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Bomber rewarded for killing U.S. soldiers

By Hamza Hendawi/Staff Reporter

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Iraq gave \$34,000 to the family of an Iraqi army officer who killed four U.S. soldiers in a suicide attack, and the leader of the militant group Islamic Jihad said Sunday its volunteers had gone to Baghdad for similar bombing missions against the "American invasion."

Ali Jaafar al-Noamani, a noncommissioned officer with several children, was posthumously promoted to colonel and awarded two medals for the attack in Najaf that killed the uniden-

tified Americans, Iraqi state television reported.

His family reportedly was given a fortune by Iraqi standards: 100 million dinars, the equivalent of \$34,000.

In the Israeli coastal town of Netanya on Sunday, an Islamic militant blew himself up in a crowded pedestrian mall, wounding 30 bystanders in what Islamic Jihad called "a gift to the heroic Iraqi people."

Ramadan Shallah, Islamic Jihad's leader in Damascus, Syria, also said the group already had "martyrdom seekers" in Iraq.

"This is fulfillment of the call of sacred duty ... an opportunity for Jihad and martyrdom is available now for the Islamic nation," he said. "We say to all sons of Jihad and supporters, to our nation, our people, wherever they are, that whoever is able to march and reach Iraq, Baghdad, Najaf and blow himself up in this American invasion. ... This is the climax of Jihad and climax of martyrdom."

Shallah urged "the entire (Islamic) nation, including the Jihad and resistance in Palestine, if they were able to get there, to fight side by side with the Iraqi people against this

butcher Bush."

Iraqi Vice President Taha Yassin Ramadan indicated Saturday's attack in Najaf was "just the beginning" and even raised the specter of terrorism on U.S. or British soil. "We will use any means to kill our enemy in our land, and we will follow the enemy into its land."

Thousands of Arab volunteers ready for martyrdom have been coming to Iraq since the start of the war, Ramadan said. A prolonged stay of U.S. and British forces in Iraq could turn the country into a magnet for Muslim militants seeking a new Jihad.

"If there is an American occupation, then Iraq will definitely move to the top of the list of Jihad for the international network of Islamists," John Voll, an Islamic expert at Georgetown University, told The Associated Press from Washington.

Thousands of foreign Muslims joined the Afghan mujahedeen in their fight against the Soviet occupation in the 1980s. After that, some went on to continue the fight in other trouble spots such as the Balkans and

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Weekend fire disrupts Red Raiders

By Keli Johnson/News Editor

Blue and red lights flashed as Texas Tech students stood shivering outside the Chitwood/Weymouth complex Saturday night, awaiting the all-clear signal from the Lubbock Fire Department in the second on-campus fire-related incident of the weekend, following a small fire in Bledsoe hall the day before.

At about 11:30 p.m., the Lubbock Fire Department, Tech Police Department and Housing and Dining security were notified about a possible fire when the alarm sounded.

James Moore, equipment operator for the fire department, said someone discharged a fire extinguisher, which set off the fire alarm on the ninth floor of Weymouth residence hall. He said the size of the hall required more personnel than a house.

"This is a high-rise, high-risk building," he said. "On a normal house, there would be less people and equipment here. We had three fire engines, two fire trucks, two fire chiefs and about 20 people here."

Justin Donnell, a sophomore petroleum engineering major from Houston, said he was sleeping when the fire alarm went off.

"I was trying to get to sleep early tonight," he said. "I hope there's a fire. I hope there's someone burning in there and that's why I'm standing out here. I'll be pissed if it's a prank."

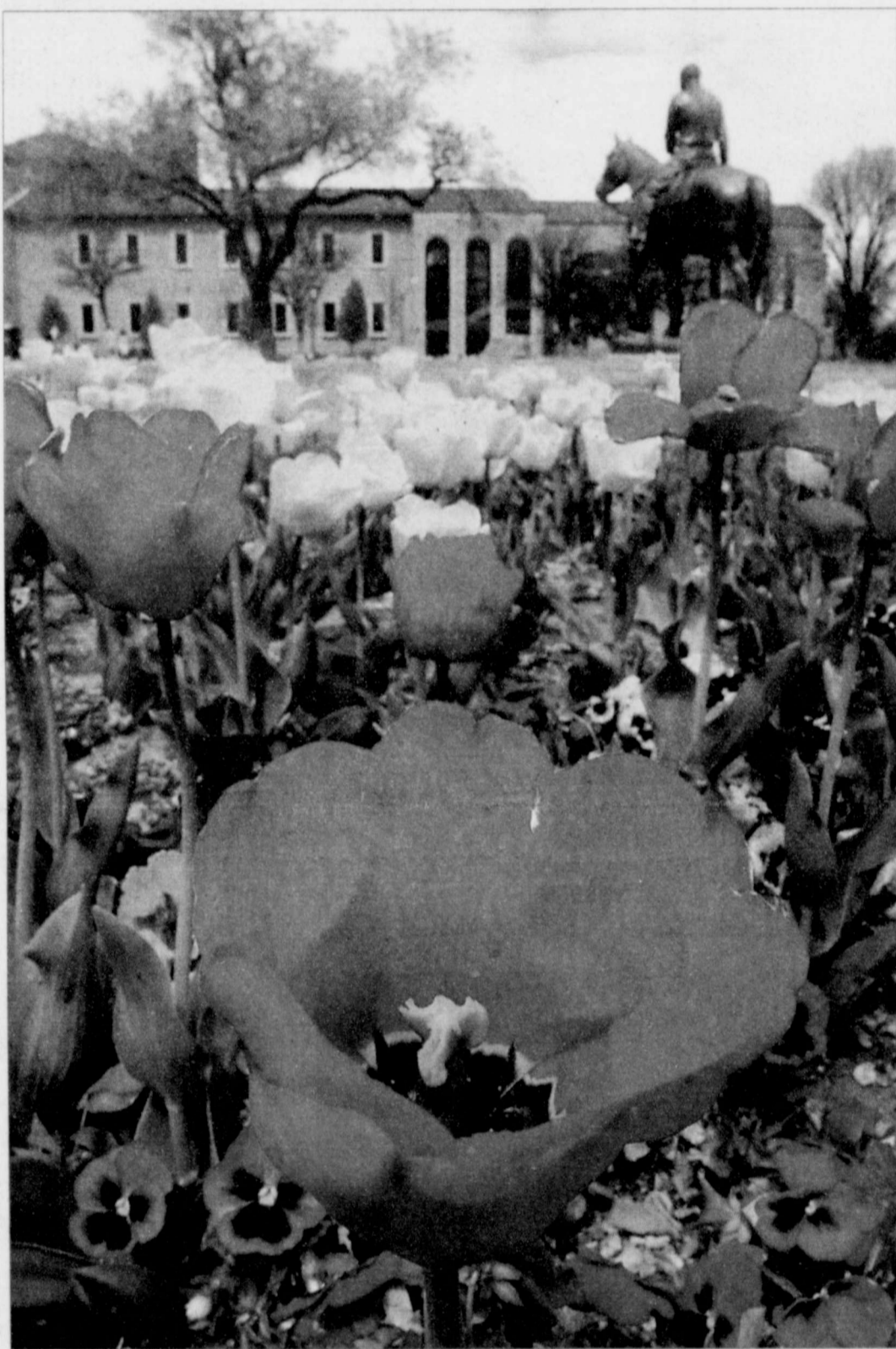
Matt Roberts, a freshman electrical engineering major from Giddings, said fire alarms are set off about once a month in Weymouth residence hall.

"It happens every so often," he said. "I was in the bathroom, and I didn't want to rush, but I had to get out just in case there was a fire."

Fire Capt. Steve Elliot said there

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SPRING SCENE



DAVID JOHNSON/Staff Photographer

TULIPS BRIGHTEN THE Texas Tech campus signaling the beginning of springtime.

Lady Raiders play Duke in Elite Eight

By Matt Muench/Staff Reporter

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — It was as if Texas Tech had its hand on the crowd volume knob Saturday night at the Pit in Albuquerque, N.M., in front of a usual rowdy sold-out crowd against home team New Mexico.

At game time, the crowd was rocking, but as the game went along, the Lobo faithful became

quieter and quieter. In the end, the mute button was pushed as Tech defeated the Lobos 71-48 in front of 16,182 fans in the Sweet 16 of the NCAA Tournament.

The victory moves the Lady Raiders (29-5) one win away from their first Final Four appearance since 1993. In their way is No. 1 seed Duke when the two teams face at 8:30 p.m. today in

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DAVID JOHNSON/Staff Photographer

LADY RAIDERS Jia Perkins (far left), Jolee Ayers, Casey Jackson and Natalie Ritchie celebrate their 71-48 victory over the Lobos at the Pit in Albuquerque, N.M., on Saturday night. The Lady Raiders advance to the Elite Eight, where they will play Duke at 8:30 p.m. tonight.

Tech student takes Miss Lubbock crown

By Harvey Mireles/Staff Reporter

After the judges' votes had been tallied, Elizabeth Brandt was crowned Miss Lubbock USA on Saturday evening at the Lubbock Municipal Auditorium.

The Lubbock native selected is the region's representative for the Miss Texas Pageant and will continue to have home field advantage for the next level of competition. The Lubbock Municipal Auditorium is scheduled to host the Miss Texas Pageant on July 22.

Brandt, a junior business finance

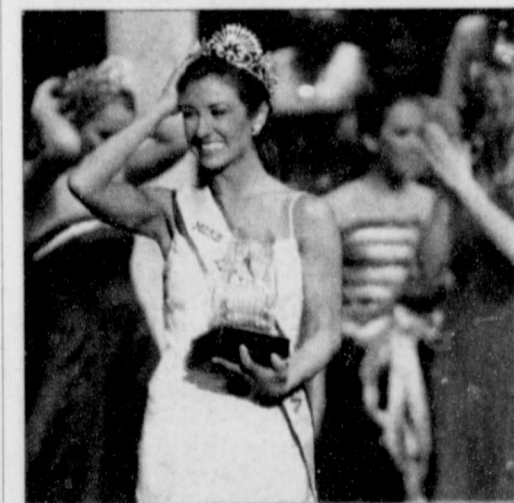
and real estate major, said she could not remember the exact feeling when she was crowned.

"Actually, it was all just a total blur," she said. "I was just filled with total excitement. I couldn't believe it. I had everybody here. I'm so lucky to have the people I've had supporting me."

She said she has been competing in pageants for about eight years.

"It's just supposed to happen when it's meant to happen," Brandt said. "God is always standing there with you, helping you to get through these

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ELIZABETH BRANDT, A junior business finance and real estate major from Lubbock, is crowned Miss Lubbock USA on Saturday night at the Lubbock Municipal Auditorium. TYSON JEFFREYS/Staff Photographer

March rallies Chavez, commemorates his life

By Heidi Toth/Staff Reporter



JAIME TOMAS AGUILAR/Staff Photographer

STUDENT, COMMUNITY, POLITICAL and religious leaders march along side other students and community members from Azatlan Park on Saturday morning to St. Joseph's Catholic Church in remembrance of Cesar Chavez, leader and founder of the United Farm Workers Union. The United States Postal Service unveiled its new commemorative stamp to honor Chavez.

Cesar Chavez, the hero of American migrant workers, will live forever on a postage stamp.

The United States Postal Service unveiled its new commemorative stamp for Chavez at a rally and honor march Saturday, an annual event in Lubbock.

"We're just trying to keep his spirit alive," committee member Maria Strong said.

The event began Saturday at Azatlan Park in East Lubbock with a rally. The group then marched to St. Joseph Catholic Church for a tribute reception, where the Cesar Chavez Spirit Award was given and the stamp was unveiled.

The committee's goal in having the rally and march is to let people know who Chavez was and learn about the civil rights movement he started for farm workers.

Chavez created the United Farm Workers of America Union, which was recognized by the American Federation of Labor and Congress on Industrial Organizations in 1966. This was a significant move, Strong said, because the farm laborers were working hard but being taken advantage of.

"Many people think the food just mysteriously appears in the produce section," she said, adding America needs farm workers because of the basic work they do, but are not willing to recognize them.

During the 1960s, it also was easy to overlook the plight of

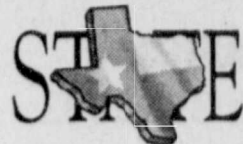
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West Texas town seeks approval for college

ANDREWS (AP) — The West Texas town of Andrews plans to seek a government grant to help pay for construction of a college officials hope would develop a skilled labor force that would attract new business.

Construction could begin by early 2004.

The educational facility that city officials envision would be owned by the city, but outside entities, including Odessa College, the University of Texas of the Permian Basin and the Texas Workforce Commission, would determine the course offerings, the Odessa American reported in Sunday editions.

"This is a vision for our community, but it's not a dream," Andrews City Manager Glen Hackler told the newspaper.

At a meeting the week before last, the City Council moved a step closer to making the college by appropriating \$25,000 to hire a grant writer and an architect to design the facility. The college hinges on whether the city receives a grant from the Department of Commerce, which would help pay for the facility, Hackler said.

Boy, girl found dead in New Jersey apartment

IRVINGTON, N.J. (AP) — A 5-year-old girl and her 8-year-old brother were found dead in their apartment Saturday, apparently of stab wounds, after their father left them in the care of their stepmother, police said.

The father of Aisha and Alstan Haque found their bodies when he returned home from work, police said. They said an arrest warrant was issued Saturday night for the man's wife, Sultana Haque, 30, whom they called a suspect.

Authorities declined to identify the 37-year-old father. They said the two children had been living with his ex-wife, their mother, but were staying with him and his new wife during the weekend.

Police in Irvington, about 15 miles west of New York City, said officers were summoned to the apartment by neighbors who reported a man shouting in a hallway. Officers arrived to find the father distraught and on the floor inside the seventh-floor apartment.

The father had left the children in the care of their stepmother for a short period to time, police said.

Afghanistan ambush kills two U.S. soldiers

BAGRAM, Afghanistan (AP) — Four gunmen on motorcycles ambushed a U.S. military reconnaissance patrol in southern Afghanistan on Saturday, killing two U.S. troops, officials said. Another American and three Afghan soldiers were wounded.

Meanwhile, U.S. special operations soldiers backed by air support joined about 1,000 Afghan troops to battle about 100 Taliban fighters in southern Uruzgan province, the U.S. military said. At least 15 Taliban fighters were reported killed.

The ambush attack was the first fatal encounter for U.S. forces in this country since December, but came just two days after a Red Cross worker was killed in southern Afghanistan in what could signal a resurgence of activity by holdout fighters of the former Taliban regime.

Afghan authorities Saturday accused Taliban fugitives and their al-Qaida allies, as well as forces loyal to renegade rebel commander Gulbuddin Hekmatyar, of ambushing the convoy.

In recent interviews with The Associated Press, Taliban loyalists hiding in neighboring Pakistan said training camps were established in the Afghan mountains and anti-American forces had united. They warned of stepped-up attacks once the war in Iraq began.

American Airlines reduces wages

DALLAS (AP) — American Airlines reached tentative agreements with several small labor groups to reduce wages Saturday as a key union leader warned workers that the cuts will be deeper if the world's largest airline fails to avoid bankruptcy.

Groups representing about 2,250 employees reached tentative agreement on cuts Saturday, but talks were continuing with the three most powerful employee groups — pilots, flight attendants

and mechanics, about 39,000 in all. The Transport Workers Union said tentative agreements were reached Saturday between the airline and its stock clerks, maintenance specialists, dispatchers, meteorologists and flight-simulator instructors. About 16,000 baggage handlers reached an agreement Thursday.

"We are pleased with these additional tentative agreements and the TWU's intent and seriousness," airline spokesman Bruce Hicks said. He

declined to discuss the ongoing negotiations other than to say that "progress is being made."

American, which has about 99,000 employees, says it must cut its labor costs by \$1.8 billion per year to avoid bankruptcy. If it fails to do so, bankruptcy lenders would demand an additional \$500 million in labor concessions, said James Little, director of the TWU's airline division, which represents about one-third of American's employees.



The Student Union food court is moving to facilitate construction. Alternative dining venues will be available in the Student Union Ballroom, in-

cluding hot food and grab-and-go items. The same payment options will be accepted.

University of Glasgow professor of medieval history Samuel K. Cohn Jr. will be giving a public lecture about the Black Death at 7:30 p.m. today in the auditorium of the International Cultural Center at 6th Street and Indiana Avenue. The lecture is free and open to the public. For more information, contact professor David G. Troyansky at (806) 742-3744 or d.troyansky@ttu.edu.

Cardinal Key is now accepting applications, which are available until Wednesday in Room 228 of the

Student Union building.

Zeta Phi Gamma invites students to attend "Pandemonium," a fund-raiser from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Saturday at Conference Cafe, located at 3616 4th St. The event will feature dance and hip-hop music, and cover will be \$5. For more information, call Nerissa at (806) 797-3963.

The Lubbock Chapter of the Black Alumni will host a Scholarship Golf Classic on April 11 at the Elm Grove Golf Course. For more information or to register, contact Doris Henderson at (806) 742-8671 or doris.henderson@ttu.edu.

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Chechnya.

More recently, the U.S. military campaign against Afghanistan's Taliban government lured a ragtag army of thousands, mainly from neighboring Pakistan, vowing jihad against the Americans.

Magnus Ranstorp, a terrorism ex-

pert at the University of St. Andrews, Scotland, said the main focal point of jihad fighters today is Chechnya, which he called "today's Afghanistan."

"Iraq also can become another Afghanistan, but with a huge twist because of the different regional factors," he said.

The bomber who killed the Americans had posed as a taxi driver, pulled up close to a roadblock north of Najaf, and waved to the troops for help. He blew up his vehicle when they approached. The names of the four Americans were not released, although they were from the Army's 1st Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division.

Coalition officials said it would not change the way the U.S.-led forces proceed — except that they would be more cautious in vulnerable locations like checkpoints.

"It's just a reminder that there are some very desperate people out there. We've got to be on our toes," Gen. Richard Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said Sunday.

Maj. Gen Buford Blount, com-

mander of the U.S. 3rd Infantry Division, said troops would probably have to restrict the movements of Iraqis and shut down roads while troops move through.

"That's unfortunate, but it's going to be necessary to ensure the safety of our soldiers," he said.

Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said Sunday he did not know anything about Islamic militants "flooding across the borders into Iraq."

"There's no question but that a terrorist that's willing to die can kill other people. We've seen that here in the United States," Rumsfeld said. "Is it going to change the outcome? Not a chance."

Iraqi TV praised the Najaf attacker and said he wanted "to teach the enemy a lesson in the manner used by our Palestinian brothers."

Hussein is admired by Palestinians in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, in part because he has doled out more than \$35 million to the families of civilians, gunmen and suicide attackers killed since fighting began in Israel some 30 months ago.

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Tech's new campaign to raise money for faculty, students

By Angela Timmons/Staff Reporter

With the recent publication of Chancellor Dr. David Smith's annual report and five-point strategic plan Texas Tech is looking toward a new fund-raising campaign.

This will follow in the footsteps of Chancellor Emeritus John T. Montford's more than \$500 million success with the Horizon campaign.

The new campaign, currently in the early stages of planning, is yet to be named, Vice Chancellor Mark Lindemood said.

The campaign will focus primarily on people, Smith said, particularly faculty and students.

"We want to support faculty excellence and expand undergraduate and graduate research," Smith said. "We want to focus on scholarships,

fellowships and those types of things."

Smith said he would not be surprised if the campaign, which is set for a five-year plan and will come to completion sometime in 2008, will take on the proportions of the Horizon campaign.

"We're getting serious about planning," Smith said. "We have to plan a strategy and a team."

Strategy will be important because of financial difficulties, Lindemood said.

"The next two years hold the potential to be very difficult, not just because of the budget but because of the economy in general," Lindemood said. "With war, declining market conditions and consumer belief that times are tight, a campaign will have to be very strategic."

Even with the \$6 million the Senate is looking at possibly adding back into the budget, Tech is still looking at a 10 percent shortfall, Smith said, leaving Tech and the Health Sciences Center with ground to be made up.

"We will need to work with both houses to enhance revenue so that higher education is not disproportionately hurt," Smith said. "There is no need to panic right now, but at the same time, we need to be diligent in working with the Senate and the House."

Smith, Tech Interim President Donald Haragan and Health Sciences Center Acting President Elmo Cavin have been meeting regularly with the Legislature every week, calling it an "ongoing process," Smith said.

In terms of the fund-raising campaign, Smith said it needs to be for endowments and not for university operations, despite any budget shortfalls.

"Universities that have used (fund raising) for operations have run into difficulties with the slumping market," he said. "We want to try to use it to enhance the university, not as a primary tool for funding the university."

The university is focusing on priorities such as research and education, keeping "the best and the brightest" in faculty and students and keeping Tech on the rise of competition, Smith said.

He added most of the money from the Horizon campaign, when it comes to the university, will go to academia.

The new campaign will necessarily focus on those priorities to help Tech proceed to the next level of competitiveness, Lindemood said.

"I believe this campaign will need to be very focused on solving specific needs as well as assist with building prestige for Texas Tech throughout Texas and the nation," he said.

Fund raising involves many people, ranging from administrators such as the chancellor and university and Health Sciences Center presidents, as well as volunteers, who themselves may have contributed gifts, Lindemood said.

The Horizon campaign brought in much of its money through deferred gifts, Haragan said.

This means money will come in over time and may not be received until the donor dies, he added.

"All of the money in the Horizon campaign hasn't even come in yet," Haragan said. "Few of the gifts were cash gifts."

Much of the money went to building projects and scholarships, Haragan said, and not as much money went into scholarships as the administration would have liked.

"That's our next priority: scholarships and professorships," Haragan said. "It will allow us the opportunity to recruit really stellar faculty and to support regular salary."

Part of planning a campaign is to raise a percentage of the money before announcing it formally, Haragan said.

Soliciting money from private donors also separates the new campaign from the Horizon campaign, he said.

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competitions."

Joining Brandt in the top five were two Tech students and two Tech graduates.

Special awards, voted on by a different set of judges, went to Brandt for the evening gown and swimsuit competition, and Jenna Hopper was named Most Photogenic.

Miss Congeniality, which is voted on by the contestants, went to Angela Williams, and the People's Choice Award went to Kelly Womble.

The cool and crisp wind could not keep the 500 family members, relatives and friends in the audience from cheering on their favorite contestant in this year's Miss Lubbock pageant.

Throughout the competition, the audience applauded each competitor, supporting each woman's strife for the title.

"We're all a very close-knit group," Brandt said. "We've spent all this week together so I've got some very close friends from this competition. I've really enjoyed the experience."

Brandt said she plans to do everything she can to get prepared to represent Lubbock in the Miss Texas Pageant.

"I'm definitely going to get out into the community," she said. "I've got to be prepared both mentally and physically."

Helping with those preparations will be the prize package awarded to the new title holder. Prizes include a free year membership to a local gym, free tanning and a \$500 scholarship to Tech.

Brandt said she plans to work on the interview portion with the event's coordinator, Fay Heady.

Rosamond Brandt, mother of the newly crowned Miss Lubbock USA, said the outcome of the competition was great.

"She really wanted it," Rosamond said. "It really meant a lot to her."

She said she told her daughter to

believe in herself and she can do anything she wants.

"I was mostly calm, but toward the very end, I became very nervous," she said. "Trying to get up there to compete takes a lot of nerve."

Heady, local director for the Miss Lubbock USA pageant, said the work starts the day after the winner is crowned.

"The first plan of action is to get Miss Lubbock prepared for the Miss Texas competition," she said. "We've got to get her on a fitness regimen, a diet she can stick with and work on interview. She has a lot of homework to do."

There was a distinct patriotic theme to the evening's festivities.

A giant American flag adorned the back of the stage and a small American flag brooch was pinned on the winner's sash.

During the final question round, master of ceremonies Paul Thompson asked each of the five finalists a question.

"(The competition) was a good distraction from the war going on right now," Brandt said. "It's definitely not a priority by any means."

Rally

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migrant workers, because there were so many other things taking place in the United States. Chavez, however, remembered them.

Irma Guerrero, chief coordinator for the committee, echoed Strong's sentiments.

"We believe Cesar Chavez is a man that needs to be honored," she said. "He's more or less kind of like our Gandhi."

Jaime Garcia, representative for the U.S. Postal Service, unveiled the stamp. He said the Citizens Stamp Advisory Committee selects commemorative stamps like this one after a process that can take several years.

Stamp requests are submitted to 15 committee members, who all come from different backgrounds, go through each request and pick the 25 that will become stamps each year, Garcia said.

For a stamp to be created for a person, he or she must have been dead for at least 10 years and must have been American, as well as have a historical significance. The

stamp itself should have widespread national appeal as well, Garcia said.

"It has to be something people want out there," he said.

Strong said the stamp would help in raising awareness of Chavez's contributions to all Americans. Because of him, farm workers got a voice and were not exploited, and many injustices in their way of life were solved.

"We're talking about a hero that did so much for the farm labor worker," she said.

The stamp recognized the contributions Chavez had made, as well as paid tribute to him, Guerrero said.

Chavez also provided a positive role model to the Hispanic community, Gracie Quinonez said.

"Unfortunately, we don't have enough awareness of who Cesar Chavez was," she said.

Quinonez, who is the cultural diversity coordinator at South Plains College, said many of her students do not know who he is or what he did, which is something the rally should change. People need to know the impact he had, she said.

"He showed the power an individual has to really transform a situation," she said.

Fire

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were no flames or smoke in the building, but the firefighters had to use a fan to remove the powder from the fire extinguisher in the hall.

"Powder was in the air in the ninth floor, and we just put a fan in the stairwell and blew it out," he said. "When we got here, the Tech PD had already basically figured out what had happened, so we went directly to the ninth floor."

Friday night, fire alarms sounded in Bledsoe residence hall after a small fire occurred on the third floor.

Elliot said he was not on duty Friday night when the fire department responded to a fire at Bledsoe, which marked the first fire-related incident this

weekend.

"We heard about the fire at Bledsoe and this one," he said. "Pranks are common anywhere there are a lot of kids."

Emma White, a sophomore architecture and civil engineering major from Plano, said she was in Bledsoe residence hall when the fire alarm was set off early Saturday morning.

"I don't know all of the details, but it was a bag of popcorn that started to burn because these guys left it in the microwave too long," she said. "They left the room, and it caught on fire, and their neighbors smelled it and pulled the fire alarm. The whole room was black."

White said students did not take the fire alarms seriously because there are often pranks, especially on the weekends.

"It was sad because no one left until a guy ran down the hall screaming, 'It's a real fire!'" she said.

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Elite Eight

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the Elite Eight.

The Blue Devils edged Georgia 66-63 prior to Tech's win Saturday. After the game, Tech coach Marsha Sharp called it a mental victory for the Lady Raiders for overcoming the intimidating arena.

"When you are in an environment that is a little bit hostile, you have to win it with your defense," she said. "We did a great job at focusing and thinking about the things that were important today, and we came out and played extremely well and tough."

Both teams traded baskets the first 10 minutes of the game, but then Tech began to put its pieces in place and make its move after the Lobos cut the lead to two points at 18-16 with 9:31 remaining. Thanks to traditional Tech pressure defense and help from every one on offense, the Lady Raiders closed the half on a 23-3 run. Call it checkmate for Tech, as it took a 41-19 lead into the locker room.

Tech forward Jolee Ayers said it was one of the best stretches she has seen this team play this year.

"No team in the country has played a perfect game this year, but (today) we had spurts where we played hard and things were going our way," said Ayers, who finished with 12 points. "But I thought we were

playing our best basketball of the season (at that time)."

During the Lobo drought, New Mexico looked as if it were shooting at a 12-foot basket, as almost every shot fell short. It led to a dismal finish of the first half, as the Lobos were scoreless on their last 16 possessions while missing their final 13 shots. The Lobos finished the half with a 25-percent shooting clip.

Every Lady Raider that touched the ball in the first half put it in the hoop, and surprisingly, leading scorer Hennette Pierson only had four points at the break.

"At halftime, I looked and nine players had contributed scoring," Lobo coach Don Flanagan said. "In the past, I don't think they shot that well, nor do I think that many players shot that well."

Pierson found her offense in the second half to keep New Mexico out of reach, finishing with a team-high 16 points and eight rebounds.

"We knew it was going to be very hostile for us; there was going to be a lot of fans in there supporting their team," she said. "We knew we just had to come out and play great defense and silence the crowd."

The silence goal was accomplished and set in stone at the 5-minute mark, when the fans were strapped to their seats for the first time. At that point, fans even began to take an early exit and beat the traf-

fic driving home.

Lost in the box score is Tech forward Casey Jackson, who gave Tech a big lift off the bench with 11 rebounds, 7 of those on offense and nine points. Tech guard Jia Perkins said Jackson was the energy the Lady Raiders needed to maintain the lead.

"Casey came off the bench and gave us that spark we needed to get our momentum going," she said. "She did awesome on the rebounds that helped us get second shots, so I think she came off the bench and gave us that spark."

One day after the victory, Tech turned its attention to Duke, which has not played a solid game since the tournament began. That scares Sharp.

"That is a mark of a great team," she said. "Certainly you expect that breakout game, and hopefully it won't come (tonight)."

The Blue Devils (34-1) are paced by guard Alana Beard, who was an All-American last year. She was held to 12 points Saturday, which is something Perkins said Tech will try to do.

"We have to contain her and not let her get many touches," she said. "If we come out at the ball, she will have a hard time getting open. I don't know if we can stop her, but we probably can do a good job at containing her."

The winner advances to Atlanta to face either Tennessee or Villanova on April 6 in the Final Four.

Softball drops close game to Cowgirls

The Texas Tech softball team (14-29, 1-4 Big 12) lost its fourth conference game of the season 1-0 to Oklahoma State on Saturday.

Amie Stines threw a complete game with six strikeouts, but OSU's Lauren Bay hit a solo homerun in the final inning.

Reports from Sunday's game were not available at press time.

Tech will take on Texas in a doubleheader Wednesday in Austin.

Men's tennis team falls twice on road

Texas Tech men's tennis came home from California with losses to UC-Santa Barbara and San Diego.

Tech (13-4, 3-1 Big 12 play) fell to UC-Santa Barbara on Friday 6-1.

The loss to No. 28 San Diego was tight and came down to the wire. In the final match being played, Tech fell 6-4 in the third set to give San Diego a 4-3 win.

Tech coach Tim Siegel said the Red Raiders were without their No. 1 player Diederik de Groot (who was pulled for disciplinary reasons) after doubles play Friday.

Baseball escapes sweep

After dropping games one and two Friday and Saturday, the No. 20-ranked Texas Tech baseball team avoided the sweep by defeating the No. 11 and defending national champion Texas Longhorns 5-2 Sunday. The series loss is Tech's first loss in a series against Texas since 1996.

Tech (20-11, 4-5 Big 12 play) never trailed in the game. The Red Raiders took advantage of four Longhorn errors in the game to build their lead. Junior Corey Gerstner took the mound and claimed his first win as a Raider, with junior Jeff Karstens

notching his fifth save of the season.

Game one Friday was a 12-inning affair. With the score knotted at 4-4 in the bottom of the 12th, Texas' Omar Quintanilla hit an RBI single off Karstens, who suffered his first loss of the season.

Game two Saturday was close until the bottom of the eighth inning, when Texas scored four runs to widen the gap to 11-5.

The Raiders will be on the road again next weekend for a three-game series against the Missouri Tigers.

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Tech grabs 18 gold medals in home meet

By Jason Lenz/Staff Reporter

The Texas Tech track and field team racked up 18 gold medals and qualifying marks for the NCAA Regional Tournament in the first home competition of the outdoor season this weekend.

It was not quite the performance the Red Raiders were hoping for, however. Junior Jason Young, who placed first in the hammer throw and discus, qualifying in both events, said it was good to get out and compete, but he believes he could have done better.

"I pretty much expected to win," he said. "But I think I probably could have done a couple of meters better in the discus and maybe the same thing in the hammer."

The beginning of the outdoor season marks Young's favorite time of the year, he said.

"During the indoor season, it can be hard to stay with it," he said. "For me, the competition is more important in outdoors."

Sophomore Brionne Yosten, who

notched first place in the 800-meter dash, said she also prefers being out in the fresh air.

"I'm really excited," she said. "I like indoors, but outdoors is the real thing."

Sophomore Albert Booker qualified in both the 200- and 400-meter dashes. He said the team struggled in the competition, despite the results.

"I really don't think anybody did what they expected to do," he said. "It's still the first meet. We've got a lot of time to get it all together because right now we aren't looking too good."

Booker said the chilly weather during the weekend may have been a factor.

"It's a little cold," he said. "Everybody's muscles were tight."

Wes Kittley, head coach of track and field, said the problems with the weather were more likely in the heads of his athletes, something they need to learn from.

"I think the cool weather mentally bothered some people more than it should have," he said. "A lot of people thought it was too cool to really get after it. Part of the process is to learn to get tougher, and get it all together from this and get tougher. There's no guarantee at the Texas Relays next week or the national meet that it's going to be great weather."

The team's lethargic nature could be attributed to a number of factors.

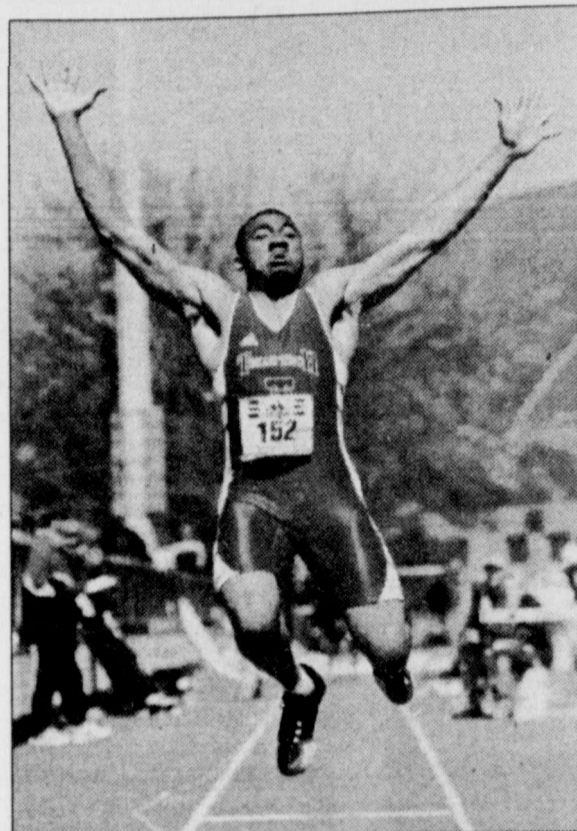
"I think when you come off of Spring Break, and this being our first meet outdoors, some of their expectations were a little higher than what they did," he said. "Some of them just weren't running aggressive, and you can't run fast times if you don't run aggressive."

Overall, Kittley said he was pleased with the team's performance. He wanted to put his team in a competitive environment prior to the Texas Relays four-day competition in Austin beginning Wednesday and running through Saturday.

"I think we got a good workout in," he said. "That's really what I was wanting — everybody to run a couple of things, and get a good workout. It's a little different when you put your spikes on and you're in a race."

Yosten said the meet was something to learn from prior to the Texas Relays.

"(We're) just using it as a learning experience," she said. "Just to get some good races in."



CLIFTON EDDINGTON LEAPS to a first place finish in the long jump at the Texas Tech Invitational track meet this weekend at R.P. Fuller Stadium. Tech tallied 18 top performances in the competition.

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"I think we got a good workout in...It's a little different when you put your spikes on and you're in a race."

— WES KITTLEY
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Singles continue to plague women

By Kyle Clark/Staff Reporter

Texas Tech women's tennis coach Sandy Collins has continually said this season her team has a problem carrying over intensity from doubles to singles competition.

The same problem struck Tech again Sunday in its match against Nebraska, as the team lost 5-1 in singles matches after winning all three doubles matches.

Tech began the match against the Cornhuskers with an 8-3 victory by Irina Tereschenko and Beverly Dawson over NU's Rose Ketmayura and Jen Baccarani, an 8-5 win by Kendall Brooks and Tara Browning over Gitta Ostermann and Anna Oehme, and an 8-3 win by freshmen Anchen Lombard and Katja Kovacic over the Husker team of Jennifer Cremieux and Leslie Harvey.

Collins said after starting off with three wins in doubles, anyone would expect Tech to carry that momentum over, but the team has a problem doing so.

"You'd think if we win all three doubles matches that they would have momentum going into singles," Collins said. "I don't know what happens to them when they go into singles."

Tech suffered in singles competi-

tion against Nebraska with the team's only victory coming from senior Beverly Dawson in the No. 2 spot.

Dawson defeated Harvey 6-4, 6-1, and although the player said she was pleased with her own performance, she was upset the team did not fare as well.

"Individually, I feel great," Dawson said. "But as a team, I'm so disappointed. We should be winning these matches. These are teams that we beat last year."

Dawson has won her last five singles matches and said she expected the team to be ranked better in the Big 12 Conference. She also said her senior season has thus far been disappointing.

She was not at a loss for words when asked if her teammates were letting her down.

"Certain teammates are letting me down," Dawson said. "It's hard as a team when the same people keep on winning and the same people keep on losing. Maybe if they see this in the paper, they'll realize how upset I am."

Collins was not as disappointed in the team but said the team does not have the right mentality to win and the players do not believe in themselves.

"It's all mental," Collins said. "It's not about hitting a tennis ball. It's about

believing you can hit a tennis ball."

Collins also said although she tries to motivate every player, the players must learn to motivate themselves in order to win.

"You pump them up every day, but it's up to them," she said. "They have to pump themselves up. They have to bring something to the table mentally. They have to hit as many balls as it takes to win. They can't just give up. That's not how you win in anything, not just tennis."

Tech is now 2-6 in Big 12 competition with three conference matches remaining.

Although Tech does not have a chance at the conference title and is in the bottom half of the conference rankings, junior Kendall Brooks said the team must continue on strong in preparation for the Big 12 Tournament.

"I don't know what to say about where we are," Brooks said. "We have three conference matches left to get in better position for the Big 12 Tournament. Maybe we can beat a team that isn't expecting us to beat them."

Tech faces Texas A&M at 6 p.m. Friday in College Station and then travels to face the Houston Cougars the next morning.

The Raiders played Kansas on Friday at the Lubbock Country Club and lost 4-3.

Tech lost the doubles point to the Jayhawks but got singles wins from Dawson, Brooks and Kovacic.

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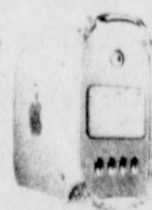
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