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Troops head to Baghdad, face fierce opposition

By David Espo/Associated Press

Aiming for Saddam Hussein's seat of power, U.S.-led warplanes and helicopters attacked Republican Guard units defending Baghdad on Monday while ground troops advanced to within 50 miles of the Iraqi capital. President payment for the war.

The helicopter assault marked the first the tragedies." known engagement between forces in central Iraq, and many of the American craft were hit by Iraqi groundfire. One went down behind enemy lines — the cause was unknown — and the Pentagon said the two-person crew had been taken prisoner.

Five days into Operation Iraqi Freedom,

forces from securing the southern cities of Basra and An Nasiriyah and thwarted efforts to extinguish burning oil wells.

"These things are never easy," conceded British Prime Minister Tony Blair, on the day other strategic locations, in evident anticipahis country suffered its first combat casualty Bush put a \$75 billion price tag on a down of the war. "There will be some difficult times

> Hussein sought to rally his own country in because God's victory will be ours soon," he said, appearing in full military garb and seeming more composed than in a taped appearance broadcast last week.

Despite Hussein's defiant pose, a military

was bombed, and Baghdad fell under renewed air attack by day and by night. Iraqis set up mortar positions south of the city and piled sandbags around government buildings and tion of a battle to come.

"Coalition forces are closing in on with Republican Guard forces." ahead but (the war) is going to plan despite Baghdad," Maj. Gen. Stanley McChrystal told reporters at the Pentagon.

He said U.S. Apache helicopters attacked a televised appearance. "Be patient, brothers, Hussein's Republican Guard forces arrayed around Baghdad while another official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said a "large portion" of the day's bombing runs were dedicated to hitting the same units.

Defense officials at the Pentagon said the ern Iraq, while others stood stoically.

resistance prevented American and British barracks in the northern part of the country Apaches encountered heavy groundfire during their assault on the Medina armored division. One official said many Apaches were hit by fire, but managed to kill about 10 Iraqi tanks before cutting off their attack.

Asked about ground forces, McChrystal said, "We have not gotten into direct firefights

That seemed a matter of not much time,

The Army's 3rd Infantry Division was within 50 miles of the capital, battling sandapproaches to Baghdad.

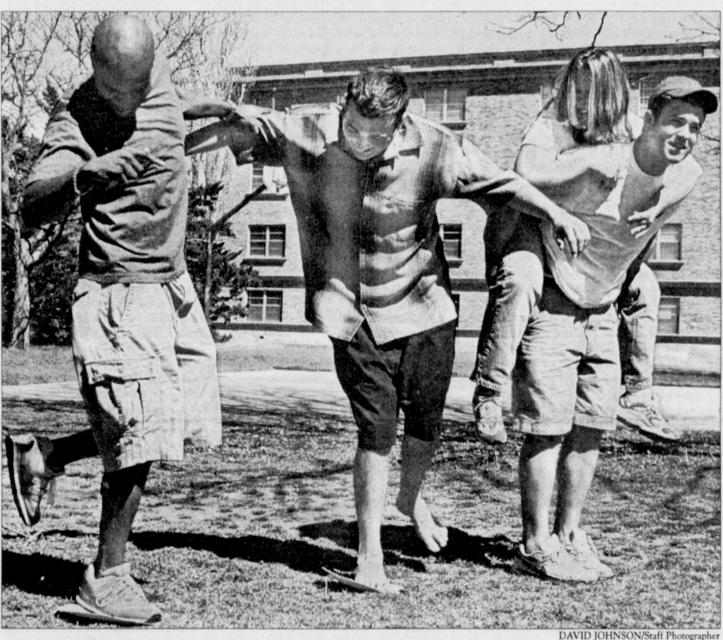
the convoy passed on its dash through south-

The advance of long columns of thousands of vehicles was aided by heavy air protection that wiped out a column of Iraqi armor at one point and sent some of Hussein's outer defenses withdrawing toward the capital. The convoy passed bombed anti-aircraft guns, empty foxholes and berms dug for tanks that had been abandoned.

President Bush invited senior lawmakers to the White House, and aides said he would ask Congress for nearly \$75 billion. Of that, \$62.6 billion would be in direct war costs, acstorms more than Iraqi fire as it neared the cording to these aides, for 30 days of combat. The request also was expected to include up Some Iraqis waved or gave a thumbs-up as to \$3 billion to guard against terrorist threats,

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PAPER PREDICAMENT



DAVID JOHNSON/Staff Photographer

FROM LEFT TO right: Obinna NwabukO, A senior international business major from Austin; John Birdwell, a freshman finance major from Fort Worth; Kristin Evans, a junior physical therapy major from Pecos; and Kyle Pippins, a freshman business major from El Paso; play a game by the basketball courts between Hulen and Gates residence halls during their introduction to oral interpretation class. The object of the game is to stay on three paper plates and maneuver 15 feet with out falling off.

Officials learn Legislature could return funds

By Angela Timmons/Staff Reporter

Texas Tech officials met with the Texas Legislature in Austin on March 14 for a last-minute hearing with a subcommittee for higher education. Tech President Donald Haragan, Chancellor Dr. David Smith and Health Science Center Interim President Elmo Cavin appeared for the

Smith said the Legislature is looking to add additional revenue back into the budget, which recently experienced a 12.5 percent budget cut. All possible budget return. "But we're see-

Texas state universities were forced to ing some movement in the right di- The Legislature has not made resreturn 12.5 percent of their budgets, Smith said, but the Legislature is looking at the possibility of returning 10 percent above the cut level.

about \$14.5 million, and the HSC The university would still face between 7 and 8 percent deficit against appropriations, not counting growth.

"This still doesn't get us back to this year's budget or to fund the increased enrollment," he said of the

rection."

Texas needs to see a higher level of restoration or the state will not be able to respond to university needs, Smith said Tech would be restored Smith said. However, the Legislature hope it will create some legislation is using projections to see where needs would be returned about \$8.5 million. are and where appropriations should

> Smith said the university's budget would increase to \$60 million from \$54 million if the Legislature returns funds. However, Smith said Tech needs to see a restoration that would bring the budget closer to \$63 million.

torations vet.

"The lieutenant governor made some recommendations Tuesday and Wednesday," Smith said. "We to return some funding."

Smith said he, Cavin and Haragan expressed the need to fully fund Tech's budget formula, and the worry about budget burdens shifting to students and parents, as students are already facing a 21.5 per-

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Texas Tech professors research dirty bomb effects

By Joey Kirk/Staff Reporter

Since Sept. 11, 2001, America has been on high alert to the threat of terrorism. With the constant threat of attack, three Texas Tech professors are testing if the citizens of the United States are ready.

Through 12 years of research at the Chernobyl Nuclear Power Plant in Pripyat, Ukraine, Robert Baker, Ron Chesser and Carleton Phillips, professors in the Department of Biological Sciences, have looked at how radiation moved in the aftermath of the nuclear rector explosion that occurred

The team of three has undergone investigation

of radiation dispersion devices and the impact they have. Commonly referred to as "dirty" bombs, a radiation dispersion device contains radioactive material that can spread and contaminate upon

With a grant of \$1 million to support the professors' research project, Congress believes this program is necessary for the safety of the United

We communicated with Kay Bailey Hutchison and encouraged that it could have a direct tie with the strategy of United States' security," Chesser said.

Phillips, also the assistant vice president of research, said there is a great concern about the threat of a "dirty" bomb attack because of the ease to construct such a weapon.

"It is relatively simple to make one, and it doesn't necessarily take real skills to do," he said. 'Now, people can obtain radioactive materials with no problem. This kind of attack will frighten many people."

In a city that used to be home to 50,000, Pripyat is now abandoned because of the event that shocked the world more than 15 years ago. Chesser said he never tires of the research he is involved

"It is exciting; it never gets old. One of the

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Student indicted for child pornography

By Heidi Toth/Staff Reporter

A Texas Tech student was indicted last week for more than a dozen counts of child pornography.

David Russell Brigham, who is working toward a teaching certificate at Tech, was released by his own recognizance, which allows him to be released without paying bond, and will be arraigned Wednesday on 13 counts.

The charges are for knowingly transporting child pornography in interstate commerce by computer in April 2000 and November 2000. He is accused of uploading several files depicting a female under the age of 18 engaged in sexually explicit conduct with adult males.

The images were put onto a Web site soliciting guesses on how old the children were.

Brigham did not meet the requirements to be retained further, Assistant U.S. Attorney Steven Sucsy said. To keep a suspect in retention, there must be a flight risk or danger to the com-

"There's always a concern anytime ditions. a defendant is released on conditions that they may violate the law in the same way charged ... but there are particular rules that have to be followed in cases where the government seeks retention," he said.

Federal Magistrate Nancy Koenig set forth several conditions that Brigham must abide by. According to court records, Brigham has to advise

the court, defense counsel and the U.S. Attorney's office in writing before any changes of address or phone number, and he must appear at all pro-

He can continue with his education, according to records, but cannot leave the Northern District of Texas and has to participate in a mental health evaluation and any subsequent mental health counseling directed by pre-trial services.

He cannot possess any firearms or other dangerous weapons, or pornographic material of any kind. He also cannot use sexually oriented telephone numbers or services. Brigham cannot have any unsupervised contact with children under the age of 18 or loiter near schools, playgrounds or

other areas frequented by children. He cannot have contact with devices that communicate data via a modem or dedicated connection, and he cannot have any access to the Internet, according to court records.

Sucsy said it is difficult to know if meone is complying with the con-

In addition to the 13 counts, there is another count seeking the forfeiture of the computer, which the prosecution believes was used to store and transport images, he said.

At the court appearance Wednesday, Brigham will enter a plea, and a trial date will be sent, which Sucsy said

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Security increased as result of war in Iraq

By Angela Timmons/Staff Reporter

NEW YORK — While Americans watch the war in Iraq on their televisions, effects of the war may be closer than many think.

As the armed National Guard is becoming an ordinary part of airport security, New York City has been forced to become familiar with guns and uniforms in their subway, train and bus stations. Airports and all travel thoroughfares throughout the city are now home to a level of security unprecedented in America's his-

"Security's got to be tighter," a Special Services security employee for Northwest Airlines at John F. Kennedy International Airport in New York City said. "We're looking for bombs, mainly explosives, chemical and bacteria weapons; we're not worried about guns or anything so much."

The employee, who asked to remain unnamed, said being in a New is there every day.

"I've been here three years, and it

feels the same to me now as it always did," he said. "I never think about the war going on. It would make it too hard to get the job done."

The employee said it seems New York City and its people have bounced back from the trauma of Sept. 11, 2001, after a short period of shock. He added the city must go on, much like

the nation, as normally as possible. "People just have to know that we're at the gate every day to check people," he said. "If they have something, they're going to get zapped."

Security is the top priority at airports. At JFK, passengers checking in prior to flight must leave their luggage with security while they begin to check in. After confirming identification, passengers are then instructed to go back to the luggage checkpoint, where an employee escorts the luggage back to the check-in counter.

At other airports, such as Dallas-Fort Worth, luggage is checked in as usual but most likely will be inspected. Locks will be broken if necessary. At York airport is a different experience most airports, an automated message for him than for passengers because he sounds, stating that "due to security

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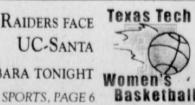
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LADY RAIDERS FACE UC-SANTA BARBARA TONIGHT Women



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MISSION (AP) - A South Texas family has identified a prisoner of war in Iraq, and members of another family say their relative is the only woman among captives shown on Iraqi television.

Joel Hernandez, 19, said military and Mission police officers came to his family's house with the news that 21year-old Edgar Hernandez was captured. Hours later, he saw television footage of his brother held hostage.

"He was all beat up from his face," he said. "He was hurt. I could tell he was really scared."

Hernandez said his parents immigrated from Reynosa, Mexico, and his brother was the oldest of four siblings. The soldier is a supply truck driver for the Army, stationed at Fort Bliss near El Paso.

"His job really is not that dangerous, but once you're out there anything you do is dangerous I guess," Joel Hernandez said.

The soldier's mother said she had a message for her son.

"To have faith in God and he will bring you back and we are here for you," Maria De La Luz Hernandez said in Spanish to The Associated Press.

Relatives of Army Spc. Shoshawna Johnson said she was the female POW shown on Iraqi television. They said on NBC's "Today" show that Johnson is the daughter of a military man and grew up near Fort Bliss.

"I can't imagine what she's going through. I can't begin to imagine what she's feeling. She looks scared," said a cousin, Tracy Thorn. "You know, hundreds of thousands of soldiers are out there. You never think that one of your family members would be one of those to be taken captive."

On Sunday, two other soldiers believed to be held by Iraqi forces were identified by relatives as Army Spc. Joseph Hudson, 23, of Alamogordo, N.M., and Pfc. Patrick Miller of Park City, Kan.



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The Rundown



Fort Bliss soldiers Sergeant detained for U.S. helicopter crash taken prisoner in Iraq deadly camp attack in Afghanistan kills six

FORT CAMPBELL, Ky. (AP) low serviceman with a grenade, an Army spokesman said he may have acted out of resentment. Where such bitterness may have come from remains a mystery.

borne Division brigade command cen- on its way late Sunday to pick up the ter in Kuwait also wounded 15 other soldiers Sunday, three seriously.

Akbar had reportedly told his mother he feared persecution because he is a Muslim and had been reprimanded recently for insubordination.

The woman who said she is Akbar's mother, Quran Bilal, told The Tennessean of Nashville that she was concerned her son might have been accused because he is a Muslim. She said he was not allowed to participate in the first Gulf War because of his

there I have the feeling they are going to arrest me just because of the name that I have carried," Bilal, of Baton Rouge, La., told the newspaper for a story published in Monday's editions.

Akbar, of the 101st's 326th Engineer Battalion, was in custody, said George Heath, a civilian spokesman at Fort Campbell. Heath said Akbar had not yet been charged with a crime Monday but was the only person being questioned in the attack.

Heath said Akbar should eventually come back to Fort Campbell, though military officials could consaid he was not sure what kind of penalty Akbar could face.

Jim Lacey, a correspondent for Time magazine, told CNN that military criminal investigators said Akbar was recently reprimanded for insubordination and was told he would not join his unit's push into Iraq. Heath also said Akbar had been having "an attitude problem."

The motive of the attack "most likely was resentment," said Max Blumenfeld, another Army spokes-

BAGRAM, Afghanistan (AP) -When Sgt. Asan Akbar was taken into A U.S. Air Force helicopter on a mercy custody on suspicion of killing a fel- mission to help two injured Afghan children crashed in southeastern Afghanistan, killing all six people on board, the U.S. military said Monday.

The HH-60G Pave Hawk helicopter from the 41st Rescue Squadron at The deadly attack at a 101st Air- Moody Air Force Base in Georgia was children, who had suffered injuries to the head, said Army spokesman Col. Roger King said. There were thunderstorms in the area at the time, he said.

> "You think about the sacrifice these guys made, especially in this case where you've got military personnel who are conducting a flight that's basically a humanitarian mission," King added. "They're trying to go out and save some Afghan kid's life — it's wrenching."

The remains of the six people on board have been recovered and were to be flown to Bagram Air Base and "He said, 'Mama, when I get over prepared for transfer back to the United States, King said.

> 'The investigation will probably bear out as to whether weather played any part in it," King said.

> King said the area is not considered a hostile region, and there are few U.S. military operations there.

> Press officer Master Sgt. Richard Breach said the cause of the crash was being investigated but: "This is not believed to be the result of enemy action."

U.S. Central Command confirmed that the helicopter was not shot down. "The names of those killed are be-

ing withheld until their next of kin vene a court-martial in Kuwait. He can be notified," Moody Air Force Base spokeswoman Lt. Alysia Harvey said early Monday. The helicopter crashed late Sunday

about 8:50 p.m., some 20 miles north of Ghazni, Afghanistan, according to officials at Bagram Air Base, north of the capital, Kabul. Ghazni lies 50 miles southwest of Kabul.

In Kabul, Foreign Ministry spokesman Omar Samad said "We express the Afghan government's sorrow for this incident, which occurred during a humanitarian operation to reach some Afghan children in need of medical care."





JENNA HANSEN/Staff Photographer ANNE ULLRICH, A freshman studio art major from Houston and Darcey Achin, a senior geology major from St. Louis, Mo., work on sculptures for their class in the Art building Monday afternoon.

Notes

The Student Union food court is moving to facilitate construction. Alternative dining venues will be available in the Student Union Ballroom, including hot food and grab-and-go items. The same payment options will be accepted.

Students of all majors are invited to join the Pre-Physician Assistants Club's first meeting at 7 p.m. Wednesday 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.

University of California philosophy professor Robert Cummins will present "Representation and Indication" at 3 p.m. Wednesday in Room 160 of the Philosophy building and "Evolution and Cognition: The Puzzling Mix of Learning, Selection and Development" at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Lecture Hall 001 of the English and Philosophy building.

The Socrates Smackdown will be at 7 p.m. Thursday in Room 49 of the Chemistry building. For more information, call the Center for Campus Life at (806) 742-3621.

Students are invited to sign up for the Nutrition on the Run 5K Race and the 1 Mile Fun Run/Walk at 9 a.m. Saturday. Registration is online at www.lubbockdieticians.org.

dents to attend its fund-raiser, conference.htm.

"Spring Break Continues," from 11 p.m. to 2 a.m. Friday at the Santa Fe Restaurant at 50th Street and Slide Road. The event will feature hip-hop, rap, salsa and merengue music, as well as a "Hot Bod" contest with a cash prize. There is a \$5 cover at the door.

The Chancellor's Ambassadors organization is accepting applications through Friday in the Administration building.

Texas Tech Music Theatre is presenting the opera La Traviata in Italian at 7 p.m. Friday in the Allen Theatre of the Student Union building. Admission is \$6 for students and \$12 for the general public. For more information, call the Music Ticket Office at (806) 742-2270, ext. 267.

The 19th annual All-University Conference on the Advancement of Women in Higher Education is from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday in the United Spirit Arena. For more information, Lambda Theta Alpha invites stu- visit www.depts.ttu.edu/wstudies/

Bush accuses Russian firms of aiding Iraq in war effort

goggles to Baghdad, the Bush admin- phe" in Iraq. istration said Monday in a growing rift with Moscow.

It was the latest flare-up in a recently bumpy relationship between President Bush raised the issue in Washington and Moscow over issues

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Russia a tense telephone call with Russian ranging from missile-defense plans to information in the past 48 hours is putting U.S. troops at risk in Iraq President Vladimir Putin, who in turn NATO expansion. Russia sided with by selling antitank guided missiles, charged that the United States was France and Germany to block a jamming devices and night-vision creating "a humanitarian catastro- Bush-backed U.N. resolution sanc-

Iraqi President Saddam Hussein. After months of monitoring sales to Iraq, the United States received

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about "the kind of equipment that will put our men and women in harm's way," Secretary of State Colin tioning military conflict to disarm Powell said Monday on Fox News Igor Ivanov hotly denied selling mili-Channel.

Later, he told Britain's Sky News national sanctions against Iraq. that he hoped to convey fresh information to Moscow. Asked if he is certain the equipment was in Iraq, Powell replied: "Yes."

Fleischer said there was "ongoing cooperation and support to Iraqi milisian company that produces GPS jamming equipment." The technology blocks satellite signals that guide bombs, missiles and even troop

Asked if the items were being purpose of sitting on shelves."

However, Maj. Gen. Stanley McChrystal told reporters at the Pentagon that the jamming devices had not hurt U.S. troops on the battlefield thus far.

Fleischer said the United States subject directly with Putin. also is concerned that Russian firms have sold night-vision goggles and anti-tank guided missiles to Iraq.

The United States holds Moscow responsible for sales by Russian comphone call was unusually blunt.

panies, arguing that the government should do more to monitor the companies and stop exports.

Earlier, Russian Foreign Minister tary equipment in violation of inter-

"No fact supporting the American's anxiety has been found," he said.

But Powell told Fox News that the Bush administration has given Ivanov White House spokesman Ari and his government "more than enough information" to support its assertion.

Administration officials said the actary forces being provided by a Rus- cusations were based on confidential U.S. intelligence. 'President Putin assured President

Bush that he would look into it," Fleischer said. "President Bush said he looked forward to hearing the results." This is not the first time Moscow

used against U.S. troops, Fleischer has been accused of leaking sensitive said, "They were not provided for the technology to U.S. enemies in spite of pledges to tighten its export controls.

Fleischer said concerns have been raised at the "highest levels" of government over the past year, but Monday's call was the first time to his knowledge that Bush broached the

The personal relationship between Putin and Bush is strong enough to overcome this disagreement, Fleischer said, though he made clear the tele-

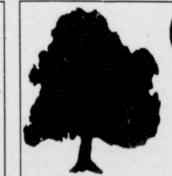


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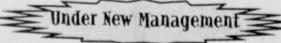


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Sporting events offer distraction from war in Iraq

By Matt Muench/Staff Reporter

Eight-year old Miles Hancock waved a small American Flag on Saturday at Dan Law Field minutes before the Red Raiders were to play baseball against Texas A&M.

"I love baseball," he said. "I wanted to see baseball today."

The youngster was one of many. His mother, Sara Hancock, a Lubbock resident, said she wanted to get away from the TV, the radio and the Internet that are flowing with news about the war in Iraq.

Her son had the same idea. "He asked me why cartoons were not on (Saturday)," she said. "I told him, and I don't think he really understands. But coming to a sporting

event helps you forget about what

is going on. It eases your mind a

Many Texas Tech students and Lubbock residents have the same sentiments.

Since the war began Wednesday, many fans have attended two men's basketball games and three baseball

Some may have gone because they are big fans, but others said they went to get away from CNN war coverage.

"I am in support of the war, and I really feel for the soldiers and families," said Ryan Ross, a junior mechanical engineering major from Houston. "But Tom Brokaw's voice was starting to get in my dreams, and all I wanted to do was watch what was happening."

So Ross decided to buy an \$18 ticket and watch Tech win its firstround NIT game against Nevada.

"All my friends are out of town," he said. "Watching basketball is getting my mind away from Iraq, even if I had to come by myself. I thought about going to see a movie, but I think basketball will do the trick a little bit better."

During the three baseball games and two basketball games, fans stood up for a moment of silence.

During Wednesday's basketball game, the first bomb was dropped in Iraq, and at halftime, President George W. Bush's address to the nation was aired on Raider Vision.

"I was not quite off the floor (when I heard he was going to talk)," Tech coach Bob Knight said.

"Before I got to thinking about what vice people over there are paying the hell we should be doing in the second half, I listened to the presi-

It has been a difficult time to play, Knight said, but he thinks playing is good for the public.

"There is not a person in America that has access to a television set at anytime whether at work or at home or wherever that hasn't been glued to the television set with what goes on," he said. "Every time there is an American causality, your heart stops a little bit. I think people have watched that all day, and they come see some recreational enjoyment to see us play."

Knight said he is glad sporting events were not canceled.

Indictment

"Next to staying alive, our ser-

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Jerry Beard, Brigham's attorney,

"The court isn't empowered to

The purpose of the arraign-

ment, he said, is for the court to

satisfy itself that the defendant is

aware of and understands the na-

will either be May 5 or sometime

said a not guilty plea will be en-

take any plea but a not guilty plea,"

tered at the arraignment.

attention to the NCAA Tournament," he said. "A lot of them are watching the NIT, and a hell of a lot of them will be glued to the opening of Major League Baseball. These (sporting events) need to be going on for everybody's sake."

About 8,000 fans attended both Wednesday and Friday's basketball games, and about 3,000 showed up each day for the three-game baseball series against Texas A&M.

"Right here," Lubbock resident William Baled said at the baseball game. "This is America. Baseball is the pastime of this country. And I tip my hat to all those soldiers fighting for us. Although watching this helps me get away from the tube, I still have my mind on them."

ture of the charges against him or her,

cases, the arraignment starts the

clock, he said. He is unsure what he

and his client will do after the court

"This case is very much in its in-

appearance.

In this case, as with most federal

as well as a copy of the indictment.

His son, Ryan Baled, a high school student, said he feels badly for coming to the games.

"I kind of feel selfish," he said. "I get to do this while they are dropping bombs and firing weapons."

Wednesday at the basketball game, J.R. Rodriquez, a sophomore undecided major from El Paso, did not have much of an opinion about

But he did guarantee one thing. "Tech will win tonight," he said. "And America will win this war."

He was right about Tech. As for America, they are in the lead, but the war is not over.

"I hope it ends quick," he said. "Soldiers should be watching basketball with me, not getting dust in their eyes in Iraq."

Burden said child pornography is

a supply-and-demand market, and

with more people viewing it, there is

a greater demand. To meet that de-

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measures," a passenger must be on board their flight 20 minutes before scheduled departure or their reservation will be subject to termination.

The Northwest employee said the measures are tough, but they must be done. A national guard donning full uniform and wielding his gun at New York's Pennsylvania Station, an Amtrak and Long Island Rail Road hub, had similar comments.

"We do what we can to keep it safe and do our job," said the guard, who also asked to remain unnamed. "We do get the people coming through here with the dirty looks and comments against us, but we're doing it for them, too."

The guard added he prefers Pennsylvania Station to the actual war.

"Staying right here in Penn Station is fine with me," he said.

New Yorkers regard the security personnel as part of life now. Kouichi Komuro, a resident of Great Neck, Long Island, commutes

to New York City daily and has flown internationally since Sept. 11, 2001. The junior geography and political science major at City University of New York Hunter College, said the measures are necessary.

"I do think it's necessary after what we saw in Sept. 11; the problem is where to draw the line with civil liberties and whatnot," he said.

Komuro said he feels safe in New York with the guards, as the city is a prime target. He said he believes the security will be around for a long time, especially since he thinks the war will

cause more terrorist acts. "It's what we should've learned from the first attacks on the World Trade Center in 1993," he said. "A different guy financed those attacks, and Osama Bin Laden has more

money and more people." Andrea Girolamo, a junior fiction major at Sarah Lawrence College outside of New York City, spends much of her time between school, Long Island and the city. While she does not support the war, Girolamo appreciates the security.

"It's a little startling at first; it takes some getting used to," she said of the armed guards. "A lot of people think it's extreme, but it's better to have overkill than too little."

Girolamo said she feels secure flying and traveling now with the guards in place. Even though she has expressed seeing men in uniform with rifles as "disconcerting," she hopes the nation will try to be positive.

"I feel sorry it has to be this way, but I don't think it should be taken out on the people doing their jobs,"

The city and the nation will be safer if the measures are financed adequately by the government, Komuro said.

However, he worries about some of the plans terrorists captured by the United States speak of, such as targeting San Francisco's Golden Gate Bridge or Chicago's Sears Tower, as well as New York and Washington,

"What people need to realize is New York and Washington will always be code orange," he said. "They will always be prime targets."

Deputy Director for Operations and Safety at Lubbock International Airport John McGinley said most security changes at LIA were in place after Sept. 11, 2001.

Changes resulting from the Iraqi conflict, he said, are relatively transparent to passengers, such as pages and signage.

"We're basically doing a lot of things to increase public awareness," McGinley said. "We're currently not doing any inspections on vehicles or anything of that level."

McGinley said airports have received government directives to implement extra measures, mostly the transparent changes mentioned before and counter measures, a "what do we do if this or that happens" method of contingency planning.

"Security requirements at different airports are going to be different; what you need at JFK would be different from what you would need in Lubbock, Texas," McGinley said. "There's no one-size-fits-all approach."

McGinley said LIA is not looking for anything specific, such as agrior bio-terrorism threats, as long as anything threatening is caught.

"As far as security, not much has

happened since the Iraqi conflict," he said. "We've had most of these security measures in place since 9/ 11.(Sept 11, 2001)"

and other U.S. allies, a down payment on humanitarian aid for Iraq money to increase security for American diplomats.

Bush, scheduled to confer in Washington later this week with

Polls taken since the war began to show growing support for the military campaign. But there were antiwar protests across the United States and abroad. Police arrested more than 123 people in San Francisco, and at least 50 in Hartford, Conn.

fancy," Beard said. Brigham declined to comment to The University Daily.

Miles Burden, the FBI supervisor for West Texas, said the sentence depends on how many counts a suspect is convicted of. Possible punishment could include a prison sentence of two mand, pedophiles will find children, sexually assault them and photograph "This is a crime against children

to 30 years.

that can be conducted with the click of a mouse," he said. "We look at it as a precursor of violence toward children. Very often, pedophiles who engage in this type of act put themselves in contact with children, then kidnap and assault them."

War

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as well as aid to Israel, Afghanistan and for rebuilding the country, and

Blair, also talked with Russian President Vladimir Putin by phone.

In the world's first war with live broadcasts from the battlefield, news and images of American and British setbacks competed with pictures of military successes.

Iraqi television showed pictures of one American helicopter in a grassy field, men in Arab headdresses

brandishing automatic rifles as they did a victory dance around the aircraft. Hours later, Iraqi television showed two men it said made up the crew.

"We have a two-man crew missing," confirmed Gen. Tommy Franks, the U.S. war commander. But he denied Iraqi reports that the craft had been shot down by farmers, and that two choppers had been lost.

Franks told reporters that 3,000 Iraqi prisoners had been taken. But he and other U.S. officials were more concerned with the fate of American POWs whose convoy was ambushed in the Iraqi desert during the weekend.

At the Pentagon, spokeswoman Torie Clark accused Iraqis of violating the rules of war by misusing white flags of surrender and other deceptions.

In London, the Ministry of Defense announced the first British combat death, a soldier who fell in fighting near Az Zubayr in southern Iraq, near the city of Basra.

Two other British troops were missing after their convoy was hit by continuing resistance in southern Iraq. It was a fresh reminder that even in

would first be applied to classrooms

areas where American and British forces thought they had control, resistance continued to pop up.

"This is not a video game where everything is clear and neat and tidy," said British spokesman Lt. Col. Ronnie McCourt. "Some enemy who feel that they want to carry on fighting will inevitably do so."

Basra, Iraq's second largest city, provided evidence of that, as Iraqis battled British forces on the outskirts of town. Commanders held off storming the city, hoping its Iraqi defenders would give up, but they have held firm.

The bombing in the north was carried out against a military barracks close to the line that separates Iraqi-held territory from the Kurdish-held region.

"People are evacuating, but not because of the bombing. They are afraid Saddam will respond with chemical weapons," said Ahmad Qafoor, a school teacher.

There was no evidence of that yet. But military commanders said American forces were still evaluating a plant captured by U.S. troops, and

pursuing leads from captured Iraqis

"If they continue to keep us at this low level we will have to make some decisions that impact classrooms,' Smith said.

The Legislature bases budget appropriations the number of students a university enrolls for one year and applies it to the next. Tech's problem with this method of funding, Haragan said, is while the budget appropriations account for the more than 25,000 enrolled this year, Tech is expecting more than 29,000 this Fall.

Research

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interesting things is that we are usually the only ones there," he

The researchers are conducting tests that have not been attempted in the past.

Without the knowledge and understanding of what can happen if a radioactive bomb were dropped on a nearby city, Phillips said they are working to gain enough information to comprehend the dangers of such an attack.

"The reality of it is that no one really knows what would happen and how to deal with it if it does happen," he said. "But our program at Chernobyl gives us the perfect opportunity to see how radioactive waste flows through cities and gives us a chance to construct a model city using computer programs and help us make

predictions." Eventually, when the new Experimental Sciences building is completed, the Department of Biological Sciences will have the technology and equipment to complete their research.





Currently, the basis of the study and the main thrust of their work are in the Ukraine.

Measurements can still be taken because of remaining radioactive material in the Ukraine, Chesser

"Using GPS and sensitive radiation devices, we can go in a measure where the radiation has settled in." he said. "With that information, we can reconstruct an accurate map and see where things act as shadows or if the streets help the radioactive waste flow."

Phillips added the technology would allow them to factor in wind velocity and all aspects that have an effect on the properties of a

"dirty" bomb collision.

"We don't want to see it happen at all, but if it does, we will be in a position that will permit us to get analysis on the event, and it can help the health of citizens and give instructions to the first responders

at the scene," he said. Through their study, Phillips said he and the other researchers expect to provide the citizens with the proper solutions about what to do if this type of terrorist attack

happens. "I think understanding what happens when a reactor or a "dirty" bomb goes off gives people a sense of comfort opposed to being terrorized," he said.

Legislature

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cent increase in tuition and fees to compensate for budget cuts. Smith said this would be the first time the formula is not funded if revenue is not regained.

"We're hoping that there will be further increases in revenue projection," Smith said. "Otherwise there will be cuts in personnel; at this level, we still have to make some changes."

Smith said returned revenue

and students in order to keep the obvious effects of budget cuts as far as possible from academics. Academics should go as planned, including summer classes, Smith said.

"We're still online for the summer," he said. "We will try as hard as we can not to impact students. Summer school is important for our students."

Smith said a possibility is not keeping some buildings open during the summer to save costs.

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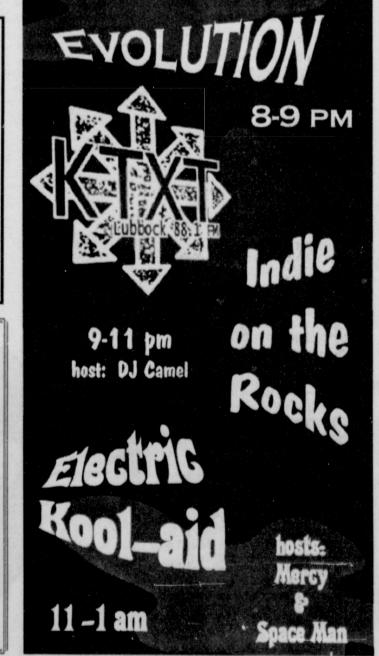
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As seriously as I try to take the unfolding violence, our executive branch doesn't help things any by blatantly playing on the potential entertainment value of bombing a city of five million people. I wonder if "shock and awe" translates to Arabic with as much witless silliness as it has in English. I suppose we'll soon hear about the patented shoots down on an intersection framed

date: "shock and awe."

pointed, timely commentary on

world events when things are as

volatile as they are and there's a lag be-

tween composition and publication. As

I write, U.S. troops are in Iraq, headed

I've been watching the news cov-

erage of our air assault on Baghdad. I've

marveled at the granite composure of

Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld,

who somehow manages to keep a

straight face even upon the 200th rep-

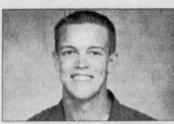
An-Nasariya. Just so you know.

Tt's difficult coming up with Flashtastic explosions of our shocking and awesome cruise missiles, followed by the airlifted rations of Crunch Berrylicious relief meals for the Iraqis. They're Grrrrrreat.

Seriously, I know nobody better renorth toward Baghdad and encounter- alizes the gravity of our current situaing unexpected resistance in Basra and tion than the decision-makers in Washington. And though I tease, I do trust they know what they're doing and they aren't thoughtlessly dragging us into a bottomless pit of irresolvable, self-perpetuating military colonialism.

That considered, I respectfully ask that whoever is in charge of marketing etition of the presidential media this war to me and my countrymen please take the cheesy sloganeering machine's most inane catchphrase to down a notch. We are keen enough to evaluate our nation's military undertakings without our government acting as if they're trying to sell us a pickup truck.

> watching a live video feed of a modern exist in the kingdom of evil. city as it's laid to siege. The camera view is different depending on which station tice morning in Baghdad looks a lot like you watch, but I prefer the one that



Images of Baghdad hit close to home

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From what I've heard, I have a mental image of Baghdad as a seething cauldron of evil and despair, loomed over by an omnipotent man-monster who's made the city into his macabre playground. While that may be theoretically true, what strikes me as I watch dawn in Baghdad are the glimpses of There is something eerie about normalcy that I'd assumed wouldn't

> As an ashy blue fills the sky, I nomorning in Lubbock. At the intersec- pitiful amalgam made of my assumption below, where two large roads con-

verge, the traffic light goes through the familiar cycle. While the air still smells of smoke and concrete dust, cars whiz by as people start their days. Some stop in the turning lane, blinkers flashing, same scene play out at Indiana Avenue and 50th Street, or anywhere else for that matter.

I think that's exactly it. With all the talk of evil dictators and axes thereof, the camera atop a building is an important link to something that is completely forgotten in all the talk of illicit weapons, preemptive strikes and things both shocking and awful.

When I hear "Iraqi," the word has always invoked images of stooped, dusty Arabs in long robes; unfortunate, wretched pawns placed here and there tions and half-truths.

But through the TV camera, I can see two heads, a man and a woman, sitting in their Honda, waiting for the left-turn arrow. I can see a man in a shirt and slacks, riding a bicycle. I can waiting for the arrow. I don't know why see a minivan, for God's sake. Whoa, I feel the whole Iraqi traffic phenom- someone in Baghdad drives a minivan! enon noteworthy. You'd see the exact The ultimate embodiment of bland. sheltered suburbanism is calmly cruising around the heart of darkness.

> That did it. I'd seen satellite images and heard stories. I'd seen Saddam Hussein's palaces and his corny monuments to his hallucinated triumphs. But I'd never seen a neighborhood. For the first time, I saw something I have in common with those people. They drive around, wait at stoplights, get up in the morning and start up the minivan. I do that. My parents do that. Everyone I know does that.

As day breaks in Baghdad, when it's by their evil, bogey-man leader to evening here, look closely at the scene thwart bombing runs. It was easy to on TV. We're beginning a long and difhear "Iraqi" and immediately see this ficult relationship with these people. It's amazing when you can see your selves

Innocence precious, fragile, cannot be regained

ners and the saints alike that morning. He awakened to the sound, and unfortunately, the feeling of two little girls, five and three, and an eight-month-old long-haired Chihuahua having recess on his head.

to be puppies, which to them entails a run around laughing and playing, prelot of barking, laughing and climbing on anything and everything on the floor. The night in the city had left a hedonistic taste in his mouth he wished he didn't love so much. He hoped the girls couldn't smell the mix of beer and self-destruction on his breath.

But then again, they wouldn't even know what alcohol smelled like anyway. He saw they are immune to demons like his. Amid their early-morning romp, he felt an overwhelming feeling of innocence.

Innocence, that fragile characteristic too quickly abandoned by most and One was currently double fisting cherry forgotten by many. These two girls were innocent (he assumes the puppy is too) like him, and everyone once was.

His thoughts drifted amid a barrage

he desert sun rose on the sin of skinny knees, elbows and tails. There was that feeling again. This innocence, imagined or real, was something he lacked. It was something most people he knew lacked.

"Why is it we turn our backs on one of our greatest characteristics?" he Currently, they were all pretending asked himself. "Why can't we all just tending to be spacemen and ponies? Who says we can't be 'forever young?""

> Later as he, his friend and his cousin sat around watching the news, he found himself subject to being a jungle gym once again. As they climbed over and jumped off him, he saw how these girls had no idea that men, women and children are at the moment running for their lives in the face of blaring sirens, thundering explosions and an impending notion their lives would never be

But that didn't matter to the girls. suckers, one was chasing a hamster in a yellow plastic ball, and one was trying to take a mid-morning nap in his



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He tried to pinpoint the time in his own life when he left the sanctuary of Eden in pursuit of this thing called "life" everyone keeps raving about, but couldn't quite find one. He was amazed at the events that led him to this particular instant. He felt he had sufficient life experiences to tell between what is generally right and wrong. But in the confusion, his own childhood now seemed blurry and surreal, like it happened to someone else and he just got

There was a part of him who always sought out a certain quality in others

on this belief in innocence. He thought and questions. But it is this idea of an of all the people he was ever close to before and even now. It seems there is always this dream that this person is innocent somehow, and that is why he wants them in his life and he in theirs.

Always he thought, "Somewhere in there is a great person." Always he lying in the grass and laughing at your questioned, "Will I see how better this cousins until you lost control of all naperson is today than she was yester- sal functions!"

He felt every great relationship he's had held that hope in some aspect. That little part in someone we all can't wait to see, even though it might not be there anymore. And sometimes, the further from innocence we know somebody is, the greater the hope and illusion we feel.

Can we ever get back to innocence? Is there a threshold that, once crossed, can never again be breached? Is it always our fate to lose this pre-

that gave him hope, and it dawned on never be regained. Once you taint it is bad; it does not know that a "bad" him that the quality was innocence. He with ideas of morality, maturity and mae even exists.

realized most good relationships depend terials, all you have left are memories imagined innocence that keeps giving

It is comforting to think this close "someone" has a part, even if small, that quietly shouts, "I'm still here! That little you who liked Superman pajamas,

I believe most people have good intentions. I think we strive for a betterment of some kind on many levels. But there still remains the fact most people aren't truly happy. They lose the mind-set that there is a simple beauty in childhood all around and within us. But instead of trying to rekindle that type of thinking, they turn their backs and try to do important "grown-up" things.

But the saddest part is we can never go back to a true innocence. Because real innocence doesn't know the dif-True innocence, by definition, can ference between what is good and what

Springtime means return of America's favorite pastime

end of March is my favorite that Spring Break has rejuvenated my

spirits? No, that's not it. Maybe it's the jovial attitude that I carry thanks in part to the Catholic Lenten season? No, that's not it either.

Wait, I know. It has to be my deep love for springtime; the birds are chirping, the flowers are beginning to bloom, there are young lovers all around.

That can't be it. I don't really care for any of those things; the noisy birds, allergy-causing flowers or depressingly happy lovers.

beginning of the spring season, but there is another season that holds my interest a lot more than springtime.

That's right, March 30 marks the beginning of America's favorite pastime. At exactly 8:05 p.m. March 30, the grueling Major League Baseball schedule begins with a single pitch.

While March 30 is the peak of my

s odd as it might sound, the excitement, my love for the end of March is not only in the first game, Lime of the year. Could it be but the conclusion of spring training, the posting of starting rotations and lineups, and the thought that all teams still have a chance to become the world champions.

> I am a reasonable person; I realize many people don't share my love for the game. So for those of you who would rather get hit by a baseball bat than watch a game, believe me, I understand.

I myself have an unexplainable bitterness toward women's basketball. As talented as I believe those women are, I have really never been able to The end of March might be the get into the game. It might be the anticlimatic way women basketball players finish the fast break with a soft layup instead of a thunderous jam. Whatever the reason, women's basket-

ball just doesn't do it for me. For those of you who feel this way toward the game of baseball, it's no big deal; my love for the game can be compared to your love for football, soccer, Sox, I would have no trouble remem-



Christopher Sokol

chrissokol@hotmail.com basketball or any other number of sports or activities.

The aspects of baseball that really get me are the sounds and smells which go along with a nine-inning classic. Even when I am watching a game on television, I can close my eyes and hear the slap of the leather ball hitting the glove, the hot dog vendor shouting at the top of his lungs and

the smell of the newly-cut grass. Due in large part to my interest in baseball, it's really quite interesting how I can hardly remember the names of my professors, but if you ask me to name the entire bullpen of the Boston Red

their stats from the year before.

It seems to me the reason people can become so completely engrossed with a sport is our competitive spirits. In every aspect of life, humans strive for greatness, or more simply, we strive for victory over those around us.

Baseball really has captured my interest because it can be viewed as very individualistic, and also each player is nothing more than a wheel in the big machine.

For example, each player has to use box. However, those skills are all being aimed toward a common goal; even the living legends of baseball like Barry ism and war dominating the news and Bonds and Roger Clemens, while be- our lives, it seems very important to ing exceptional within their own right, are a part of a team.

I would like to think that in a past life, I was a great ball player; perhaps I was Hornsby or maybe even Babe Ruth. However, in my present life, my baseball aspirations never panned out. Although my defense skills were solid, ters to me.

bering not only their names, but also when I stepped up to the plate, I spent more time attempting to run out a grounder than trotting around the bases after a long ball.

While I have 100 baseball memories, the truth of the matter is many of the students who fill the hallowed halls of Texas Tech also have very similar memories. Maybe in high school you were the varsity quarterback, or maybe you were a cross-country phenom, or even the under-appreciated water boy.

Whatever the case, those memohis or her own skills when in the batter's ries are weaved into the people we have become.

In our present times, with terrorme that we need to have a simple focus and not forget the things that we enjoy. The game of baseball, while insignificant in the grand scheme of things, is this country's pastime, and if it truly is the small things that matter, this is something that really mat-



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'Chicago' tops Oscars Celine Dion works the strip

his year's Academy Awards had every reason to be depressing. With the war in Iraq, people were skeptical as to whether it was appropriate for the Oscars to take place. Certain changes were made: The red carpet was put away, and the bleachers for the fans were taken down. But Oscar night ended up proving that in spite of confusion in the world, the artistic spirit still perseveres.

This year, I predicted the winners for 19 categories and ended up getting 14 of those correct. The missed five were because of some big surprises given out in about the last 45 minutes

"The Pianist," the holocaust drama directed by Roman Polanski, snuck up and took three major awards: Best Actor for Adrien Brody, best Adapted Screenplay for Ronald Harwood and Roman Polanski for Best Director.

I dare say no one predicted a win for Polanski, who for the past 25 years has been wanted in the United States for having sex with a 13 year old girl. He beat out the favorites, Rob Marshall for "Chicago" and Martin Scorsese for "Gangs of New York."

Brody's win for Best Actor was a to say in his acceptance speech. At one up the music, and he politely told them to "cut it out."

Wow. Pretty gutsy for a first-time winner.

But Brody had some important the last of him.

As for "Chicago," it was the big winner of the night, taking home six Chicks and the Pope are against you; of its 13 nominations, including Best

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awards and Best Supporting Actress for Catherine Zeta-Jones. "Chicago" is the first musical since "Oliver!" in 1968 to win Best Picture.

Kidman and her prosthetic nose from ning. "The Hours," which was the film's only win, and Chris Cooper for his supporting work in "Adaptation."

One of the biggest surprises of the night was the award for Best Original Song. Eminem's "Lose Yourself" from "8-Mile" was the big winner, even though it was not performed at the awards. Eminem was not present to accept the Oscar, unfortunately.

One of the low points of the pleasant surprise, and he had plenty evening came when Michael Moore accepted his Oscar for his documenpoint, the orchestra started to bring tary, "Bowling for Columbine." Moore gave an attacking speech against President George W. Bush and the war, and was consequently booed off stage. His speech was, indeed, in poor taste. He talked of his love of nonfiction, but things to say and delivered them with accused Bush of being a "fictitious eloquence. I'm sure we have not seen president" and "fighting a war for fictitious reasons.'

He added, "Mr. Bush, the Dixie you're time is up." Mind, I do not ques-Picture. It also won four technical tion his right of free speech, but it was

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obviously designed to anger people. It's a shame Moore could not have acted more tactfully.

After Moore left the stage, host Steve Martin, who did a fantastic job all evening, smoothed things over by saying, "The teamsters are helping Mr. Moore into the trunk of his limo right

One of the better moments in the evening was when legendary actor Peter O'Toole was given an honorary Oscar for his stellar career. He accepted the award with beautiful eloquence and genuine class. The actor, who starred in "Lawrence of Arabia," which is still one of the most amazing films ever shot, has been nominated Other winners included Nicole for seven Oscars without ever win-

> Speaking of not winning, it is painfully noticeable that Martin Scorsese's labor of love epic, "Gangs of New York," went home completely emptyhanded. Oscar is a harsh mistress sometimes, I suppose.

As for the 2003 Oscars, I'm hoping the Academy will finally honor director Peter Jackson and his "Lord of the Rings" trilogy.

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Celine premiere Tuesday.

Dion leaves no doubt that she's ready to embrace Las Vegas five nights a week, 40 weeks a year until 2006 with her much-hyped new show, "A New Day."

She dances. She swoons. She flies. The newly muscled diva with a tomboyish haircut belts out 23 songs over more than 100 minutes in a Caesars Palace theater designed just for her.

But everyone in Las Vegas wants to know whether Dion can withstand the show's physical and emotional demands.

Dion might keep Caesars fresh, but who will keep Dion fresh?

"I don't see that as a problem," says her husband-manager, Rene Angelil. "For her, it's a different audience every night. It's like a dream for a singer."

Those surrounding the French-Canadian superstar believe she's prepared for the rigors of singing nightly in a desert climate that has damaged lesser voices.

But careers and reputations will be damaged if Dion doesn't continue to attract the masses after her

Even in a city known for high-dollar risks, Dion is a gamble. The world's become the first A-list celebrity to not upstaging Celine.' perform nightly in Las Vegas.

says Dion has trained for the stress of singing nightly. A doctor will check her vocal cords every two to three with Iraq? months to make sure her multimillionparked at the casino's VIP lot.

"She isn't just a little girl with a Rick Mooney. "There are a couple hundred employees that are depending on her for their income. There are no measures that are too extreme."

Franco Dragone says one of the challenges in creating "A New Day" was finding the balance between the best-selling female singer is trying to songs and "trying to mix everything,

Dragone stops talking for a few sec-But what about her voice? Angelil onds and ponders a larger question: How can anyone concentrate on "A New Day" during the U.S.-led war

"It doesn't make our job easy," he dollar throat is purring like the Ferraris said. "I hope it will be fast. Life goes on. We have to live."

So far, more than 250,000 tickets great voice," says technical director to Dion's show have been sold, said John Meglen, co-chief executive officer for Concerts West. Prices range from \$87.50 to \$200.

"It's got to be good," Angelil says.

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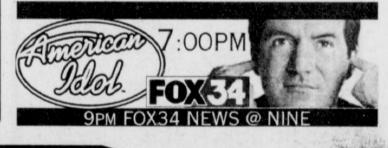
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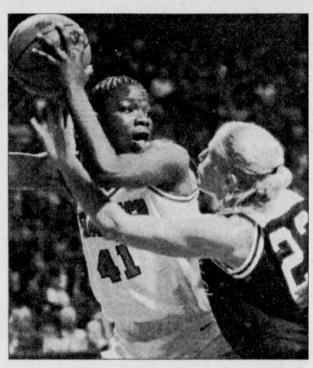
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Tech's shooting key for second round win

DAVIS KEEPS a defender at bay during Tech's **NCAA** Tournament firstround win Sunday. Tech faces **UC-Santa** Barbara at 8:20 p.m. at the United Spirit Arena. **JAIME** TOMÁS AGUILAR/



By David Wiechmann/Sports Editor

Texas Tech coach Marsha Sharp said she was not particularly pleased with some aspects of her team's performance in the Lady Raiders' opening round win in the NCAA Tournawill be a focal point for their next opponent, UC-Santa Barbara (27-4).

"My guess is that everyone from this point on will try to make us a periméter-oriented team because we haven't proven ourselves there," she said. "I have coached teams that weren't great perimeter players, but we're athletic enough to move players around and make things happen. It's not a situation where we can't survive if we don't shoot outside well, but it sure makes it a lot easier."

its win over Southwest Missouri State

on Sunday night, but the Lady Raider 3-point threat was not there. Natalie Ritchie and Miklannet Tennal combined for a 2-of-16 effort from behind

Ritchie said the team is aware of the shooting mishaps, and she hopes ment. She said she believes one area it will be corrected so Tech can focus on advancing to the Sweet 16.

> "We shot poorly and can't afford to do that anymore in the tournament." she said. "We have to come (Tuesday) and hit some shots. I think the post girls did a good job of picking it up for us with the rebounds."

Tech has out rebounded its opponents by an average of more than six boards per game, and UCSB guard Debby Caine said her team knows that and will have to keep Tech from cleaning the glass all night long.

"Offensive rebounds is something

good shooters and drivers, and that is stranger to post-season play, as this is something we have to match up and focus on.'

The Lady Raiders thrived on the offensive boards Sunday when Tech the tower of Lindsay Taylor under the managed to pull down 18 offensive basket. Taylor stands at 6 feet 8 inches rebounds and rack up 19 secondchance points.

Forward Plenette Pierson had 13 of Tech's 45 overall rebounds and a good portion of the second-chance points. Her performance will no doubt be something UCSB coach Mark French said the Gauchos will have to

"She is one of the better players in the country, and her stats and honors back that up," French said. "She is very agile and a tremendous athlete. We sure that is a common ploy."

The Gauchos have an inside threat to their game as well. UCSB is no the United Spirit Arena.

the seventh consecutive trip for the Gauchos to the Big Dance, and this year, the team got there with help from tall, and averages 16.1 points per

Sharp said Taylor will be a key point to UCSB's game plan, and her team will have to stop her because the Gaucho offense relies on her success to be threatening in other places.

"She's a big factor in their offense, and they run a lot of things through her," she said. "I hope our experience with other big post players throughout the year, like Nicole Ohlde (Kansas State), will pay off. The thing you will try to double team her, and I am can't do is key so much on her and let someone else have a big night."

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Tech (27-5) shot 43.9 percent in

they thrive on," she said. "They have Softball loses doubleheader to Bobcats

By Kyle Clark/Staff Reporter

It took a 13-0 thrashing at the hands of the Southwest Texas State Bobcats to invigorate the Texas Tech softball team, but the Raiders would awaken with effort in the second game of the doubleheader, falling 4-3 to the

Tech started off the day on shaky ground as the team surrendered nine runs on six hits in the third inning to put SWT up by 12. The Bobcats would score again in the fourth inning to cap off the game that ended in a run rule after the fifth inning. Tech assistant coach Debby Abbot

said things just got going for SWT offensively, and nothing could be done by the Raiders to stop that.

"They've come out pretty hot with their bats for the last couple of weeks," she said. "It wasn't anything we did or didn't do. We were trying to play from

on the scoreboard, the Raider players said the team got angry and wanted to do better in the second game.

Tech third baseman Arlene Newton had a quick answer when asked what sparked the team in the second

"The score of the first game," Newton said. "We were angry, and we didn't want that to happen again."

Newton's teammate Kristy Robles said the team also was helped by the influence of pitcher Amie Stines, who allowed four hits in the game.

"Amie's pitching performance was great," Robles said. "She really got af-

SWT got on the board first with a run in the top of the second inning on an RBI double by Leslie Sharp, which scored Rachael Benetti.

Tech would battle back in the bot-

tom of the fourth inning. Pinch run-As the score of the final game hung ner Amanda Ochs reached home plate off a sacrifice fly by designated player Elyssa Sigala.

Tech struck again in the bottom of the fifth inning. Robles doubled to score catcher Lisa Lawler, and then Newton hit a fielder's choice single that scored second baseman Shayne

The offensive output by Tech was something Abbot said was a product of improved team intensity.

"We put a little life back in the team," she said. "The intensity was in a place where it needed to be."

Tech fell behind in the sixth inning. After a base on balls sent SWT's that sent the game to 4-3 in SWT's Ashley Koop to first base, Tech head favor. coach Bobby Reeves went out to home plate for a heated exchange between himself and the umpire. The exchange resulted in Reeves being ejected from the game.

won a couple of three setters. It's nice

As a senior ended her rivalry with

for the Raiders, Tara Browning, began

her rivalry against UT with a win.

Browning, who said

she needed the win,

tainly helps confidence."

Abbot said the umpire was being inconsistent with her calls for both teams and was taking the teams out of their respective games.

"(The umpire) was just having trouble figuring out her zone," she said. "She called one throw a ball and then the next one a strike. We didn't care what she called it, but it can't be both. She created some confusion for both

After Reeves left the game, Tech was immediately assaulted by back-toback home runs by the Bobcats. SWT left fielder Ryan Stukel hit a two-run home run, and then Katie Ann Trahan sent a solo shot out of the park

Both teams would go scoreless for the remainder of the game, and Tech fell to 14-28 on the season.

Tech will play next against Oklahoma State in two road games this weekend in Stillwater, Okla.

Women's tennis finds positives in loss to rival Longhorns

By Kyle Clark/Staff Reporter

If the 5-2 loss by the Texas Tech women's tennis team to Texas on Monday was good for anything, the team said it was a step in the right direction.

Tech earned two points against the Longhorns, and after the match, senior Beverly Dawson said the team was heading the right way.

"Our team lost, but we played pretty well," she said. "It was a really good effort. We don't feel bad now after losing, and we still have the Big 12 Tour-

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Dawson, who was playing in her final match against the Longhorns, defeated Texas' Kelly Baritat 6-1, 3-6, 7-6(5) in a three-set tiebreaker match.

After the win, Dawson said it was the thought of her last match against the rival Longhorns that spurred her to victory.

"I was thinking about that my entire match, about how this was my last match against them," Dawson said. "I'm pretty excited. I've won my singles match against them the last couple of times.'

Coach Sandy Collins said Dawson has been playing very well lately and has continued her strong performances in three-set matches against Texas.

"Bev (Dawson) has been winning a lot here lately," Collins said. "She's

and what she has come

talked about her budding rivalry with Texas to know about the rivalry from various sources. "It's really great,"

she said. "Last semester,

Kendall (Brooks) and I beat them in doubles, and I said we won a doubles match. And she said, 'No, we beat Texas.' It doesn't take long to figure out this rivalry with the football games and being around campus."

Also an important aspect of her to win in three-set matches. It cerwin for Browning was she earned a win for the freshmen contingency of the team, which the player said has had a Texas on the winning end, a freshman shaky season.

> "I needed this win just as much for me as much as the other freshmen,"

Browning said. "We've struggled, and it feels great to give something back to this team."

Collins said Browning has had a mediocre season and earned a big win for herself with a great win against Texas.

The team was rejoined by freshmen Anchen Lombard, who was out of action for more than a month with several illnesses.

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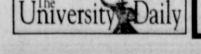
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