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Butler confession questioned, discussed at trial

By Heidi Toth/News Editor

The FBI agent who interrogated Dr. Thomas Butler testified Friday that he saw several red flags in the interview that made him question the truthfulness of Butler's statements, while the defense attempted to discredit the methods used to get Butler's confession.

Special Agent Dale Green told the jury he arrived in Lubbock about 10:15 p.m. Jan. 14 after he learned that 30 vials of *Yersinia pestis*, the bacteria that causes plague, was missing and presumed stolen. He reviewed



Butler

that Butler was not telling the truth. The lab notebook was usually filled out in terse com-

mands, as if Butler was trying to convey information. The final two days, Jan. 11 and Jan. 12, when he wrote the bacteria were missing, the entries were more narrative, Green said.

"That's a total picture of someone trying to convince rather than someone trying to convey information," he said. "That's a clear flag of deception."

During the interview, which began about 12:30 a.m. Jan. 15, Butler did not appear tired, sick or wanting for anything.

"He seemed to be very much enjoying the spotlight," Green said.

Butler signed two consent forms, including one informing him of his Miranda rights. Green then asked him about the plague, how dangerous it was and other details. Then he asked who could have taken the bacteria.

Butler answered in a monotone, Green said, as he listed a disgruntled colleague or student, a terrorist or the cleaning crew. He also had closed body language, Green said, including averted eyes, another red flag.

The third suspicious factor was the lapse in time from when Butler discovered the vials missing and when he reported it to anyone.

When Green met with Butler about 11 a.m. Jan. 15, he presented these observations and gave Butler three reasons why the crisis should be resolved quickly by him admitting he destroyed the bacteria: the huge number of assets on the case, including money and people; the panic that would happen when people found out; and Butler could say he accidentally instead of intentionally destroyed them, so his colleagues would understand.

"I'm trying to give him a way to minimize

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PUZZLING PROCEDURE



TYSON JEFFREYS/Staff Photographer

KATIE BANKS, A senior English major from Lubbock, helps the children assemble a puzzle at Jackson Elementary School for an after school program numerous Texas Tech students do to help with community service.

State Board votes on creation issue

ELIMINATING ERRORS: Evolution becomes topic of concern for voters.

By Andrew Bell/Staff Reporter

On Friday the Texas State Board of Education voted to adopt Chief Deputy Commissioner of the Texas Education Agency Robert Scott's recommendation for the elimination of factual errors in high school and advanced placement biology textbooks.

The vote required that all remaining factual errors in the textbook be addressed and identified by the publishers before the textbooks can be printed, Robert Crowther of the Discovery Institute said.

The vote is a step in the right direction of helping teach children critical thinking in an adequate and balanced way, Crowther said.

DeEtta Culbertson of the Texas State Board of Education said there was a preliminary vote held Thursday before the final vote on Friday.

The vote on Thursday was an 11 to 4 to adopt the recommendation for the books. She said the vote on Friday did not have a vote count, but the recommendation passed unanimously.

According to a press release from the Discovery Institute, the organization believes this vote is important to the science education of all students.

"This is real progress in the cause of science education reform," Discovery Institute President Bruce Chapman said. "We are already happy that a number of embarrassing errors that overstate the evidence for evolutionary theory were being fixed; for example, two textbook publishers have proposed removing Haeckel's faked embryo diagrams from the 1800s."

The diagrams referred to are 19th-century drawings by Ernst Haeckel. According to the National Center of Science Education Web site, in some textbooks the drawings can still be found, but many present a rank-and-file illustration of vertebrate embryos.

According to the NCSE Web site, the illustrations accompany a discussion of the relationship of embryology to evolution. The organization argues the illustrations are a useful pedagogical, or educational, tool for showing that more recent common ancestry is reflected in greater similarity of embryos.

In response to the allegation of factual errors, textbooks redrew the embryo drawings, or substituted photographs for them, but left intact the text's discussion of the importance of embryology to evolution, according to the web site.

Harvey Madison, president of the Lubbock chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union, said the changes are minor and are not critical of the evolution or scientific theories. He believes some of the changes are ones scientists would not mind to have changed.

One fact the Discovery Institute is happy to see coming out of textbooks is the claim that human embryos have gill slits. According to the press release, the vote assures errors such as this and others will be addressed before being distributed to students in books.

"Texas has pledged to make sure that publishers address all remaining errors in the textbooks over the next several months," Chapman said. "So we now hope that fake facts like human embryos with gill slits, the flat earth myth, and overstatements about peppered moth research will be things of the past as well."

The Discovery Institute would also like the Board to require textbooks to include coverage of peer-reviewed scientific weaknesses of the evolutionary theory, according to the press release.

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Students, faculty discuss problems with fee allocation

UNKNOWN DESTINATION: Lab fee that Tech students pay may not be used properly.

By Jennifer Prieto/Staff Reporter

Texas Tech students pay a laboratory fee for every class they take, but that fee does not go to benefit that lab. Instead, student fees go to the state, and the fee comes back to Tech as a general appropriation. Lab fees pay for departmental operating expenses, which pay for telephone, paper, water and other operating expenses.

Chris Carr, Student Government Association senator-at-large, said he knows students at Tech pay a laboratory fee, but he is not sure where the money is allocated.

"The labs that I'm taking right now have equipment that is so outdated that I know I'm not learning what I need to know when I graduate from Tech," he said. "The equipment is from like the '70s, and I know that is not what professionals are using right now."

Students are expected to know how to use professional equipment when they graduate from Tech, he said. Students are not getting professional expe-

rience because they are not learning and practicing with the right equipment.

Carr said the lab fee money should benefit the lab directly. The money should be allocated to the department's lab to pay for better equipment and materials that students use.

"We are paying extra money for a course, but we are not getting to see the extra benefits," he said.

One solution to the problem, Carr said, would be to eliminate the lab fees and add it to the course fee because that money stays within the department to improve the education of the student.

Carr said he is waiting for the interim fiscal affairs representative to be appointed so the problem and his proposed solution can be discussed.

Thomas Burton, chairman of mechanical engineering, said the department has three labs where enrollment has doubled.

There are two labs that have been around for a while, he said. The equipment in those labs work, but the department has to fix them often.

The third lab just got started and it needs basic instruments so students can learn basic engineering skills.

"Students pay about \$10,000 in lab fees and that money is not coming

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Several states cancel presidential primaries due to costs

By Robert Tanner/The Associated Press

(AP) — Several states have moved to drop their presidential primaries next year, worried about costs in still-tight financial times and wondering if the political exercise would serve any purpose.

Some say they can't afford the millions of dollars it costs to put on an election. Others say the decisions reflect the lopsided nature of modern primaries: The front-runner gets anointed by the media and campaign donors after the first few state primaries and the rest of the primaries are formalities.

The decisions add fuel to the argument that the primary system is in dire need of repairs. In most states forgoing a primary, party-run caucuses will be used instead to choose delegates to the national conventions.

"Fewer voters will participate because (caucuses) are more complex," said Curtis Gans, director of the Committee for the Study of the American Electorate. State politicians are freezing out average voters, he said, because caucuses bring "lower turnout, and more advantage to whoever's organized."

Primaries usually don't get turnout much higher than 20 percent of registered voters, but they're better than caucuses. In Missouri, the 2000 primary brought 745,000 people to the polls, while the 1996

caucus brought 20,000, the state Democratic Party said.

So far, Kansas, Colorado and Utah — all with Republican-controlled legislatures — have canceled their state-run 2004 primaries. Republican legislatures tried unsuccessfully to drop primaries in Arizona and Missouri, but Democratic governors either vetoed the primary bill or restored the funding.

Some Democrats complain that cutting primaries hurts them especially, with their crowded field of candidates. President Bush has no challenger.

Other Democrats, however, are pushing to get rid of primaries. Maine dropped its presidential primary for next year, and New Mexico effectively did — it passed a law allowing parties to hold caucuses, and then Democratic Gov. Bill Richardson set an early Feb. 3 caucus (June primaries will go on for other elections).

Washington Gov. Gary Locke, head of the Democratic Governors Association, is calling a special session to discuss scrapping his state's primary next year.

"Why waste \$7 million of scarce state money?" Locke said. Democrats in Washington state are using precinct caucuses in February to allocate national convention delegates, making the March 2 primary pointless.



BEAR NECESSITIES



JAIME TOMAS AGUILAR/Staff Photographer

THE BAYLOR BEAR mascot made a special appearance as he ate peanut butter and other fruits on the sideline during Homecoming Saturday at Floyd Casey Stadium in Waco.

Lip balm becoming a common addiction

By Beth Aaron/Staff Reporter

It's cheaper than cigarettes, and less hazardous too. Lip balm is the addiction of choice for some Texas Tech students.

Natalie Hill, a junior pre-pharmacy major from Arlington, said she does not go anywhere without a stick of lip balm. "There's nothing wrong with it," she said, "It's a safe addiction."

Hill said began using lip balm for the reasons indicated on the product label, but eventually, her use of the product became habitual.

"It's something I started out using for chapped lips, but I got addicted to the way it makes your lips feel," she said.

Hill said she believes proof of her addiction to lip balm is displayed by the simple fact that she cannot fathom going a single day without it.

"I have it on my key chain, I have like 10 in my bathroom, one in my car and one in my backpack," she said. "I don't leave home without it. If I do, I'll go to the grocery store and get another one."

Hill said she applies Lip Smackers, her lip balm of choice, at least five times a day. She said she thinks her addiction to lip balm is both physical and psychological.

"I apply it in the morning, and then it wears off," she said. "Sometimes I use it in place of lipstick, if I can't decide on a color."

Dr. Ronald Warner, department of family and community medicine, said in the climate of West Texas, especially, it is not uncommon to find people applying and re-applying large amounts of lip balm.

"It's so dry, people tend to use it," he said. "It keeps lips from cracking open and being sore."

Warner said with winter approaching, the use of lip balm is likely to rise. High winds and cold temperatures can cause skin to become red, dry and painful. Lip balm is also used in the summer months to help combat dry lips caused by sun exposure.

Warner said besides relying on lip balm to battle the effects cold weather

has on the skin, students should also remember to take health precautions against the flu and other seasonal viruses.

"Get plenty of sleep, wash your hands frequently and make sure your heating system has been checked," he said.

Warner said students might also want to use lotion to relieve chapped skin on the hands and other extremities that are prone to windburn.

"Stay away from anything that has alcohol in it," he said. "It may worsen the dehydration of the skin."

Warner said he has not personally encountered anyone with a lip balm addiction, and does not use the product himself.

"I have never felt the need to use it," he said.

He said some products contain lanolin, an ingredient he does have some experience with.

"I grew up in a part of the country where there are a lot of sheep. Lanolin is used to keep sheep's wool from sticking together," he said.

Most lip balm contains petroleum jelly or a variant of the substance. Some brands have aloe and lanolin in them as well. Warner said people used lanolin to soothe dry lips before lip balm was officially put on the market.

"Lanolin is a natural body skin lubricant," he said.

Warner said he could not think of any adverse effects of using too much lip balm. However, he said people who lick their lips to keep them moist often defeat the purpose.

Carma Laboratories, Inc. manufactures popular lip balm Carmex. It has been rumored Carmex contains addictive ingredients. The Carmex Web site, www.carmexlipbalm.com, addresses these rumors on a myths page, dismissing any speculation about what the product is said to contain.

For more information about lip balm addiction, go to Lip Balm Anonymous at <http://www.kevdo.com/lipbalm/home.html>.

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— NATALIE HILL
Texas Tech Student

Future scholars grace Tech campus

By Andrew Bell/Staff Reporter

While other children were enjoying lunch or recess, a group of 6th graders, many which have never been to the Texas Tech campus before, were given the opportunity to enjoy the sites and activities of the university Friday.

The College of Education held its annual Dean's Future Scholar Conference for underprivileged children to get them thinking of pursuing a higher education, Karen Jacobsen, director of external relations for the college, said.

After breakfast, the morning began with Spike Wideman of Feist Directories speaking with the children about money. After showing them a stack of money, he explained that money is not the only thing in life, but it is needed to pay bills, and the only way to get it is through an education, Jacobsen said.

One of the biggest treats of the day came when two Tech football players came to give guidance and answer questions.

Sonny Cumbie, back-up quarterback and junior history major from Snyder, and Chad Johnson, cornerback and freshman business major from Shreveport, La, took time out of their schedules to come and talk to the children before heading to Waco later in the day.

Jacobsen said the fact that the players showed up to help was a great thing in itself.

"It is nice because they don't have to do this," she said. "We put out the request and these guys responded."

Cumbie spoke to the children about dedication and taking advantage of the opportunities that lay ahead. He said he was a walk-on to the team, but he took the opportunity to advance himself as a person.

He also wanted the children to know hard work and dedication need to be applied to schoolwork, because the more education one can receive, the better.

"The objective to go to college opens up more opportunities for the future," Cumbie said. "Take advantage of those opportunities and believe in yourself."

Johnson told the children how excited he was to be talking to the

youth of the future. More importantly, he wanted the children to know that sports are great, but education is better.

"You need to know that have to take care of your education. If you don't, then you won't get to do the other things that you want," Johnson said.

In his final message to the children, Johnson said there will always be tests in life. By passing those tests and achieving goals that have been set, anyone can take the negative things in life and turn them into positives.

A student athlete of Tech taking the time to talk with the children is always one of the most enjoyable events of the day for the students, Jacobsen said. In the survey the children fill out, most of them say the visit from the athletes was their favorite

part. Since the Goin' Band from Raiderland was not going to be going to Waco over the weekend, the children were given a chance to see the band during their marching practice, Jacobsen said. Then, the children got to hear from someone who had participated in the program just as they were doing on Friday.

In 1996, Angelee Bravo, a sophomore retailing major from Idalou, was in the sixth grade at Idalou Middle School when she first became a part of the Dean's Future Scholar Conference, she said.

She said where someone comes from or how they grew up does not matter, because there are people out there who are willing to help him or her get into college.

After participating in the conference from 6th grade to her senior year in high school she recognized Jacobsen from the program that helped her see the opportunity for financial aid through loans and grants.

Bravo said the conference helped paved her way to college and she enjoys being able to help children who are in the same situation she was in.

"I enjoy the children and letting them see I'm a result of all of this. I want them to see I was there and I hope that gives them hope and see that they can go to college," she said.

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his crime, I'm trying to give him a way to rationalize his crime, and most importantly, I'm trying to give him a way to save face," Green said.

Butler wrote his admission in his own words and signed it in front of two witnesses, Green and Special Agent Shannon fish. He was not coerced, mistreated or told he would not be prosecuted if he confessed, Green said.

Defense attorney Chuck Meadows compared earlier entries in Butler's notebook to the last few that Green looked at, saying his method of writing was common throughout the book and that Green only looked at the last four or five pages. He also pointed out that nowhere in his statement did Butler say he lied or that he was confessing.

Meadows asked Green if there were any other witnesses to Butler's monotone or to the interview had been taped, to which Green answered negatively. Meadows discussed the way the interrogation took place as well. Butler had gotten about four hours of sleep the night before because agents searched his house and car after the interview with Green, which could have had an effect on his reaction.

He attempted to demonstrate that Butler merely accepted Green's arguments that the bacteria had been accidentally destroyed for many reasons, including his inexperience with law enforcement, fatigue and the idea that

the situation would be resolved once the crisis was over. Meadows said since the FBI wanted the crisis to be over, they were pushing for the admission that Butler destroyed the vials.

The other major witness of day four of the trial was May Chu, a researcher at the Center for Disease Control and Prevention in Fort Collins, Colo. She said she was not aware that Butler actually had plague bacteria in the country when he contacted CDC to do verification work on the bacteria.

Numerous e-mails between Butler, Chu and Chu's supervisor, David Dennis, stated he had the cultures, slides and blood serum in the country, but Chu was still surprised when he showed up in June 2002 with all of it.

She also discussed an e-mail she sent to Butler stating it was acceptable for him to act as courier, which is in violation of the legal shipping methods. Chu said when she said courier she was referring to a point of contact, someone who could make sure the transport was going as planned - not for Butler to actually bring the materials to Fort Collins.

Defense attorney Floyd Holder went over many more e-mails with Chu in an attempt to demonstrate that the CDC, the agency that was supposed to enforce the shipping laws for select agents, instead knowingly allowed Butler to break them.

"At the time, I didn't feel it was my place to tell him what to do," Chu said in response.

The trial will reconvene at 8:30 a.m. today.

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back to our labs," he said. "The thing is that we really need that money because the equipment is so old in some of those labs that they are not appropriate anymore."

Burton said the department needs the money to buy new equipment such as graphic and drawing equipment, computers and other materials used in the labs. He said the department gets about \$44,000 from other sources to run the labs, but it is not enough money to buy new equipment for the students

to use. The lab fee is needed to do routine maintenance to the equipment in the labs. It is just a matter of principle, he said. Students pay for a lab fee and they think this money is going to benefit the labs, but instead the money is used to pay for operational expenses.

Burton said the administration needs to establish an account so each lab can use the money as needed. Labs should get the money

generated by the students enrolled in the course.

Robert Paine, associate professor of anthropology, said he teaches a natural sciences class, which requires a one-hour lab. There are about 180 students enrolled in the labs, but they are not getting the money generated by lab fees.

He said the department tried to trace where the money from the lab fees is going, but the administration cannot differentiate what each fee pays for.

"The equipment in the department works fine," he said. "But we need more money so more TAs can be hired and to improve the quality of the lab."

Paine said the department does a good job finding money from other sources to allocate toward the labs, and they do what they can with the money allocated by Tech.

"Given that we can't track the money, I'm not sure if we will ever know how the money is actually being used," he said. "All I know is that we should create a lab fee account that specifically goes to pay for lab expenses."

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— ROBERT PAINE
Associate Professor of Anthropology

Evolution

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The weaknesses refer to challenges that go up against the evolution theory or the things the theory has trouble explaining, Crowther said.

According to the NSCE Web site, board member Patricia Hardy said the strength and weaknesses language applied to any scientific theory and was not intended to apply to all, or any single theory. If the language applied to every theory, "we'd need a crane to carry the books

to he schools."

The NSCE stated on its Web site they commend the Board and the publishers of the textbooks for withstanding enormous pressure to compromise the scientific accuracy of their books.

In the future the Discovery Institute officials in their press release said they will continue to publicize the errors in textbooks, the weaknesses alleged to prove Darwinian evolution theory, and educate the public on the dangers of not fully and completely teaching Darwin's theory.

Episcopal Church's first openly gay bishop begins ministry

PETERBOROUGH, N.H. (AP) — The Rev. V. Gene Robinson began his ministry as the Episcopal Church's first openly gay bishop on Sunday by saying he wants to bring the message of God's love to "those on the margins."

He also said the church should speak out on issues of social justice, including the lack of access to health care for many Americans.

"How dare we in this country spend \$87 billion on war when 44 million people have no health insurance?" he said in his sermon. "It's up to the church to lead on some of these moral issues."

After the service at All Saints Church, where he was married to his former wife, Robinson said he hopes that people who disagree with his confirmation will remain within the Episcopal Church, instead of breaking away.

"A church founded on unhappiness and anger is not going to go very far," he said.

New Hampshire's Episcopalians elected Robinson as bishop in June, and his selection was approved at the convention of the Episcopal Church USA in August. But his consecration a week ago has threatened to divide the Episcopal Church, the U.S. branch

of Anglicanism.

On Nov. 3, overseas bishops who said they represented 50 million of the world's 77 million Anglicans jointly announced they were in a "state of impaired communion" with the Episcopal Church — a step short of declaring a full schism.

In addition, conservatives within the U.S. church have asked the Archbishop of Canterbury, the spiritual head of the Anglican Church, to authorize a separate Anglican province for them in North America.

In his sermon, Robinson said Jesus spent most of his time with women, tax-payers and foreigners, not with the rabbi and wealthy members of the temple.

Jesus "looked at the religious establishment of his day and realized they

had closed their eyes to those on the margins," he said.

"Think of all the kinds of blindness right outside this door: not seeing people in need, or turning the other way when we do," he said.

Robinson told a story about three American soldiers in World War I whose fellow soldier was killed in combat, then was buried just outside the fence of a French churchyard because the priest didn't know whether the soldier had been baptized. When the Americans returned to pay their respects, they couldn't find his grave outside the fence.

The priest explained to them, "I realized I'd followed the rules, but I hadn't done the right thing — so I moved the fence," Robinson said.

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Resurrecting *the lost art of* chivalry

By Justin Vallejo/Staff Reporter

Is chivalry a thing of the past? The question of whether chivalry (or what some consider to be good old-fashioned courtesy between men and women) has ceased to exist is on the minds of many.

While some think chivalry and courtesy is hard to come by, others think it could be the result of modern role changes. Some believe it is the responsibility of both parties to inform one another of what is expected and what chivalry actually means to one another.

"When you do come across some respectful or polite people it stands out," said Leah Goodspeed, a junior merchandising major from Dallas.

She thinks it is because people are too caught up in their lives to worry about those around them.

She also attributes the lack of chivalry and courtesy to the fact that some people are unappreciative of the chivalrous acts of others or fail to recognize or appreciate those acts. The result is people not bothering to engage in chivalrous acts because they feel it is not worth anything.

Goodspeed said she does not expect extraordinary acts of courtesy, just "traditional stuff that your mom would teach you."

Maggie Degenhardt, a senior public relations major from Aurora, Colo., agreed with Goodspeed.

"Chivalry is alive but less common," said Degenhardt.

She said she sees less and less of

the little things that are considered common courtesy.

"People are not thinking about other people's feelings," she said.

Degenhardt mentioned acts that define a gentleman in general, like being considerate and opening doors.

"I think people's priorities are messed up. If you treat people respectfully they're gonna treat you the same," said Degenhardt.

The recent role change for women — becoming more independent — is considered by some to be part of the reason for the lack of chivalry today.

"I think that it's still around, but probably not as much as it used to be," said Hileigh Hunter, a senior communication studies major from Austin. "I think that because women are so much more independent than they used to be, men tend to put them more on an equal scale, making men feel like they don't have to cater to them as much."

Hunter believes the progression of women's rights have had a direct influence on chivalry.

"There is so much emphasis on women wanting to be treated as equals that men have started to treat them more as equals," she said.

Hunter does not necessarily agree that as women are considered to have more equality, being treated with respect and politeness is something she should have to sacrifice.

"It comes down to more of respecting the other person," she said.

Some male students at Tech are confused about their roles when it

comes to chivalry.

Brian Sills, a senior communication studies major from Trophy Club, says he is respectful toward women but can understand the confusion of the man's role in the situation.

He said he thinks it is important for women to declare the kind of treatment they expect.

"They need to decide if they want us to treat them as equals, or if they want us to flatter them like we did in the old days," said Sills. "Women want to be treated equal, and I understand, but they still want us to do the stuff that would not make it equal."

Though the situation can be confusing for some men, Brendan Kelly, a senior math major from Midland, believes in at least attempting to act in a courteous manner regardless of the situation.

"The other day I saw a woman drop her books and I didn't know if she was going to thank me or bite my head off, but I still helped her anyway because it seemed like the right thing to do," he said.

Patrick Hughes, an assistant professor in the department of communication studies, agreed that role changes probably contribute to the change in chivalrous behavior between men and women.

Hughes said he thinks the best solution is for each individual, male and female, to express what chivalry means to one another. Couples have to decide which acts are considered chivalrous and which acts are not.



DARYL POLLAK OPENS the car door for Rainnie Hull as he hands her flowers.

PHOTO ILLUSTRATION

"You have to put your expectations on the table," said Hughes.

Melanie Neal, an undergraduate director in the department of communication studies, agreed with

Hughes.

She said she thinks it is the responsibility of women and men both to express how they want to be treated.

"Women should let people know how they want to be treated, and men should ask as well them being told," Neal said. "Expectations to me are key."

Ferrell's comedic capabilities make "Elf" a holiday delight

Moviefgoers get to open a Christmas present early this year with "Elf," a holiday comedy starring Saturday Night Live alumnus Will Ferrell as a human raised by elves. I've been laughing at this trailer for months now and was delighted to see it live up to expectations.

It's funnier than either of Tim Allen's "The Santa Clause" films, and it has more heart than "The Grinch" even after his heart grew three sizes.

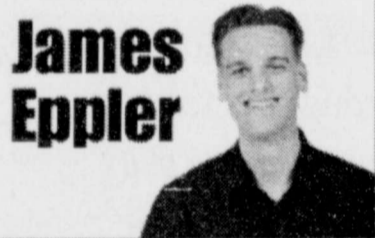
The film opens like a storybook as Poppa Elf (Bob Newhart) tells us the story of Buddy, an orphaned baby who stowed away in Santa's bag one Christmas Eve when His Holly Jolliness was making his rounds.

When Santa (Edward Asner) gets back to the North Pole, he discovers the child. He decides to let the elves raise the child.

Years later, Buddy (Ferrell) is at least four feet taller than all the other elves and is starting to realize that he doesn't fit in for some reason. Poppa Elf breaks the news to him and tells him that his real father is living in New York City.

Santa decides to allow Buddy to go find his father. But he warns him of a few things — the gum you find on the street is not free candy and his father, Walter (James Caan), is on the "naughty list."

So Buddy, dressed as always in his elf tunic and yellow tights, makes the rather long walk from the North Pole to New York City. Upon arriving, he can't help but experience life in the big city, including playing in revolving doors, riding



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elevators and escalators and getting hit by cars, and he figures Santa couldn't have been serious about the gum thing.

Walter, at first, is unmoved by the big goofy elf who claims to be his son. But when Buddy mentions his mother's name, Walter remembers an old girlfriend he had years ago. After a blood test, he decides to take Buddy home to meet his family.

Much of the film deals with the relationships that Buddy develops with people. He has the desire to bond with his reluctant father, but it's difficult for Walter, a sleazy businessman, to bond with a grown man wearing an elf suit.

There's also the inclusion of a cute romance between Buddy and a department store clerk (Zoocoy Deschanel). She manages to see past the elf suit and the childish antics — the skipping, the singing, the freaking out over Santa, etc. In fact, one of the film's funniest scenes finds Buddy recognizing that the department store Santa is a

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fraud. Speaking of childish antics, Buddy is able to develop a tie between him and his 10-year-old step brother Michael (Daniel Tay) by defending him in a killer snowball

fight — also a fun scene.

This is one of the reasons that "Elf" works so well. Its focus is more on relationships than sight gags or trying to ram Christmas cheer down our collective throat. Director Jon Favreau (former "Swingers" star) obviously wanted to make more than just a silly holiday comedy.

Parts of the film even feel a bit Frank Capra-ish ("It's a Wonderful Life"). These elements can be found in the love story, and notice in particular a familiar scene with a depressed Buddy looking over the side of a bridge.

But there's not a doubt in my mind that the film would not have worked if it were not for Will Ferrell. His wide-eyed, big hearted

and cheerful performance is as bright as a fully-lit Christmas tree.

He keeps us laughing throughout, but also accomplishes the task of making us genuinely care for his character. With this film, Ferrell has officially shed his SNL training wheels and proved that he has the comic charisma to carry a film on his own.

Always cute, and often hilarious, "Elf" is a huge delight.

EPPLER'S RATING

★★★★

■ Eppler is The UD's movie critic. Send comments and questions to James.D.Eppler@ttu.edu.

★★★★★ - Flawless
★★★★ - Excellent
★★★ - Good
★★ - Mediocre
★ - Awful

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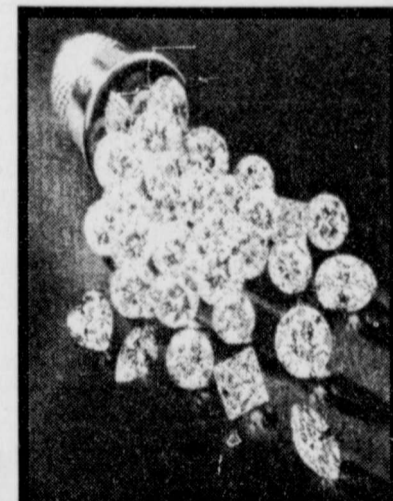
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Honor heroes Veteran's Day

On Memorial Day, my grandpa takes part in local services to recognize locals who have fallen in previous wars.

On the 4th of July, he rides in our town's annual parade. And on Nov. 11 he takes part in the schools Veteran's Day program. My grandpa is a part of our local Veterans of Foreign Wars chapter. My grandpa fought in World War II. My grandpa is a veteran. My grandpa is a hero.

I have spent two hours trying to write this, and I can't. It's too hard. I keep trying to make it sound good. I want it to be perfect. But I can't. I can't use pretty words, they just aren't coming. Why should they?

It's not a pretty subject. So, dear reader, bear with me. All I can do is be frank and honest.

Veterans Day honors all American service men and women. It honors those who have died and those who have lived. It honors those who have won and those who have lost. It honors those who had to fight and those who were lucky.

Veterans Day was established on Nov. 11, 1921 with the burial of an unknown World War I soldier in Arlington National Cemetery.

It was called Armistice Day and recognized the anniversary of the end of World War I — the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918. It was the idealistic hope that WWI would be the "war to end all wars," and Armistice Day honored those who fought and died in WWI.

However, this ideal was shattered with the break out of WWII, 16,535,000 Americans who served, and more than 405,000 dead.

In 1945 President Eisenhower signed a bill proclaiming Nov. 11 Veteran's Day. This day would recognize the contribution of all veterans. At the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, which is symbolic of all Americans who gave their lives in all wars, an Army honor guard, The 3d U.S. Infantry (The Old Guard), keeps day and night vigil.

It's hard to find the words to talk about this. So many have died fighting for this country — my country — our country.

I have not always agreed with the administrations that have led our troops into battle, but I stand behind them 100 percent. This day is not about political activism. It should not be twisted so someone can make a political statement. It is about people who believed in something. It is about people who had principle in something — so much that they did something about it. It is about a conviction so deep; people were willing to die for it.

I don't care what that conviction is in — the right to self-government, the right to leave a suppressive government, to guarantee future generations way of lives, that all life is sacred and should be protected, to stop the spread of Communism, to fight for your ideals, your beliefs, your way of life, for your loved ones — I respect that. I admire that.

Over 45,578,200 people have served in America's military. From the American Revolution to Operation Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom, as many as 1,316,742 people have died for their country. That is more than a huge number. Those are lives lost. They aren't just figures. They are mothers and fathers, sons and daughters. Some one loved

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them, and some one misses them. Those are heroes.

Why do veterans need a day to be recognized and acknowledged? Why did some people spit on returning Vietnam vets? Why are one third of our homeless vets? Why are the VFW hospitals in such horrible condition? Why do we forget these veterans 363 days out of the year?

Where would any of us be without these men and women? Where would we be if some farmers and businessmen hadn't decided that there was a solution to taxation without representation? Where would we be if they had just accepted the tyranny of a mother country? Where would we be if 290,000 people hadn't decided to fight for those beliefs? I don't know, and I don't want to, either.

For all that people—including myself — complain about, things are pretty damn good.

To all veterans — of any war, or any branch of military, if you fought or not — thank you. I know you when I see you, but I can't come up and personally thank you. I am sorry for that.

My thanks feel so trivial compared to all you have done. And I know I will never be half the person you are, so I can't bring myself to tell you when I see you, but thank you.

For all those who have lost someone in war — I want you to know how much you loved one means to me, how much I respect and revere them. I am sorry for your loss, and I mourn with you.

To my grandpa — I know I have never mentioned it. I can't. There is nothing I can say to let you know how thankful I am. There is nothing I can say to let you know how much I respect you. I will never be able to tell you how wonderful you are. I am so proud of you. I love you, and thank you.

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Monday Motivation

Count your blessings every day

There is a song that simply states, "Count your blessings; name them one by one/ count your blessings — see what God has done."

Whether your personal theology leads you to revere Jesus or Buddha, the Pope or "Allah," Confucius or Muhammad, the undeniable fact we should constantly be reminded of every day that air passes through our lungs is simple — we have each been blessed.

Many of us have become experts at being ungrateful people.

In fact, many of us have not come to grips with the reality that we all are only one car accident or one doctor's visit away from tragedy in our lives.

We see less fortunate people each day of our lives that, without a doubt, should evoke a spirit of appreciation within us, but instead we turn blind eyes and deaf ears to keep from being confronted with our own fear of reality.

The other day reality reminded me that because I woke up that morning I should be grateful. Because I did not need the assistance of another to consume food and to drink, was in my right mind to clothe and dress myself properly I should be grateful. Because I could get up out of my bed without the assistance of a cane or crutches, and did not have to rely on a wheelchair for mobilization, I had something to be thankful for.

As I left my home for school that day, reality reminded me that I did not have to travel from my home to a food bank just to eat that morning, because I'd been blessed with a job to put food on my table and sustenance in my body.

I did not have to walk a long distance to receive my educational enlightenment for that day because I'd been blessed to choose between riding a bus or driving my car to school.

As my day went further I saw a blind man awaiting the arrival of his bus, and I couldn't help but be thankful I was blessed enough to behold the beauty of life through these, which I was not promised to have.

Yet, I was blessed even more by perseverance of that blind man to endure in spite of a handicap to obtain the education that many of us take for granted.

Perhaps the most important thing that re-

Daniel White



I fear as a society we have become those ungrateful children. It is evident in our apathetic actions in response to our many blessings. It is obvious by our unwillingness to open our eyes and ears see and hear how much we truly have to be thankful for.

ality reminded me of is that until I learn to adopt a lifestyle that exhibits my appreciation, I am an unworthy recipient of every blessing I have ever received.

In his Thanksgiving Proclamation on October 3, 1863, Abraham Lincoln said, "We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of heaven; we have been preserved these many years in peace and prosperity; we have grown in numbers, wealth and power as no other nation has ever grown."

He continued by saying, "But we have forgotten God. We have forgotten the gracious hand, which preserved us in peace and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us, and we have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own. Intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of

redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God that made us."

I strongly echo the sentiments of Lincoln in that we, as a society, have become so successful at convincing ourselves that "every good and perfect gift comes from" being lucky that we would not know how to recognize a blessing if it were staring us in the eyes.

So many of us have a vast array of good things to be thankful for, but until we are able to recognize the hand of God at work in us and identify those good things as blessings as opposed some random stroke of good luck, we will never truly understand how blessed we are.

An ungrateful child is a thorn in the bosom of his mother and a disgrace to the heart of his father.

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I believe that W.T. Purkiser said it best when he stated, "Not what we say about our blessings, but how we use them, is the true measure of our thanksgiving."

Being truly thankful is about appreciating the gift so much that you just can't keep it all to yourself; you have to bless others through your blessing.

Have you been blessed with food; isn't it time you blessed someone else, who does not have food, with your blessing?

Have you been blessed with a car; isn't it time that you blessed someone else, who does not have a car, with your blessing?

Today, we each have a choice; we can either continue to pretend as if we don't see how fortunate we really are and keep going along with life as usual, or we can stop pretending that life is one big game of "pitch and toss" and start living lives that reflect the gratitude in our hearts.

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The real choice concerning abortion

Randall Payleitner/Daily Illini

(U-WIRE) CHAMPAIGN, Illinois — On Wednesday, President George W. Bush signed a bill into law effectively saving somewhere in the vicinity of 2,200 American lives per year.

This law will result in the biggest change in abortion rights since 1973, when the Supreme Court confirmed the right of a woman to "terminate a pregnancy."

The new law, which is being challenged in a Nebraska District Court, criminalizes the procedure commonly known as partial birth abortion. This law defines partial birth abortion as the delivery of a fetus "until, in the case of a headfirst presentation, the entire fetal head is outside the body of the mother, or, in the case of the breech presentation, any part of the fetal trunk past the navel is outside the body of the mother for the purpose of performing an overt act that the person knows will kill the partially delivered living fetus."

This bill passed through both houses of Congress twice during the Clinton administration and twice President Clinton vetoed the proposal. Dubya has said all along that he would sign such a bill if it were to come across

his desk. On Oct. 2, the House approved the proposed legislation and the Senate approved it on Oct. 21.

The spark for this particular column came from one of my fellow columnists (Shouger Merchant, *The Daily Illini*, Oct. 27 2003). She made some good points and defended her pro-choice stance quite respectably, but it just did not sit well with me at all.

One quote in particular struck me the wrong way and really made me hope that this was not the majority opinion in our country: "Alternatively, I have to say that those opting for an abortion should think quickly and not wait until the embryo develops into a fetus, because that would mean taking a life."

Think quickly? I hardly believe that is a pertinent strategy in dealing with such a life-altering decision. The argument that many pro-choice people blindly use is that abortion is not killing but merely dispensing of some tissues.

According to Merchant's argument, however, the line can be drawn when the embryo becomes a fetus (around the 14th week). However, before this time, there are

working organs, nervous system and movement. I do not understand what makes a baby alive at 14 weeks and not alive at 13 weeks. The only difference now is that an abortion past this time will no longer be legal.

Partial birth abortions are being outlawed because it is impossible to dismiss the inhumane way in which these babies are killed. In actuality, this procedure has the same outcome as any other early term abortion; it is just a lot harder for pro-choice supporters to justify a dead body and shug it off as "a right that everyone should have." And yet, some organizations continue to fight for the legality of this atrocity.

The thing that breaks my heart the most is the self-incurred blindness that has stricken so many people. I visited the Planned Parenthood, Inc. Web site (the self-proclaimed embodiment of pro-choice in our society and one of the challengers against this new law) and was intrigued by the hypocrisy of the first statement that appeared on the top of the page: "We believe in acting courageously, especially as allies with those who have little or no voice and little or no power." Now, try to picture the epitome of someone that is helpless, and has no voice and no power — a little baby.

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Lady Raiders taking knowledge into exhibition

By David Wiechmann/Staff Reporter

The learning process for the Lady Raiders will continue at 7 p.m. today as the team hosts the Houston Jaguars in an exhibition game at the United Spirit Arena.

Head coach Marsha Sharp has said she will use the exhibition games as a chance to test out her team in different situations and get a feel for what her team will be like in the regular season. After one exhibition game, the Lady Raiders said they know a few things that need to be tweaked before the Women's Pre-season WNIT starts Friday.

"What we learned from our first exhibition game is we need a little bit more consistency underneath in the post position," said guard Natalie Ritchie. "I think what we learned with the guards, is coach Sharp could put any six of us out there and we would be able to produce, which is a great feeling knowing that we can be really strong at our perimeter."

about exhibition games is establishing a feel for the team, and Sharp has been doing that. The team also needs to reflect on the problems of last week's game and correct them this time around.

"In exhibition games you're learning what your team does good and bad, and coach Sharp is putting in different rotations so we're learning the flow of the team," Ritchie said.

One of the most important things on the court is not how the team plays but how it plays as a unit. If the players do not click well with each other, it could spell disaster for a team. The Lady Raiders should not have any problems like that on the hard-court as Ritchie said this team has gelled well.

"What I was most excited about is I think this team has the most chemistry of any team I've ever been a part of here," she said. "We really want to win and we really want to get after it. I'm looking forward to seeing what we can do this year."

Texas Tech has already discovered

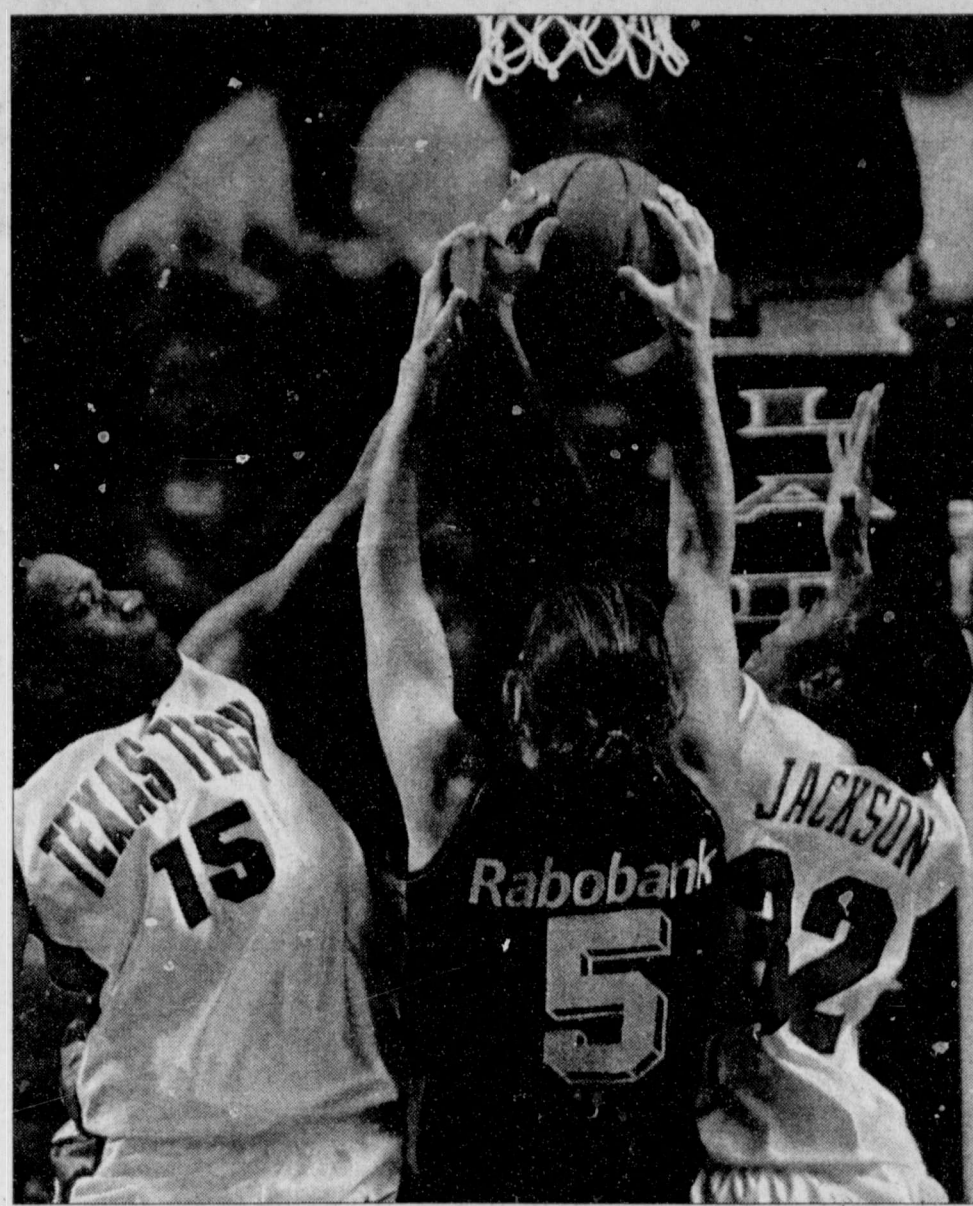
one of its problems, which plagues many teams early in the season and is a focal point all year. Guard Jia Perkins said the Lady Raiders want to get better at rebounding, and it will be a team effort to do so.

"I think it's gonna be something we'll have to work on," she said. "We're all gonna have to find our man and block out to try to get the rebound. It is early in the season, and if we keep working on it in practice we'll get better."

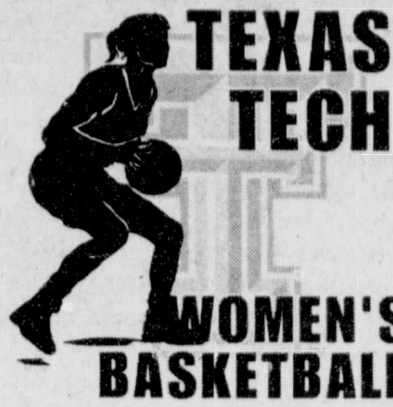
Getting better has already begun. Tech plays a rebounding game in practice in a scrimmage format. Points are awarded for rebounds, one for defensive and two for offensive. Whichever team loses the competition must run the difference. There's a motivating factor to rebound the ball more.

All-in-all Tech is looking to find places to get better at before the games start to matter, and Perkins said it will be important for the team to be moving forward into the regular season.

"I think it's important for us to fix everything we need to focus on," she said. "We need to focus on our rebounding and try to focus on defense too because this is our last chance to test things out and see how everything goes before we start playing real games, so I think it's real important for us to go out there and just try to get some things going so we can be over them and get some good momentum."



JIA PERKINS (15) AND Casey Jackson (32) combine to block a shot attempt by a player from the Perik Jumpers in the Lady Raiders exhibition game Tuesday. Texas Tech will play host to the Houston Jaguars at 7 p.m. in the United Spirit Arena. It is Tech's final exhibition game before the Preseason WNIT. JAIMÉ TOMÁS AGUILAR/Staff Photographer



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Red Raiders roll over Baylor Bears in rain



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DEFENSIVE LINEMAN FRED Threawt brings down Aaron Karas during Tech's 62-41 win over Baylor on Saturday. Threawt and the Red Raider defense held the Bears to 275 yards of total offense during the victory that was Baylor's Homecoming game.

PLAYERS OF THE GAME

TEXAS TECH: B.J. SYMONS

TEXAS TECH: WES WELKER



STATS: 32-of-47 for 428 yards and seven touchdowns.

NOTES: Threw touchdown passes to six different Red Raiders. Became No. 2 in career touchdown passes at Texas Tech with 51. Left the game midway through the third quarter to let backup Sonny Cumbie take over the offense during a 62-14 win.

STATS: Five punt returns for 67 yards, four receptions for 42 yards. One of six Red Raiders with 100 all-purpose yards.

NOTES: Surpassed Lee Nalley of Vanderbilt to become the NCAA leader in career punt return yards. The record had stood for 54 years. This is the second consecutive week Welker has broken an NCAA record.

GAME STATS

Texas Tech	vs. Baylor	Baylor
62	Score	14
37	First Downs	14
28-136	Rushes-Yards	30-111
580	Passing Yards	164
64-44-0	Passes Att-Comp-Int	26-18-1
92-716	Total Offensive Plays-Yards	56-275
31:03	Possession Time	28:57
8 of 15	Third-Down Conversions	2 of 13
0 of 1	Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 2
6-7	Red-Zone Scores-Chances	0-1

FOOTBALL FACTS

QUICK STRIKE: B.J. Symons' 59-yard touchdown pass to Nehemiah Glover in the first quarter was the first time the Red Raiders scored on the first play of a drive this season.

COIN TOSS TROUBLES: Tech has won the coin toss just three times this season and has not won the toss once on the road.

FIRST HALF HEROICS: The Raiders scored 35 points in the first half. It is the highest point total for Tech in the opening stanza this season. Its previous high was 31 against Texas A&M on Oct. 4.

BEAR BASHING: Baylor has not defeated Tech in Waco since the inception of the Big 12 Conference. The last time the Bears did so was the final year of the Southwest Conference (1995).

By David Wiechmann/Staff Reporter

WACO — Mother Nature was not the only one to rain on Baylor's homecoming parade on Saturday as the Texas Tech Red Raiders rolled to a 62-14 victory.

A week after throwing five interceptions, including four in Tech's first four possessions, B.J. Symons redeemed himself with 428 yards and seven touchdowns in two and a half quarters of play. It was nice to get back in the swing of things, he said, and was glad everything was working well because it made his job easier.

"Me, personally, I really felt good in the pocket and I was seeing the field well. And what can I say, the receivers," he said.

Three receivers had more than 100 yards, and six different Raiders scored through the air. Nehemiah Glover led the way with 132 yards, with Mickey Peters close behind at 130, and Carlos Francis had 112. His two touchdowns put him atop the career touchdown receptions list at Tech.

As if enough records had not been set by Red Raiders this season, Wes Welker added to his resume. He became the NCAA's leader in career punt return yards. A week after setting the NCAA record for career punt returns for a touchdown he said he was

happy with this one, too.

"I'll take a record where ever I can get them," he said.

The 48-point pounding was made possible by a defense that backed up its solid performance last week by allowing Baylor to get in the end zone once.

On the Bears' opening drive, Rashad Armstrong ran to paydirt from 54 yards on the second play of the game. Armstrong crossed the goal line having been touched once, and it was a play linebacker Brock Stratton said woke up the defense and got them to step it up.

"I think that big play worked to our benefit," he said. "I think it motivated us more than anything to come out and play the defense that we know we're capable of playing."

After that the Bears only score came by way of a 100-yard kickoff return by

Robert Quiroga after Tech first claimed the lead at 14-7 in the first quarter. Then, things went downhill for the Bears, and Tech's defense halted them.

Defensive coordinator Lyle Setencich said the way his defense played last week was nice, but one had to consider who Tech was playing. This week, he said the same thing despite only giving up one touchdown and 275 yards of total offense.

"I could pretty much guarantee that I'll be on the field Saturday and next week because these are the two biggest games of our season, and I'm not gonna miss those games."

— B.J. SYMONS
TEXAS TECH QUARTERBACK

"I think we're playing better, but level of competition," he said. "Level of competition is key to it. Can you play at a high pitch against level of competition? And when you play Texas and Oklahoma, your level of competition goes up dramatically. Can you play against that? If you can, you might see a smile on my face."

Some of his players may have smiles on their faces because they are

coming off two games where they shut down the opposition and are rolling into one of Texas's toughest games of the year in cross-state rival Texas.

The Longhorns made easy pickings of Oklahoma with 48-unranked points in a 55-16 win on the road.

Again another question Raider fans were asking themselves after the game was, "Is B.J. OK?"

Symons was sent after getting hit on his left knee, which he injured in the Iowa State game. He said his knee was fine and after rehabbing and re-evaluating it a decision will be made on his status for the UT game.

As far as he is concerned his status is already decided, however.

"It felt a little stiff, but other than that I still came in and led the team on two scoring drives and threw two touchdown passes, so it can't be that bad," he said.

The Raiders close the season with Texas on the road and then come home to face Oklahoma, which shutout Texas A&M 77-0 Saturday. Those are two games Symons said he wants to play in more than anything. He sat the bench for three years, and this is his one chance to play against the Longhorns and the Sooners.

"I could pretty much guarantee that I'll be on the field Saturday and next week because these are the two biggest games of our season, and I'm not gonna miss those games," he said.

Buffaloes quiet Raiders during sweep

By Jason Lenz/Staff Reporter

The United Spirit Arena provided Texas Tech and Colorado a relatively quiet place to play volleyball Saturday. The Buffaloes (17-8 overall, 9-6 Big 12 Conference) defeated the Red Raiders in a three-game sweep, (17-30, 23-30, 25-30), in front of a silent crowd.

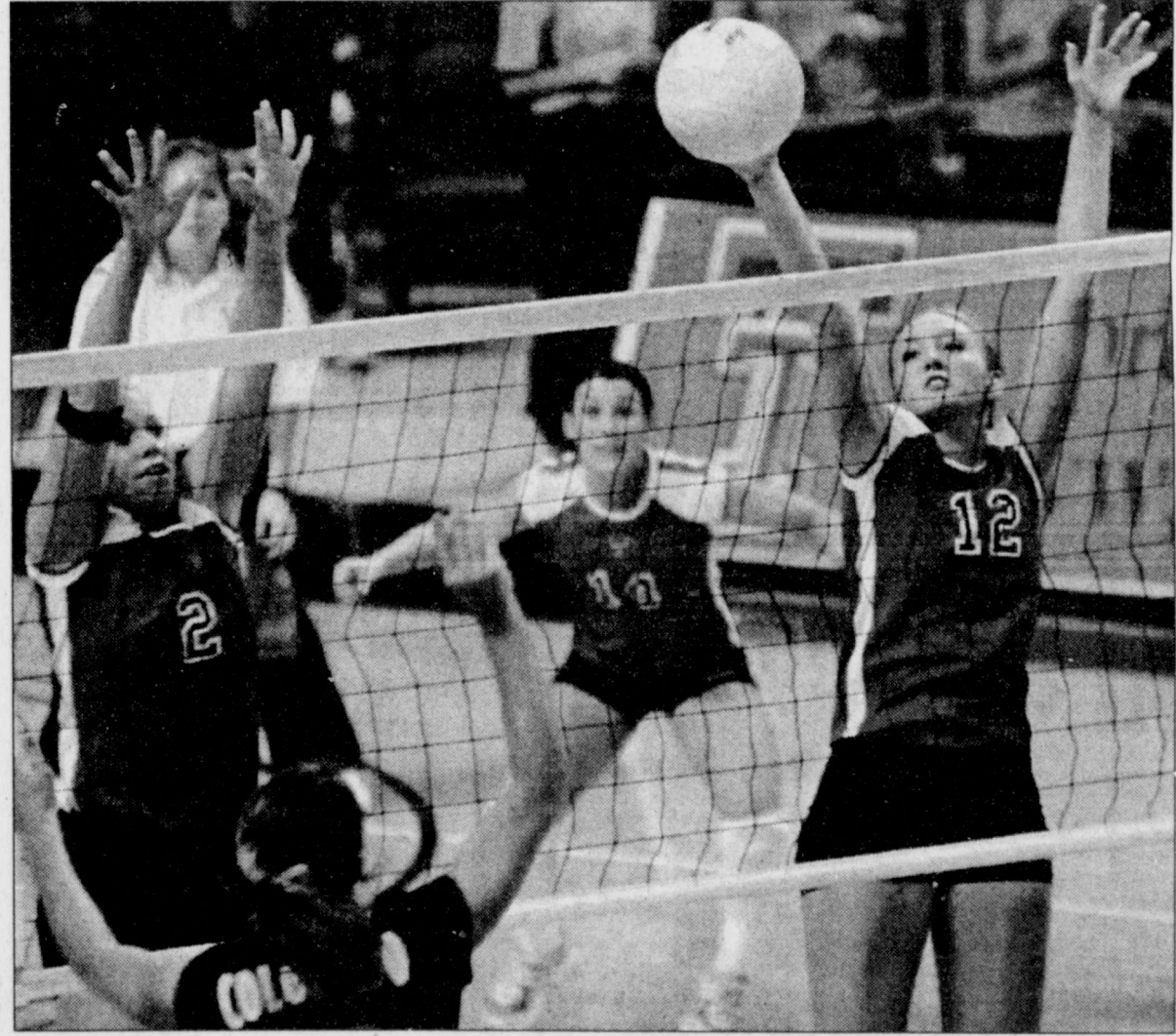
Tech head coach Nancy Todd said she did not know why the fans were quiet, but that should not matter to the players on the court.

"It was really quiet," she said. "That part was kind of a downer. I mean, the girls definitely noticed it, and they said 'Why is it so quiet in here?' I thought they would've come back and played better after the OU loss. They were pretty upset about that. I thought they would've come back with a lot more fire than they did, so that was kind of disappointing."

Sophomore middle blocker Jessica Watson, who finished the game with three kills, a percent of kills and a .286 hitting percentage, said the Raiders could not even feign intensity against the Buffs.

"As far as volleyball goes, you've got to have a fire to win," she said. "You've got to have that fired-up attitude, and when you don't have that, you're not going to win. Sometimes you have it because you're excited to play, and sometimes you have a bad day, and you don't want to have that attitude, but you've got to fake it. You've got to come up with something that's going to make you win and be on top and make them be scared of you. We didn't put a fear in them at all."

In game one, Colorado held a 19-17 edge, but then the Buffaloes



TRAVIS GLOTT/Staff Photographer

MIDDLE BLOCKER JESSICA WATSON (12) blocks an attack by Colorado while Angela Mooney (2) goes for the block and Daneen Grisham looks on. Tech was swept by the Buffaloes on Saturday.

went on an 11-0 run to seal the game. The Raiders were able to hang with Colorado for the first half of each game, Todd said, but then Colorado would take over.

"We played the first half of the game and then would kind of check out for the last half of the game," she said. "They were making some digs, hitting the ball pretty hard, and we were just kind of playing with them, not controlling the flow of the game. We were playing catch-up."

Fundamentally, the Raiders struggled in several facets of the game Saturday. Communication was problematic; Todd said there were a lot of hitting errors, and senior outside hitter Angela Mooney

said the passing was the worst it had been in a long time. The Raiders typically depend on a fast-paced offense, but Colorado was able to pull the Raiders out of their game plan, Mooney said.

"They play a much slower offense than we do," she said. "They set the balls high. They hit high and deep; they don't hit them. Basically, with the high balls and high sets, that slows the pace of the game down. If we don't keep it fast on our side and if we just go along with how they're playing, they're going to play the way they wanted to play, and, obviously, they're going to have the advantage. That's not how we should play. We're a speed team; we need to think fast."

After this loss, Mooney said the Raiders, who are no longer eligible for a berth in the NCAA Tournament, now have a new objective for the rest of the year, and that is to ruin other teams' shots at the NCAA Tournament.

"Our goal is to play all out and prepare ourselves for each match, to learn the game and get better and better, to figure out what we can do to beat teams," she said. "Basically, to mess other people's chances up, to screw things up for other schools."

Tech is now 10-14 this season and is 2-13 in Big 12 conference play.

The Red Raiders have five games remaining on the team's schedule.

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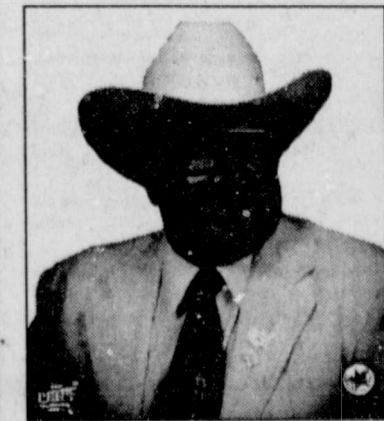
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