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Prosecution calls first witness in Butler case

PLAGUE PROCEEDINGS: Lawyers make opening statements; trial resumes with prosecution witnesses.

By Heidi Toth/News Editor

Dr. Thomas Butler came face to face with the 12 people given the task of deciding his future Monday, as his trial for 69 counts of lying to federal officials, smuggling, embezzlement, and mail and wire fraud commenced.

The jury was selected Monday morning, and opening statements began about 1 p.m., giving both the prosecution and the defense the opportunity to speak to the jury for the first time about the case, the charges against Butler and how each side would attempt to prove to the jurors its point.



Butler

Across the aisle was the crowded prosecution table, all facing U.S. District Judge Sam Cumming's desk on the west wall. Against the east wall were the

jurors, listening, taking notes, squinting at the projector screen, all keeping their expressions neutral as they listened to the witnesses and lawyers.

The first witness for the prosecution was Michael Jones, an instructor of chemistry and biochemistry at Texas Tech. He worked for 2.5 years at the Health Sciences Center as both a chemical safety specialist and a lab safety manager prior to transferring to the academic campus.

Jones and Assistant U.S. Attorney Dick Baker spent the majority of the testimony on the laboratory manual at the HSC and on Butler's laboratory notebook, which chronicled events that had happened each day.

The lab manual defined a select agent as

a substance that has the potential to be used in bioterrorism, while the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's criteria says the substance must have the capacity to cause widespread disease. Under both definitions *Yersinia pestis*, the plague bacteria Butler was working with, is defined as a select agent, which is subject to special regulations regarding handling and labeling, Jones said.

Researchers working with material like this are required to register with the HSC's Institutional Biohazard Committee, which Butler did, in September 2002. He did not indicate, however, that he was using agents that are human-derived, nor did he have clearance from the Institutional Review Board to use such substances, Jones said.

In August 2002, the CDC wanted an inventory of all select agents, he said.

They wanted to know what was in the country and where it was," Jones said.

He began inventorying the materials HSC had and contacted researchers to find out. Butler responded that he was working with YP, which Jones said surprised him some, so he contacted Butler to make sure the response was accurate.

A few days after Butler responded to the questionnaire saying he did have viable YP, he told Jones he did not have any at the time but had worked with it in the past, Jones said. Although the change in response caused him to wonder, it was not appropriate for a staff member to challenge a tenured professor, so

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Whitmore establishes budget advisory board

By Adam Boedeker/Staff Reporter

Texas Tech President Jon Whitmore has established a Budget Advisory Council to help the administration make budget decisions.

"The institution has gone through a lot of budget issues in the last biennium with budget cuts," he said. "The university also now has the authority to set tuition rates and there are indirect cost recoveries for faculty research. The government pays institutions for some of the costs of research; we need to deal with these issues as best as possible."

The Council is comprised of 11 members. The group includes two academic deans, two faculty members, the president of the Faculty Senate, the president of the Staff Senate, two staff members, the provost and the presidents of the Student Government Association and the Graduate and Professional Student Government Association.

All appointees will serve two-year terms, except those whose membership is the result of holding an elected position. They will only serve on the Council while they are in their positions.

Whitmore said he believes it is a better process to get input regarding the university's budget from both the decision-makers and from those who pay the money.

"There's a lot of people confused with what happened with the budget," he said. "My style of administration is to include people and make sure they understand what's going on."

The Council will not be a decision-making entity but will just provide the administration with advice from a broad spectrum of opinions.

"They will talk about the budgets and will likely have differing voices instead of just one voice," he said. "It

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Dennehy lawsuit moved from Houston to Waco

By Pam Easton/Associated Press

HOUSTON — A judge Monday granted Baylor University's request to have a wrongful-death lawsuit filed by the father of slain Baylor basketball player Patrick Dennehy moved from Houston to Waco, the university's home.

State District Judge Bruce Oakley, a Baylor graduate, said he was moving the case "in the interest of justice" and to keep from inconveniencing potential witnesses.

Attorneys for defendants Drayton McLane, chairman of Baylor's Board of Regents, school president Robert Sloan and former athletic director Tom Stanton argued at a more than hour-long hearing the case should be moved to Waco because McLane, owner of baseball's Houston Astros, is not a permanent resident of Houston and Harris County. McLane is the lone defendant with ties to Harris County. Oakley rejected that argument, but accepted a second contention



that holding the trial in Houston would inconvenience 65 witnesses, more than 50 of them from McLennan County, where Waco is the county seat.

"I think it would be quite burdensome for a number of those parties," the judge said, referring to the witnesses who live in Waco. "I am concerned about the convenience to the other defendants and witnesses should (McLane) be eliminated from the case."

"It makes it an away game instead of a home game," said Richard Laminack, lawyer for Patrick Dennehy Sr., father of the slain player, who filed the suit in August. "We have to go play on the defendant's home court."

Laminack said he believed a fair

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HEATHER DOUGHERTY/Staff Photographer

THE STUDENTS FOR Free Speech host a funeral procession for the "death" of free speech in front of the Library on Monday morning

laying FREE SPEECH to rest

Students for Free Speech conduct funeral procession for free speech

By Sally Gunter/Staff Reporter

Dressed in black and pushing a wooden casket on a dolly, 10 members of Students for Free Speech conducted a funeral procession for free speech Monday morning.

"What we are doing is laying free speech to rest due to the administration's refusal to acknowledge the right of free speech," said Brian Platt, a junior political science and history major from San Antonio.

Platt dressed in a black robe and conducted a eulogy for free speech in the area between the Library and Student Union building.

The group did not speak as they walked from the Philosophy building to Memorial Circle, the Administration building and the Student Union building.

"I don't think a funeral is really about saying anything," said Sean Boyle, a junior sociology major from Keller. "Someone asked, and we told them."

A funeral is not about being effective but sym-



bolic of last rights, Boyle said.

Several of the friends of free speech spoke at the eulogy.

"This is really hard to do," said Trevor Smith, a graduate student from Chicago studying philosophy. "Free speech always seemed to spring back, but today we saw the passing of free speech."

Kyle Lancaster, a sophomore mechanical engineering technology major from Grapevine, said

he was proud of those who took advantage of their free speech rights.

"I didn't exercise my rights as much as others," Lancaster said. "But I took pride in other people who were expressive."

The procession was a political theater to gain media attention and catch the eye of the administration, Platt said.

"We will wait and see if the administration responds," he said. "We will plan our next move based on that."

This is one of many attempts by the Students for Free Speech to gain the attention of the administration.

The group turned in more than 500 student-signed petitions to President Jon Whitmore's office on Oct. 17.

Inside the box of petitions was a letter from an anonymous concerned student asking questions of the university's policies. The letter requested a response from Whitmore in *The University Daily*

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ROWDY GRANADO SHOOTs footage at Maxey Park for the film 'Changing Culture One Child at a Time.' COURTESY PHOTO



Film showcases international adoption

By Nikki Siegrist/Associated Press

Families come in all sizes, shapes and colors, especially for adopted children.

Judy Oskam hosted an informational meeting and showed a short film, "Changing Culture One Child at a Time" about international adoption Monday afternoon at the International Cultural Center.

"In West Texas, it's just not as common," the associate professor of mass communications said. "International adoption is a good option for a lot of families."

She said she knew of between eight and 10 families that have adopted internationally from the Lubbock community, and her family is one of them.

Oskam adopted two girls from China

and wants to help teach others how they can make a transition into an adopted family easier for the child and family.

"I've had very little prejudice in West Texas," she said. "But there's a difference when I walk down the street and hold my child."

She said as the world becomes more of a global society, people need to be more accepting and forward thinking about issues such as international adoption.

Growing up as an adopted child from Korea, Katie Ritze said she felt just as loved as her two sisters, their parent's natural children.

"I felt just as much love, if not more," the junior early childhood education major from The Woodlands said. "The only

things I have noticed is people will say, 'You look like your father,' or 'You look like your mother; that's the only time I felt different.'"

She said when people would ask her if she wanted to find her "real parents," meaning her birth parents, she would explain her adopted parents were her "real parents," and her birth parents were not.

"I grew up in a white family," she said. "On sheets I fill out 'Asian' but as far as the way I was brought up, I'm white or Caucasian."

Rude or discriminatory remarks have never been a problem, Ritze said. Being adopted helped her feel better about herself.

"It makes me feel very special because God chose me and put me in a Christian

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We can change our community

It might come as a surprise to some of you, but I like Lubbock. I like Tech, too. I am an intelligent human being who is not masochistic—believe me—I would not be here unless I wanted to be.

But, there are many things that frustrate me about this school and this community.

Rarely do we as a society or individuals accept anything in its entirety. That's a good thing. That is how we make progress.

But this isn't so here.

Why is it as students, we won't do what's best for ourselves? Why don't we care? Why are we so damn apathetic?

I'm not calling for a throw back to the 60s. I'm not calling for sit-ins (but that idea does have some merit), riots or anything of that sort. I'm not even calling for huge protest rallies.

I am simply calling for some people to get up off their asses and do something about the problems we face as students.

I like it here. I learn a lot and have a good time. But alas, I have to take the good with the bad. I support Tech athletics.

I watch the games when I can. But with work and school I can't make it to games. Sad but true. However, I pay \$50 every semester, not so I can see the game, but so that people do go get cheaper tickets. Well, this is not a communist college, and I should not be paying equal to what everyone else is when I don't get the benefit.

If you go to games you should pay. If you don't go to games you should not pay. It is as simple as that. I know all about the "spend money on athletics to make money for the college" argument, but you don't need an athletic fee to do that.

Does everyone out there but me have an extra \$50? I haven't done any hard research on this one, but by my armchair math, I'm guessing 500 indignant students could get something done about this.

So, here is my plea — Indigent female seeks 499 indigent students — rocky roads and fun times ahead!

Then there is this Board of Regents thing. They my friends approve and disapprove tuition hikes, over see the hiring and firing of the big wigs and do other necessary things. They really are important to our school. However, we are short four. Seems they ran off to the store and never came back.

Not really.

Oklahoma took one and the other three's terms have expired. However, the three have graciously agreed to stay until replaced. But, Rick Perry, a Texas A&M Graduate and Corps of Cadets member, hasn't gotten around to finding us new ones.

I should point out — it is Perry's job to do so as our governor, and it has been almost eight months with no results. We need regents and the 275 days and counting we have gone without new regents being appointed is ridiculous.

We as students should be outraged. How can we stand by and watch a silly Aggie deprive us? (On a semi-related topic — Perry's Agginess has repeatedly had adverse effects on Tech, and we don't care about any of those things either) We could be taking action and getting things done.

Some more arm chair math — (I guess now is not the time to point out I'm horrible at math anyways) with 3,000 post cards sent in two weeks (a mere 300 a day) and phone calls every half hour for two

Sarah Looten



College apathy is nothing new, and no surprise. It is sad though. We get taken advantage of because people know we won't do anything about it.

weeks (a mere 180 calls for 10 business days) we might get something done.

Marching right along to Lubbock. It's a quaint little town. A little sleepy, but it reminds me of home. Lubbock politics are another matter.

Why don't we have bike lanes for all the environmentally friendly students? Why can't we live together unless we are related, married or law breakers?

Why do I have to drive 30 minutes and battle drunken-last-minute buyers to get some alcohol? And why does no one else care about it?

Was that the clincher when you chose Tech? "If I ride my bike, motorist and pedestrians will have 100 percent disregard for me! YES! That's the school for me!!" "I can't live with anyone I choose?"

Economically silly housing policies that will cost me money! Its what I have always dreamed of!" Dry, you say!? It doesn't get any better!"

But, we could change it. We could have our cake and eat it too. We could happily live in Lubbock, while working to make it even better.

But, it would take time and manpower. There is research that needs to be done, figures to compute (but not by me, the whole math thing, you know), laws to be followed, red tape to untangle, politicians to woo and/or bribe (that's a joke) and just a lot of bureaucratic B.S. to get through.

But, I am willing to try. With 20 hardcore volunteers that are willing to take two hours a week out of their time—that's 40 hours a week of work — we could get something done. Once again using shady armchair math 3,000 Techsians are registered to vote.

That is roughly nine percent of the population. Now lets say we upped that number up to 10,000 people. That is still less than half our population, but still enough so that if 1,000 registered votes had hinged on election day, we could still win an election.

It only takes five minutes top to register to vote. It only takes 20 minutes top to vote. In less than 30 minutes, you could change something. Today is Election Day. Lubbock is voting on an increased sales tax. You already know how I feel about it. What ever your opinion, show Lubbock what you think about it. Vote. Today, Nov. 4th. Vote.

College apathy is nothing new and no surprise. It is sad, though. We get taken advantage of because people know we won't do anything about it. I urge you to get involved. I urge you to care. All you with dreams of political grandeur, this is a wonderful first step. If we don't do anything, no one will.

I hope and pray I have 519 (499 indigent students + 20 hard core volunteers) inquiries. I hope you care. And I hope we can change something.

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Think outside textbooks, news sound bites to find political truths

Dave Ring



To begin, keep in mind that you and I live in a fraction of the world. There are seven billion stories, seven billion perspectives, and seven billion people that think differently than you do and we are all occupying the same globe at this exact moment.

It is a hard thing to imagine, right? What I want you to try to get from this is perspective. A view point that the world you live in is veiled by the subjective nature of modern-day culture.

If you are a numbers person, here's a figure; you represent one-seven billionths of the crew manning Spaceship Earth.

We are taught from that first day in school that the United States is this beautiful pillar of morality set in place with the intentions of fairness, equality and opportunity.

Then we learn there is indeed more world out there, but they are all just ancient relics of the ignorant Old World, brave new democracies furnished by the benevolent U.S. government, or the most common, evil pits of despotism and irrationality whose sole desire is to hurt as many people as it can.

And now as adults, living in this world today all have a chance to try and see the international community as best we can.

Whenever these investigations involve questioning the authority we were indoctrinated to respect and admire, opinions are guaranteed to clash.

United States politics, in a nutshell:

1. Team A is in power.
2. Fans of Team B get mad. They think Team B would do better, so they speak up.
3. Team A and its fans say fans of Team B are unpatriotic and should be ashamed of themselves.
4. Team A does what it can until Team

B wins again.

5. Team B is in power.

6. Swap "A" for "B", repeat steps two through four.

So now with Bush and Company doing their damndest to keep the U.S. public on their side, the sound bites and quotes are flying.

The countless factors weighing on the minds of politicians and that part of the public who are actually paying attention.

With things in Iraq less than OK, all the sides are spending their time hammering and folding the facts and their points to Japanese-steal sharpness in an effort to smite their foes.

We hear contrasting testimonies from those returning from the Middle East. What you have to realize that these sailors, Marines and soldiers are as differing in personality as you and I. Being in the military changes the way you behave and the things you do, but that doesn't change who you are. Only you can allow that to happen.

The biggest problem facing the pursuit of truth comes in the portrayal of Islam as a radical hatred of all things Western. Muslims are not the enemy. Muslims do not see us as the enemy.

Think of the Klu Klux Klan and it's claim of Christianity justifying its actions. A few radicals who misinterpret ancient magic are bound to grab the most intense publicity,

With things in Iraq going less than OK, all the sides are spending their time hammering and folding the facts and their points to Japanese-style sharpness in an effort to smite their foes.

because that is the whole point.

I am by no means trying to rationalize the actions of such brainwashed idiots who think killing and violence have any place in spirituality.

What I want people to see is that there are many evils in the world. Not all of them happen outside our borders.

We have a history of sticking our noses in places they have no business. We've supported torture camps and murderous dictators around the globe, as well as allowed our foreign policy to be greatly influenced by a single Middle Eastern nation.

But again, any anti-Semitic undertones go harshly criticized as evil and the as siding with the terrorists. But any anti-[insert ethnic culture here] is wrong and irrational.

I've seen bumper stickers with "Whenever I stand I stand with Israel" bumper stickers next to "God bless America" flags covering half the windows.

Since when did we start bragging about being closed-minded?

These are mindsets of those who never took the time to get out of their comfort zone and ask whether the textbooks got it all right.

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Discount prices can be found on Internet

By Tim Boswell/ *The Shortform*

(U-WIRE) ARLINGTON — After dealing with parking citations and malfunctioning vending machines, many students see their last dollars slipping away.

Fortunately, the information age has delivered the Internet, a tool that can save you those extra bucks to blow on Scantrons. If you have access, the Internet supplies ample opportunities to save money — provided you know where to look.

Here are some tips:
— Don't accept the first price you find for a backpack, scooter or one of those nifty collapsible seatcoats. Never underestimate the power of comparative shopping.

Many retailers such as Target or Wal-Mart Inc. feature online catalogs. There are also textbook sites such as

www.varsitybooks.com or http://efollett.com with prices that may be lower than your university bookstore. Look around, find the best deal and then purchase with confidence.

— When you're halfway through cramming and get the munchies, surf the Web before you place that order. Many restaurants have printable coupons on their Web sites and some even offer special rates for Internet orders. You can find coupons for everything from Pizza Hut to Boston Market.

— Entertainment constitutes another common student expense. Choose your ticket purchases carefully. Before wasting two hours and \$6 on a horrible movie like "The Medalion," check out what the critics think at http://rottentomatoes.com. The Internet Movie Database at www.imdb.com has everything you could want to know about movies, plus showings, news and trailers.

— For music, I certainly wouldn't recommend downloading songs from Kazaa before buying an album. However, some band Web sites offer free music clips that are completely legal. And if you don't mind buying used CDs, many are available for as little as \$3 at www.half.com, an eBay site.

— Got a speeding ticket? Use a search engine such as Google to find lawyers in your area and read client testimonials. You can also take a defensive driving course via videos and the Internet.

With all the other stresses of college life, the last thing students want is to hit finals week unable to afford energy drinks. By cutting your school expenses now, you'll find that when December comes, you'll have the money for more important things, such as coffee. Then you can pay a visit to good old http://www.starbucks.com.

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Marrow donation a chance to save someone's life

By Beth Aaron/Staff Reporter

Texas Tech students and members of the community will have an opportunity to be someone's hero this week by participating in a bone marrow donation registry drive Wednesday from 3 to 7 p.m. and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Fitness/Wellness Center in the Robert H. Ewalt Recreational Center.

Betty Blanton, associate director of recreational sports, said no appointments are necessary, and the process takes about 15 to 20 minutes.

"Just drop in and fill out paperwork," she said.

Audrey Arrasmith is the marrow center coordinator for the Amarillo Memorial Donor Program and Cossé Morrow Center, which is sponsoring the drive.

She said the purpose of the drive is to recruit people for the national

registry. "We need as many people as possible," she said.

Blanton said anyone thinking about coming to the drive should not do so lightly.

She said those who are added to the registry have the option of not going through with the actual marrow donation if they are found to be a match for a patient in need, but for someone with leukemia or another blood disease, a promise without results could be devastating.

"We want people to sign up, but think carefully because (if picked) you will excite another family," she said. "For some, their only chance of survival is to get a bone marrow transplant."

Blanton said about 88 percent of donors are Caucasian, and though it is not known if matches depend on race, Hispanic, Asian and black people are encouraged to consider registering as well.

"The best chance someone has is in their own family, but a lot of the time, they can't find someone who

matches up," she said. "The next best chance is someone in the same racial or ethnic group."

People are eligible to donate bone marrow if they are in generally good health and are between the ages of 18 and 60. Those with AIDS, severe asthma, serious back problems, diabetes or tuberculosis are not eligible to donate.

Also, anyone who has hepatitis B or C cannot sign up to be in the national registry.

Valerie Neusen, a freshman elementary education major from Amarillo, said she would become a bone marrow donor if she could.

"Everybody needs a chance at life," she said.

Neusen said she is not able to donate organs or tissue because a blood disease runs in her family.

Carlos Angueira, a sophomore psychology major from San Antonio, said he might think about participating in something like a bone marrow drive.

He said he has given blood before to help a friend in need.

"Knowing that I would be helping somebody, (I would consider it)," he said.

Physicians perform one of two

bone marrow transplant procedures depending on what is best for the donor. The first option is to obtain the marrow by drawing it from the hip; the second is similar to giving blood.

Angueira said although he would be happy to put himself on a national registry, he said if it actually came down to going through with the transplant, he was not sure if he could go through with his pledge.

Though Wednesday's and Thursday's proceedings only involve a small prick on the finger, Blanton said potential donors must realize the actual marrow donation can be painful.

"Students may have to take some time off," she said. "It's not a one-day thing. Your hip will be sore for a couple of days."

People who are found to be matches for patients in need of bone marrow transplants go through the needed procedures completely free of charge. Blanton said donors are not responsible for travel or medical bills.

Blanton said a bone marrow drive was put on last year for a toddler with

blood cancer. The boy did not need a transplant and is in remission after undergoing chemotherapy and radiation. This year, the drive is not for a specific patient, but Blanton said the cause is still important.

"There's a possibility that you may have the opportunity to save someone's life," she said. "You could be the reason that they're alive."

Last year about 80 people came to the drive. This year, Blanton said they are hoping to see more.

"We're trying to hope for 100," she said. "We'd like to continue to grow. Each person put on the registry is a success in itself."

Blanton said parking at the SRC may become a problem Wednesday because a men's basketball game that will be a goin', so those wanting to participate may want to use alternative methods of transportation, or wait to come in on Thursday.

For more information about the bone marrow drive, contact the Fit/Well at (806) 742-3828. For more information about bone marrow in general, go to www.marrow.org.

Bone Marrow

Can not donate:

- If you have AIDS
- Have had Hepatitis B or C
- Have Tuberculosis
- Have received an organ or tissue transplant

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- If you are in Good Health
- Between 18-60 years old

Source: Betty Blanton, Associate Director of Recreational Sports.

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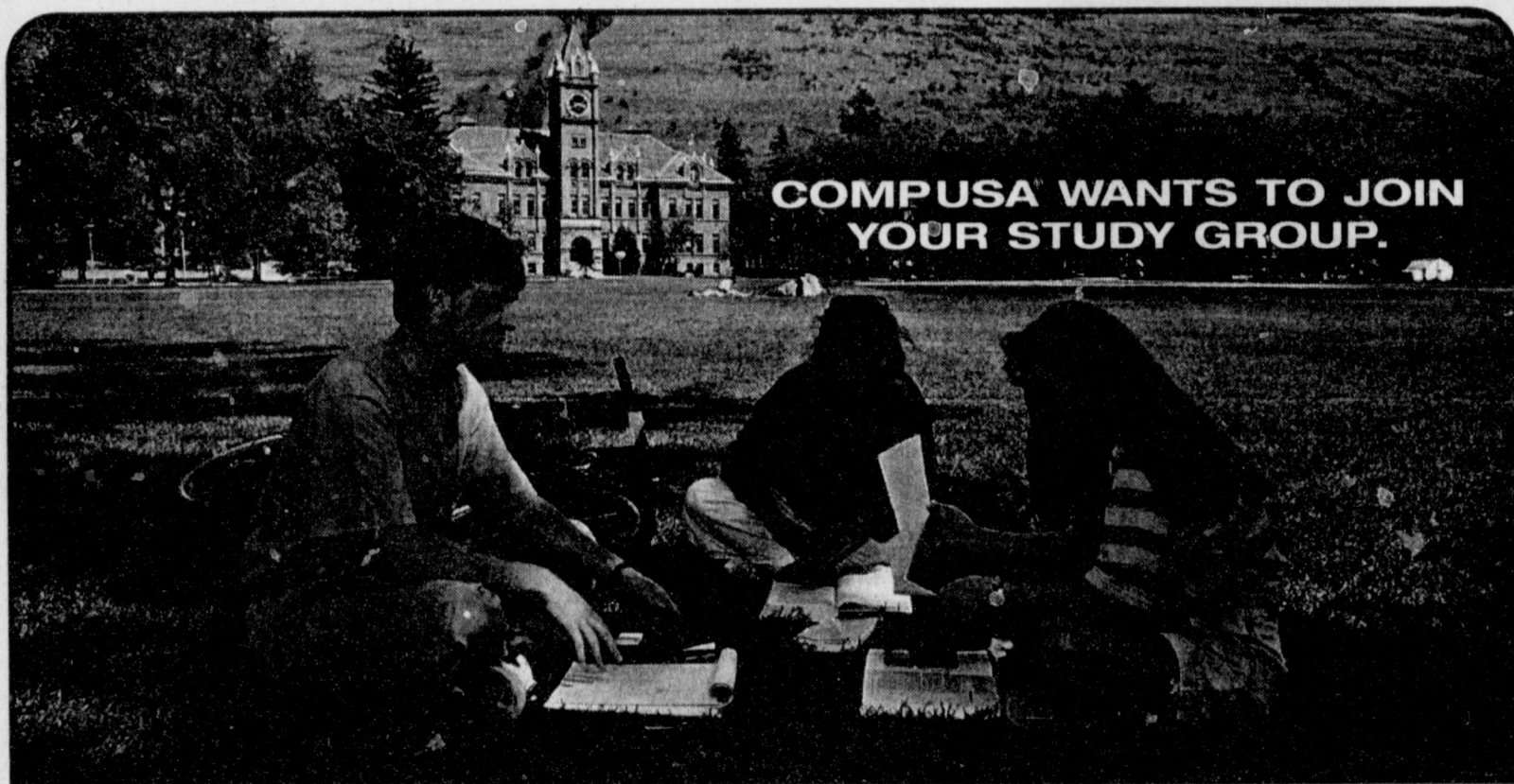


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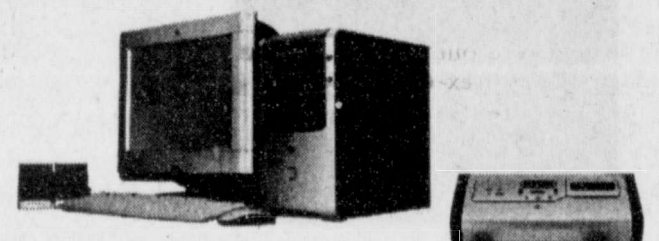
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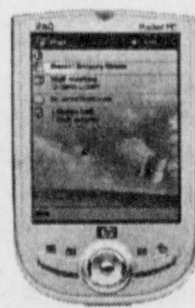
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New, young talent join Emmett, Knight

By Matt Muench/Managing Editor

Call him a tease, but Texas Tech guard Andre Emmett scared Tech fans last summer when he announced he might leave for the National Basketball Association and play with the pros. Scouts tabbed him as a late first round, early second round pick. But Bob Knight knew all along. Knight is no idiot. Being scared about losing its top offensive performer never crossed his mind.

"He either would be playing for Texas Tech," Knight said. "Or a grocery store right now. There was no way he was going to play in the NBA this year."

Like always, Knight was right about his star player. Emmett is back in a Red Raider uniform with his biggest critic Knight staring and watching every move. It is the third season for the two to share the sideline. Emmett said he is approaching the season the same as the previous two.

"My expectations are the same," he said. "To go out and play hard. Basically I want to lead this team."

Knight is not sure if Emmett can do that. "We will just see," he said. "I think it is something he has to do. Good leaders come in all shapes and sizes. A good leader is very simple a guy that can get other people to do what they should be doing."

Knight is usually been good at that. When he came to Texas Tech, he turned Tech into a prime basketball program with national spotlight attention every week.

Year one saw Knight's team clinch an NCCA berth. Year two witnessed a disappointing regular season, but a second place finish in the National Invitational Tournament. What about year 3? When asked what fans can expect, Knight was blunt and short like always.

"I don't know, he said. "We haven't played yet." Season three for Knight begins Wednesday when a team full of new faces, and just two regular returning starters suit up for an exhibition against the EA Sports All-Stars at 7 p.m. in the United Spirit Arena.

In the past Knight has used the exhibition games to let every Raider touch the basketball for about the same number of minutes. Knight said he will not be fully aware of what Tech can do until the team plays a few games.

"I won't know until about 10 games," he said. "I think that we would be infinitely improved this year if we were involved in the high jump or the triple jump, maybe the 400 meters, but in basketball, I'm not sure."

He does see one major difference. "I do think that our athletic ability is better but we have to figure out a way to make sure that translates into playing basketball better. I think we have to be a smarter team. Last year I think we were eighth in the country in assists per game, we were also I think eighth in the country in fewest turnovers per game, and those are important stats from an offensive standpoint but in practice so far this year we haven't had a practice where we have had more assists than turnovers."

Along with Emmett, Mikey Marshall, Robert Tomaszek and Ronald Ross are familiar faces who will help guide seven new Raiders. Tomaszek is expected to play in the frontcourt, but not as a post player. Knight seems disappointed with the senior, who transferred to Tech last season who has struggled with rebounding and interior defense.

"He cannot play with his back to the basket," Knight said. "I don't know what we are going to do about him."

Two newcomers that may see some time in the paint are freshman Darryl Dora and junior transfer Devonne Giles. They both stand at 6 foot 9.

But Knight does not want to speculate about who will and won't play when referring to his newcomers.

"I don't know yet," he said. "There is some good ability both basketball and athletic there. I hope we have some good players that can fit in."

Marshall did give the media a hint of one newcomer Raider fans might see a lot of.

"I would have to say Jarius Jackson," he said of the freshman guard. "He is a good all around player, he can shoot and he can pass."

One thing for sure is Emmett is Tech's go-to player. He was the Big 12 Conference's leading scorer last season and is this season's preseason Big 12 player of the year.

"It is a great honor," he said. "But I haven't done anything yet."

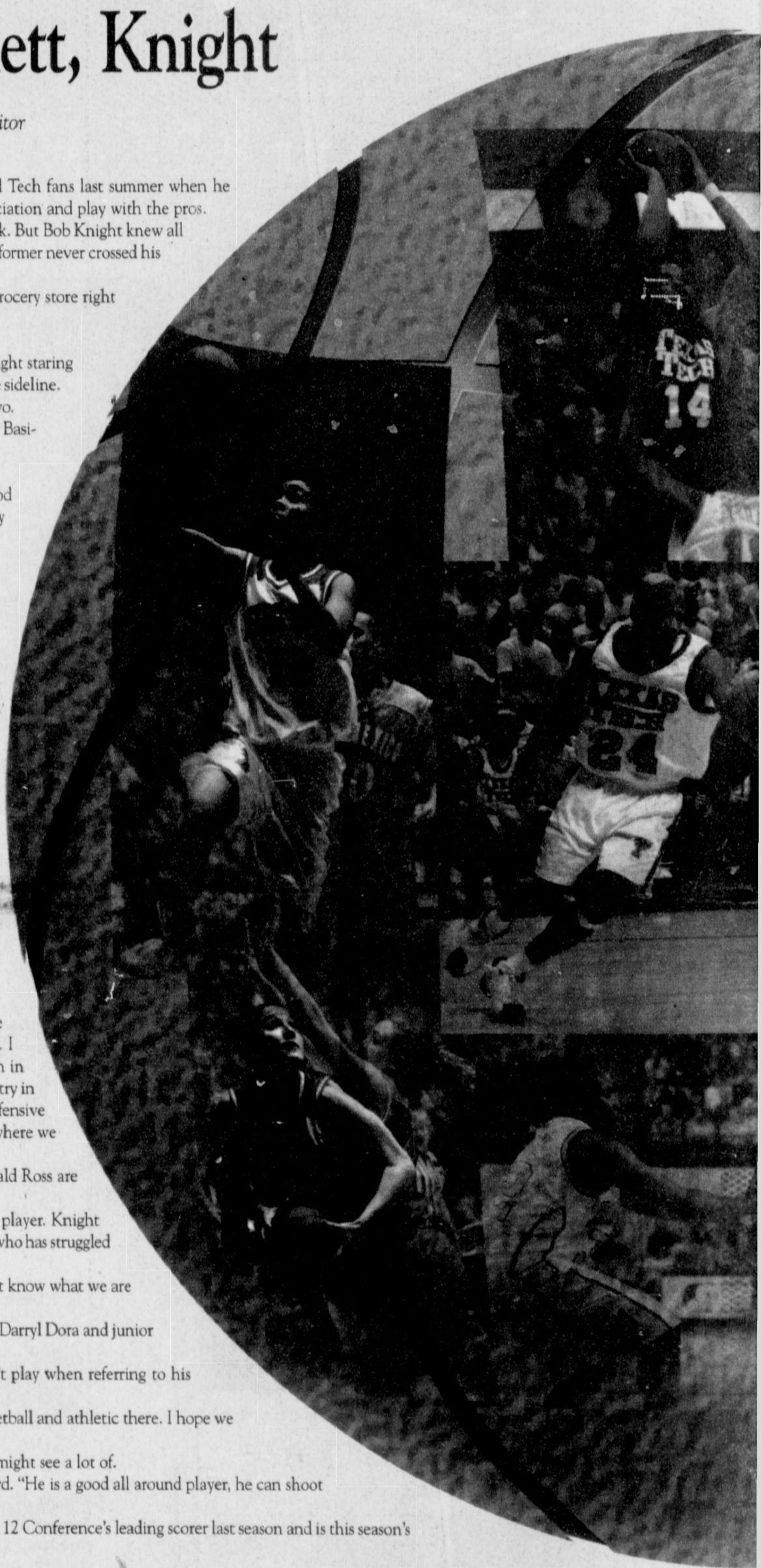


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Feb. 21:	Texas A&M
Feb. 24:	Nebraska
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March 3:	Missouri
March 6:	Iowa State

LAST SEASON	
• Tech finished 22-13 overall and 6-10 during Big 12 Conference play	
• The Raiders did not receive a bid into the NCAA Tournament despite a strong run in the Big 12 Tournament. They went on to play in the National Invitational Tournament and lose in the semifinals against St. Johns.	
• One notable victory last season was Tech coach Bob Knight's 800th career win on Feb. 5 against Nebraska at the United Spirit Arena.	
2002-03 STATS	
SCORING	
Andre Emmett — 21.8 ppg	
Robert Tomaszek — 8.6 ppg	
REBOUNDS	
Andre Emmett — 6.6 rpg	
Robert Tomaszek — 6.1 rpg	
ASSISTS	
Ronald Ross — 2.5 apg	
STEALS	
Andre Emmett — 1.9 spg	
Ronald Ross — 1.6 spg	

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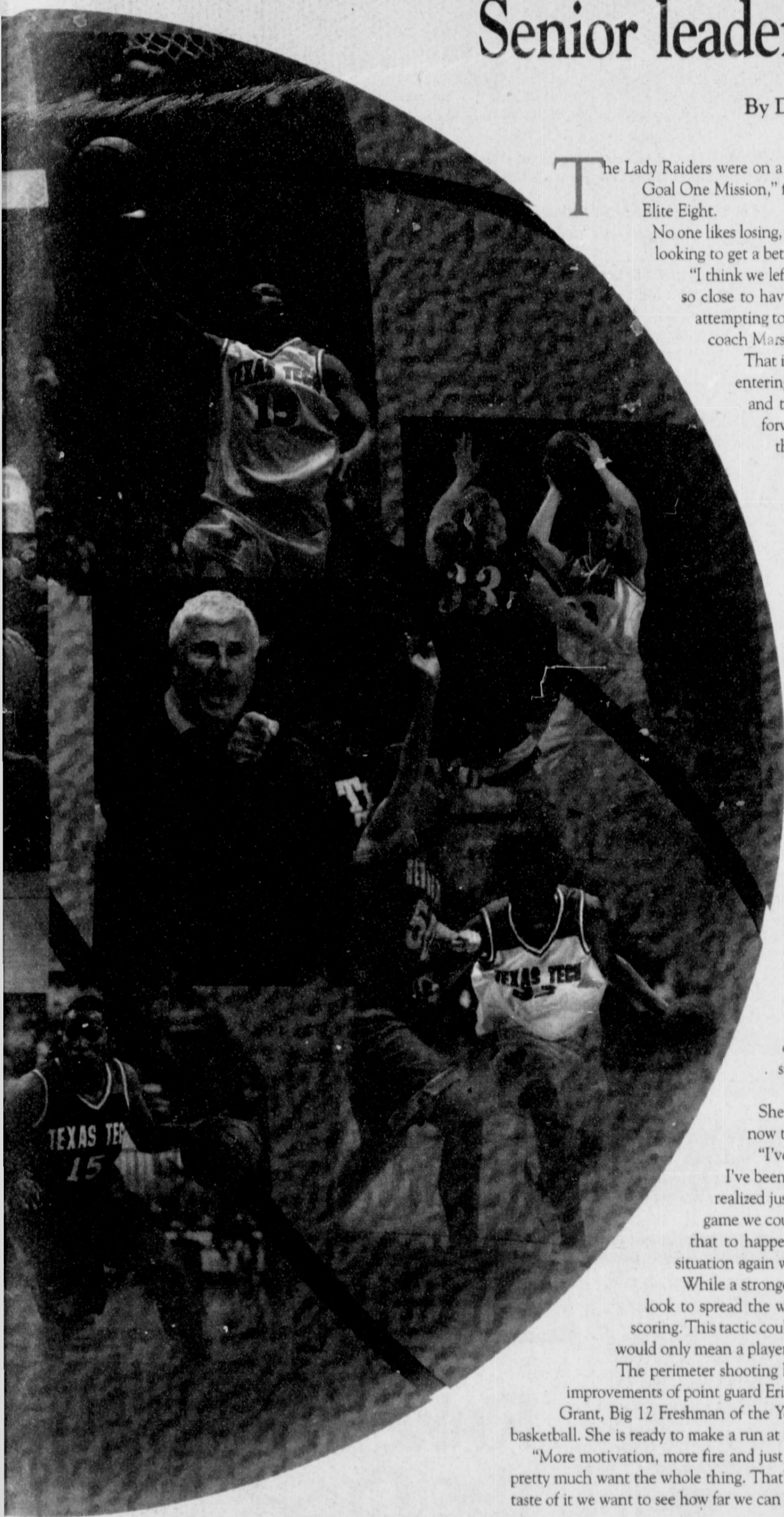


IN SESSION



Senior leadership gives Tech, Sharp boost

By David Wiechmann/Staff Reporter



The Lady Raiders were on a mission last year. But the team, with its mantra of "One Team One Goal One Mission," fell short of completing the mission with a 57-51 loss to Duke in the Elite Eight.

No one likes losing, especially the last game of the year, and the Lady Raiders said they are looking to get a better taste in their mouths after the heartbreaking loss last season.

"I think we left the tournament with such a bad taste in our mouth because we were so close to having a chance that we're in a situation where we're looking forward attempting to start that road again and take that taste out of our mouths," said head coach Marsha Sharp.

That is the kind of expectations Texas Tech has continued to express before entering every season. Sharp, her staff and players expect greatness every year, and this year is no different. The team's members said they are looking forward to starting the season, and the team is ready for the challenges that await them in the 2003-04 campaign.

Tech finished last season 29-6 overall and 13-3 in Big 12 Conference, but will be without the team's highest scorer from last season. Replacing Third Team All-American Plenette Pierson is one of the obstacles in the way for Tech, but it is one the team may appear to be ready for.

"I think something that's gonna be a key for us is that our seniors find that mentality that we got from Plenette," Sharp said. "She really was a warrior on the floor and really led us in that regard. And we need someone to step up and provide that same emotion and look on the floor and obviously someone who will take the responsibility of making the big play at the end of games to give us a chance to win."

Pierson was so successful in her career as a Lady Raider that replacing her may be impossible. Instead other players will put be put into her position to produce but not think of the new position as replacing her.

One person will not be able to take over the position, either. Sharp said she plans to have a committee of players in the middle. Senior Jolee Ayers-Curry, junior Cisti Greenwalt and freshman LaToya Davis will be rotating in the middle to keep fresh legs in the paint and go in the trenches to battle for rebounds. Jametra Clark will play a large role in the offense, as well, as Sharp said Clark has improved drastically with her touch and making the difficult shot in practice.

Greenwalt said she and the others are ready for the challenge because the middle will be a big part of the Lady Raiders' game.

"It's gonna be a big deal, especially on the defensive end blocking out and getting rebounds is the main thing that we have to do," she said.

Greenwalt said she was not happy with the way the season ended. She said she has been waiting for the season to begin for a long time, and now that it is here it's time to get down to business.

"I've been ready since the end of last season. It sort of ended bad for us so I've been looking forward to this for the last five months," she said. "I think we realized just how close that we really were, and if we had just stepped up in that game we could have made it to the Final Four and been there, and we don't want that to happen again, so we're working really hard so that if we are put in that situation again we will be strong enough step up and finish it."

While a stronger presence may not be as apparent this season, the Lady Raiders will look to spread the wealth this season and get every player on the court involved in the scoring. This tactic could make defending Tech more difficult because double teaming a player would only mean a player who scores consistently will be open.

The perimeter shooting has been a focus of practices so far, and Sharp said she has liked the improvements of point guard Erin Grant's shooting, especially behind the 3-point line.

Grant, Big 12 Freshman of the Year last season, said she wants to get out on the floor and play some basketball. She is ready to make a run at a title and forget about how last year ended.

"More motivation, more fire and just more wanting it," she said. "When you get a taste of something you pretty much want the whole thing. That's kinda how we were, we wanted to get there and now that we had a taste of it we want to see how far we can take it."



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LAST SEASON

- Tech finished 22-13 overall and 6-10 during Big 12 Conference play
- The Lady Raiders were one step away from reaching the NCAA Final Four, but lost in the Elite Eight to Duke in Albuquerque, N.M.
- Finished second in the Big 12 Tournament after losing to Texas in the championship game.
- One notable victory last season was Tech coach Marsha Sharp won her 500th career game when Tech defeated Oklahoma on Feb. 19.

2002-03 STATS

SCORING
 Jia Perkins — 15.9 ppg
 Natalie Ritchie — 8.8 ppg
REBOUNDS
 Cisti Greenwalt — 5.1 rpg
 Jia Perkins — 5.1 rpg
ASSISTS
 Erin Grant — 228 assists
3-POINT THREATS
 Natalie Ritchie — 61 made

SCHEDULE

- Today: Perik Jumpers (exh)
 Nov. 10: Houston Jaguars (exh)
 Nov. 14: UTSA- preseason WNIT
 Nov. 16: WNIT
 Nov. 20: WNIT
 Nov. 23: WNIT
 Nov. 28: Michigan
 Nov. 29: SMU Tournament
 Dec. 1: California
 Dec. 6: Wyoming
 Dec. 8: Pacific
 Dec. 19: Washington
 Dec. 21: Stanford
 Dec. 28: Maryland
 Dec. 30: San Diego Tournament
 Jan. 4: Pepperdine
 Jan. 10: Oklahoma State
 Jan. 14: Iowa State
 Jan. 17: Baylor
 Jan. 21: Nebraska
 Jan. 24: Oklahoma State
 Jan. 28: Texas A&M
 Feb. 1: Texas
 Feb. 4: Kansas
 Feb. 8: Baylor
 Feb. 10: Oklahoma
 Feb. 14: Texas A&M
 Feb. 17: Missouri
 Feb. 22: Texas
 Feb. 25: Oklahoma
 Feb. 28: Colorado
 March 3: Kansas State

A Celtic creation steps its way to Lubbock

By Justin Vallejo/Staff Reporter

Some well-known Celtic dancers are making their way to Lubbock to perform the classical style of Irish step dance.

Lord of the Dance, a combination of Celtic music and dance, is coming to Lubbock this weekend, beginning Thursday night.

Civic Lubbock and Celebrity Attractions partnered to bring Lord of the Dance to Lubbock as an opening act for the "The Give Your Regards to Broadway" season. Lord of the Dance will give performances on three days this weekend.

Top Irish step dancers from around the world form the 40-member dance troupe.

"These are the best that Irish dancing has to offer," said William O'Hara, a chorus performer for Lord of the Dance. "All of them have years of experience in Irish dancing."

O'Hara said there are several

world champion dancers in the Lord of the Dance troupe and most dancers have at least eight years of experience in Irish dance before joining the Lord of the Dance.

O'Hara has multiple years of experience in the style of Irish step dance.

He said he has been dancing since age 4.

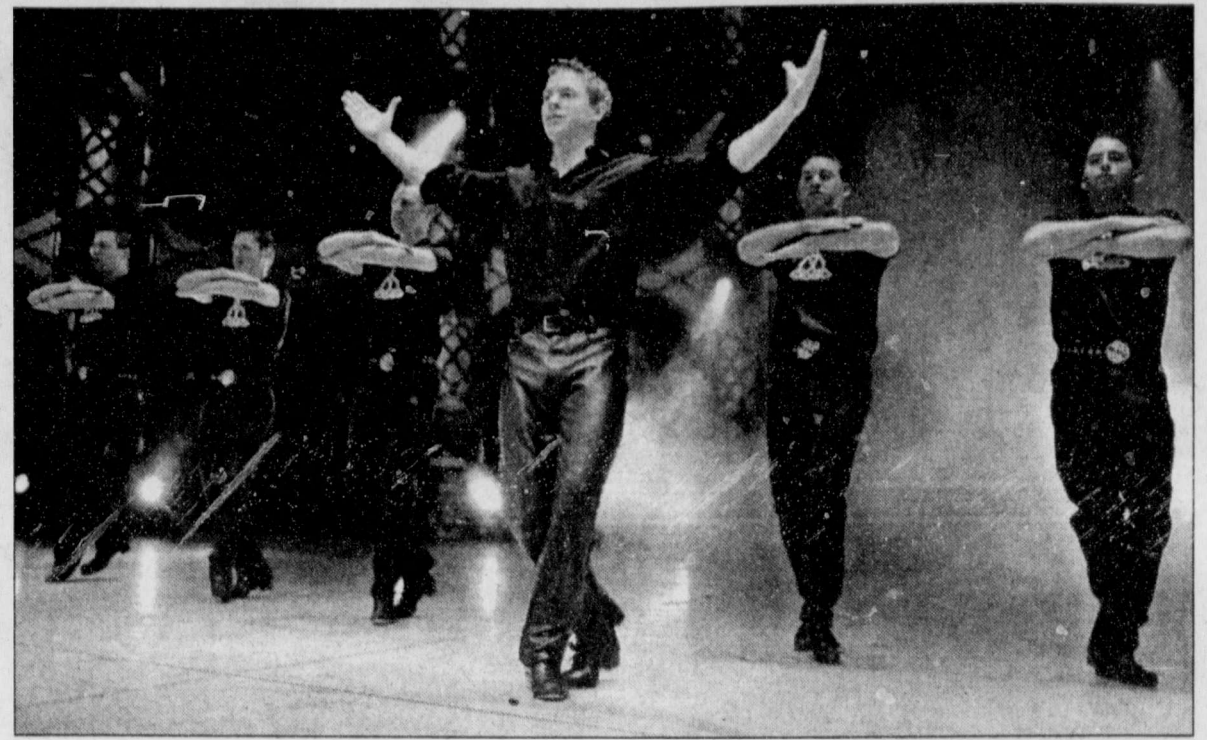
A native of Chicago and of Irish descent, O'Hara said his mother began sending him and his siblings to weekly Irish dance lessons at a young age. As the years progressed, his

amount of training increased and became more intense. His senior year of high school was when O'Hara became serious about the style of dance and his training.

In Chicago, O'Hara attended Mullane Dance Academy and studied the style of dance more in-depth at the University of Birmingham in England, going on to

compete successfully at regional, national and world championship levels before joining Lord of the Dance in 1999.

Lord of the Dance is a modern play created and popularized by Michael Flatley and is a story of good versus evil told through music, song and dance. The five central characters of the story are The Lord of the Dance, the hero who is



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LORD OF THE Dance, an Irish dance troupe that brings a new spin to traditional Irish dance, will perform in Lubbock beginning Thursday at the Lubbock Municipal Coliseum.

challenged by the Dark Lord Don Dorcha; Saiorse; Morrighan and the Spirit.

O'Hara said performing in Lord of the Dance requires a high level of expertise and physical ability. He said things such as strength,

stamina, posture and timing are necessary to perform the Irish style of dance. Discipline is probably most important, he said.

Though O'Hara obtains a bachelor's degree in accounting from Marquette University, he sees the Lord of the Dance as a great opportunity to be involved in something he is passionate about.

"It's immediate gratification," O'Hara said.

He said performing is exciting, especially with the large sold-out crowds that have recently been attending their performances and the standing ovations.

O'Hara said there is great camaraderie within the troupe.

"We're just making the most of it," he said. "It's a fun time."

Adrienne Hammond, a junior microbiology major, said she had the opportunity to see the Lord of the Dance performance in Dallas.

Hammond said she is interested in watching the performance again and enjoys the dance aspect of the

show. "It was very interesting, very precise," she said. "The precision in their movements is what I really liked. They performed very well."

Performances of Lord of the Dance will begin at 7:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday and 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday at the Lubbock Municipal Auditorium.

Prices for tickets to the show range from \$12 to \$40 with group discounts available.

To purchase tickets contact Select-A-Seat at (806) 770-2000.

Season tickets for the 2003-2004 "Give Your Regards to Broadway" season, featuring The Lord of the Dance, "Seussical the Musical," "Grease" featuring Frankie Avalon, "CATS" and "Oklahoma" as a bonus performance are still available, said Deana McCormack, Director of Marketing for Celebrity Attractions.

For more information visit www.celebrityattractions.com.

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- 1 Ref's cousins
- 5 Washstand pitcher
- 9 Vibrated
- 14 Father of France
- 15 Commuted
- 16 To the point
- 17 Engendered
- 18 Primitive plant
- 19 Rattle in status
- 20 Atlantic or Pacific
- 22 Wild?
- 24 Charm of land
- 25 Parcel school grad's asset
- 26 Greek portico
- 29 Slogging away
- 33 Frequently, in a poem
- 36 Sound quality
- 39 Wrapping up
- 44 Baronet's wife
- 45 Part of TAE
- 46 Russ. or Lith. once
- 47 Hot under the collar
- 51 Soph's residence
- 53 Succeeding at middle management?
- 58 Capp and Capone
- 61 Liot
- 62 Lake near Reno
- 63 Quipped
- 65 False god
- 67 Stock dish
- 68 Animate
- 70 Erato or Clio
- 71 Evaluated
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DOWN

- 1 Violinist's move
- 2 Thanks, Jacques
- 3 Groom oneself
- 4 Family cars
- 5 Important time
- 6 Mr. Mozart
- 7 Outer limits
- 8 Supplies with new weapons
- 9 "Dallas"
- 10 Jinx
- 11 Roberts University
- 12 Christianity, today
- 13 Etta of the comics
- 21 Italian P.M. exiled by Mussolini?
- 23 Feel ill
- 26 Showdown time
- 27 Wicked
- 30 Altar assents
- 31 Monster's loch
- 32 Will of "The Waltons"
- 34 Campus Greek house
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Adoption

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home," she said. "It inspires me to seek out what God has for me and my life."

Having two sisters who were not adopted allowed for some jokes about her adoption, she said. They might remark about it, but Ritze said she always had a good retort.

"I would tell them 'Well they chose me, they had to have you!' she said. "But we never said that when we were angry."

While she said she would like to give birth to her own children, she would also like to adopt.

"I definitely want to adopt kids," Ritze said. "It's my passion in life — children, especially under-privileged children in Mexico."

She said she is glad for the opportunity to live in the United States and would like to give the same opportunity to other children.

"Korea has less opportunities but in my situation, I had the better deal (rather than growing up in Korea)," she said. "For the most part America does have tons of opportunities, especially for those being adopted from countries with less freedom."

Adoption, she said, was probably one of the best things she could have happened to her.

"For the most part, I'm OK emotionally," she said. "I have no doubt in my mind that I'm here for a rea-

son."

The film will help explain many of the important elements of raising an adopted child, Oskam said.

"It becomes a big deal because of the language people use," she said. "They're not babies and they can hear, 'Who are they?' 'What are they?' and 'How much did they cost?'"

The video will help address issues like language and child development, she said.

The video will also be shown on KTX-TV, Channel 5 at 6:30 p.m. Saturday and 3:30 p.m. Dec. 14.

Robin Harwood, a professor of human development and family studies, also has an adopted child.

Harwood said the biggest concern she has for her daughter is not having an identity as she matures.

"I've heard of people who are adopted and when they are in high school and older, they identify as white," she said. "As they get older and face more discrimination, they claim their Asian background."

She said she hopes one day for race not to be a factor, but she does not see that that will ever happen.

"I don't think it's about numbers, it's about power," she said. "And I don't see white America losing its power. It's not as easy as 'I'm white. I just happen to look Asian.'"

Lawsuit

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trial was possible in Waco but described Baylor as "a big huge powerful force in Waco, particularly in the legal community."

McLane's attorney, Wayne Fisher, said the decision was "no surprise to me," adding that McLane had no connection "to the unfortunate thing that happened to this young man."

The lawsuit, which seeks unspecified damages, alleges Dennehy was attempting to expose wrongdoing within the university's basketball program when "violent threats" were made against him leading up to his slaying.

Dennehy, 21, was missing about six weeks before his body was found July 25 near a gravel pit southeast of Waco. An autopsy determined he had been shot twice in the head.

His former teammate, Carlton Dotson, has said he is innocent of murdering Dennehy. He remains jailed in Waco without bond after his arrest and extradition from his home state of Maryland.

Laminack contends Dennehy was killed by someone other than Dotson, but said Monday he couldn't give specifics. He said he has tried to tell law enforcement officials what he has learned through private investigators and would like state authorities to pursue those findings.

In his lawsuit, Dennehy Sr. says his son became the target of violent threats after saying he might expose wrongdoing in the Baylor men's basketball program. The suit says the younger Dennehy was "lured to his death" by another player but does not identify the player.

Bliss resigned Aug. 8 after school investigators said he provided improper tuition payments for Dennehy and another player. A week later, assistant coach Abar Rouse gave university officials and the NCAA tapes of secretly recorded conversations in which Bliss told players to lie to investigators and say Dennehy paid his tuition by dealing drugs.

The elder Dennehy had little to do with his son until about four years ago when the pair attempted to rekindle their relationship, according to Dennehy's attorneys.

Budget

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allows everyone to have a voice for their particular interests to be voiced and understood."

SGA President Jeremy Brown said he is serving on the Council to represent the students' voice when it comes to issues with the budget.

"My main purpose will be to look at the budget and see where it is spent," he said. "Also, I want to look at the future of tuition increases on college campuses, and the increase for the spring and where it is going to go."

One of the main reasons Whitmore created the council was to better include students in budget decisions, Brown said.

"(Whitmore) wanted to create it because when we talked about the (spring tuition) increase, I told him I thought it would be good for the students to know about where the money actually goes," he said.

Provost William Marcy said the advisory body will look at tasks as-

signed by Whitmore and address them from many perspectives to cover both the direct and indirect effects of the university's budget decisions.

He said the indirect effects of budget issues can often be more significant than the direct effects.

"For example, if you want to increase the number of faculty, that would be a direct effect," he said. "But if you do that you have to increase office space and other infrastructure as far as startup money and other things that would be indirect effects."

The Budget Advisory Council will get support from all people involved, Marcy said.

"We're really looking at providing more openness and transparency in the budget decisions," he said. "We want to include people that in the past may not have had any input in the budget. I think it will get tremendous support from all stakeholders."

College of Arts and Sciences Dean Jane Winer agreed.

"I think it's an excellent idea," she said. "I hope that we can make sense of the budget and help the president make sense of it as well."

Butler

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he sent the information to the CDC stating HSC did not have any YP.

Butler's lab notebook said otherwise, though. The entry for April 14, 2002, stated, "the specimens remain frozen and arrived in good conditions."

That and subsequent entries also discussed that he would be working with viable YP, but he continued to tell Jones he did not have any of the bacteria.

After numerous problems with the IRB, Butler was suspended from involvement in human research on Nov. 6, 2002, because of a compliant oversight, Jones said.

Entries in the lab notebook indi-

cate that in the next several days into the next month he was still working with YP, despite the board's decision that his working with such materials was not appropriate.

On Jan. 9 the board sent Butler a letter discussing his suspension and saying he could not do human research until certain issues had been resolved, Jones said.

Two days later, in his lab notebook, Butler recorded the 30 slides missing.

On Jan. 12 he "rechecked the missing tubes," and he wrote that he suspected theft. He alerted Jones to the disappearance on Jan. 13.

The court recessed until 8:30 a.m. today, when the prosecution will continue questioning Jones.

Funeral

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in the next week.

While Whitmore did not publicly respond to the letter, Michael Shonrock, vice president for Student Affairs, said he wrote a personal letter to Brian Roa, a graduate student from Lubbock studying philosophy.

In his letter, Shonrock said he answered the questions, asked for suggestions to change the policy and offered an invitation to meet with Roa at his convenience. Roa has not set up an appointment, Shonrock said.

"I look forward to meeting with him," Shonrock said.

He would like for Roa to clarify the exact ambitions and demands of the Students for Free Speech, he said.

While he was unaware of the procession, Shonrock said he is pleased the group took advantage of the Student Union building.

The administration's refusal to respond by a change in the policy shows the lack of respect the administration has for the students, Boyle said.

The Students for Free Speech said it will continue to draw media attention until there is unconditional free speech on campus.

"They may choose not to answer us but we will continue until we have free speech on campus," Platt said. "It is a fight worth fighting."

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Lady Raiders making use of exhibition game

By David Wiechmann/Staff Reporter

The Lady Raiders will hit the court for the first time this year in an exhibition game against the Perik Jumpers from the Netherlands at 7 p.m. in the United Spirit Arena. And although it is a game the Lady Raiders may not lose much sleep over, it is an opportunity for them to test the waters and see where they stand as far as preparation for the regular season.

"Obviously you most want to win, but I think most importantly in exhibition games you want to learn as much about your team as you can," said head coach Marsha Sharp.

Tech will play two exhibition games this season, and Sharp looks forward to them each year because she can evaluate her team's progression and find what she has been looking for with game time experience.

"I think we have some questions that we'd like to try to answer during these two games," she said. "I first want to see how our

young players respond to game time, and I would also try to get some looks at different combinations and some chemistry on the floor that we think will be important for us."

Developing chemistry early this season will be a factor for the Lady Raiders after losing last year's leader Plenette Pierson to graduation and the WNBA. Finding someone to lead the court could be a focal point of the exhibition games, but most importantly it will be a chance for the Lady Raiders to get a feel for each other again in a game.

"It's finally a game against another team, and you're really gonna see how well you click," said point guard Erin Grant. "It's gonna be real important that we stay calm and work on the things that we've been doing in practice and let them carry over into the game."

Grant said the exhibition games are key to getting the team to gel and getting used to the atmosphere of the United Spirit Arena. The games also help to get adjusted to a faster game in college.

Sharp said the team's freshmen

will get some playing time in the exhibition games, which Grant had experienced with last season. Grant started every game last year for the Lady Raiders as a true freshman, and she was named Big 12 Freshman of the Year. So, the exhibition games can help a team out.

"The exhibition games are gonna be a warm up to what we have to do in the preseason NITs and what we have to have ready for our first actual game," Grant said. "It's very important to start off to a good start, playing hard and getting a win under our belt right away."

Often nothing ever works perfectly the first time out, and Sharp said that opportunity to work out problems is the purpose of the exhibition games. Sharp has said she wants to use the games as a chance to answer questions, and senior Natalie Ritchie said it will be a chance for the team to develop a chemistry on the floor.

"We're real excited about seeing about the team chemistry as far as how we flow, and coach Sharp is going to be putting in different people in different ways to see what's best for the team and see who flows together the best," she said. "Exhibition games are very important because they get the kinks out before the season starts."

Like a coach always looking for

ways to improve, Sharp said she will watch the game closely to see how the revamped offense will work and what doesn't work. She will then take what she saw and find a way to correct any shortcomings.

"I'm anxious to watch our offense against another team and see what kinds of things we're gonna need to do to tweak it a little bit," she said. "I do think we'll be more balanced, and we've been a little more perimeter oriented than we were last year with Plenette, and I think our perimeter players know that they will need to shoot it a little bit more, and we're trying to create more looks for them out of the offense."

The best thing about the exhibition game is Sharp said any coaching choice and it will not hurt her team record wise. She has the luxury of experimenting with her team's abilities more than any other game, and she likes to use it as a learning experience and testing grounds.

"You really want to try to answer some questions and you can do that without affecting your record," she said. "To me it's a really important set of games because it allows me some freedom to do some things I normally wouldn't do to allow me to answer some questions."



FILE PHOTO/University Daily

TEXAS TECH GUARD Natalie Ritchie works her way into the lane against Texas last season. Ritchie and the Lady Raiders will face the Perik Jumpers at 7 p.m. today in the United Spirit Arena.

Tech defense pleased, not satisfied with play

By David Wiechmann/Staff Reporter

The nation's worst defense did not look its worst on Saturday night against Colorado. A week after dropping to 117th in NCAA Division I-A the Red Raiders halted the Buffaloes stampede and came out with a 26-21 win.

"It feels good just knowing that in the past couple of weeks ain't nothing gone right for us," said linebacker Fletcher Sessions. "The past couple of weeks things you thought couldn't go wrong went wrong for us, and with the media talking bad about us we were trying to stay focused."

Sessions said it has been frustrating this

season to see the defensive performances and how well the offense plays. This week was a change of pace, and it is rejuvenating to play a major part in the win.

"Me, personally, I feel the defense had been letting the offense down, and for once we finally stepped up and helped somebody out this week," he said.

The defense held Colorado to 14 points in the first half. Tech quarterback B.J. Symons threw interceptions on Tech's first four drives,

and the defense stopped the Buffaloes from taking advantage of each of those opportunities.

Tech held Colorado to 294 yards of total offense, 81 on the ground. The last time Tech had held an opponent to 100 or less rushing yards was the Tangerine Bowl against Clemson last season when the Tigers ran

for 41 yards. Tech also forced six punts on the night.

The rushing defense was not the

only group that played well. Colorado entered the game with the No. 12 passing offense in the country, and Tech held the Buffaloes to 213 yards through the air. Tech sacked quarterback Joel Klatt five times and intercepted three passes.

Those factors may be enough to make any coach happy, but defensive coordinator Lyle Setencich knows his team has another job to do this week.

"We could go out and give up 60 points next week to Baylor," he said. "What happens with a young group of people is they're really happy right now; they're really pleased with themselves, and they're going to think about it a long time. If they think about it Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, then Baylor will hit them in the mouth. You've gotta put the good things and the bad things out of your mind and go on to the next game, and that's what we'll fight this week."

Setencich said moving on will not be difficult because Setencich let his players know proving people wrong will not be a rare thing.

"(Setencich) told us we got to keep this up, don't let this be a one-time fluke and do this every game," Sessions said.

Sessions also said this week's performance has put some more wind in the Raiders' sails and confidence is beginning to build.

"It meant a lot for us knowing that we can help our offense for once and knowing that the offense doesn't always have to score 50 points a game and we can hold people to 21 points," Sessions said.



Volleyball squad takes time to visit with hospital patients

By Jason Lenz/Staff Reporter

Typically, Laura Grote and Bre Pursley are the junior setter and sophomore outside hitter for the Texas Tech volleyball team, but on Friday afternoon they were a bunch of grapes from a Fruit-of-the-Loom commercial and a witch.

All the Red Raiders dressed up in Halloween costumes and delivered candy to children at Covenant Medical Center and University Medical Center Friday afternoon.

Grote, who donned a couple dozen balloons to simulate the grapes, said she enjoys the change of pace that visiting the kids provides.

"Most of the kids have been pretty excited," she said. "And of course they love candy, so that makes their day."

One of the kids who the team paid a visit to at UMC is 9-year-old Douglas Bartholf.

"I think it's pretty cool," he said. "11-year-old Jarrett Wells said Grote's costume was his favorite of all. Some of the other children, however, had a little mischief on their minds, Grote said."

"Some of the kids at Covenant were like, 'We're going to get a pin and run after you,'" she said. "I thought that wasn't very nice."

Overall though, the Raiders said

they had a fun time. Pursley said she really enjoyed spending the afternoon brightening up the kids' days, even though one of the kids thought her costume was convincing.

"I'm a nice, trendy witch," she said. "I don't know. I've got the red velvet hat with the sequins on it. I've got the earrings, too, the red hoops. All the accessories kind of came together."

The reactions of most of the kids though was definitely positive, Pursley said.

"Huge smiles," she said. "Ear-to-ear smiles."

The kids were not the only ones who got in on the fun either. Pursley said a lot of the parents had a good time, too.

"They were all really cool," she said. "They wanted candy also. They understood some of the costumes more. The parents were excited to see people come to visit their kids."

Performing a community service such as this one is something outside hitter Kelly Johnson said she enjoys doing.

"I love it," she said. "It's good for our team as far as team bonding. It puts Texas Tech volleyball out there. We love doing things for the community. At the same time, this is just really fun. It's a fun thing to do for Lubbock, the community and all the kids."

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