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Butler denies destroying vials of bubonic plague

By Sally Gunter/Staff Reporter

Dr. Thomas Butler, a Texas Tech Health Sciences Center professor, denied on national television Sunday that he destroyed 30 vials of bubonic plague in January.

"They presented me with their evidence of the investigation that pointed to only one possibility, and that was accidental destruction," Butler said during "60 Minutes" on CBS.

In the 15-minute segment, Butler said the FBI coerced him into signing a statement admitting he accidentally destroyed the vials. He signed the statement without an attorney present.

Butler's lawyer, Jonathan Turley, said after the initial charge of lying to the FBI, the government added numerous counts to the indictment. There are 69 counts against Butler. The counts vary from smuggling the bacteria into and around the United States to embezzlement and fraud.

The fraud allegations deal with how Butler handled research



Butler

correspondent Lesley Stahl.

Due to this gag order, the Tech administration, lawyers and all other involved parties are restricted from speaking to the media about the case.

HSC President Dr. M. Roy Wilson did, however, discuss his reaction Monday to the airing of the show.

grants received by Tech.

U.S. District Judge Sam R. Cummings ruled in September that the FBI statement signed by Butler would be permitted in the trial on Nov. 3.

If convicted, Butler could face a maximum imprisonment of 469 years and up to a \$17 million fine.

Officials issued a gag order one hour following the interview by CBS

Wilson said he was surprised not only by the show but also that the network would choose to run the episode so close to the Nov. 3 trial date. Despite these factors, he said he thought the piece was well-balanced.

The national attention is a bad thing for Tech because Tech has respected the gag order and not told its side of the story, Wilson said.

"There's only one viewpoint being expressed by the media," he said. "My statements have always been we'll just wait and see what the trial brings up."

Not all the facts in the case are known yet, he said.

Butler said in the interview that he did not remember destroying the vials. Wilson does not know what happened to the vials, but he said no investigation is under way to determine whether they are still missing.

Wilson was not present at the university during the January incident, so he said he could not comment on the university's

reactions during the scare.

Dr. Jerry Spencer recently was under internal review for the removal of items during an autopsy. Wilson said that the incidents concerning Spencer and Butler are isolated events that do not harm the credibility of the HSC.

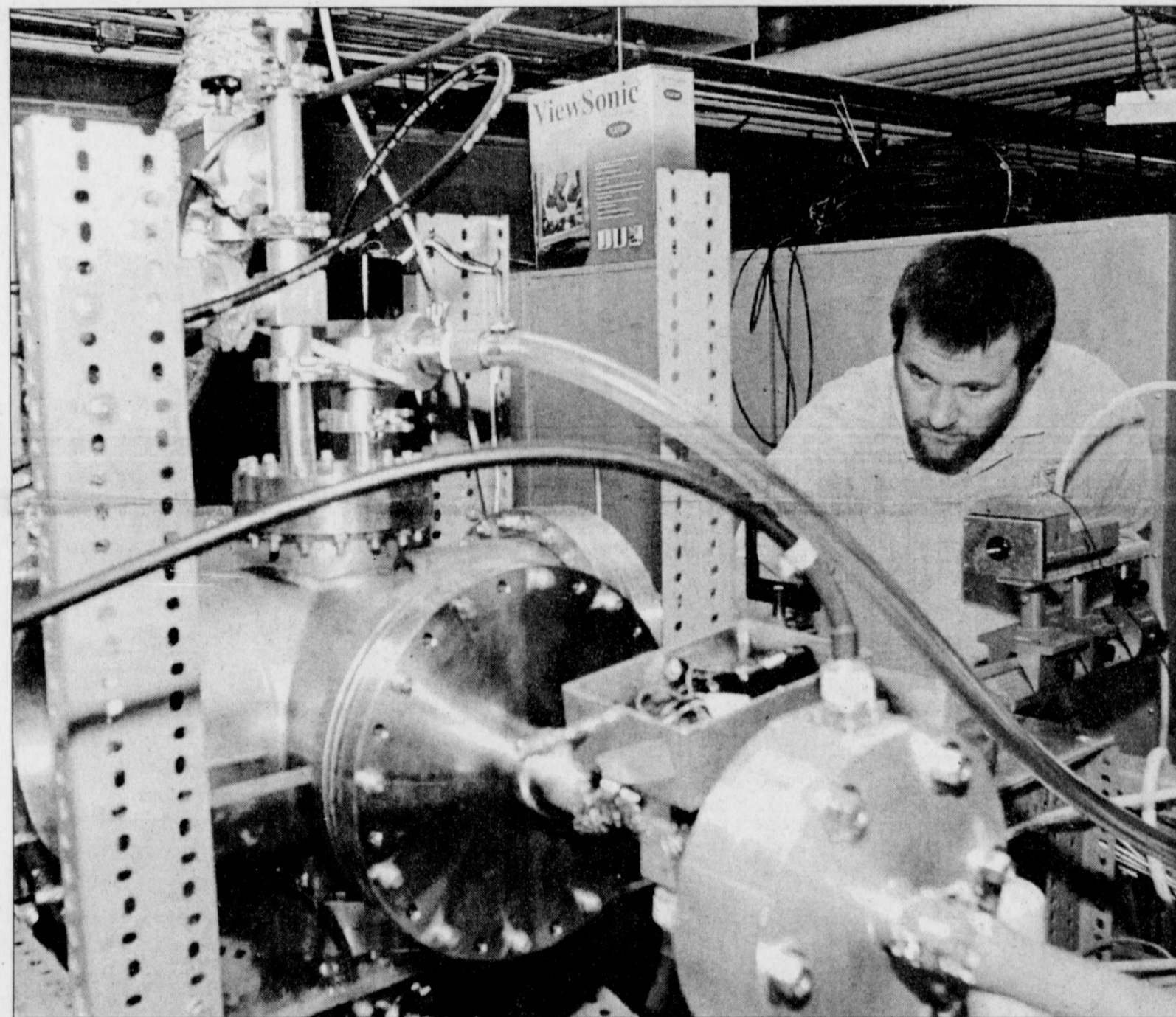
"In general, I think that we all live by certain rules and procedures," he said. "We know what they are and we have been able to do the work we need to do while respecting well publicized university accepted standards of research conduct."

Butler is not allowed in his laboratory but is on paid leave. A job dismissal process is underway that will determine his future role at the HSC. The process is in the mediation phase, Wilson said.

The trial will not harm the professional standing of the HSC, Wilson said.

"In fact, when all is said and done we will have gained respect and credibility in the science community for how we handled this whole situation," he said.

RAIDER PULSE POWER



DR. ANDREAS NEUBER, an associate professor of electrical and computer engineering, makes an adjustment on a pulse machine that breaks down oil.

Texas Tech electrical engineering department applies study to world

By Andrew Bell/Staff Reporter and
photo by Tyson Jeffreys/Staff Photographer

For the past few decades, Texas Tech's department of electrical engineering has been working with pulsed power and power electronics in the classroom and in the laboratory.

Magne Kristainsen, professor of engineering, is the founder of studies involving pulsed power. Andreas Neuber, an associate professor with electrical and computer engineering, said Kristainsen's work has developed the laboratory, courses and information that is available.

The area of pulsed power research involves storing, shaping, transmitting and measuring high voltage and high current pulses of electrical energy. According to the Center of Pulsed Power and Power Electronics booklet, power electronics involves high efficiency power supply designs, rotating machines and special, high power solid-state circuit designs.

Neuber said other applications of pulsed power are surrounding people in their everyday lives. One of the simplest examples he presented is the ignition switch in an automobile.

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Summer school funds not costing faculty jobs

By Adam Boedeker/Staff Reporter

Summer school at Texas Tech will no longer be funded with funds from vacant faculty positions.

Tech used to purposely keep 30 percent of its faculty positions open so the university could use that money for faculty salaries to fund summer school.

"We had grown to the point where vacant faculty lines couldn't fund summer school," Tech Vice President for Fiscal Affairs Lynda Gilbert said. "Plus, it's a very unstable funding practice; it's not good fiscal management either. We wanted to completely fund summer school because we felt it's very important to students."

The funds now available for summer school are state funds that used to go to the Library. A few years ago, Tech put a lot of money into improving the Library and its reputation as a research facility. Tech succeeded in that goal and those funds are now being used elsewhere, Gilbert said.

The library fee went up from \$5 per-credit-hour to \$15 per-credit-hour this past summer, she said, so Tech's Library is entirely student-funded and does not get any money from the state. The University of Texas' library fee is \$10 per-credit-hour, while Texas A&M charges \$21.80 per-credit-hour.

"Now we can redirect that money back to help fund summer school," she said. "We had to have money in place to fund the library still; that money is the library fee."

In the past, the unsure funding system from vacant faculty lines led to poor summer school planning by academic departments, faculty and students, Gilbert said. Now students and faculty alike can plan better for their summer school endeavors.

"I took summer school when I was in school," Gilbert said. "I graduated in four years, and to help students do that there needs to be an embedded funding in the budget so there is more assurance to departments that the funds are there for supporting the offering of courses for summer school."

The administration has been working for the past two to three years to better fund summer school and help the program grow.

The budget for next year's summer school will be done this month, instead of in May, which is when it was done in the past, Gilbert said.

"The long term goal for summer school is that the course offerings are so established students can plan their education around the summer school offerings," she said.

Vice Provost James Brink said the way summer school was formerly funded was called lapse faculty money. The salaries of faculty who left or retired, which is about 80 per year on average were used to fund summer school.

"We'd use their salaries for summer school, but we never had sure numbers," he said. "Funding summer school became a real problem; it wasn't a very efficient way of planning."

Administration has set aside \$5.5 million for summer school. Academic

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New GPSGA president sets goals for organization

NEW VISION: She hopes to get funding for graduate school

By Jennifer Prieto/Staff Reporter

The new president for the Graduate and Professional Student Government Association, Catherine Polydore, has set new goals for Texas Tech graduate students and for the organization.

Former GPSGA President, Dustin McAfee resigned on Oct. 15 because the GPSGA did not get any funding from the department of student affairs. Officials said last week the organization used its funds incorrectly in previous years.

Polydore said the GPSGA constitution states the vice president will assume the president's position if his or her office is terminated for any reason.

She said her main goal is to address the issues of graduate students at Tech. The information will be gathered from graduate students, and she will try to find a solution to their problems.

"If I can't help the students, I want to make sure I direct them to other sources where they can get

help" she said. "I want to know that all graduate students' needs are met."

The main concern graduate students have at Tech is the issue of funding, she said. The GPSGA will find a way to permanently fund graduate students' activities and organizations.

Polydore said she wants to have more speakers talk to the graduate students, including experts from different professional fields who will share experiences about their work with Tech's graduate students.

The resources for fellowships and scholarships are low, she said. GPSGA executives want to find more money for students who want to be in Tech's graduate program.

Polydore refused to further comment on the different options the organization has to fund graduate students' activities and organizations.

"I'm just going to let the actions speak for themselves," she said. "We are exploring different options and we don't want to say anything until we have everything in place."

A temporary fix to the funding issue will be academic funding and individual donations, she said.

Graduate student housing is a big issue, she said. There are graduate students who have families, and they cannot live on campus because family housing is not provided.

She said graduate student housing will give the graduate program an edge, and more students will be encouraged to come to Tech.

Polydore said most graduate students are supportive of the GPSGA and what the organization is trying to accomplish.

"We are working along with the graduate school because they are very supportive of our organization," she said. "We have also talked to some administrators, and they support a separate organization for graduate students."

She said GPSGA's former president, Dustin McAfee, did not have the vision that the organization's members had.

"McAfee is an individual, and he is entitled to say whatever he wants to say, but I think he had a very small vision on how the GPSGA

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WALL WALKING



ANDREW WEATHERL/Staff Photographer
TIM BARNETT, A senior advertising major from Houston, makes his way up the rock climbing wall in the Student Recreational Center.

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Sniper suspect denies relation to shootings

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. (AP)— Sniper suspect John Allen Muhammad won the right to act as his own lawyer Monday in a surprise, last-minute request at his murder trial, then broke a year of stony silence with a rambling opening statement in which he assured jurors, "I had nothing to do with these crimes."

It was not clear why Muhammad decided to fire his lawyers, who will serve as standby counsel.

Just last week, Muhammad told Circuit Judge LeRoy F. Millette Jr. that he was satisfied with his attorneys.

"One of the things we're here for today is to find out what everyone wants to know. What happened?" Muhammad told the jury at the outset of his 20-minute statement. He talked about the meaning of truth but said nothing about the shootings except to deny involvement.

"I know what happened. I know what didn't happen. They're basing

what they said about me on a theory," he told jurors. "If we monitor (the evidence) step by step, it will all show I had nothing to do with these crimes."

Muhammad, 42, is charged in the slaying of Dean Harold Meyers, a 53-year-old Vietnam veteran who was gunned down outside a northern Virginia gas station last October. He was the seventh victim of a three-week shooting spree that left 10 people dead in Virginia, Maryland and Washington, D.C.

Muhammad and fellow suspect Lee Boyd Malvo, 18, were arrested last Oct. 24 at a highway rest stop in Maryland.

Prosecutors said the shootings were part of a plot to extort \$10 million from the government. Prosecutors say Malvo has made several statements to police and jail guards in which he confessed involvement in many of last fall's sniper shootings.

The Rundown



Student charged in plane security case

BALTIMORE (AP) — A college student who told authorities he placed box cutters and other banned items aboard two airliners to test security was charged Monday with taking a dangerous weapon aboard an aircraft and was released without bail.

Nathaniel Heatwole, 20, told federal agents he went through normal security procedures at airports in Baltimore and Raleigh-Durham, N.C. Once aboard, he said he hid the banned items in compartments in the planes' rear lavatories.

A preliminary hearing was set for Nov. 10.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Harvey Eisenberg said the government was not seeking detention, and U.S. Magistrate Judge Susan K. Gauvey freed Heatwole on his own recognizance.

Grandmother charged with endangering child

MOUNT HOLLY, N.J. (AP) — A woman accused of leaving her 22-month-old grandson to die inside a burning vehicle was charged with endangering the welfare of a child.

Police said 41-year-old Pamela Dreadin was driving in a rural area around 3 a.m. Sunday when her Ford Bronco ran off the road and a fire started in the engine compartment.

Dreadin went to a house nearby to call for help but did not mention that her grandson, Michael Malinowski, was in the car until 10 minutes later, when a police officer arrived, authorities said.

By the time rescue crews arrived, the fire had engulfed the vehicle, killing the child.

Dreadin turned herself in on Monday and was released on her own recognizance.

Dreadin's lawyer, William Menges, did not immediately return a call for comment.

Prosecutor Robert D. Bernardi said he would ask a grand jury to consider the more serious charge of reckless manslaughter.

Blaine emerges from box lighter, hungrier

LONDON (AP) — New York magician David Blaine has emerged from his plastic box after 44 days dangling near the River Thames, 50 pounds lighter and hungrier.

"This has been one of the most inspirational experiences of my life," Blaine told the crowd that turned out to cheer his last few hours of isolation Sunday in a 7 foot by 3 foot box.

"I have learned more in that box than I have learned in years. I have learned how strong we are as human beings."

Blaine added: "Most importantly I learnt to appreciate all the simple things in life such as the smile from a stranger and the sunshine and the sunset."

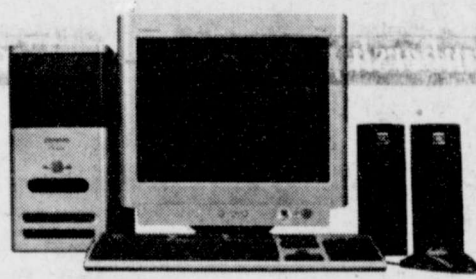
Paul Kenny, a medic at the site, said Blaine would undergo blood tests at a private hospital and would be given fluids intravenously before moving onto blended foods. It could be several days before he resumes eating solid foods, Kenny said.

"If you look at him, he looks great, but I suspect he's been living on adrenaline," Kenny said.

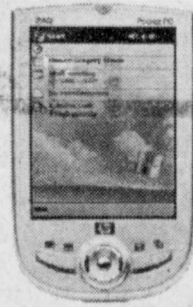
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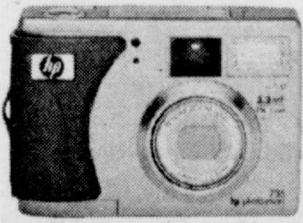
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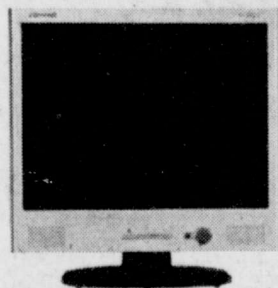
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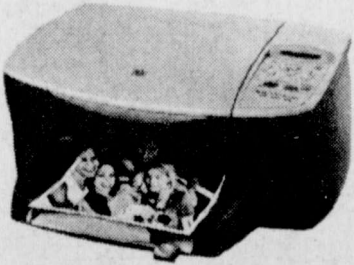
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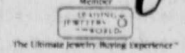
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Grad school gets \$1 million for programs

By Andrew Bell/Staff Reporter

Texas Tech's Office of the Provost recently provided the graduate school with \$1 million to increase the enrollment of the school and provide support for students.

Provost William Marcy said this is a step in helping the graduate school.

"This is the first time the graduate school has been given resources that they could allocate to increase enrollment and help the program," he said.

The money came from graduate students' tuition, John Borrelli, dean of the graduate school, said.

The graduate school will not be able to keep most of the money. Instead, the school will allocate the money into colleges throughout campus to improve the number of graduate students in the school and the number of student credit hours, Borrelli said.

Usually, the school would re-

ceive \$100,000 to help pay for the salaries of faculty and staff and cover general expenses. Borrelli said the remainder of the money was dispersed among many of the colleges on campus.

Borrelli said he asked the colleges on campus to develop proposals on how they would use the money. Many of the ideas ranged from developing distance education courses to student services.

"Many of the colleges have been given the opportunity to express different ideas to leverage the funds, and they have done it," he said. "Some through research, teaching and service activities."

All of the colleges on campus received a portion of the money. However, the distribution among the colleges was not equal. Borrelli said the money was allocated in proportion to the number of student credit hours within the program.

"We are making the effort to al-

locate the graduate tuition back to where the money was generated to support graduate education," he said.

One group on campus getting money from the graduate school is the department of agricultural sciences. Borrelli said the department has developed a master's degree that cuts across the board. The degree, involving many aspects of the department, will have about 100 students in the program.

"(The degree) is a good idea," he said. "It involves people who are interested in it, and they know how

to do it in a successful way."

Other departments and colleges worked on different projects and proposals in order

to receive a share of the money, Borrelli said. Some proposals included changes in research and developing new courses.

Borrelli is required to make sure the money is used to improve the school.

"It would be fun to use the money, but that isn't the purpose of the money," he said. "The purpose is to allocate back to the colleges."

Improvements in the courses

and the school will help to maintain and improve the quality of the students, faculty and the school, Borrelli said.

The energy and resources put forth by the department and the faculty makes the process work, but the money helps the process move faster.

Borrelli said he does not expect to see any returns this year, though.

"Most of the money ends up with the graduate students. The work they do gets multiplied later on," he said. "I don't expect any returns until next year and the following year."

The funds received from the Office of the Provost do not cover all of the developments within the graduate school.

Borrelli said when a college begins developing a new area, it takes more resources than he can provide.

It requires him to pick and choose which will be the most suc-

cessful out of the colleges.

In the future, Borrelli said he is looking to get the same amount of money each year to go to other colleges and stimulate different programs.

The immediate goal of the graduate school is to improve the enrollment. He hopes to have 20 percent of the student body consisting of graduate students.

"Currently, graduates students make up a seventh of the population. We want a fifth," he said.



Summer

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deans have been asked to submit plans for the courses they will offer in the summer.

The administration is encouraging the deans to offer classes in the summer that students need and want to take, Brink said.

"We've been taking from a system of organized chaos to a system of sound planning," he said.

Brink said students will be able to plan their academic progress better and will know earlier in the

spring what will be available in the upcoming summer.

He said it should prevent any lag in the process of students getting their degrees as soon as possible.

"It will also help departments and faculty in their planning," he said. "If they know what courses will be open, they won't be scrambling to open up more courses or to order their textbooks."

Bruce Daniels, chairman of the department of history, said the new funding structure allows him to coordinate summer school with the long semesters.

"The best thing for me is I can plan more efficiently because we have more secure funds for summer school," he said. "We can also appropriately supplement the regular course offerings with our summer

offerings."

Brink said the best result of the new funding in place is the new ability to hire more faculty now that the lines are 100 percent open.

"It's really a win-win situation for us," he said. "On one side we can plan summer school more efficiently. On the other side, we can hire more faculty which we've already addressed as a need."

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Tech coaches address defensive problems

By David Wiechmann/Staff Reporter

A chain can only be as strong as its weakest link, and for the Texas Tech Red Raiders that link may be its defense.

Tech's defense ranks No. 113 in the nation, but its offense is No. 1. The difference may be getting a little frustrating for the fans, players and the coaching staff.

Despite his defense being ranked the fourth worst in the nation, defensive coordinator Lyle Setencich said he wants the responsibility of improving the Raider defense and establishing an attacking mentality. He said he accepted the job at Tech because of the challenge he would be faced with.

"I'd coach at Oklahoma, and we'd be damn good," he said. "You know what, my wife could coach at Oklahoma, and they'd be pretty damn good, too. ...I think it's a real challenge. I think this is a test of me personally, a test of my coaching, a test to see if I can get these guys to get better, and I like the test."

Tech's head coach Mike Leach has made it no secret that he deals with the offense and gives Setencich complete control of the defense, but Leach recognizes the shortfalls of the defense and knows things can turn around.

"I think we're improving on de-

fense. You battle that all the time," he said. "Every team is building and working on something. And every so often they get great at a certain position, and they'll roll along for a while, but within the next four or five years they'll have to rebuild at that same position."

With a new defensive coordinator it may take some time for the defense to fully click under Setencich's leadership and in his system. Setencich is aware of this and has said all year it will not happen over night, but Tech is seven games into a 12-game season, and the defense is still where it started the season - the bottom of the conference.

Leach said the defensive weakness is something his team has to deal with.

"You're going to be short somewhere, and you just have to keep working it," he said.

In a game in which the Raiders were beaten for 673 yards and 51 points, it might be hard finding positives and not excuses, but Setencich said the team was simply caught off guard and had difficulty getting back on track against the Cowboys on Saturday.

"I think we got hit in the mouth by a very good team and couldn't recover, and as the offense started to rally we started to rally," he said.

He compared the battle between the two teams to a classic boxing

match because each team knew it could afford to let up, and it was his team that let up and had to make the uphill climb to recover from it.

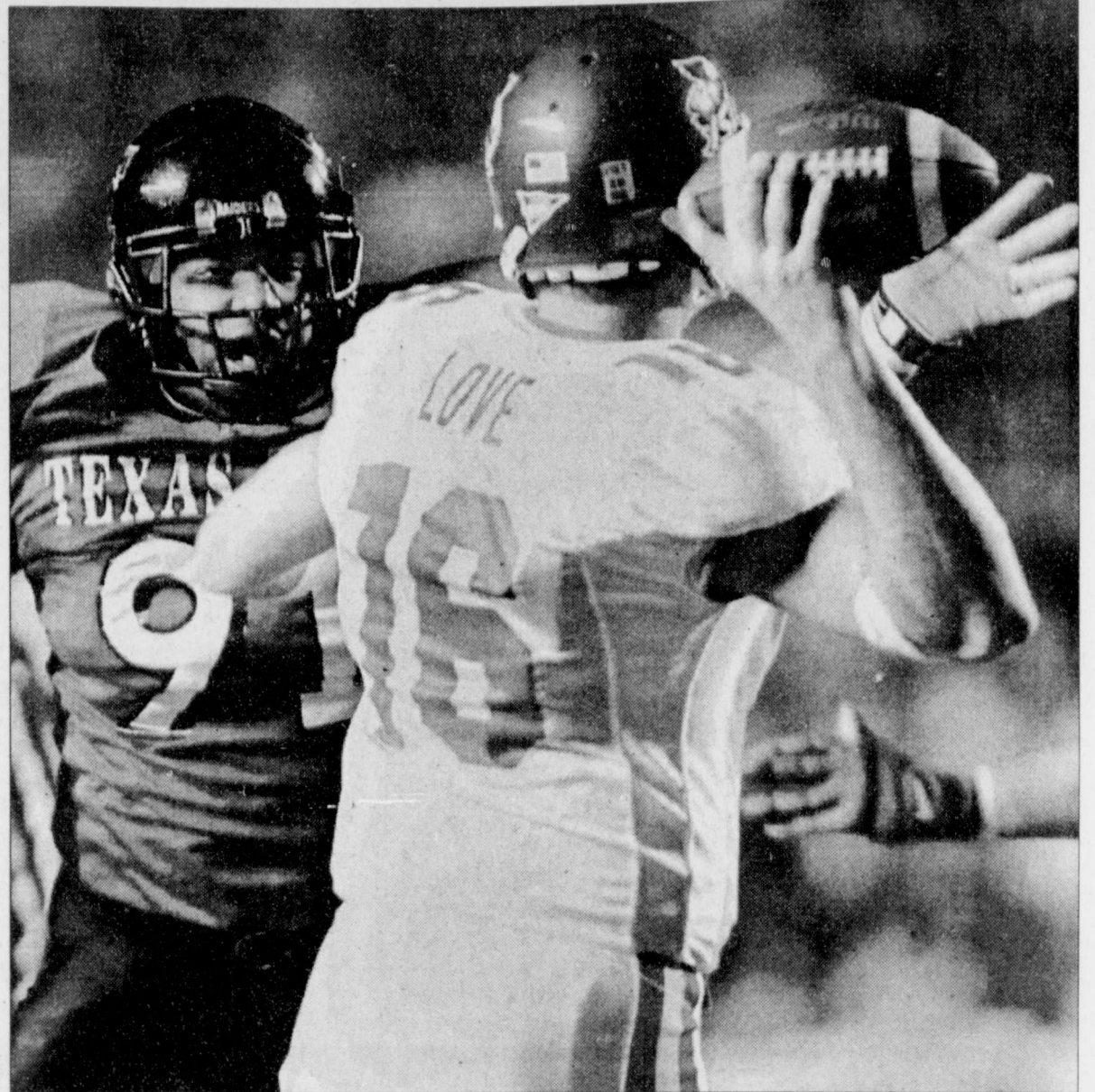
"Playing a team like that is fighting two heavyweights," Setencich said. "It's like Muhammad Ali and George Foreman. Each one of them knows they can't relax because the other one can break their jaw. Oklahoma State was capable of not relaxing, and Texas Tech on defense couldn't hold up to that. We'd make a play, and they'd hit us in the head. So our maturity level wasn't good enough to take that pounding again and to get it back again."

The attacking attitude was missing from the defense for much of the game Saturday, and strong safety Ryan Aycock said that deficit cannot happen. Every player has to be ready when the opening kickoff is teed up. No player can rely on someone else to execute his job for him.

"Everyone has to hold themselves accountable," he said. "We can't look for the offense or other teammates to make plays. They've got to make a play when it comes to them."

The defense has five game remaining to show improvement, but Leach is growing tired of answering questions about the defense. That was evident during his Monday press conference with the local media.

"I realize you're disappointed in the defensive performance, just like me you're gonna have to live with it and wait until next week, and can you write other articles, and I'll call more plays," Leach said.



JAIME TOMAS AGUILAR/Staff Photographer

TEXAS TECH DEFENSIVE end Adell Duckett moves to attempt a sack of Iowa State quarterback Chris Love during the Raiders 52-21 victory against the Cyclones. The Texas Tech defense is No. 113 in the nation and is surrendering 490 yards per game. Last week the unit gave up 673 yards to Oklahoma State.

Lakers' Bryant to stand trial for rape

EAGLE, Colo. (AP) — Kobe Bryant must stand trial on a charge of sexually assaulting a 19-year-old resort worker, a judge ruled Monday, clearing the way for a celebrity trial the likes of which hasn't been seen since O.J. Simpson.

Eagle County Judge Frederick Gannett said prosecutors presented enough evidence Bryant might have committed the crime June 30. The Los Angeles Lakers guard could face a life sentence if convicted.

His next appearance, in district court, is set for Nov. 10. Bryant has said the sex was consensual. His attorneys suggested the woman's injuries came during sex with

other men in the days before her encounter with Bryant at a posh resort in nearby Edwards.

The defense can appeal Gannett's ruling, but such appeals are rare, legal experts said.

At Bryant's first appearance in state district court he will be advised of his rights, of the charge and of the possible penalties. He could enter a plea during that hearing.

Unless Bryant waives his right to a speedy trial, the trial would be scheduled within six months of his plea.

Prosecutors in Colorado almost always succeed in persuading a judge to order a trial after a preliminary hearing.

First BCS rankings have Oklahoma Sooners ranked No. 1 in country

(AP) — Oklahoma is in a familiar place — first in the initial Bowl Championship Series standings. The Sooners' task this year is to stay there. Oklahoma was No. 1 in the first BCS standings for the third straight year, matching the spot it has held in the two major polls all season.

"It's a positive indicator that we've played awfully well for seven games," Sooners coach Bob Stoops said Monday. "We've earned that position and have played well through this part of the season. Now, it's our job to continue it, finish it and keep it."

Miami and Virginia Tech, the other two undefeated teams from major conferences, are second and third.

The BCS standings are used to determine which teams play in a national title game. The teams that finish 1-2 in the final BCS standings on Dec. 7 will play for the title at the Sugar Bowl in New Orleans on Jan. 4.

The formula uses the AP media and coaches' polls, seven computer rankings, strength of schedule, losses and a bonus-point system for quality wins.

The Sooners (7-0) have a 2.77 total. Oklahoma is ranked first in four

of computers with Miami the top team in the other three.

The Hurricanes (7-0) have 4.10 points and Virginia Tech (6-0) has 10.23.

"We can't get caught up in anything other than winning our games," Miami coach Larry Coker said. "If we do that, everything will work out as it should."

Georgia (12.99), Florida State (13.14), Ohio State (13.20), Southern California (13.83) and Purdue (21.50) round out the top eight.

The two other undefeated teams in Division I-A are not at the top of the standings. Northern Illinois (7-0) of the Mid-American conference is 10th, while TCU (7-0) of Conference USA is 14th. Both teams have poor strength of schedule rankings, with the Huskies 100th and the Horned Frogs 96th out of 117 Division I-A teams.

In the first five years of the BCS, the teams that were in the top two spots in the first standings never stayed there for the final standings. However, the 10 teams that have played in the championship game were all in the top 6 in the first BCS standings.

Three years ago, Oklahoma was second in the first standings and went on

to win the national championship in the Orange Bowl against Florida State.

"There seems to be a special quality about these guys, a genuine humility to them and a hunger to them in wanting to play well," Stoops said.

The BCS was started five years ago to create a national title game without playoffs. Champions of six conferences — the ACC, Big East, Big Ten, Big 12, Pac-10 and SEC — qualify for a BCS game, and two at-large teams are selected to fill out the field.


Northern Illinois and TCU will need to be in the top 12 to be eligible for one of the lucrative bowl games.

"We've got so much football to play that we don't even really waste time thinking of that right now," Northern Illinois coach Joe Novak said.

Tulane president Scott Cowen, whose school was left out in 1998 despite going undefeated, has started a coalition to lobby the major conferences and has even threatened an antitrust suit.

"The BCS system is a restrictive and exclusive system," Cowen said. "The combination of automatic qualifiers and the ranking system make it virtually impossible for non-BCS schools to get ranked."

The BCS standings will be released each week for the remainder of the season.



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