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Butler defense team introduces internal audit

By Heidi Toth/News Editor

Dr. Thomas Butler's defense team introduced an internal audit report Wednesday that said Texas Tech Health Sciences Center has vague operating policies and procedures, clinical trial accounts are not properly monitored and subjects are improperly billed because of these problems.

The audit, dated Jan. 28, also brought up a concern of the auditors that there was a possibility that Butler was splitting contracts with pharmaceutical companies and putting the money into his salary accounts. Elmo Cavin, HSC executive vice president and chief financial officer, said the auditors called immediately for action to address this problem.

Wednesday was day six of Butler's trial, which has him charged with 69 counts, including lying to federal officials, smuggling, embezzlement and mail and wire fraud. The defense spent much of the day attempting to demonstrate that the embezzlement charges against Butler were simply the result of poor bookkeeping and communication at the HSC.

The audit also said the HSC had no policy requiring checks sent to a central office, but



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instead be sent to the investigator. Cavin said while this may be true, checks are made payable to the HSC, not the investigator.

Defense attorney Chuck Meadows also introduced a memo from Associate Vice President for Research Barbara Pence dated Sept. 19, 2000, stating there were several misunderstandings concerning signings of contracts and clinical trials for research. Cavin said the purpose of the memo was to remind principal investigators of their responsibilities.

Department of Commerce agent Janet Finnigan testified that Butler's labeling of *Yersinia pestis* as laboratory materials was misleading, especially because Federal Express would not have shipped it had it been properly labeled. Butler signed the air bill that

stated the package did not contain dangerous goods and that he was in accordance with all federal regulations, which was not true, she said.

Attorney Floyd Holder said since YP was used in labs, it should qualify as a lab material. Finnigan disagreed, citing Butler's experience and knowledge of the bacteria, including a presentation he had made called "Pneumonic Plague: Delight of Terrorists."

"As a result he would know that what that was, was not lab materials," she said.

"Oh, so now you know what's going on in the defendant's head?"

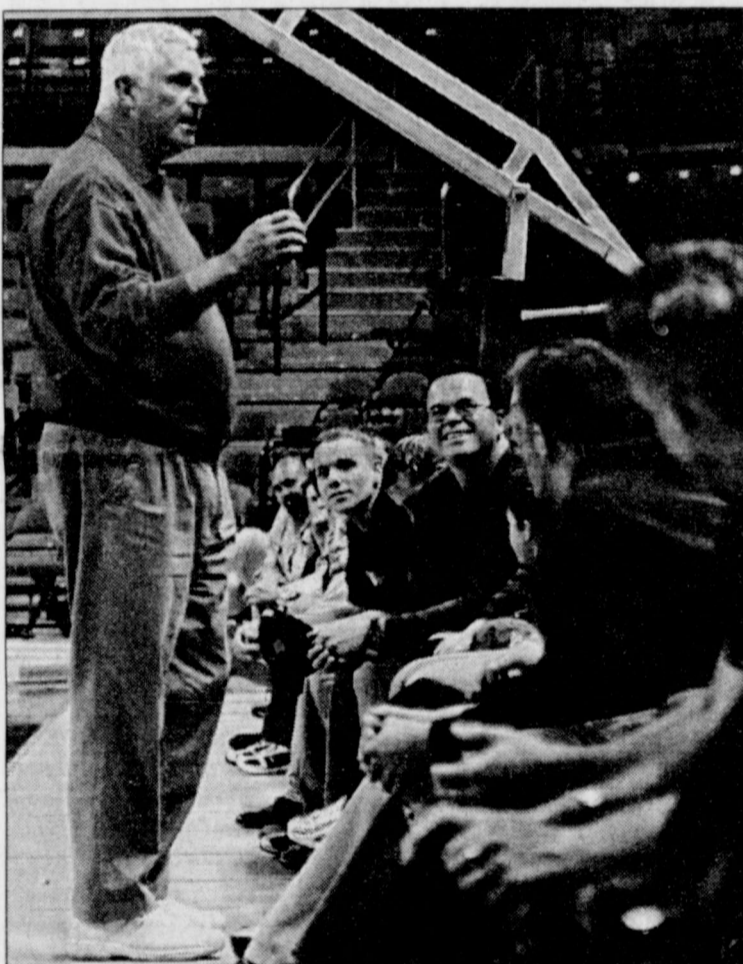
He said that Butler was not aware he needed an export license because the bacteria was not going to be sold, as Butler had never applied for an export license before. Finnigan responded that all Butler had to do was make a telephone call or look it up on several Web sites to learn YP was an export, even if it was not for resale.

Tech Chancellor Dr. David Smith said he does not regret the actions taken by the uni-



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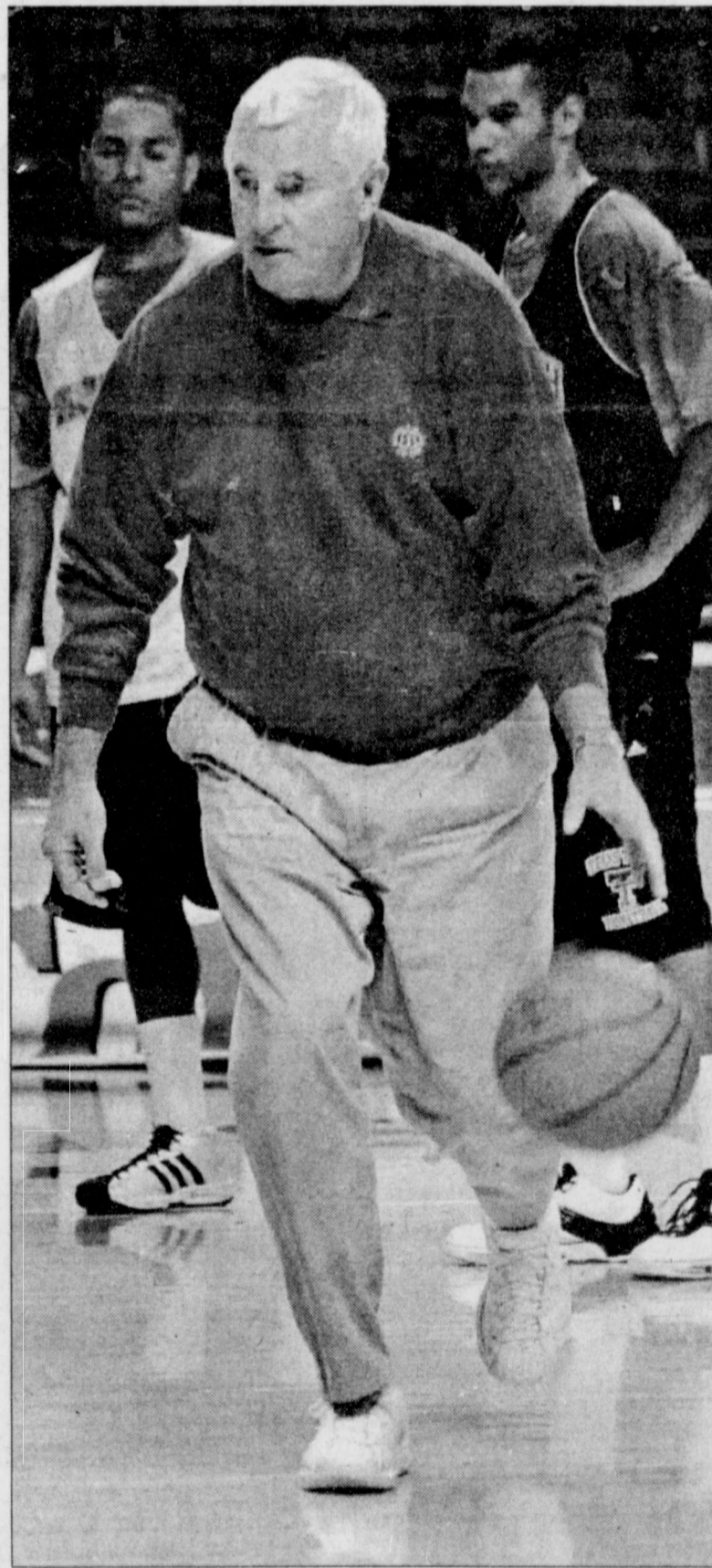
For the first time at Tech, Bob Knight lets students see how he runs his intense practice

By Matt Muench/Managing Editor and photos by Andrew Weatherl and Jaime Tomás Aguilar/Staff Photographers

Justin Olivas called it a dress rehearsal. But this one was not what this theater arts major from Houston is used to. No scripts are needed. This one was intense and Bob Knight was the leading roll. "It is amazing how he controls the court," Olivas said. "Everyone is always listening to him. I guess that is why he has been so successful. Practice makes perfect."

Olivas is not the only Red Raider fan who had two eyes locked on the third-year Tech coach. About 1,500 students had the same focus when they joined to watch Knight and the Raiders in an open public practice Wednesday at the United Spirit Arena. It was the men's basketball team's "dress rehearsal," for its final exhibition game of the season. The real show takes place at 7 p.m. today against the EA Sports All Stars.

The practice began at 4 p.m. and Knight arrived on the court at 4:30 p.m. He walked in slowly without saying a word. But most everyone knew of his presence. He strutted with his hands in his pockets sporting a red sweater and khaki slacks as he pointed fingers, yelled instructions and



ABOVE: TEXAS TECH coach Bob Knight diagrams a play for his offense during practice Wednesday at the United Spirit Arena. Top left: Knight speaks to the students who attended the open practice.

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Tech athletic department budget in good standing

CASH FLOW: AD Myers said department reported a \$10 million increase from 2002

By Joey Kirk/Staff Reporter

There may be more money in Texas Tech's athletic budget, but there is more to spend it on as well.

Although the Tech athletic department has reported a \$10 million increase in their 2003-2004 budget from last year's total of \$25 million, officials said it is because of added costs that did not appear on the previous year's statement.

Gerald Myers, director of athletics, said two new items that have been separate in the past are now included.

"We are reporting the debt service on all of our facilities as well as the income we receive through donations and from the club seats and suites at football and basketball games," he said. "Before, they were completely separate from this budget."

Tech's portion of the debt service is the money owed on all new and renovated athletic facilities since the Big 12 began eight years ago. Myers said more than \$170 million has gone into building several of the structures and upgrading the others to fit in with Tech's newly entrance into the Big 12 conference.

"We've built the United Spirit Arena, the McLeod Tennis courts, the new, Rocky Johnson stadium for softball and done other renovations to the other facilities," he said. "The added debt service to the budget will help us pay for that."

The reason these items were added to the budget, Myers said, is to fall in line with the way other Big 12 schools report their budgets.

"We want to compare apples to apples," he said. "Although it is still too early to tell where we'll come out at, we are right in the middle of the Big 12."

Of the 12 conference teams, athletic budgets range from as low as \$20 million to \$70 million, Myers said.

"Texas has the largest budget, and with the lowest being at about \$20 million, I feel Tech ranks in the center of it all," he said. "With 17 sports at Tech, it takes a lot of revenue to keep those up and running."

Bobby Gleason, senior associate director of athletics and business, said the newly developed financial plan allows Tech to show the entire picture.

"To include these allows us to be more comparative to other schools," he said. "We can list all 12 schools and see that our financial situation is much better."

For the past three years, Tech has been working itself out of a deficit. In 1998, the NCAA infractions case against the Red Raiders caused a major decrease in revenue and an increase in expenditures, Gleason said.

"We lost money from the Big 12 Conference at that time, and there were a lot of big expenses that caused our budget to end up negative," he said. "We had a change in (the coaching staff) for basketball and football, which added more costs."

With those problems out of the way, Gleason said the budget, since it began on Sept. 1, is looking toward the upper side.

"Our budget at all getting events have been up in the past few years, and this year is looking even better," he said. "That helps increase our revenue with more football television coverage and generating large



Myers

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Vice Provost Brink seeks faculty support for new graduation proposal

By Adam Boedeker/Staff Reporter

Texas Tech Vice Provost James Brink presented his plan to provide student with incentives to graduate in four years to the Faculty Senate on Wednesday.

The state Legislature has recognized the long average length of time that students are staying in college, he said.

"Our purpose is to encourage students to apply themselves more rigorously," he said. "They need to move toward graduating in a more timely manner."

Brink said the state will begin cutting formula funding to state universities when students take a class more than twice or when students are 45 credit hours above the number of hours required for their degree plan. This formula funding comprises one-third of Tech's budget.

Brink's proposal calls for students to take 15 hours per semester instead of 12 hours, which is considered full time.

"If we can begin to educate incoming students and the univer-

sity community that 15 (hours) is what is expected of students that will go a long way in getting students to graduate on time," he said.

All degree plans have a minimum of 120 hours, which would take students five years to complete taking 12 hours per semester.

"We want students to take more responsibility in their academic progress," he said. "I know of cases where advisers will tell students to take 12 hours to 'take it easy.' I don't think that's a very good plan."

Students also will have a limit of how many classes they can drop during their time at Tech. Students will be given three withdrawals to use after the add/drop period.

"Students will basically get three get-out-of jail cards," he said. "You could withdraw up until a week before the final, no questions asked. But after three the student must stay in the class."

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VICE PROVOST JAMES BRINK gives his proposal to the Faculty Senate on Wednesday afternoon on a new program designed to get students to graduate on time

ANDREW WEATHERL/Staff Photographer

Three students show up to SGA forum

By Jennifer Prieto/Staff Reporter

The Student Government Association hosted a town hall meeting Wednesday to discuss tuition increases and other issues concerning students. There were 13 students who attended the meeting, 10 of whom were SGA representatives.

Jacque Steinmetz, SGA internal vice president, said this is the first meeting of the year and it is understood that students did not know about it.

"We are going to try harder to make sure students know about the meetings," she said. "It is very important that students attend because we really need to know what kind of problems they have so we can help them."

She said if students do not attend the meeting and they have a problem, they should come to the SGA office and talk to one of the

representatives.

Students should not be afraid of talking to the SGA about concerns they have about Tech, she said. These meetings are going to be informal, and it is a time for students to voice their concerns and for the representatives to give students answers to their questions.

Steinmetz said many of the important issues discussed by the administration or by SGA representatives come from the students.

"The students are the ones who tell us what is wrong with Tech, and we try to do our best to let those

problems be known," she said.

Before the meeting began, SGA President Jeremy Brown said he did not expect many students to attend the meeting, and it is common for students to complain and not voice their opinion, but he understood because this was the first time the SGA had the meeting.

Even though there were not many students at the meeting, Brown proceeded to discuss the tuition increase.

He said Tech and other universities lost most of its funding from the state because the cost of higher

education is increasing and the state could not fund higher education as much as it did before.

Tech was working on a budget to cover 25,000 students, and enrollment went up to about 27,000, he said. The state decided it could not cover the cost of the institution, and that is why Tech had to increase tuition.

"Some students ask why we can't have a cap on enrollment," he said. "If we had a limit on the number of students who came to Tech, we would have other universities pass us by."

Brown said Texas State University has 25,000 students and its population is still increasing.

The \$10 per-credit-hour increase is going to support faculty at Tech because they have not received a raise in about four years, and most of them are leaving, he said.

The University of Texas has not set its tuition rate, but it is going to be about \$25 per credit hour. UT is increasing its tuition because they want to decrease enrollment.

"Where do we want those students who do not go to UT to go?" he said. "We want them to come to Tech, but if we want them to come here, we are going to have to provide current and new students with better facilities and more professors so we can have more classes."

Brown said if the quality of Tech professors decreases, the value of a degree from Tech will decrease as well. He said many students say their



ANDREW WEATHERL/Staff Photographer

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION President Jeremy Brown and External Vice President Colton Batchelor discuss the reasons behind the tuition increase Wednesday night at the Student Union building. Thirteen students attended the forum, and all but three were SGA representatives.

tuition is going to build new facilities and make the campus look better to compete with other schools.

Tuition money goes to fund education, he said. The money used to build the new facilities comes from donations people make and that is why some of the buildings are named after them.

He said \$6.6 million out of tuition money goes to financial aid for the students at Tech.

"The tuition money is going back to the students some how," he said. "It is not to punish students, it is there to make the education at Tech better."

Another complaint students have is the increase of tuition fees.

Colton Batchelor, SGA external vice president, said fees are there to make sure Tech can provide as many services for students as they can.

He said there would not be transportation provided for students if there was not a fee that could cover the cost for it.

Students need to realize those services are there for them to use, he said. What students pay for the services Tech provided is cheaper than what they would pay out side of the school.

The Rundown



3 dead, 4 wounded in Dallas police standoff

DALLAS (AP) — A police standoff ended after nine hours Wednesday with a gunman and two other people dead and four officers wounded. Eight hostages, a woman and seven children, were safely released.

SWAT team officers shot and killed Francisco Fuentes, 32, a resident of the apartment who had held them at bay much of the day and fired at officers two separate times.

Police found two other men dead in the apartment, apparently shot by Fuentes before police arrived earlier in the day to investigate reports of gunfire, spokesman Sgt. Gil Cerda said. Their names were not released.

Police hadn't determined the motive in the hostage-taking and killings and were questioning the woman who had been held hostage, Cerda said.

Neighbor Darrell Davis said he was awakened by gunfire, and then police told residents to "get out, get out now!" "When they found the gunman in there, there were about three shots from a big gun and we all ran for cover," he said.

When police were first summoned to the Meadow Parc Apartments about 2:45 a.m., the children in the apartment told them that Fuentes was inside a bedroom with a gun.

Senate approves bill despite misgivings

WASHINGTON — The Senate gave final approval Wednesday to a \$401.3 billion defense bill that gives the Pentagon greater control over its civilian work force and eases environmental restrictions on the military.

The bill authorizing 2004 defense programs now goes to President Bush for his signature.

Democrats joined Republicans in the 95-3 vote, despite their objections to the broader Pentagon authority. They stressed the measure would provide new benefits to both active duty soldiers and veterans.

But the bill was opposed by Sen. Robert Byrd, D-W.Va., who said it "transfers vast, unchecked powers to the Defense Department while avoiding any break with the business-as-usual approach to increasing defense spending."

The bill is \$1.5 billion more than the amount requested by Bush and about 2.2 percent more than Congress approved last year. It was approved by the House on Friday in a 362-40 vote.

It raises salaries for soldiers by an average of 4.15 percent and extends increases in combat and family separation pay.

It would also partially reverse a policy set in the 1990s of reducing disabled veterans' retirement benefits by \$1 for every dollar received in disability pay.

U.S. forces respond to deadly truck bomb

NASIRIYAH, Iraq (AP) — A suicide truck bomber attacked the headquarters of Italy's paramilitary police in this southern city on Wednesday, killing 26 people and possibly, trampling others in the debris.

Hours later, 1st Armored Division forces launched a military operation in Baghdad, targeting a facility used by insurgents and setting off explosions that reverberated through the Iraqi capital.

"The facility is a known meeting, planning, storage and rendezvous point for belligerent elements currently conducting attacks on coalition forces and infrastructure," the Pentagon said in a statement from Washington.

"The destruction of this structure will deny enemy forces any use of it in the future."

The attack in Nasiriyah was the deadliest toll suffered by non-American coalition forces since the occupation began in April and the first such attack in this relatively quiet Shiite Muslim city. The bombing appeared aimed at sending a message that international organizations are not safe anywhere in Iraq.

Col. Gianfranco Scalas said 18 Italians were killed: 12 Carabinieri paramilitary police, four army soldiers, an Italian and an Italian documentary filmmaker. A spokesman for the U.S.-led coalition said at least 15 Iraqis were also killed. About 15 people were wounded, although their nationalities were not known, Italian officials said.

"Unfortunately, it's not possible to exclude the presence of other fatalities," Defense Minister Antonio Martino told parliament.

There were fears of others trapped beneath the debris, and bulldozers worked to clear rubble. As night fell, however, soldiers said rescue efforts had ended.

Tech most likely out of race for Bush presidential library

By Sally Gunter/Staff Reporter

It could be more than just a ball at the Texas Rangers.

The baseball club and five academic institutions are vying for the George W. Bush Presidential Library in their area.

While the Texas Rangers offered land near the Ballpark in Arlington for the library in a written proposal, the offer is more than two years old, said Texas Rangers director of communications John Blake.

"It came up this week, but it is a 2-year-old story," Blake said.

While recent presidential libraries were built near universities, receiving the library would be beneficial for the development of the Arlington area, he said.

"Land development and reinforcing Arlington as a destination for visitors — those are two things that play into that," Blake said.

Bush owned the ball club about seven years ago. This could influence his decision, Blake said.

"Both the Rangers, the Southwest Sports Group and Arlington would be delighted if we could work something out," he said.

Baylor, Southern Methodist University, Texas A&M and the University of Texas also sponsored attempts to acquire the library.

While Texas Tech looked into making a bid for the George W. Bush Presidential Library, it has been more than a year since officials have mentioned the issue.

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Association President Jeremy Brown said he does not know the status of Tech's chances of receiving the library.

"It's been over a year ago," Brown said. "Bush was a senator when we were first talking about it. I don't think anything has been brought up about it recently."

The lack of effort to push for the library is partly because of frequent changes in the Tech administration, said Donald Dyal, dean of libraries for Tech.

There was a problem, Dyal said, of getting the university and business leaders in Lubbock to agree on the issue. This lack of united effort has hurt Tech's chances of receiving the facility.

"I don't think Lubbock by itself or Tech by itself could pull it off," Dyal said.

Former Tech President David Schmidly appointed a committee in July 2002 to discuss raising \$200 million for the project. These collective efforts dwindled as Schmidly left.

Officials looked at the area next to the International Cultural Center, near Indiana Avenue, as a possible site for the library.

A lack of high population numbers and the inability to raise funds also contributes to the viability of Bush's choosing Lubbock as the location for

his library, Dyal said.

"It doesn't take a genius to figure out that other places have a better chance than us," he said.

Bush will base his decision on sentimental and political value, but the announcement of the location of the library could be a while from now, he said.

"If the president doesn't get re-elected, it could be sooner," Dyal said. "There is no hurry on their part and no hurry anyway."

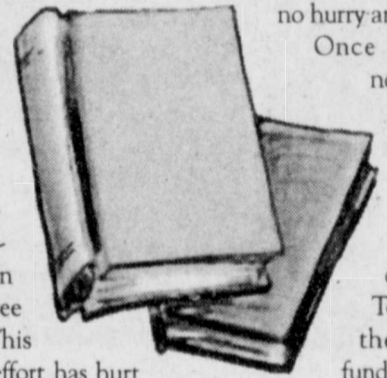
Once the location is announced, it will take a while to raise enough funds and then construct the building, he said.

"It would be a huge drain on the resources of Tech," he said. "It sucks the oxygen out of the fundraising room. The bottom line is fundraising (in other areas) takes a hit."

Michael Shonrock for Student Affairs of Tech building the library at this point is low because the university must raise more than \$100 million in construction costs.

When former President George Bush was in Lubbock in October, a member of the audience asked about the likelihood of Tech receiving the presidential library named after his son. Bush said to lean on Laura Bush because her influence is similar to that of his wife, Barbara Bush.

"She has as much influence as the silver fox still does on me," he said.



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Courtney Love pleads innocent to drug charges

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) — Courtney Love pleaded innocent Wednesday to two felony drug counts after ridiculing the charges in a rambling monologue to reporters before the court appearance.

The complaint against the 39-year-old singer-actress said she illegally pos-

sessed two painkillers when she was treated at a hospital for an Oct. 2 overdose. The two painkillers, hydrocodone and oxycodone, can be prescribed legally.

She called the charges "retarded." "I didn't even break a law. I didn't even shoplift," Love said before the hearing at Beverly Hills Municipal Court.

The drug charges stem from an incident last month that began with Love allegedly trying to break into the Los Angeles home of her former boyfriend. After her release, Beverly Hills police and paramedics were called to Love's home and had to take her to a hospital for treatment of a drug overdose.

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ROTC retire flags in honor of Veterans Day

By Justin Vallejo/Staff Reporter

Students and members of the community were on hand Wednesday evening to pay tribute to veterans and the symbol that represents freedom, as the Texas Tech Army ROTC held their 2004 Annual Flag Retirement Ceremony.

The ceremony is conducted yearly in conjunction with Veteran's Day to honor and retire unserviceable U.S. flags.

Retired Maj. Gen. Dudley Faver was present at the flag retirement ceremony as the event's special guest speaker.

Brian Revell, a fourth-year cadet in military science and a senior exercise and sports science major from Amarillo, said he was proud to have a role in the event.

"It's really important to honor our veterans and servicemen, to show our appreciation towards them," Revell said.

Revell explained there are different ways to retire a flag, such as donating it or having it mounted. He said the Army ROTC decided the

best way to retire the flags in an honorable and prestigious fashion this year was to burn them.

As battalion commander for Army ROTC, Revell served as master of ceremonies. Before introducing General Major Faver, he explained the two main reasons for the ceremony, to appreciate Veteran's Day and to honor the United States flag.

Revell also gave a brief overview of the history of Veterans Day and how it became known as a day of remembrance following World War I.

Faver encouraged those in attendance to contemplate the purpose of the ceremony.

"Just what are we here in remembrance of?" Faver asked.

He reminded those in attendance of the cost of freedom by recalling the great losses the United States has suffered, pointing out that such a cost is

necessary for the United States to continue to exist in the way that it has.

"Remember, freedom is not free," he said.

Along with Army ROTC, the Marine Corps were in attendance to do their part in the ceremony.

In her first year to participate in the ceremony, Morgan Smith, a member of the Marine Corps and freshman exercise and sports science major from Lubbock, was glad to be involved in the ceremony and happy with the turnout from the community.

"It's a way to help serve the community," Smith said.

She said she was impressed with the community support.

"It's a good sign that people are supporting us overseas and when we get back as well," Smith said.

She said the Marine Corps does what it can to support Tech's Army ROTC unit.

First-year cadet Andrew Cruz said the flag retirement ceremony is a small event to remind people of bigger, current worldly events.

"It's to remind everybody else, all the other students, that people are fighting a war," said the junior electrical engineering major from San Antonio. "It's our way of saying thank you."

Revell said he was proud to be involved in an organization that hosts an event that provides a service to the community and its veterans.

He said he is glad to be involved in Tech's Army ROTC while in college because it has had a direct influence on him and his college career.



TYSON JEFFREYS/Staff Photographer
JAMES ASHTON, A sophomore electrical engineering major from Garland, retires part of "Old Glory" during the flag burning ceremony that took place Wednesday evening inside Memorial Circle.

"It's made me more goal oriented and has put my whole college career in perspective," Revell said.

He hopes to pursue a career in the infantry division of the military after he graduates from Tech.

Hearing loss a concern for college students

By Beth Aaron/Staff Reporter

Concerts are a way for students to unwind, party and rock on with their favorite musical artists. However, many people may not realize being exposed to so much thunderous excitement could one day mean an end to being able to hear at all.

Tori Gustafson, an audiologist at Texas Tech Health Sciences Center, said it is possible for people to damage their hearing by listening to loud music either at a concert or a private setting.

Gustafson said people can be exposed to 90 decibels, a lower volume than the noise of a vacuum cleaner, for up to eight hours and not cause much damage to their hearing. It is not likely that students abstain from cranking up the volume on stereos and portable CD players.

"It depends how loud it is and how long you're in it," she said. "It's kind of a trade off."

The average rock concert emits about 120 decibels, she said. To come away from that amount of sound safely, one would have to leave after seven and a half minutes.

"If you leave and your ears are ringing, that was too loud," she said. "You're damaging your ears."

Tinnitus, or ringing in the ears, is correlated to hearing loss but does not necessarily cause it. Stress, large amounts of saturated fat and an increase in salt intake also can cause one's ears to ring.

Jennifer Landry, a freshman from San Antonio, is a substitute disk jockey for KTXT. She said she enjoys frequently attending hard rock concerts. She said it depends on the band she sees, but she often stands as close to the stage as possible.

"There was one concert where I really couldn't hear for a couple of days," she said. "I have some friends who can't hear high-pitched sounds because they listen to so much loud music."

"Loud" is anything about 85 decibels. For every 5 decibels, a person should reduce the amount of time they are planning to spend in a loud setting by half.

Gustafson said musicians playing on stage are at a greater risk of hearing loss. She said musicians often take precautions such as wearing special earplugs that decrease the intensity of sound but do not distort pitch. She said concert fans should try not to stand directly in front of speakers.

Landry said she does not wear earplugs.

"I have a friend who's a drummer, and he usually wears earplugs," she said.

Dr. Aryn Amlani, an audiologist at HSC, teaches courses related to hearing aids. He said it is wise for people engaging in everyday activities involving loud noise to wear earplugs to conserve their hearing.

"You can go to the drug store and buy little yellow ear plugs that cost 50 cents," he said. "Clean and simple, it's the best way to do it."

Mowing the lawn, shooting a gun, sustaining a head injury or suffering through a cold can also cause hearing loss. Cotton swabs also are dangers to one's hearing because they tend to push wax build up further into

the ear rather than eliminating it.

"Shooting guns is more likely to cause hearing loss than loud music because it makes a transient, or fast, sound," he said.

Amlani said people, especially those who work in a loud environment, should get their hearing checked annually. He said having one's hearing evaluated is as important as keeping up with vision assessment.

"Most people who have a hearing loss don't realize it until it's too late," he said. "You're going to lose your hearing; it's part of the aging process. We're trying to prevent the acceleration of hearing loss."

Amlani said alcohol and other drugs could increase the rate of hearing loss when combined with noise exposure.

"Alcohol increases the temporary threshold shift, leaving you with a ringing in your ears," he said. "The ringing usually lasts for about 12 to 24 hours, but if you consume alcohol, it can last for up to 72 hours."

People with early hearing loss often raise the volume of the television



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Man arrested over plot to bomb abortion clinic

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (AP)

— A man suspected of plotting to bomb abortion clinics was arrested after coming "perilously close to carrying out his plans," the FBI said.

Stephen John Jordi, 35, was in the final stages of planning imminent attacks on abortion clinics north of Miami-Dade County, U.S. Attorney Marcos Jimenez said. The prosecutor did not say exactly how far along the plot was and would not identify the clinics.

Jordi was charged with solicitation to commit a crime of violence, distribution of information relating to making and using explosives for arson, and possession of an unregistered firearm or destructive device.

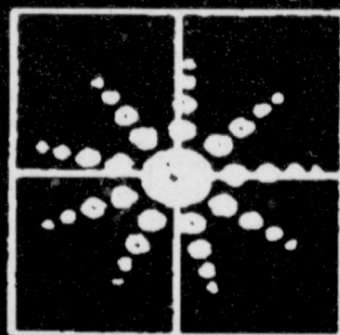
For more information about noise induced hearing loss, visit www.hearinet.com.

He was arrested Tuesday after agents arranged a meeting aboard a boat, FBI spokeswoman Beverly Esselbach said. Jordi jumped overboard and was pulled from the ocean by the Coast Guard a half-hour later, she said.

Jordi admired Paul Hill, who was executed Sept. 3 for killing an abortion doctor and his bodyguard outside a Pensacola clinic in 1994, Jimenez said.

Additionally Jordi praised Eric Rudolph, who is charged with the Olympic bombing in Atlanta and three abortion clinic bombings, Jimenez said.

"This is a dangerous person who has now been taken off the streets," the prosecutor said.



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Dear readers ...

When I became news editor of *The University Daily* I realized I too could join the wonderful world of column writing.

I have an opinion about everything, so I jumped in and started writing to my heart's content.

In the last two months I have learned a lot about the people who read this newspaper, what is important to them and how much people really don't know about newspapers.

I think I've written about six columns, four of them very serious and two just kind of joking around, spouting off about stuff that wasn't important in the grand scheme of things.

Guess which ones got responses?

If you guessed the not serious, just-me-being-ornery columns, pat yourself on the back.

You would be correct.

Apparently Tech students are not particularly interested in emotional, well thought out, well-researched issues on topics I actually believe passionately about. But insult their favorite TV show and you are on their bad list.

I know several other columnists have experienced a similar thing. One wrote a very informative column on the sales tax election.

We didn't hear much about it.

Five days later she wrote a cheeky column about the amount of make-up some women on this campus wear.

Next thing I know we have heaps of letters to the editor coming in, Internet posts telling her she's judgmental, immature and jealous, and two weeks later people are still up in arms about it.

I would think the fact that we're all about to be giving the city of Lubbock more of the little money we as college students have is way more important than how much make-up I do or don't wear, but this apparently is not the case.

When I wrote a column mouthing off about how much I hate reality TV, I didn't expect to draw much fire.

It was a fun column — I thought — that some people would agree with and others would disagree with and that would be that. But one Tech student wrote essentially telling me I was a horrible journalist and it was a horrible article and she couldn't believe I would write something based completely on emotions.

Not to sound self-serving here, but I'm not a bad journalist and that wasn't a bad "article."

In fact, I wasn't writing as a reporter and that wasn't an article. I was acting as a columnist, and the columns are on the opinions page. That means what I wrote was my opinion. As a columnist, I'm allowed to do that.

I'd like to take this space to introduce you readers to some terms and practices at newspapers.

There seem to be quite a few misconceptions about Page 4 in *The UD*. If you check the top of the page, you'll see the page header says "Opinions." Everything on that page is someone's opinion.

It's usually the opinion of the person whose picture is attached to the column and nobody else — not the opinion of *The UD*, Texas Tech, the editorial board — just that one person. But nothing on that page is an article, and everything on that page is emotional in some way.

That's the way it goes.

Second, an editorial is an unsigned opinion that the entire editorial board, made up of all the editors at *The UD*, agrees with. Nobody else can write an editorial. Tech

Heidi Toth



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President Jon Whitmore can't write an editorial. SGA President Jeremy Brown can't write an editorial. They can write columns or letters, but not an editorial.

An article does not go on the opinions page. News, sports and features articles fill up the rest of the pages in the paper. These are simply the writer's paraphrasing what he or she has been told; it is not the writer's opinion.

The UD is not a public relations tool for the university. Yes, this is a conservative campus, and yes, we run a lot of liberal opinions in the paper. We have the right to do that. You have the right to disagree, and I certainly encourage to write in if you disagree, but please don't tell us we're unpatriotic, the university should shut us down because we run liberal cartoons or we're Nazis.

But we don't run what the administration tells us to. And we don't run what the majority of Tech students think.

We don't have to write about just Tech issues. One person posted to a column of mine berating me for talking about professional soccer instead of Tech soccer.

A lot of things happen outside the boundaries of this campus, and if we don't address those, we are doing you as our readers a huge disservice. What's going on around the nation and the world is important.

Don't tell us to put an article in the paper, how to write it, when it should go in, what the lead should, or anything. That's the reporter's job. Your job is to call us and tell us when something goes on. And if you want something "put" in the newspaper, call the advertising department.

Finally, your opinion does not count if you don't do something about it. You can sit around and read this newspaper and complain about the opinions expressed until you're blue in the face, but your differing opinion isn't going to reach anyone if that's all you're doing.

We welcome letters to the editor — we love them in fact. We're always looking for new columnists. So next time you start complaining, do something productive about it instead of talking your friends' ears off.

The purpose of the opinions page in a college newspaper is to make you start thinking about what's going on and the issues in your world. We're trying to do that — please help!

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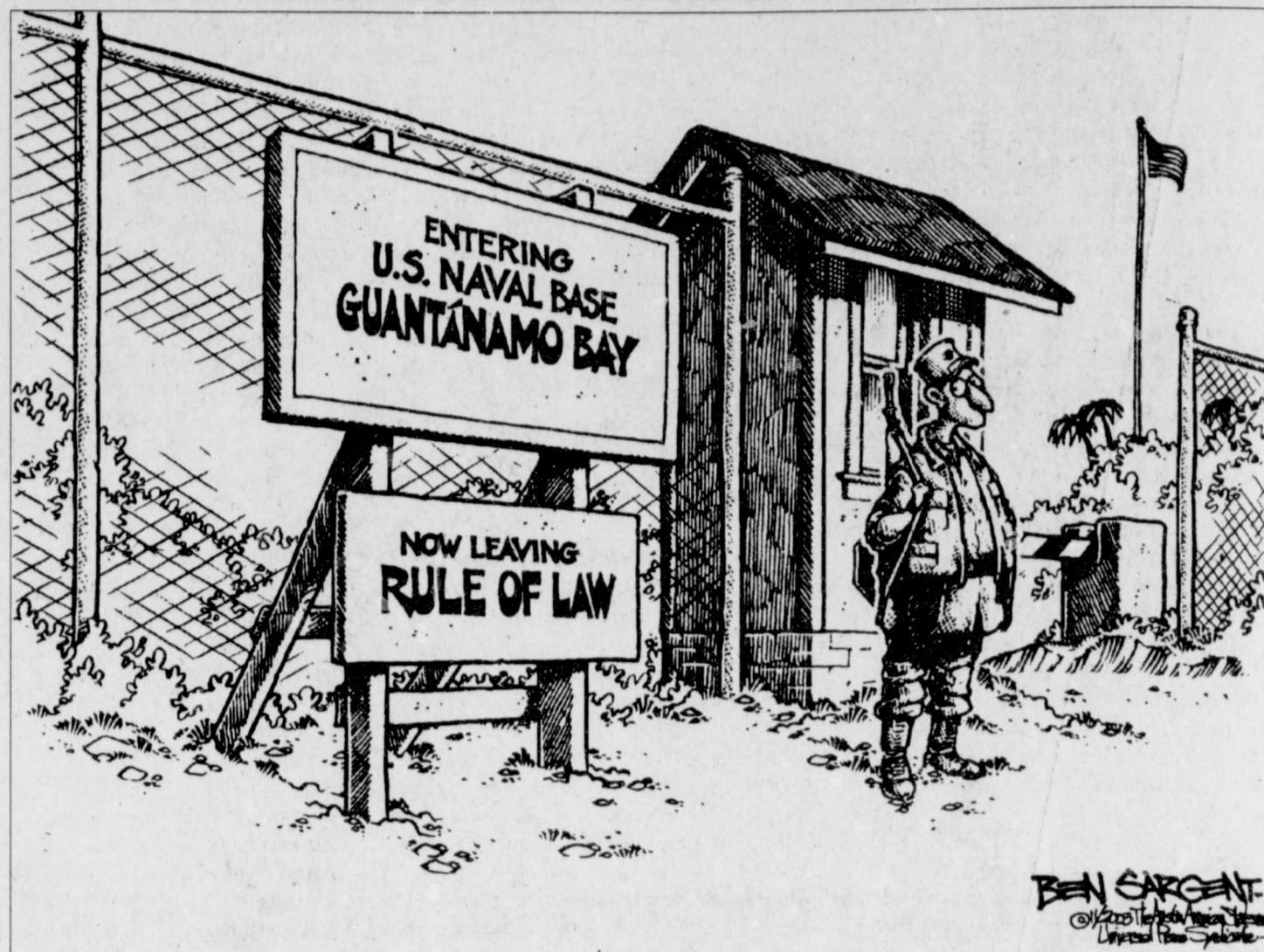
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Music piracy an endless battle

When commenting on the music piracy battle the lead singer of Blondie Deborah Harry said, "Artists should be compensated for the work that they do."

Briney Spears is quoted saying, "Would you go into a CD store and steal a CD? It's the same thing; people going into the computers and logging on and stealing our music. It's the exact same thing."

But, is it truly the same? Napster, Kazaa and Audiogalaxy are just a few of the many file-sharing sites continuously filling the headlines; these sites are also under attack by record companies, publishers, radio stations, retailers, artists and others in the music industry.

I understand the anguish and anger of musicians on this topic, but it seems as though these musicians are forgetting that these "thieves" are the same people that will eventually frame a ticket stub from their concert and cherish it for life.

This is the same concert that these fans would not know about without these sites. Nevertheless, this is a battle between the artists and their fans, not the sites.

When I moved into the dorms four years ago, the brink of the Napster era had just begun. Of course in the beginning I thought to myself, "I will never have to buy another CD again." But we have all learned that these burned CDs from file-sharing sites are not only time-consuming, but they often lack good quality.

After exploring all the different genres of music and recommendations from friends, I eventually grew to love certain musicians and in turn I wanted to own the "actual" CDs. During my "music stealing" phase, my theory was to search these sites, keeping the

Kori Hahn



songs I enjoyed and deleting the ones I did not. This activity was more of an experiment for me of the many different types of music out there in the world, allowing me to find my own definition of an "artist."

From these sites, not only did I discover many of my current favorite artists by loving more than one song, but I found that I loved all their works. And today, four years later, my CD case is full of "legal," "copyrighted" CDs replacing the burned CDs which fueled my passion. I decided to buy the copyrighted

CDs not only to support these high-roller musicians, but also for the quality of the sound, the pamphlet on the inside of the case and perhaps to be surprised by a hidden song at the end of the album. In other words, I bought albums because the creator is an "artist" through my eyes, and the CD is their piece of art.

As with every other piece of art, I think music should be considered in the same regard and not be given to the public for free; but is this controllable? An online version of a Salvador Dali painting can be uploaded and printed. Herman Melville's *Moby-Dick* can be read word-for-word on the Internet.

Both of these arts are "stolen," also. It is inevitable that piracy exists and will continue to exist despite every artist's wishes. Currently, artists are attempting to fight this

battle, some making outrageous claims of why this piracy is a bad thing.

P. Diddy expresses his sentiment on the issue, "Every single day we're out here pouring our hearts and souls into making music for everyone to enjoy. What if you don't get paid for your job? Put yourself in our shoes!"

Did P. Diddy just say that he wasn't getting paid? I suppose he forgot about the mink fur over his Versace clothing and all the while drinking a \$1,000 bottle of Crystal after valeting a brand new Lamborghini — "poor" guy!

In truth, musicians are losing little money from these activities, while at the same time the smaller bands that are most desperate for this money are receiving free publicity, which in turn leads to more CD sales. There are more CD sales if listeners thoroughly appreciate and love the artist's music. After a few years of fighting, Sony Music is the first to take a positive approach — they plan to give their customers incentives to buy copy-protected CDs (denying uploading these CDs to these sites).

These CDs also will allow users to connect to Web sites with exclusive added extras such as bonus features. Sony is the first of many companies to produce a creative alternative to this artsy battle.

The past few years, our generation has been granted an extreme luxury to have the ability to test and explore many different musicians. Unlike the generations before and after us, we had the ability to decipher between the musical competitions and in turn create our own opinion of what makes a true artist.

The relationship between artists and fans in turn will be much stronger because they are the fan's top pick out of this plethora of music available. The greatest artists through it all will succeed because the fans respect them as such.

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Keep party politics out of national security

By Joe Schilling/Cavalier Daily

(U-WIRE) CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. — They meet behind closed, locked, sound-proof doors. All for good reason, according to its Web site the U.S. Senate Select Committee on Intelligence is charged with "assuring that the appropriate departments and agencies of the United States provide informed and timely intelligence necessary for the executive and legislative branches to make sound decisions affecting the security and vital interests of the Nation."

Doesn't seem like much of a place for partisan politics, does it? Unfortunately, a recently leaked memo written by a staffer for a Democratic member of the committee indicates that Democrats are prepared to abuse their position on the Intelligence Committee in order to wage a political war against President Bush.

However you see the war on terror, the fact remains that the U.S. military has active operations in Iraq, Afghanistan and several other countries. The greatest asset on the battlefield isn't troops, an F-18 Hornet or a Howitzer, the greatest asset is credible and timely intelligence. Ask any military analyst and they'll surely tell you a key factor in last spring's rapid invasion of Iraq was informed pre-invasion intelligence. Poor and ill-timed intelligence costs American lives both on and off the battlefield.

Last June, the Intelligence Committee began a bipartisan assessment of pre-war intelligence on Iraq and its weapons of mass destruction programs. It's no secret the in-

telligence community has had substantial difficulty obtaining credible human intelligence in a region that did not receive strong focus before September 11. Therefore, the importance of an analysis in intelligence gathering methods cannot be understated.

The Democrats on the Intelligence Committee apparently have other ideas. A portion of the memo found in a transcript of an interview between Sean Hannity and Committee Chairman Senator Pat Roberts of Kansas reads, "Prepare to launch an independent investigation when it becomes clear we have exhausted the opportunity to usefully collaborate with the majority. We can pull the trigger on an independent investigation of the administration's use of intelligence at any time, but we can only do so once. The best time to do so will probably be next year."

The gist of the quote is that even if it becomes clear pre-war intelligence was credible (something liberal critics have been desperately trying to prove to the contrary), Democrats on the Intelligence Committee will launch their own investigation (most likely in the heart of Bush's re-election campaign) in an attempt to politicize America's war on terror and tarnish the president.

The memo goes on to state, "Intelligence issues are clearly secondary to the public's concern regarding the insurgency in Iraq." This implies some members of the Senate Intelligence Committee would rather attempt to play public opinion against the president using an issue unrelated to the committee's primary role of overseeing

America's intelligence programs and activities.

The mainstream media silence on the leaked memo has been deafening. Last July, when it was revealed that intelligence demonstrating Iraq's attempts to purchase yellowcake uranium ore from Niger may have been mistakenly exaggerated, the media response was fierce. Cries for Condoleezza Rice's resignation and an independent investigation rang out from all sides. Strangely now, when it's revealed members of the Senate Select Intelligence Committee are more concerned with the defeat of President Bush next year than they are in the oversight of America's intelligence faculties during wartime, there's virtually no mention of the memo in the mainstream media aside from those wackos over at Fox News. God forbid someone would want to look into the author of the memo and how far the scheme reaches.

Lately there has certainly been a lot of partisan politics in Washington. The fight over judicial nominees has almost reached the breaking point, a partial-birth abortion ban has polarized both sides of the aisle on Capitol Hill lest we forget a presidential election is less than a year away.

When it comes to national security and intelligence, though, there really should be no debate. Go behind the Republicans' backs on social security, go behind their backs on tax cuts, but don't go behind their backs on the information that is vital to the safety of thousands of our troops stationed overseas and the millions here at home.

Commissions beginning on POWs in Cuba

By Andrew Bell/Staff Reporter

In the coming weeks, military commissions will be held for the prisoners of war at the U.S. military base in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. The structure of the commission was implemented after President George W. Bush issued an executive order on Nov. 13, 2001.

Calvin Lewis, the former deputy commandant of the Army's Judge Advocate General School and associate professor in the Texas Tech School of Law, said Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld came up with the process of the military commission after the executive order. Rumsfeld issued an order through the Department of Defense of the process of the commission with instructions on how the proceedings need to take place.

According to the Department of Defense's Military Commission Order, the procedures of the commission will be implemented to ensure that individuals receive a full and fair trial before the commission, as required by the president's military order.

Richard Rosen, a former commandant of the Army's JAG school and associate dean for administration and external affairs of the law school,

said the court would not look like a civilian court. Each commission would have three to seven members. According to the commission order, the commission will have jurisdiction over any accused alleged to have committed an offense that has been listed in the Department of Defense's Military Commission Instruction.

The crimes that may be tried by military commission are separated into three categories — war crimes, other offenses triable by the commission and other forms of liability and its related offenses.

According to the commission instruction, war crimes include various offenses against people and property including murder, employing poisonous weapons and improper use of flag of truce.

Other crimes included in the other categories are hijacking an aircraft, terrorism and conspiracy, according to the commission instruction. Rosen said the prosecutors would try the strongest cases first.

"They will be selective in the first cases picked to get the bad people," he said. "They will get the strong cases. That's what I would do as a prosecutor."

According to the commission order, each member of the commission

who will try the cases shall be a commissioned officer of the U.S. Armed Forces, including without limitation reserve personnel on active duty, National Guard personnel on active duty in Federal service and retired personnel recalled to active duty.

Rosen said a defense counsel would represent the accused. The accused can have counsel assigned by the Department of Defense, the accused can choose his own or have a civilian counsel for his defense.

The proceeding will be overseen by the presiding officer, who is required to be a military officer who is a judge advocate in any U.S. Armed Forces.

According to the commission order, the presiding officer has to ensure the discipline, dignity and decorum of the proceedings are maintained to give the accused a full and fair trial.

Like a civilian proceeding, the accused shall be presumed innocent until proven guilty, and the accused may testify on its own behalf and be subject to cross-examination, according to the commission order.

However, Rosen said the commission could use any methods to ensure the protection of the witnesses.

"A witness can give their testi-

mony by phone, video and many other means," he said.

Lewis said the commissions are supposed to be open to the media, but there will be closed sessions. The closed sessions will be closed by the presiding officer and will involve topics of national security and intelligence sources.

If the accused is found guilty, it will be a decision by two-thirds of the commission members. Lewis said the same decision would need to be made when giving a penalty to the accused.

The range of punishment for the accused could range from no sentence to death, Lewis said. However, all of the members of the commission would have to vote unanimously by secret, written ballot for the death penalty.

"It's fair to say the death penalty will be the exception rather than the rule," Lewis said. "With the death penalty the trial doesn't get resolved quickly, and the trials need to be quick and fair."

If the commission finds the accused guilty, the commission would hand down the punishment after the president or, if designated by the president, the Secretary of Defense makes the final decision, according to the commission order.

MALE BONDING



DAVID JOHNSON/Staff Photographer

ANDREW HODGE, A freshman undeclared major from Carrollton, lifts 185 pounds in the incline bench press with the help of Zac Fisher, a freshman electronics engineering major from Carrollton in the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center Wednesday afternoon.

Sniper's defense teams rests; Muhammed does not testify

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. (AP)

The defense rested Wednesday in the capital murder trial of John Allen Muhammad after the judge said Muhammad and his alleged sniper accomplice "were involved in purposeful shootings."

The defense called five witnesses who testified for two hours, but Muhammad did not take the stand in his own defense.

Earlier, in rejecting defense motions to strike the death penalty from the jury's consideration, Circuit Judge LeRoy F. Millette said an inference could be made that Muhammad and Lee Boyd Malvo "were not involved in random shootings."

"They were involved in purposeful shootings," Millette said with the jury absent from the courtroom. "They perfected their ability to shoot people. They perfected their ability to escape."

Muhammad, 42, is on trial for the Oct. 9, 2002, slaying of Dean Harold Meyers outside a Manassas-area gas station. Meyers' death is one of 16 shootings prosecutors say were committed by Muhammad and Malvo, 18.

At Malvo's trial in nearby Chesapeake, Circuit Judge Jane Marum Roush on Wednesday rejected a defense request to dismiss the jury pool of 28. Attorneys then took about 15 minutes to whittle the jury to 16 — nine women and

seven men. The Malvo jurors range in age from 22 to 70. Eleven are white, four are black and one is Asian.

"We are very far ahead of where we thought we would be," Roush told the jurors. She sent them home before noon and told them to report to court Thursday morning for opening statements.

Malvo defense attorney Craig Cooley had told Roush that the pool of 28 was unfair because some potential jurors who opposed the death penalty were excluded.

Prosecutor Robert F. Horan Jr. responded: "The flip side of the coin is that a number of jurors were disqualified because they would only give death."

Muhammad and Malvo each face two counts of capital murder, one alleging multiple murders committed over a three-year period and another charging that they engaged in a form of terrorism by killing random people throughout the Washington area.

In the Muhammad trial, the defense began its case Wednesday with a private investigator who cast doubt on a prosecution witness' testimony that he saw Muhammad at the scene of the Oct. 7, 2002, shooting of Iran Brown outside a school in Bowie, Md.

The prosecution witness, Jerald Driscoll, said he saw Muhammad and a second person stopped at an intersection, with Muhammad's Chevrolet Caprice on the wrong side of the road.

Practice

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cracked jokes. The basketball players listened. The students and other fans in attendance just kicked back like they were watching a movie. Most students sat in silence.

Enter Lisa Fuller, a sophomore Biology major from Round rock.

"He is so intimidating," she said. "I would not want to even think about talking while he is speaking."

Tech guard Andre Emmett called Knight's practices "the most intense you can get."

Emmett even went as far as to say he has never played in a game more intense than when Knight is running a practice, and Emmett has played in some big games.

"For sure, practice is more intense than games," Emmett said. "It does not get anymore intense than Knight. I think we are one of the best prepared teams in the country because of that."

It was intense all right. The squad practiced for two hours. Their legs rarely took a break. It was quick with a fast tempo. Squeaky noises of shoes

on the hardwood was the background rhythm.

They began with short defense, passing and shooting drills. Then they moved into a full court scrimmage followed by an hour session of Knight's being a professor as he went over the team's zone offense. When the ball is in play, Knight's mouth is moving as quick as the basketball.

"Screen, get over, cut," he yelled. When the ball stops he usually pulls a player to the side and gives him a tip.

The practice moved along, and the last 20 minutes they did a drill he calls full court pickup, which is designed to help beat and defend the full court press.

At this point Knight and his humor got the students involved. After the first time Tech ran the drill, he was not pleased. So he yelled to the crowd if anyone knew how to speak Spanish.

He asked this particular student who said he knew the foreign language to yell FULL COURT PICKUP in Spanish to his players.

"I don't know those words," the student said.

"So how do you speak Spanish,"

Knight yelled.

Another student stepped in and did what Knight asked. But Knight was hoping for a different tone.

"Now is that how I would say it?" Knight said. "Why don't you add some adjectives in there?"

Curse words in Spanish followed. The crowd erupted in laughter.

"I am saving a seat for you on the end of our bench," Knight told the student.

Tanner Ogden, a red shirt freshman guard is realizing how tough Knight can get.

"He is very serious," he said. "He said the other day that our practices our a lot more harder than a game would be. They are real intense, and you have to be mentality prepared for them. You have to stay on top of your game the whole time. If you let up, it will show."

And Knight will let you know. After a missed defensive assignment he yelled, "Who was supposed to cover him?"

No one answered.

"I guess it's the tooth fairy," he said.

But that is Knight's being Knight. Always cracking jokes and still teach-

ing. Just ask Emmett. He has been in Knight's doghouse for three years.

"Hopefully, he might back off a little bit," Emmett said with a grin. "But I am going to practice hard. He knows what he is talking about. And I have learned I have to take it all in."

Knight finished the practice by having the students move to the lower level. He put his team aside for a minute and spoke to the students and thanked them for their support.

"This is our team," he said to the student body. "We can make something special."

Fuller and Olivias enjoyed the event.

"I would like to be here every day," Olivias said.

Fuller shared the same opinion. "It was fun and entertaining," Fuller said. "It was a little long, and I wish (Knight) would've smiled more."

So does Emmett. But the senior Big 12 preseason player of the year knows Knight as good as anyone on this campus.

"It's hard to please him," he said. "Trust me."

Senate

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Brink said the rule would not apply to students facing a catastrophe that they cannot control, such as a death in the family. They could withdraw from their classes and not be affected by the rule.

There have been discussions of installing a tuition ceiling at 15 hours. This would encourage students to take more than that, Brink said, by charging students for 15 hours no matter how many they take.

There also will be a limit set of how many times students can repeat a course to get a grade replacement, and they will not be able to replace grades of C or above.

"We have cases where students have repeated a course eight times," he said. "We've discussed charging students the full cost of education for additional courses, which would be a significant amount."

Brink said the main complaints he has heard from students about the policies are the number of withdrawals and the issue of grade replacement.

Lewis Held, associate professor of biological sciences, said the grade replacement policy is not fair to students.

"If a pre-med student has a C on their transcript it looks very bad," he said. "If they want to pay to retake it for an A, who are we to say no? I have a huge problem with that."

Brink said he realizes students work, but often they work for spending money while their parents pay for tuition and living expenses.

"Maintaining an upper-middle class life as a student may not be the best way to graduate on time," he said.

Some faculty members disagreed, saying many students have to work and cannot shoulder the load of 15 hours.

"Our student body really isn't too affluent," associate professor of sociology Alden Roberts said. "They work because they have to."

Another incentive is the B-On-Time Loan program, which will give students \$6,200 per year. These interest-free loans will not have to be paid back if the student graduates in four years or less with a GPA of 3.0 or better. It is only available to students graduating from high

school in the 2003-2004 year or later.

Brink said 5 percent of the money from the tuition increase in the spring will be set aside for the program.

None of the provisions in the plan are punishing students, he said, but will help the students save time and money.

"We just want to show (the students) what constitutes a full class load and academic commitment," he said.

Another issue discussed at the meeting was including sexual orientation in the university's non-discriminatory policy, which was first proposed by the Senate in November 2001.

Clifton Ellis, assistant professor of architecture, said the issue was brought up at last month's Senate meeting when Tech President Jon Whitmore was the speaker. Whitmore said the administration would look at the matter and get back with the Senate, which has not happened.

The Senate voted to send Whitmore a letter to get the proposal passed.

"I want to provide the president with the recommendation the Senate has passed through," Ellis said. "That was 2001, this is 2003. Understandably there have been changes in the administration but other university business hasn't stopped."

Butler

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versity on Jan. 14 when the plague bacteria was reported missing.

"I knew what we were dealing with and it caused great concern," he said. "You have to assume the worst and you don't ever allow the public to be at risk."

He also testified that the university's response was not affected by increased concern after the terror attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

He said the policies for dealing with situations like that were in place long before that time and he enacted them occasionally during his time as Texas commissioner of health during other health scares.

Smith also discussed the difference between a consulting contract, which involves the employee's expertise, and clinical trial research grants and contracts, which are entered into with the consent of the university and is paid to the university.

He said no university resources

can be used in a consulting agreement, but the contracts presented in Butler's situation were for research, not consulting.

The prosecution also called Ashok Chopra, a professor at University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston.

Chopra attended a conference Butler spoke at and talked to him afterward about Butler's work with the plague bacteria.

Chopra said he called Butler a few weeks later with more questions. Butler told him everyone had to be registered with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention before having YP or other select agents.

In an e-mail from Butler to Norbert Roberts, chief of infectious diseases at UTMB, Butler said he could not transfer bacteria to Chopra because of restrictions and because he was transferring the bacteria to CDC in Fort Collins, Colo. Chopra said Butler had not told him either of those; Butler had in fact taken the bacteria to CDC about two months prior to the date of the e-mail.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Mike Snipes questioned why Butler had lied in the e-mail.

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Wild West look turning cowboy hat into fashion trend

By Megan LaVoie/Staff Reporter

Cowboy hats have long been associated with the bandits and cowboys of the Wild West, but today's fashion savvy America has tipped the infamous hat in a new direction.

The cowboy hat was born in 1865 when John B. Stetson, the son of a Philadelphia hat maker, invented a huge hat to wear on a hunting trip with his friends. Stetson created the large hat as a joke but soon began to like and produce the hat for the protection it provided from the weather and the sun.

The cowboy hat was used in the West by "cowmen" for fanning fires, whipping horses, carrying water and waving to distant riders, but it is most famous for protecting its wearer from the sun and rain.

Cowboy hats are still used by farmers and cowmen for similar uses as the original versions, but today's version of the cowboy hat is most often used by men and women to make a fashion statement.

Wayne Tivis, the assistant manager at Cavenders Western Outfitters, said today's cowboy hats give the wearer an independent look.

"Cowboy hats are definitely used as a fashion statement; there are all sorts of colors and styles — today you can buy a cowboy hat that fits your style and personality so the hat is more personalized and your own," he said.

Tivis said he hasn't noticed an explosion in the popularity of cowboy hats.

"I guess I always thought the sale and popularity of cowboy hats was pretty steady because I work in western wear, but I have definitely seen that (cowboy hats) have become more diverse with the different colors that they come in," he said.

Lindsey Utley, a junior early childhood development major from Abilene, said she owns several cowboy hats in

different colors and styles.

"I think cowboy hats are fun, and if your hair is messy, you can just throw one on and look cute," she said.

Utley said she believes cowboy hats are a Texas thing.

"When most people think about cowboy hats, they think about the Wild West and they associate them with Texas — they are definitely a Texas symbol," she said.

Kelsey Beudin, a freshman nursing major from Arlington, said cowboy hats make her think of freedom.

"Cowboy hats are a fun symbol that America has — I think they symbolize the carefree attitude of freedom and independence that America has," she said.

Dustin Johnson, store manager for Dollar Western Wear, agreed with Beudin.

"Cowboy hats represent our nation's heritage; they are traditional and are a unique symbol that is associated with just the United States," he said.

Johnson said he believes cowboy hats are a fad with today's generation because they are popular in the entertainment industry.

"A lot of the cowboy hat popularity has to do with what



DAVID JOHNSON/Photo Illustration

people see in the mainstream — cowboy hats are all over music videos, and trendy vintage stuff is in fashion now — people want to wear what other people are wearing," he said.

Some people think wearing a cowboy hat gives you a different state of mind.

Michael Baker, a junior finance major from Houston, said when you wear a cowboy hat, you will always have a good time.

"People always wear cowboy hats to parties, they're the epitome of fun — if you wear one, you're guaranteed to have a good time," he said.

Baker said wearing a cowboy hat makes women more appealing.

"There something about a girl in a cowboy hat, I have yet to see an ugly girl in one — I don't know what it is, but they always look good," he said.

Paul Walker's movies have become a personal playground

By James Eppler/Staff Reporter



Courtesy Photo

IN 'TIMELINE,' PAUL Walker plays an archeologist student whose father was the guinea pig in a time travel experiment. But when he gets trapped in medieval France, Walker and his fellow students along with their assistant professor must travel back in time to rescue him.

Paul Walker says he loves to play. As a child with a wild imagination and a fascination with the medieval period, he often played make-believe with stick-sword in hand.

Now Walker, 30, has grown up, and he's getting paid to do what he did as a child.

"I love my job," the actor said. "Because I don't have to grow up. I like playing make-believe."

Walker's career thus far has been fast and furious with such films as "Varsity Blues," "Joyride" and both "Fast and the Furious" films to his credit. But when asked about his leading-man status, he was quick to disown the notion.

"I don't think in terms of 'leading man' or any of that stuff," he said. "This all just kind of happened for me, to be honest. When I stop and really look and see what happened, there was really never a defining

moment when I said, 'you know, I want to be an actor,' but for whatever reason, God wanted me here. I've been having a great time, and I enjoy it now more than ever."

But Walker is now steering himself away from the teen demographic with his new film "Timeline," based on the Michael Crichton novel. But Walker said his deviation from teen-oriented films was not part of an ultimate plan.

"It's not even a conscious effort," Walker said. "The demographics for 'Fast and the Furious,' 'Joyride' and 'Varsity Blues' are definitely more teen-oriented. I'm getting a little bit

older, and people are casting as a little bit older, so I think that I'm kind of growing up out of it just a little bit."

In "Timeline," (opening Nov. 26) Walker plays an archeologist student whose father was the guinea pig in a time travel experiment.

But when he gets trapped in medieval France, Walker and his fellow students (Frances O'Connor, Ethan Embry and Rossif Sutherland) along with their assistant professor (Gerard Butler) must travel back in time to rescue him.

But Walker said he doesn't necessarily read the film as strictly science fiction.

"To me, I don't see it as a science fiction or a time travel movie," he said. "I know it's a big part of the story, but my fascination is more with the medieval period. It feels more like an action adventure in the dark ages. I'm not a big science fiction guy."

When asked how doing a film like "Timeline" stretches his abilities as an actor, Walker was quick to give credit to his co-workers on the film.

"I'm working with people that are a lot better than I am, first off," he said. "I'm working with people that are formally trained. These are people that have undergone intense train-

ing for years and years and have done theater and the whole bit. When you work opposite people that are better than you — like with sports — it ups the game. As a result, you come out looking better, you're forced to work that much harder and dig a little deeper."

Vital to the success of any movie is good direction. Richard Donner ("The Goonies," and the "Lethal Weapon" films) took the helm for "Timeline" and Walker said that he was constantly challenged by Donner.

"It's critical to work with a director that has a lot of confidence that isn't afraid to come up and go, 'That sucked, do it like this.' That's what I liked about working with Richard Donner," he said.

"Overall, I'm pretty happy with what I did in this project," Walker said. "But it's because of the director and the people I was working opposite."

Walker's docket for his future projects is filling up quickly, but when asked if there was anything he has been waiting to get the chance to do film-wise, he answered the question quickly.

"Western," he said assuredly. "I want to do a western desperately. I have a couple things in development, and hopefully by the end of next year I'll be in production on something."

In the meantime, Walker said he is enjoying every minute of his stardom.

"I'm here now, and I may not be here tomorrow," he said. "But you know what? While I'm here, I'm going to enjoy it, and I'm having a hell of a good time."

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'Give-a-hand' to raise money for McDonald House

DOLLAR DONATION: Nov. 10-23 fund-raiser to raise money for the Ronald McDonald House.

By Nikki Siegrist/Staff Reporter

Lending a hand to help critically ill children and their families only requires giving a dollar.

The Ronald McDonald House is hosting a "Give-A-Hand" fund-raiser to raise money for the house from Nov. 10 through Nov. 23. Give-A-Hands can be purchased for \$1 at any area McDonald's, Office Depot, the Ronald McDonald House or Cingular Wireless stores.

This is the first year they have held this event, and they are hoping for a large turnout.

"It's a wonderful thing," Assistant Director Janice Flemmons said. "All the proceeds will go to the Ronald McDonald House."

The fund-raiser is done to lead into World Children's Day, sponsored by McDonald's, on Nov. 20.

From Nov. 20 until Nov. 23, all McDonald's throughout the world will donate 10 cents for every French fry or

and every premium salad.

If there is not a Ronald McDonald charity organization in the region, the money McDonald's raises will then go to another children's charity.

There are about 30 McDonald's in the South Plains area, and all are participating in the fund-raiser.

"We could always use the funds," Flemmons said. "We want to raise as much money as we can."

The Ronald McDonald House was founded in 1974 in Philadelphia when the daughter of an NFL tight end Fred Hill was diagnosed with leukemia.

After spending nights in the hospital waiting rooms and eating out of vending machines, they had an idea to help other families who were going through the same situation.

Together with Dr. Audrey Evans, the head of the pediatric oncology unit at the Children's hospital in Philadelphia and the support of Hill's football team and general manager, they opened the first

Ronald McDonald House.

Today the charity has helped provide housing for more than 10 million families in 212 countries.

Brooke Vaughn works at the Lubbock house. She said the fund-raiser is a good way for college students to help support the charity.

"Students are wrapped up in their own lives," said the senior human development and family studies major from McKinney. "You can empathize with a family and people who need help; even if it's just giving \$1."

She said donating is a way for students to realize how blessed they are and to be able to give back to the community.

"Everyone that is a student is blessed because they're in school," she said. "There are people who have not been given as good of a hand. You should always be looking for someone in need."

She said \$1 is not a big sacrifice for college students.

"Drink some water, save that money and buy a hand," she said.

All of the money raised from the Lubbock area will go directly to the house in Lubbock.

She said the majority of people that

use the house are those who cannot afford to stay in a hotel while their child is undergoing treatment or is staying in a hospital.

Susan Maxwell, executive director for the Ronald McDonald house in Lubbock, said the fund-raiser is a motivating event for those working at the house as well as the volunteers.

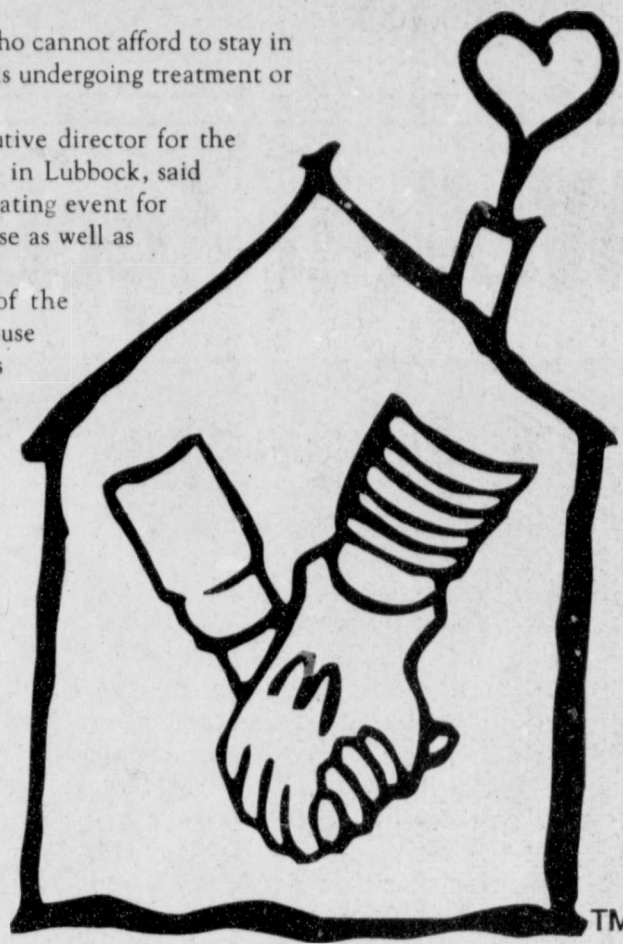
Almost 70 percent of the money used to run the house is brought in by donations and fund-raisers.

"We are hopeful," she said. "We could not offer this home away from home without our community support."

Last year the house received more than \$5,000 from McDonald's.

She said she hopes the number is increased this year.

"If we get our story out about what we do and why we do it, then fortunately we live in a society that is willing to support us," she said.



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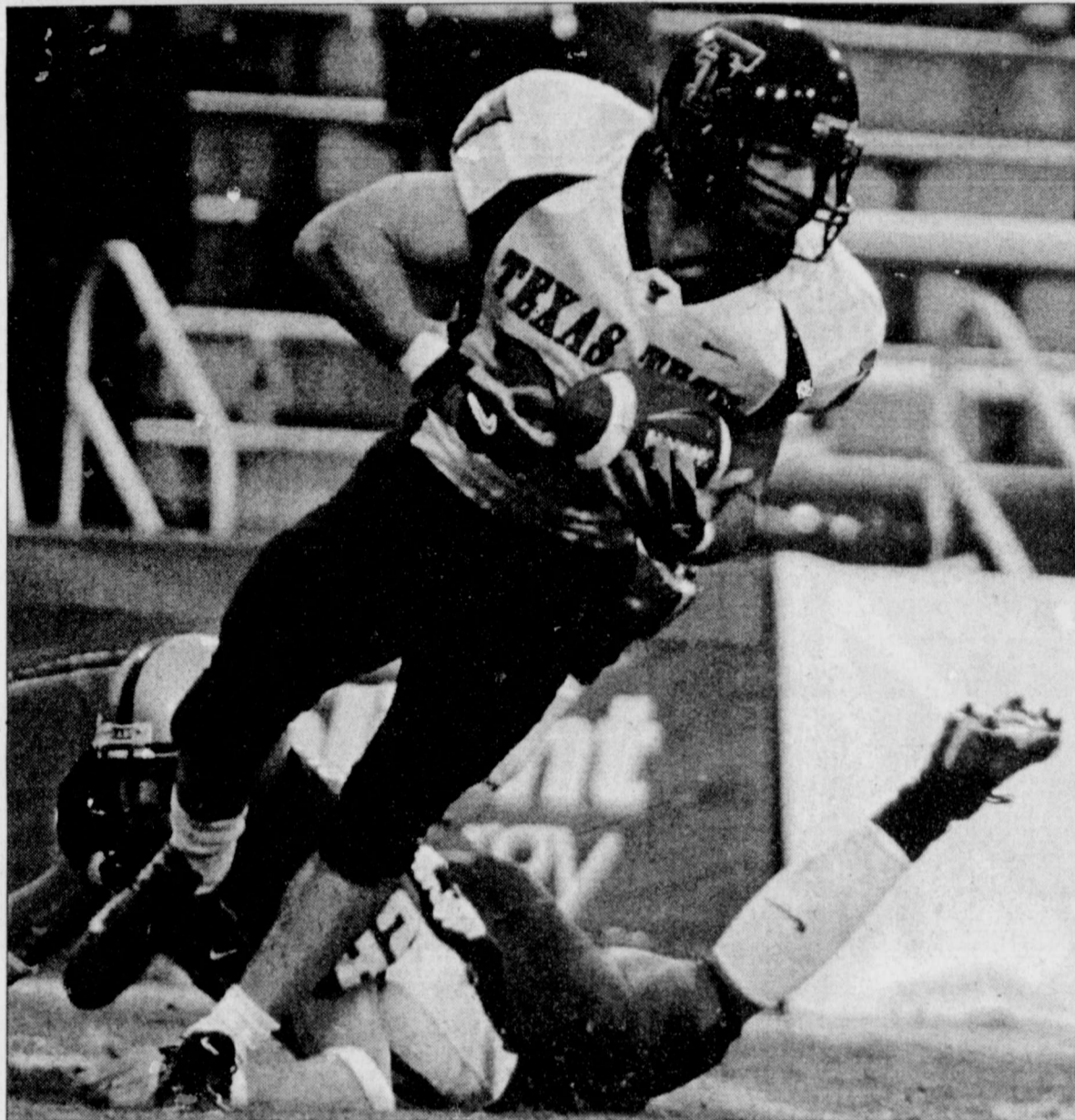
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Welker focused on team, not record books



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TEXAS TECH RECEIVER Wes Welker moves upfield after dodging an attempted tackle by a Baylor defender during the Raiders' 62-14 victory against the Bears on Saturday.

By David Wiechmann/Staff Reporter

His teammates call him "The Natural." His head coach has compared him to Mighty Mouse, and now he can be called the best at returning punts.

In the last two weeks Wes Welker has established himself as the best punt returner in NCAA Division I history. He set the career punt returns for a touchdown record against Colorado and last week bested the record for career punt return yards. His numbers say he's the best, but so does special teams coach Ruffin McNeil.

"Wes himself is first a great competitor, he's a hard worker and besides that, he's one of the best football players I've been around in 24 years," he said.

Welker stands at 5 feet 9 inches and weighs 190 pounds. He's obviously not the biggest specimen on the football field, but that doesn't matter to him. McNeil said Welker is the best because he has something no other player on the field does.

"Some people have just something inside them that in his mind he's as big as anybody on field, he's as strong as anybody on the field, he's as fast as anybody on the field, he's as good as anybody on the field. Nothing anybody could tell him would change his mind," McNeil said. "It's nothing that he does or I do; it's a god-given thing. You run across those type of guys

every so often in football. He can play at any level, and he can play with anybody."

One of the most difficult parts of returning punts is knowing where to take the ball. Finding the seam in the blockers or finding a hole that was not intended to be there can be a challenge for any returner, but Welker seems to have a knack for finding holes as he averages 12.7 yards a return. McNeil and Welker's teammates said his ability to see the field and see a return develop is unmatched by anyone.

"I've never seen anybody with as great vision and balance and just wanting to be good all in the same package," said inside receiver Mickey Peters. "He might be the best on the team at that."

The key to Welker's breaking records this season has been producing every time he is on the field to return punts. He said his ability to overcome the fear some returners have of being on an island in the backfield has been key to his success.

"Some people go out there nervous or scared or whatnot, you just gotta basically have confidence in yourself that you're gonna make something happen and go out there and act on it," Welker said.

Welker has amassed 1,745 return yards over his career and is on the verge of setting another punt return record for most career punt returns. He needs six during the next two games to tie the NCAA

Division I record of 153, set by BYU's Vai Sikahema.

Being one of the players to spark the entire team and crowd is something in which Welker takes pride, and he is looking to do it every chance he gets.

"I think there's something about big plays where you get over 15 or 20 yards that sparks a team," he said. "I like making big plays for our team and being put in a position to have those opportunities."

What may be the most impressive part of his success is he has not stood in the spotlight for personal gain. Welker is a gracious player who said he owes a lot of his success to his blockers, and he recognizes his role on the team as needing to put the offense in a position to score easily. The records and awards are just something to put on his shelf.

"I really don't think about it too much," he said. "I just go out there, keep on playing and doing my assignment and take care of my business."

His unselfish attitude has been noticed by his teammates, and his close friend Peters said that is one of the best things about Welker.

"He never says a word about (the records). He's a real humble kid," Peters said. "The thing is he's a real humble, but he knows he's good, too, in the same sentence. And when you have that combination, you know you're going to be a great player."

Women's tennis team overcomes anxiety, finishes strong

By Joey Kirk/Staff Reporter

Walking into the Texas A&M Fall Invitational Friday, the Texas Tech women's tennis team felt a sense of anxiety that hit them like a Mack truck.

The Raiders had to face a Big 12 opponent and the host of the tournament, Texas A&M.

As a former Aggie tennis player, assistant coach Majorie Terburgh said the first match was the most nerve rattling of the entire two-day tournament.

"Personally, I was nervous, and I know the players were," she said. "They started off really slow, but in the end they did very well."

With two wins in singles of seven

matches Friday against A&M, Tech senior Irina Tereschenko and freshman Iva Gyurgina were the only players to win during the day's activities. Aggie players defeated all three of Tech's doubles teams.

During the second day of competition Saturday, Tech made a u-turn and earned wins against Rice and Lee College doubles teams, to gain three wins and no losses on the day.

The senior duo of Tereschenko and Kendall Brooks is ranked No. 43 in the nation and beat a doubles team from Rice. Sophomore Tara Browning and

freshman Hristiyana Gocheva defeated a Lee College duo while freshman Lakann Wagley and sophomore Katja Kovacic bested two Rice players.

In singles, Tech went 2-4 with Tereschenko and Brooks getting a win each.

With one win in singles and a win in doubles, Brooks said she had played some of the best tennis of her career.

"This tournament was very encouraging," she said. "It is good to end this fall on a good note. We saw a lot of bright things, but we have to continue to work hard."

Brooks said there is always the chance to get better with such a young team. "We are playing at a certain level right now and coach (Grocce) told us

it is fine as long as we don't fall below that," she said.

Tereschenko had two wins in singles and helped with Brooks to gain a doubles win on Friday and Saturday. With the results of their performance, she said she thought the entire team played well.

"I feel that we all did a good job," she said. "We showed the results we've been working on, and we applied what we had worked on."

The spring season is around the corner, and for Tereschenko it is her last.

"I just hope that this fall helps us to finish in the top of the Big 12, not the bottom," she said. "It's important to me because it will be the last chance to fulfill some of my goals and they are realistic. We just have to work and develop more skills."

Terburgh said Tech finished their fall season strong but there is still a lot of room for improvement.

"The players have really adapted to the new coaches as myself and (Cari) Grocce," she said. "We had a lot of wins, and we did a good job for our last tournament of the fall."

Since the off-season began following this last tournament, Terburgh said players will be working on what they lack as players on the court.

"I wish there was no off-season because we could continue playing," she said. "But it is good in ways. We can work on things that needed to be worked on."

Oklahoma's Stoops upset by comments about his character

(U-WIRE) NORMAN, Okla. — Oklahoma head football coach Bob Stoops will not apologize for beating Texas A&M 77-0 Saturday.

Stoops responded to the suggestion that he ran up the score against the Aggies.

"We managed the game as well as we could," Stoops said. "We were playing a divisional team that we compete with every year, and we are a team that is going to go out and play."

Stoops mainly responded to Mike Lupica, a New York Daily News columnist who said he did not watch the Sooners' game against the Aggies but would root against OU because of the final score. Lupica made these comments Sunday on "Sports Reporters" on ESPN.

"It is disappointing when someone questions your character," Stoops said. "It's unfortunate that the media attention we get isn't about how good we are playing right now. Our players deserve that kind of attention."

Stoops said he is not worried about people who think he ran up the score.

"Anyone who watched the game, the 84,000 people at the stadium or the thousands that saw it on TV, know that we managed the

game the best way we could."

Stoops said he is only concerned about his players and their opponent.

"I think it is kind of funny," Stoops said. "I only care about the Texas A&M coaches and players, and they know that we respect them and their program."

Stoops said he was upset about keeping his players out of the game. He said he knew he had to because of the respect he had for Texas A&M.

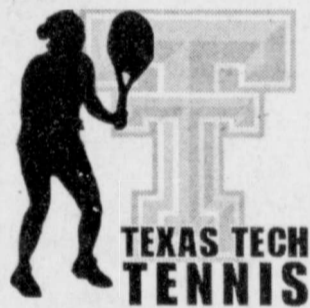
"I feel bad for players like [quarterback] Jason White who have worked so

hard to play and then have to sit out an entire half," Stoops said.

Stoops also said he wanted to give his backup players a chance to play but had to tell them not to run up the score.

"Our players earn the right to play," he said. "I owe a lot to the players. They work hard in practice to keep good momentum, and they are dedicated. I hate to tell them to hold back. We don't do that here. Our players deserve the right to go out and play hard."

Texas A&M defeated the Sooners' upcoming opponent, Baylor, 73-10. The Aggies were never criticized for scoring that many points on the Bears.



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