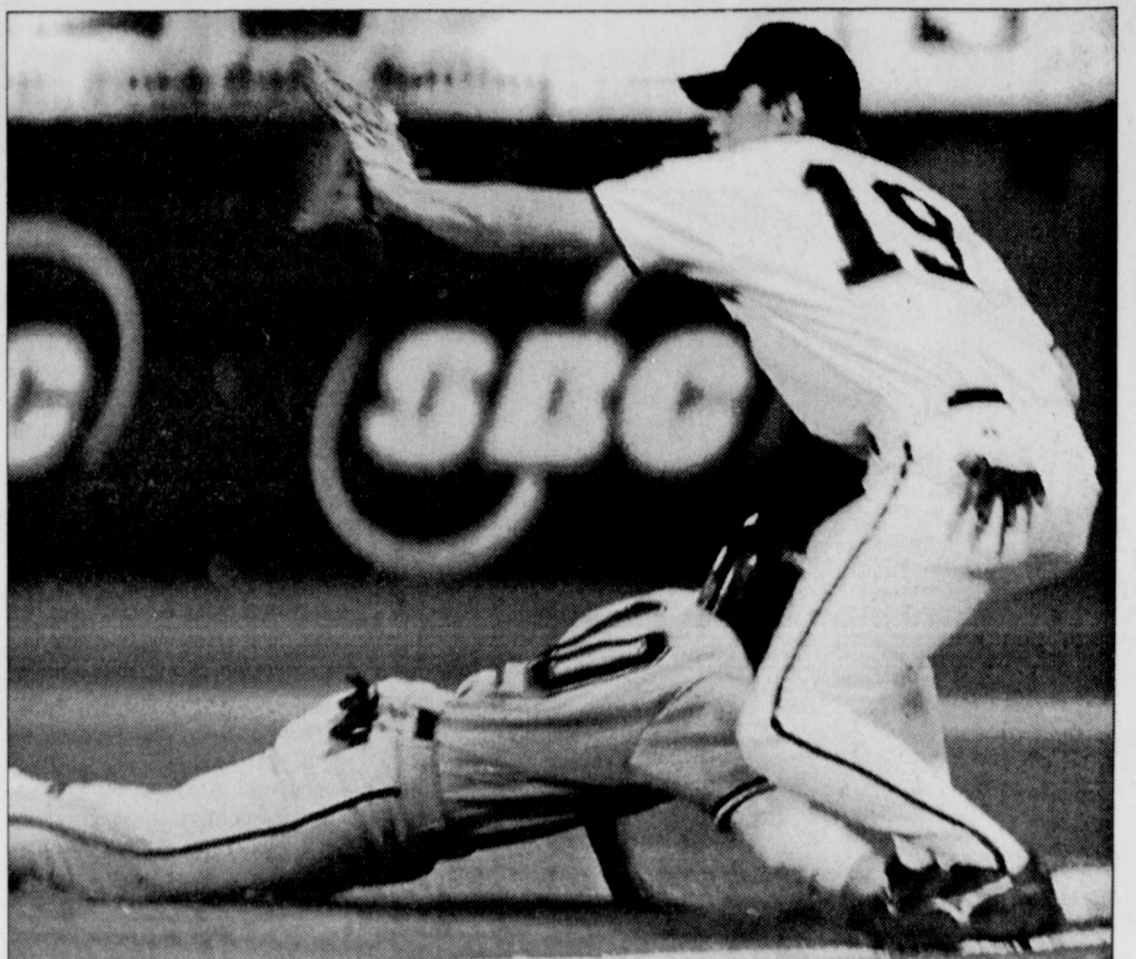
Jordan said he is eager to begin his second season of Big 12 play.

"This is what's fun," he said. "The level of competition raises, and the games get a little bit more important. There's not a whole lot of room for mistakes."

The Raiders have played only three games outside the confines of Dan Law Field, a three-game series against TCU that Tech lost 2-1. Jordan said this series against Baylor will be important for Tech.

"It's important to be able to play on the road," he said. "It's important to be able to win on the road. Everybody knows we can play at home."

Following the road series at Baylor, Tech will return home to play a three-game series against rival Texas A&M, March 21, 22 and 23 at Dan Law Field. Game times are 7 p.m., 2 p.m. and 1 p.m., respectively.



FILE PHOTO/The University Daily  
TEXAS TECH FIRST baseman Doug Beck accepts a throw from the TCU runner took a lead off base and got back to first successfully. Tech will travel to Waco Friday to play the Baylor Bears in a three-game series at 7 p.m. Friday, 3 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. After Baylor, the Raiders will return home to play a series against rival Texas A&M on March 21, 22 and 23 at Dan Law Field. Game times are 7 p.m., 2 p.m. and 1 p.m., respectively.

# Softball team seeks turnaround at tournament

By Kyle Clark/Staff Reporter

It took the Texas Tech softball team 31 games to come together and climb over the hump of its schedule. Now with only one tournament before conference play, there is yet another hump on the horizon.

After losing 1-0 to No. 2 Arizona, members of the Tech softball team said the team is confident and ready to change the outlook of its season this weekend in the Virginia Tech Tournament in Blacksburg, Va.

Tech is now 12-20 on the season, but with the near miss against Arizona still on the collective minds of the team, there is much to be excited about.

Red Raider coach Bobby Reeves said he is sure his team's confidence and outlook has been drastically changed by the game against Arizona.

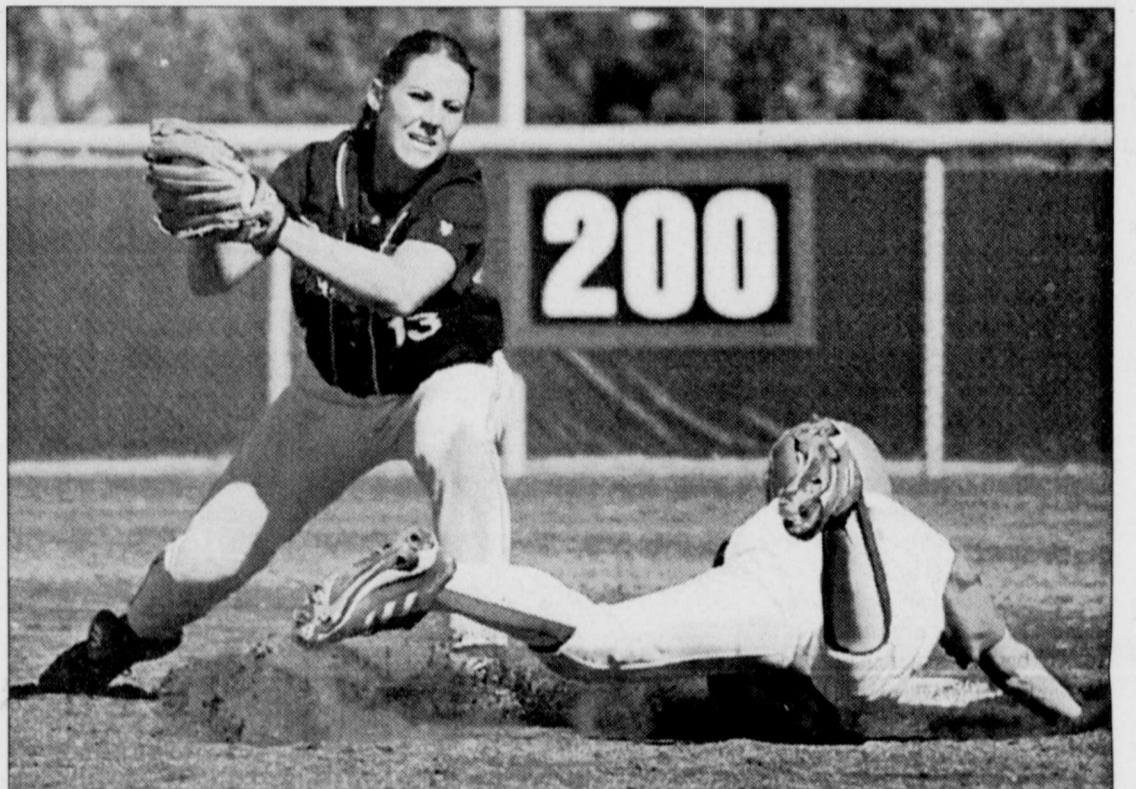
"I don't think you can help but come out of a game like that more confident," Reeves said. "Hopefully, we'll carry on with that confidence."

Reeves also delved into his memory bag and shared a personal account of how one game can change a team's season.

"When I was an assistant coach here we went down to Arizona to play them, and they run ruled us the first game," he said. "Twenty minutes later we beat them, and that year we went to the regionals. So you expect that kind of motivation out of them."

The players said they were just as assured after the game against Arizona.

Freshman pitcher Erin Crawford, who gave up three hits in her complete game performance against Arizona, said she is sure the team is taking the loss the right way and using it to the team's



FILE PHOTO/The University Daily  
SHORTSTOP KRISTI ROBLES attempts to tag out a New Mexico baserunner at second base during the softball team's game last Friday at Rocky Johnson field.

advantage. "You can either take it as a 1-0 loss or you can say we lost 1-0 against the No. 2 team in the nation," Crawford said. "That's an amazing thing. We've come along way, and we're one step closer."

Catcher Elyssa Sigala echoed her pitcher's sentiments about how far the team has come and said onlookers of the team will be surprised when everything comes together. "We're playing how we're capable of playing," Sigala said. "Our second

game against Arizona was a big up for us and for our fans. We're not to our full potential yet, but when we are, everyone will be real surprised."

As for what lies ahead for the Raiders, Tech will face an unfamiliar group of teams in the Virginia tourney.

Tech will play Georgia State, North Carolina, Virginia Tech, Coastal Carolina and St. Bonaventure.

Reeves said he did not know much about the field at the tourney, but said it would be a good opportunity for Tech to hone its skills before return-

ing home for a doubleheader conference match up against Texas A&M on March 19.

The thought of getting into conference play was an upbeat issue for Tech at Tuesday's practice. Sigala said she was ready to step into Big 12 play and see what it was all about.

"I'm excited about playing A&M," she said. "I want to see the top notch ball of the Big 12 and see what we're capable of."

Reeves said the competition against A&M would definitely be high caliber, as the Aggies are one of the better teams in the Big 12, which he said is a great conference.

"Everyone in the Big 12 is good," Reeves said. "A&M is in the top half. It should be exciting."

## THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

**ACROSS**

- Germ weight
- Field yield
- Lacking fizz
- Like a lot
- Anglo-Saxon slave
- Continental cash
- Pass
- North American reindeer
- Three-way junction
- Campus life
- In-vogue cell
- Germ cell
- Riger's constellation
- On the other side
- With 41A, pass
- Yes, Yves
- Freeway exit
- Miss a step
- Part of CPU
- Aladdin prince
- See 32A
- Advt. competitor
- Bring to bear
- Homeric epic
- Thingamajig
- Cheerleading accessories
- Japanese honorific
- Lily or Wallach
- Pass
- Cradle call
- Succotash bean
- Mit
- Kerplunk cousin
- Give the cold shoulder to
- Champing at the bit

**DOWN**

- DA's workload
- Of age
- Bulwinkle's pal
- Crescent
- Wobbles
- Surrender formally
- Pretora's nation: abbr.
- Standing by
- Mariner's jacket
- Tributary
- De (sumptuously)
- Saroyan's "My Name Is..."
- Ponderous volume
- Eldritch
- Stupor: prefix
- Closed circuit
- Exhaled
- contemptuously
- Lolapalooza
- Ms. Chaplin
- Long or strong follower
- Web location
- Jam-pack
- Crown of light
- Overlook
- Silly Rabbit's cereal
- As far as
- Gas light
- Eric Burdon's windshield
- and kicking
- Crapshooter
- Stately display
- Roundish shape
- Bulletin board posting
- Stick with something
- Cassowary cousin
- Sunshine St.

By James E. Buell Edgewater, FL 3/13/03

### Wednesday's Puzzle Solved

ACROSS: 1. GERM, 2. YIELD, 3. FLAT, 4. LOT, 5. SLAVE, 6. CASH, 7. PASS, 8. REINDEER, 9. JUNCTION, 10. LIFE, 11. CELL, 12. CELL, 13. CONSTELLATION, 14. SIDE, 15. PASS, 16. YES, 17. EXIT, 18. STEP, 19. CPU, 20. PRINCE, 21. ADVERTISER, 22. BEAR, 23. EPIC, 24. THINGAMAJIG, 25. ACCESSORIES, 26. HONORIFIC, 27. WALLACH, 28. PASS, 29. CALL, 30. BEAN, 31. MIT, 32. KERPUNK, 33. COUSIN, 34. SHOULDER, 35. BIT.

DOWN: 1. WORKLOAD, 2. AGE, 3. PAL, 4. CRESCENT, 5. WOBBLER, 6. SURRENDER, 7. PRETORIA, 8. STAND BY, 9. JACKET, 10. TRIBUTARY, 11. DE, 12. SAROYAN, 13. PONDEROUS, 14. ELDITCH, 15. STUPOR, 16. CIRCUIT, 17. EXHALED, 18. CONTEMPTUOUSLY, 19. LOLAPALOOZA, 20. CHAPLIN, 21. FOLLOWER, 22. WEBSITE, 23. JAMPACK, 24. CROWN, 25. OVERLOOK, 26. SILLY, 27. AS FAR AS, 28. GAS LIGHT, 29. BURDON, 30. KICKING, 31. CRAPSHOOTER, 32. DISPLAY, 33. ROUNDISH, 34. BOARD, 35. POSTING, 36. STICK, 37. SOMETHING, 38. CASSOWARY, 39. SUNSHINE.

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Tennis teams match up at home this weekend

Women look to beat Colorado

By Kyle Clark/Staff Reporter

Fresh off a down-to-the-wire victory over Missouri, the Texas Tech women's tennis team isn't expecting a lop-sided victory anytime soon.

We have a close match with (Colorado) every year. They're a lot like Missouri.

SANDY COLLINS TEXAS TECH WOMEN'S TENNIS COACH

out there," Kovacic said. "You just can't look at it that way. We put as much as we can on the court, and we still win. We're still a good team.

The fighting spirit seen Tuesday at practice was the same that helped Tech over the hump against Missouri, and could help for a win against Colorado.

Kovacic said the team is more confident now, and the Missouri match helped the players feel better.

"For motivation and self esteem, it was very good for us," Kovacic said. "We're more confident, and there's not as much pressure. We'll have a couple of matches during Spring Break and a couple of home matches, and that will help us. The crowd means a lot to us."

Kovacic also said if she and her fellow freshmen have a better performance than against Missouri, a victory against Colorado should be likely.

"Tara (Browning) and I had a bad day against Missouri," she said. "Hopefully, if we play well, we will all come together, and we should win."

After facing Colorado, Tech will travel to Arlington March 19 for a match against Texas-Arlington and will return home March 24 for a match against Texas. The match against Texas was originally scheduled for Feb. 8, but was rescheduled because of weather.

Collins said Lombard has lost a lot in the weeks she has been out of action and cannot withstand the pressure of a full match yet.

"She's out of shape since she's missed several weeks," Collins said. "That's something you just don't get back overnight. I don't want her to have a relapse, and when she does get back out there, I want her to be comfortable."

During Lombard's absence, Collins said the team has focused strongly mentally and has not stayed on what it is missing, but rather what it still has.

The team seemed optimistic Tuesday, despite having a lineup riddled with injury, the team would remain aggressive.

Freshman Katja Kovacic said Tech missed Lombard on the court but is not showing the effects of it in competition.

"It feels like bad luck that she's not

Coach warns team against growing over-confident

By Kyle Clark/Staff Reporter

While one day a team can be the underdog, the next it's a favorite. That is exactly what Texas Tech tennis coach Tim Siegel is dealing with.

Siegel's team has started the season 10-1, and has three home matches this weekend against teams Siegel said the Raiders could beat easily.

The problem is, Siegel said, the team could just as easily lose the matches if it gets too cocky.

Siegel used the beginning of Tuesday's practice to praise his players for the team's championship victory in the Islander Invitational in Corpus Christi, but also warned his team against growing over-confident.

Tech will face Corpus Christi A&M, Northern Arizona and New Mexico State in matches this weekend. Siegel said every match would be dangerous, especially Corpus Christi A&M, which Tech defeated

last weekend.

"The score was misleading in our match against them," he said. "We swept 4-0, but the three matches that were still on the court were in the third set. They're a dangerous team, but we'll be ready."

Senior Alfonso Perez, who was one of the members of the Tech team with a victory over Corpus Christi, said Siegel would likely be looking for blood against the Raiders.

"We beat them at their court," he said. "We had a big win against Louisiana, and they were confident. I'm sure they have a desire to beat us, but we'll be ready."

Tech is now on a 10-match winning streak heading into Friday's match against Corpus Christi A&M, and the members of the team said wins should continue.

Perez, who was chosen as the Big 12 player of the week this week, said the comfort level of the team makes it easy to continue the winning streak.

"It's so comfortable to be on the court with these guys," Perez said. "I

never get nervous. These guys never stop fighting and will give everything to win."

As for his own achievement of earning the Big 12 honor, Perez said it was great to receive the award.

"It's great to have this kind of recognition," he said. "I've been playing pretty good, and as a team, we push each other in practice. My game has really developed because of it."

Perez also gave much thanks to his coach for getting him in the position to play well.

"When I transferred here, I knew I had the game," Perez said. "I didn't have it mentally, and coach (Siegel) has changed me as a player and as a person. I owe a lot of what I've done to him. He's the best coach I've ever had."

Siegel was just as congratulatory of Perez in response to his award.

"I have a great relationship with Alfie (Perez)," he said. "He's grown up more in one year than any player I've

ever seen. The fact that he's 9-2 at No. 2 is more shocking than our team record. It's all because he bought into what I taught him. Alfie is the backbone of this team, and he's been very impressive."

With only three matches remaining before the team begins conference play, the team seemed to be taken back by its successful record.

Siegel said if someone would have told him in December the team would be 10-1, he wouldn't have believed it because of the number of tough road matches.

Perez also said he wouldn't have been able to believe a pre-season prediction such as that.

"I would have never thought that we would be 10-1 with a chance to be 13-1 before facing Baylor," Perez said. "We surprise each other every day. There is not a team in the nation that wants it more."

Tech will face Baylor March 22 at home at the McLeod Tennis Center.

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## Lady Raiders avoid early OSU onslaught

By David Wiechmann/Sports Editor

DALLAS — One day after pulling the biggest upset of the Big 12 Conference Women's Tournament, the Oklahoma State Cowgirls (8-21, 3-13 Big 12 play) had the same thing in mind when they faced the No. 3 seeded Texas Tech Lady Raiders (25-4, 13-3).

The two teams entered the locker room at halftime tied at 32, but Tech would change that shortly into the second half.

Five minutes into the second frame, Tech opened up the score by going on a 17-0 run. During the run, guard Jia Perkins took command of the game and scored eight of Tech's 17 points. After Perkins drained a pull-up jump shot from the free-throw line, OSU called a timeout, and Perkins elevated the crowd.

"I think we have some great fans, and I just wanted to get them in the game," she said. "That was just giving them a little shout-out because I think our fans are what keep us going, and once they get in the game, that really helps us out."

Perkins got the fans in the game and led Tech

with 21 points, 13 of them coming in the second half.

Tech knew it would have its hands full and could expect a challenge from the 11th seeded Cowgirls because of the surprise win they had over Missouri on Tuesday.

Coach Marsha Sharp said it was a good win because it does what the most important thing at this point in time is: keep the team alive in the tournament.

"We're glad to move on to the next round," she said. "I was disappointed in the way we played the first half. Part of that was because Oklahoma State did a nice job and really did some things on the offensive end."

Sharp said OSU's star Trisha Skibbe stepped up in the game and kept the Cowgirls in it for a while. Skibbe finished the night with 22 points.

Sharp also said something that kept OSU in the game was Tech's failure to be effective on offense every time down the floor.

"We probably wasted too many possessions on the offensive side," she said. "We talked

about that at halftime. And we wanted to make sure the shots we took were a little bit more effective."

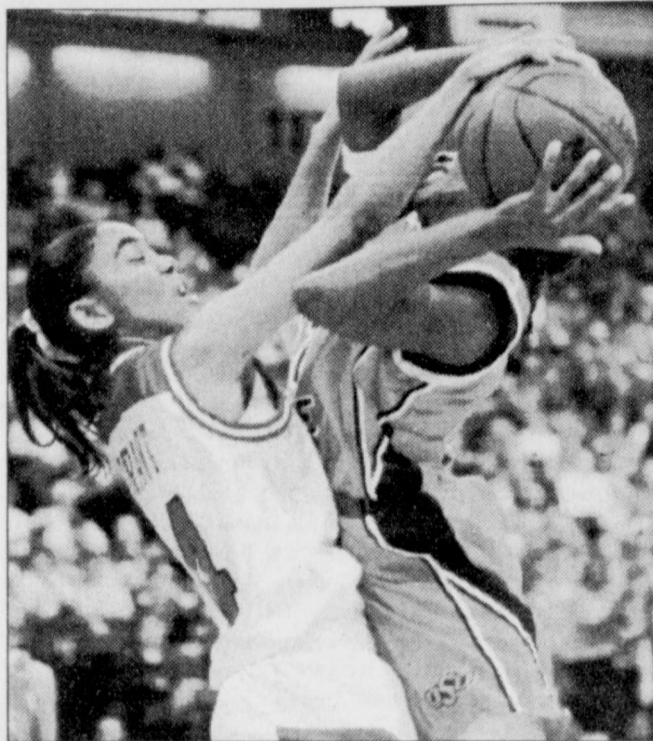
Forward Plenette Pierson said OSU did not catch Tech off guard per se because Tech knew it had to be on the lookout for teams looking to upset them early in the tournament and that Tech will have to come out as strong for its next opponent in the tournament, Kansas State.

"We know going into it we can't take any team for granted," she said. "Hopefully, we can go out there and play as hard as we did at home (against Kansas State)."

Whatever Sharp told her team in the locker room worked because Tech came out of the gates fired up and pulled away from OSU.

Sharp said she would not like to be forced to play such drastically different halves Thursday in the semi-finals because her team cannot afford to be against the Wildcats.

"We came out and played much more consistently in the second half," she said.



TEXAS TECH GUARD Erin Grant blocks the fast-break shot attempt of Oklahoma State forward Chantoya Hawkins during the first half of the Lady Raiders second round game against OSU in the Big 12 Conference Tournament in Dallas.

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## Red Raiders not giving up on NCAA

By Matt Muench/Staff Reporter

DALLAS - Although National Invitation talk continues to surround the Red Raiders, Texas Tech forward Kasib Powell continues to throw out that notion.

He has said it before; he is saying it again.

"We still think we can get in the NCAA Tournament," Powell said last week. "Why quit thinking about it? Why even play this week?"

Well, the Raiders are here, and Tech opens Big 12 Tournament play in round one against Baylor at 6 p.m. today in the American Airlines Center.

If Tech wants to reach the Big Dance, it will probably have to win four games in four days, which is a task

no Big 12 team has ever done.

"We can do it," Powell said. "We just have to be focused. We have to be ready. We know we can play with any team in the country."

If Tech (16-11, 6-10) wins, the Raiders will next play No. 2 seed Texas at 6 p.m. Friday.

If the Raiders get by day two, No. 1 seed Kansas will probably be waiting for them. If they reach the finals, No. 2 seed Oklahoma would likely be next.

"We are ready to make a good run at it," Powell said. "We know it is a hard conference. We knew it from the beginning. People play hard in this conference. We just have to stay focused."

Tech's opponent today is one the Raiders saw across the court not too

long ago. On Saturday, the Bears defeated Tech 74-68 in Waco. The loss damaged Tech's chances of getting an at large bid in the NCAA Tournament. Now the Raiders can only get an automatic bid.

Revenge is on Powell's mind.

"It is good that we get to play them again," Powell said. "We know what they do. They hit the 3-pointers real well, and they have a good inside game. We just know we have to play strong for 40 minutes."

Baylor forward Matt Sayman said playing Tech will be challenging, and its victory last week means nothing.

"Like we have been doing the whole season is we look only to our next game and forget about the past," he said. "And we have done a good job preparing for this game."

During Tuesday's news conference at the American Airlines Center, neither Knight nor the players mentioned the Baylor game, nor were they asked about it.

Knight began the news conference commenting on Tuesday's Dallas Morning News article that said Knight kicked a flat screen television and broke it during halftime of Tech's win against Nebraska earlier this year.

"Since I apparently am the first coach to kick anything since coaching started, I want to address this first," he said. "I know it is an international incident, and I wouldn't want the people in Tokyo to miss this. Pat (Knight) has an interesting story that will captivate you. If this is handled properly, there could be writing awards in this."



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"You can probably get 1000 to 2000 words with this," he said.

Then he pulled out a pen Knight threw down that had the cap off, forcing the pen to be dried out.

The whole performance was in sarcastic tone, but the two were furious with the media's coverage about the incident.

"That article this morning in the Dallas paper for words written had more inaccuracy than anything that I ever read," Knight said.

Knight walked off the podium. No more questions could be asked.

Other games at the tournament today include Colorado/Kansas State, Missouri/Nebraska and Texas A&M/Iowa State.

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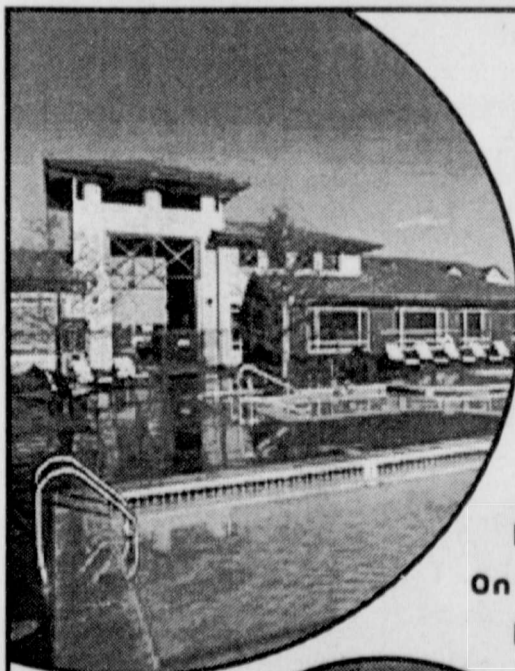
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