

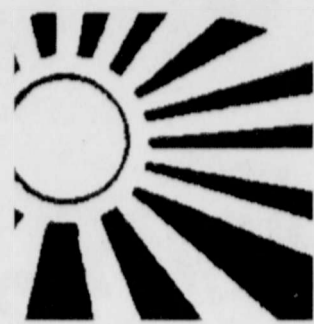
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Spring Fever

Texas Tech students will scatter across beaches and slopes during Spring Break. Check out the vacation hot spots.

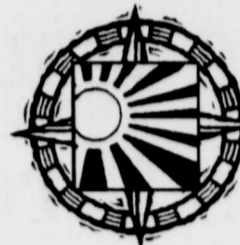
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Sunny delight

The Texas Tech softball team is changing their game strategy during Spring Break. The team travels to Florida to play in the Rebel Games.

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Status of athletic positions unstable

by Ginger Pope/UD

Questions still linger about the reassignment of Texas Tech employees involved in the certification process of student-athletes.

At a news conference Wednesday, Tech Chancellor John T. Montford and President Donald Haragan said two employees involved in the eligibility certification process within the athletic department were replaced and three others were reassigned.

Changes in administrative positions come on the heels of Tech's withdrawal Saturday from the NCAA men's basketball tournament after two men's basketball players were declared ineligible March 7. Senior guard Frederick "Duece" Jones and junior forward Graegen Averil were declared ineligible after



McNeel

Matticks were two of the three employees reassigned. Thursday, Matticks was reported to have been reassigned to an area outside of the athletic department.

A source close to Matticks said that although she has not been informed of her new position, it seems to be outside of the athletic department. Matticks is expected to be informed of her new position early today.

Athletic Director Gerald Myers said

they each received Ds.

Media reports Thursday speculated whether Taylor McNeel, Tech's athletic compliance coordinator, and Athletic Academic Counselor Michelle



Matticks

position will result in termination or reassignment to the employee's original position. Myers said, as of today, no one has been fired or reassigned out of the athletic department. An internal investigation of personnel still is in progress.

"We will be looking for a new compliance officer soon, but we have already started looking for a new student-athlete service director," he said.

"Reassignments will begin immediately."

At Wednesday's news conference, Haragan said Associate General Counsel Victor Mellinger will act as interim compliance officer and director of Student-Athlete Services in the athletic department, a position people believe is currently occupied by McNeel.

Alfonso Scandrett, associate athletic director coordinator of community youth relations, is rumored to be one of the three reassigned.

Scandrett was reassigned to his current position in September at the same time Tech was under investigation by the NCAA. Before his reassignment, Scandrett was director of academics in athletics.

As reported in *The University Daily* Sept. 24, Myers reassigned Scandrett because of changes in the academic area of the athletic

department. Scandrett was quoted in *The UD* saying he did not agree with the reassignment, and he thought he was being blamed for events he had nothing to do with.

Athletic officials have not made clear whether Scandrett's reassignment in September is being included as one of the three mentioned.

"If I have been reassigned, I haven't been told," Scandrett said. "I've been a big celebrity though. A lot of media groups have been calling me about my reassignment."

Margaret Lutherer, director of Tech's Office of News and Publication, said investigations of personnel still are going on and she does not believe Matticks has been reassigned outside of the athletic department.

Terrorist possibly downed TWA jet

NEW YORK (AP) — The FBI agent in charge of the TWA Flight 800 investigation acknowledged for the first time Thursday that the plane could have been brought down by a shoulder-fired terrorist missile.

But so far, there is no evidence to prove that theory, James Kallstrom said. And he condemned as ridiculous a new flurry of claims that the jet was destroyed accidentally by the U.S. military.

"This terrible, terrible tragedy was not caused by our military," Kallstrom said in an interview with *The Associated Press*. "Our military, in particular the Navy divers, are the heroes of this operation — not the culprits."

Investigators have focused on three possible explanations for the July 17 disaster: a bomb, a missile or mechanical failure.

Kallstrom said that it is "technically possible" a terrorist using a shoulder-fired, Stinger-type missile could have caused the tragedy, and he said investigators are examining that possibility.

He would not elaborate on where a missile could have been fired from or provide other specifics.

The plane was 10 miles offshore and more than 13,000 feet up at the time.

Kallstrom said there is no new evidence to support the terrorist missile scenario over other theories.

But he noted that similar missiles have been used to down more than 25 commercial planes over the past two decades in places such as Africa, the Middle East and the former Soviet Union. Stinger-type missiles are designed specifically to shoot down planes.

Flight 800 exploded after takeoff from Kennedy Airport, killing all 230 people on board and scattering wreckage across a five-mile stretch of the Atlantic Ocean.

The missile theory has been bolstered by people who reported seeing something in the sky before the disaster.

Kallstrom's remarks came in a week rife with reports that a missile was responsible for the explosion.

He was particularly incensed by claims by Pierre Salinger, a former ABC newsman and press secretary to President Kennedy, that the U.S. government is covering up the real cause of the blast.



Singing in the sunshine: Texas Tech student Kim Grossman, a freshman anthropology major from Dallas, strums her guitar outside the University Center before her Tech Unplugged performance Wednesday.

Groups appeal senate funding

by Amy Osmulski/UD

The amount was \$800, and it took the better part of three hours to figure out where it would go.

Student organizations were given the chance to appeal funding allocated them by the senate's budget and finance committee during Thursday night's Texas Tech Student Senate meeting.

"We have an \$800 buffer set aside for appeals," said Chris Wright, chairman of the budget and finance committee and senator-at-large. "We're asking to keep appeals to a reasonable level."

Senators spoke on behalf of 16 organizations, asking for amounts from \$30 to \$3,000. Most senators settled on \$50, while some continually readdressed the senate for more funding.

"We have to establish a base to work from," said Wright, a junior management information systems major from Dripping Springs. "We have to work our way up with these organizations to make sure they spend it all and use it responsibly. If an organization makes the effort to come in and request more money, they'll probably

spend it responsibly."

Wright said he was impressed with how the senate handled the budget process and the number of organizations that appealed.

"I'm extremely happy with the outcome," he said. "First, I'm happy the senate was able to discuss this in such a civilized manner. Second, last year we had two organizations appeal, and this year we had 16. I attribute this 100 percent to the Contact Senator program."

The senate also read and passed resolutions to amend the teacher evaluation questionnaires and release evaluations for student access.

"This is something we've had and been working on for a long time," said Kristin Ketcham, senate president and SA internal vice president. "We received a very positive response from the Faculty Senate Wednesday, and we feel like immediate action will occur."

Ketcham also addressed the Student Senate about a resolution from the Faculty Senate concerning changing the grade point system. Under the resolution, faculty would have the option of offering a 4.33 for an A+.

SA presidential candidates file complaints with commission

by Tomi Rodgers/UD

Two former Student Association presidential candidates filed formal complaints with the Texas Tech Election Commission Thursday, alleging each candidate violated campus election codes.

After losing to Russell Thomasson, a senior accounting major from Lubbock, in Wednesday's SA runoff election, Clint Freeman, a senior engineering major from Farmington, N.M., filed a complaint that Thomasson spent more than the allowed \$50 toward runoff campaign materials and campaigned in areas prohibited by the election code.

Thomasson filed a counter-complaint, charging Freeman with excessive spending, making defamatory remarks against Thomasson, campaign-



Thomasson

ing in prohibited areas and taking credit for existing ideas.

"I wanted to make sure it didn't look like this campaign wasn't the only one who did anything wrong," Thomasson said.

According to the Tech election code, a student can file a complaint or appeal by 5 p.m. the day following an election. If a student appeals an election, the election results could possibly be void and a candidate could be disqualified.

In order for a complaint to be considered an appeal, a specific recommended course of action must be included.

However, neither Thomasson nor



Freeman

Freeman included a suggested course of action.

Because an appeal was not requested by either candidate, the Election Commission does not have authority to change Wednesday's election in any way.

"I don't want to become SA president because of that (an appeal)," Clint Freeman said in response to why he filed a complaint instead of an appeal. "That's just not me."

Freeman and Thomasson said they filed complaints to change the way election campaigns operate in future elections.

"We need to make some changes to the election code and make things

more black and white," Clint Freeman said.

Thomasson agreed, saying both sides probably violated portions of the code.

"With as many people as you have, there's always going to be some loose cannons," Thomasson said. "It's hard if you don't have the rules and enforcement behind it to back it up."

Matt Freeman, a senior political science major from Lubbock who was a candidate in the 1996 SA presidential runoff election, said problems with candidates following election rules call into question the legitimacy of the entire student government and the election process.

"It appears that a violation of the candidate budget expenses has no consequences," Matt Freeman said. "All I

want to happen is either for someone to enforce them or make new ones."

Allegations stemming from the complaints from both parties include excessive spending of campaign funds. Every candidate is required to file a financial disclosure the day after an election, which, according to the disclosure form, must include copies of all campaign receipts.

According to Clint Freeman's financial disclosure form, he spent and provided receipts for the \$48.54 he spent for the runoff election.

Each candidate was allowed to spend a total of \$200 for campaign costs in the general election and an additional \$50 in the runoff election.

Clint Freeman reported spending a total of \$194.25 in the general election.

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Suspect in Cosby slaying said to have Russian mob connections

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A man who was said to be tied to a Russian car theft ring was arrested in the roadside slaying of Bill Cosby's son after a tipster went to the *National Enquirer* in hopes of claiming a \$100,000 reward.

Police refused to comment on any Russian connection, saying only that they had seized evidence tying the suspect to the Jan. 16 slaying of Ennis Cosby, who was shot as he changed a

tire on his \$130,000 Mercedes convertible.

But the supermarket tabloid said that the key to Wednesday's arrest may have been call from a tipster who said "a Russian gang member was involved."

The identity of the suspect was not immediately released. A man and a woman were also taken in for questioning.

"We got a call on our Cosby re-

ward tip line in January, within days of the killing," *Enquirer* editor Steve Coz said Thursday. "Normally it would have sounded like some nut — the Russian mob? But this guy sounded so credible, we began to pursue it."

He said the tipster tabloid "his friend heard point-blank that he heard a Russian gang member say, 'I shot a black boy.'"

The *Los Angeles Times*, citing an

anonymous source, also reported that detectives believed the shooting involved a gang of about four Russian robbers.

Coz said the tabloid's tipster helped police find the gun by pointing out the area a few miles from the crime scene where it had been dumped. It was eventually found after a thorough search of the area with help from recruits from the Los Angeles police academy. Monday, ballistics experts

identified the gun as the weapon used to kill Cosby's son, the *New York Daily News* reported.

In a late-night news conference Wednesday, Police Chief Willie Williams attributed the arrest in the San Fernando Valley to "a lot of hard work and a little bit of luck."

Williams said the suspect closely resembled a composite drawing circulated earlier of a man in a light-colored knit cap.

Their View

Whining key to keeping issues at campus forefront



Matthew Dillingham/
columnist

To everyone who thinks I whine too much, stop reading right now.

I'd like to dedicate this column to all of my "friends" who think I whine too much in my columns. With this dedication, I am going to whine to the point of no end. I am going to whine until both you and I are blue in the face. I am going to be the King of Whine or the Whine Man, and White Central will be the town I am from.

Since I am at the stage of complete and total burnout, I believe I deserve the right to whine.

Well, here it goes.

First of all, I would like to give Chancellor John T. Montford a round of applause for lack of academic consideration. With all of the money he is spending on his rented palace on 19th Street, the school could pay for many students' education — \$2,800 dollars a month could pay for at least two students' tuition. The money could also go to refurbishing computer labs and buildings.

Does this man deserve this treatment?

I'm hearing a hefty "no."

Sure he has raised money for the school, but most of that is going to his "rented" house, to his luxury sedan, to all of the "fund-raising" shindigs, and to his "business" trips and dinners.

He has not earned the respect or treatment which he is given on a large scale basis.

Just ask students who are barely paying their tuition and scraping for their next rent payments. Why should we respect a man who throws our money around to anyone and anything?

Secondly, there's this unavoidable athletic department fiasco. The administrators in the athletic department knew this was going to happen; they knew what they were doing was illegal.

There was no "oversight" or anything of that sort. The only problem was laziness and irresponsibility; a monkey could have figured out the rules of the NCAA. There is no excuse.

The department has hindered the future of many athletes, both in future job outlooks and for future professional play. They considered the athletes as pawns for a sick, little game, and were possibly caught making an illegal move.

Finally, who does the administration think we are? Morons?

As long as I have been attending Tech, and I know long before I even got here, the administration has been trying to cut corners and hide different information from the students. I know in all bureaucracies the people in charge try to hide different things from the underlings, but do they have to be so sloppy? This little problem has become even more apparent since Montford has shown up and "taken over" our prized university.

I have one thing to say about this and that is: give us a little credit because we are here in college and we have the ability to think for ourselves. We know when we are being jerked around.

Matthew Dillingham is a senior general studies major from Amarillo. He doesn't whine. Well, not too much.

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JM changes into his Spring Break costume

People should consider facts before casting blame

Tech campus must keep Red Raider spirit alive



Nakia Alford/columnist

While in a friend's room playing Tetris and talking, the conversation took a sad turn down the Tech basketball overly-beaten path.

"Oh, how I wish there was something that we could do to stop the injustice of not going to the finals," my basketball fan friend cried out in agony. I just pushed pause on the game and patted him on the back.

As I continued to fit the Tetris pieces in all the right positions, my thoughts were that there are much more important things in life than going to the finals for a basketball game. After listening to the news later that

night, I realized that this situation is very serious, especially considering all the other problems that we are experiencing in the athletic department.

People who have worked on this campus, and who have possibly done a good job much of the time, are about to lose their jobs or be reassigned.

A team that had worked so hard to get into the NCAA tournament is benched because of a foul up.

Players, who are intelligent people but are labeled academically ineligible, have to face the students in their classes.

They have to face all of the disappointed stares that say, "You have failed your fellow Red Raiders."

But let's get for real. It is obvious that there has been some sort of breakdown in our system, but are we going to turn on each other?

Is it going to make all of us feel better about ourselves and our school to fire a staff member who made an

honest mistake?

Should we burn the uniforms of the team players who happen to have an off semester?

Don't we all fall short of the glory from time to time?

It would be a horrible thing to continue to beat these people with the "your name is mud in this town" stick.

We would do a great injustice to ourselves to continue to pour salt on open wounds.

In order to be a close Red Raider campus, everyone should help to keep our school unity and spirit alive. Students, faculty and staff should create a system of checks and balances that would allow all of the represented groups to make the athletic department a little more stable.

This task force would be able to make sure that athletes are getting all their eggs in a basket when preparing for their season.

With all these check points, it

would be almost impossible for any mistakes.

A strong line of check points would allow all of us to feel that we are in some way involved in making our school the top institution that it is and will continue to be.

We do not have to point our judgmental fingers at the player who just could not comprehend a subject.

And we do not have to chastise the staff member who works with several athletes and missed one important bit of information.

We should look at ourselves and make the necessary improvement within.

In this way, healing would be a better experience rather than a quick fix resolution.

Failures are meant to be lessons in growth, not stone-throwing curses.

Nakia Alford is a junior nursing major from Dallas and president of Tech's Black Student Association.

Your View

Montford deserves more praise for Tech efforts

To the editor: This semester I have taken a keen interest in reading the editorials and editorial columns that are published in *The University Daily*. Lately, it seems that the popular thing to do is to criticize Tech's Chancellor John T. Montford on a number of issues. After hearing all of the negative remarks that have been said about the chancellor, I think I can safely say that I have had my fill. I have had the privilege of being in a political science class taught by the chancellor this semester, and drawing from this experience, I would like to shed some new light on many of the criticisms regarding Montford.

Probably the hottest topic the chancellor has been chastised for lately is the house that he has rented in Lubbock, which is being funded by Tech. In class, the chancellor spoke briefly about it to my fellow students and I about this issue and explained to us he initially offered to pay for all of the rent for the house. Several remarks

have been made suggesting that this rental property is not necessary because the chancellor could reside in the former president's home at 4603 21st St. The chancellor told the class the house was put up for sale by Tech a number of weeks ago. All of this information is not a secret. In fact, according to the chancellor, this information was announced at a previous meeting that was attended by a representative of *The UD*. In a few years, this will no longer be an issue because the Tech chancellor will have a place of residence on the Tech campus to make him closer to the university. One recent editorial columnist stated that the new chancellor's home would most assuredly take up more spaces in the student parking lot, thus forcing students to walk even farther to class (Julie Mitchell, 3/12/97). This statement was obviously based on emotion and not factual information that has been made public for a sufficient amount of time.

Other remarks have been made questioning what the chancellor has actually done for Tech. I cannot say

for sure how much additional funding Tech has received as a result of the chancellor to this point, but I am willing to bet that it is a rather substantial amount. During his years as a public servant in the state of Texas, Montford has undoubtedly developed some very valuable relationships with many people all over the world that can be of a great benefit to Tech, both monetarily and otherwise. Case in point: who else could get a high-powered attorney like Joe Jamail to represent Tech for free in a court battle against a former football player? One thing I have witnessed in all of the statements made by the chancellor is his emphasis on protecting the academic standing that this university has earned. He has been faced with a number of big issues during his first year as chancellor, and, to my knowledge, has not backed down from one of them.

I relay all of this information as a nonpartisan observer who would like to see both sides of the story. It is not my intent to take a shot at any one individual in particular or get on the good side of the chancellor. As one

editorial columnist stated a few weeks ago, that is rather common place at Tech these days. I simply want all of the facts to be on the table so that we can all be well-versed when taking a stand on this matter.

Andrew Schoppe, freshman broadcast journalism and business management major

Purpose of university to educate all students

To the editor: I'd like to address an issue that has been discussed recently in *The University Daily*. I'd like to express my thoughts on the continuing situation with the athletic department. I'll start by saying that, first and foremost, the entire purpose for the existence of any university is to educate people. Universities were founded in Europe when young men of some learning decided to group together to locate and retain the services of more learned older men so that the younger men would gain from their elders' greater breadth of knowledge in certain fields. The elder men grouped to-

gether and developed programs for the education of the younger men, and awarded diplomas to those who successfully completed their courses. Over time, this developed into the university system we have today.

Texas Tech is no exception. The entire purpose of Tech is to educate the students, and the students are the entire reason for the existence of the university.

So why, then, does it not seem so? The way things have been going lately, it seems that the administration is now more intent on enhancing the image of the university through success in athletics, rather than through the success of the graduates.

The administration seems more intent on building a better basketball arena than building better educated people. (Not to say that having a new arena wouldn't be nice, but let's try to keep it in perspective.)

What's shocking is when this is done to the very people that the university most wants to see succeed — the athletes.

When you combine a certain lack

of maturity with the pressures and prerequisites of being a student-athlete, especially one of some talent, the student-athlete can lose focus of what's important — their own education. When this happens, as we all know it has, the university has to take a more direct interest in the education of the student-athlete.

Coaches, administrators, faculty members and even fellow students must keep an eye out for the welfare of their student-athletes and be ready to become more directly involved in the student's welfare as much as is necessary.

This also should hold true for the rest of us, and not just our athletes, for it's easy enough to fall through the cracks when you're in the relatively high profile position of representing our university through athletics (heavens knows it's happened already), but it's even easier when no one really knows you're there. In conclusion, I would hope that people read this letter, and think about what I've said. I look forward to the responses.

Scott Walker

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Spring Break offers relaxation, possibility for danger

Students enjoy traveling during holiday

by Sebastian Kitchen/UD
Spring Break begins today, and many Texas Tech students have their bags packed and money in hand for a week of fun — wherever they go. Some students are headed home for vacation, while others are going across the border, skiing, snorkeling or to some other getaway. Local travel agents said they offer trips to anywhere students might want to go — South Padre, Florida, Colorado or New Mexico to ski, Disney World and even cruises to Mexico. "Mexico is still a bargain," said Rebecca Harris, a travel agent at Premier Travel, 1309 University Ave. "It is a reasonable trip with beautiful resorts." Harris said Premier Travel began selling Spring Break packages in October and sells several of the packages months in advance. "The earlier you book, the better," said Heather Schroeder, a travel agent at Prince-Jones Travel Inc., 4413 82nd St. "January is good be-

cause trips start to book up real fast." Both agencies sell packages, some of which include transportation, room and board. Other students are not planning Spring Break getaways quite as exotic as others. "I just want to drive to Dallas for a triple feature of 'Star Wars' at the Grand Theater," said Jeff Meyer, a freshman music education major from Georgetown. "By then, 'Return of the Jedi' will be out, and I can watch all three movies." Cody Russell, a freshman music education major from Lubbock, is planning to follow the women's basketball team to Palo Alto, Calif. "I will go with the Court Jesters with the women's basketball team when they advance," Russell said. The Court Jesters are a part of Tech's band that plays at basketball games. One student had a perfect week planned out, until something went wrong — her driving. "I was going to go to Cancun, but

I had an accident, and so now I have to pay my own insurance," said Jackie Suarez, a sophomore pre-medical major from Houston. "Now, I can't afford to go." Many students are planning trips to go skiing, camping and fly-fishing. "Students just want to get out of Lubbock," said Stuart W. Smith, manager of Ski-Lubbock Sports and the Outdoor Adventure Co., 3833 50th St. "Probably half of our customers are Tech students." The shop recently expanded and now sells all types of outdoor equipment. The Best Little Dive Shop in Texas, 4401 82nd St., sells equipment and gives lessons for diving and scuba. "A lot of people come in and buy a snorkel and mask for Spring Break," said Matt McNamee, manager of the dive shop. The shop gives scuba lessons to about 300 to 400 people a year. Tech students, no matter where they are headed, are officially out of school at noon Saturday.

by Sebastian Kitchen/UD
Many Texas Tech students are prepared for a Spring Break of sun and fun at some exotic locations, while others are left in Lubbock with not much to do and not much money. "I don't really have any definite plans," said Reed Polk, a freshman arts and sciences undecided major from Lubbock. "I really don't have money to go anywhere far." People whose Spring Break calendars are not quite full can catch a variety of concerts, acts and entertainment throughout the Hub City. Anyone looking for something a little out of the norm can watch or participate in the "Original Toughman Contest." People 18 and older can step into the ring and fight for cash prizes. The contest will be today and Saturday at the Lubbock Municipal Coliseum. Other options exist for those who are not up to the toughman challenge. For the amusement park lovers, Lubbock's mini-Six Flags opens Saturday. Joyland will be open Saturdays

and Sundays from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. through the end of the month, said Jason Falbo, director of marketing for the amusement park. "It is a great time to come out because you will beat all of the crowds," Falbo said. Sports fans can watch Tech baseball at Dan Law Field during the first part of the break. The Red Raiders will play conference games today, Saturday and Sunday against Iowa State. They also will play College of the Southwest Tuesday. Several entertainment opportunities will make their way through town throughout the week. "We have a pretty good week of entertainment lined up," said Lane

Arnold, concert promoter for the Depot District. "We have something going on almost every night." • Tonight, Mojo Hand will open for Gracie Moon at Stubb's • Saturday, the New Texicans will open for Passenger at Stubb's • Wednesday, Spilling Poetry will open for Soak at the 19th Street Warehouse • Thursday, Draggin' Juliet will play at Stubb's • March 21, Enuffz Enuff will play at Stubb's • March 22, Johnny Lang will play at Stubb's No matter what the taste, Lubbock still offers several solutions for the economically impaired.

“ We have something going on almost every night. ”
Lane Arnold, Depot District concert promoter

Increase in traffic accidents during March possibly caused by spring holiday

by Hollye Hodges/UD
As Texas Tech students confirm their final getaway plans for Spring Break, most will probably not take equal time to ensure an element that could make or break their plans — Spring Break safety. According to traffic statistics recorded by the Texas Department of Public Safety, traffic accidents occur more frequently in March than in any month of the year. More than 36,500 accidents were reported in March 1996. The next highest month was May with 36,432 accidents — professionals say these high numbers are caused in part by Spring Break traveling. "Spring Break is one of the big-

gest events for college students," said John Gonzalez, a trooper with the Texas Department of Public Safety. "And so many drivers are on the road during this time — it is a hazard." Tech health educators say that of all Spring Break-related safety hazards, drinking and driving accidents concern them the most. "As Spring Break approaches, your chances for being in danger on the road go up," said Jo Henderson, health education coordinator for Tech's Student Health Services. "Drinking and driving is one of the main concerns." Gonzalez said one-half of all accidents involve alcohol. "The best way to stay safe during

Spring Break is simple," he said. "Don't drink and drive." Fatigue also is a major contributor to Spring Break accidents. "Don't go to class all day and drive all night, because when you are tired and sleepy, you increase your risk for having a wreck," Gonzalez said. "Take your time — you have a whole week to have fun."

Travel agents say guidelines must be followed to ensure a safe Spring Break when vacationing in another country. "We mostly send students to tropical resort towns like Cancun, Puerto Viarta, Jamaica and Padre," said Deborah O'Connor, owner of Bell Travel, 3406 34th. "Don't drink the water if you are

going to Mexico, and try to stay near your hotel if you can. If you are traveling out of the country, it is good to have proof of citizenship and your birth certificate." O'Connor said many places in Mexico are beginning to cater more to visitors who don't want to be on their own in Mexico. "A lot of hotels are becoming all-inclusive," she said. "Everything you might want to do is right there in the hotel, so you never have to leave." She said problems can arise easily when visitors are careless. "Don't get involved with any of the illegal things like drugs," she said. "You won't like the jails in Mexico."

O'Connor also warned against smuggling seemingly harmless items into the United States from Mexico. "You are only allowed to bring two cartons of cigarettes and 2 bottles of alcohol back with you," O'Connor said. "Most other souvenir items are OK." With all the risks associated with traveling during Spring Break, many opt to stay in town. "I'm going to have a very sedentary Spring Break lifestyle," said Nicole Martinez, a junior pre-physical therapy major from Lubbock. "I don't know if that will be completely safe for me, but I'm sure it will be a lot safer on my pocket book."

“ As Spring Break approaches, your chances for being in danger on the road go up. ”
Jo Henderson, Tech's Student Health Services

Tech Graduate Council approves joint degree program with Mexico

A joint business degree between Texas Tech and Anahuac University in Mexico City may soon be a possibility for business students from the United States and Mexico. The agreement to establish the joint degree program, which would require an exchange between Tech business students and Anahuac business students, was presented during Thursday's Graduate Council meeting. The council approved the proposal to adopt the program, but the agreement must be presented at the May Board of Regents meeting and gain regents' approval before it is formally confirmed.

"It is a dynamic opportunity for students," said Davud Schmidly, vice president for research and dean of the Graduate School. "They would have that experience and be fluent in two languages when they graduate." The opportunity will be an asset to student after graduation, said Monty Strauss, associate dean of the Graduate School. "A lot of international employers are real interested in this program," Strauss said. All of the details of the program have not been completed, although an outline of course requirements and grade provisions is included in the

agreement between the two schools, he said. "We're trying to streamline it (the program)," Strauss said. "It's already an outstanding program." According to the agreement, the joint degree program was proposed in light of recent political and economic changes in the United States and Mexico. "Particularly the signing of the NAFTA, both countries are experiencing a growth in demand for professionals with expertise in Mexican-American affairs and proficiency in the Spanish language," the agreement reads.

Complaints

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tion and provided receipts to backup the expenses, according to his financial disclosure. Thomasson reported spending \$174.06 in the general election and \$46.21 in the runoff. However, according to Thomasson's finan-

cial disclosure, \$96.39 in campaign expenses were not backed up with receipts. Allegations were made by both candidates that their opponent illegally campaigned in the residence halls, particularly Weymouth Residence Hall and Murchough Residence Hall. However, according to responses in an informal survey con-

ducted by *The University Daily*, none were given fliers in their hall by supporters of either candidate, nor were fliers placed outside of their rooms. The student-operated Election Commission will investigate the complaints and recommend possible election code changes to the Tech Student Senate.

Commuter lot to be closed during break

The C-4 commuter lot, west of the Student Recreation Center, will be closed during Spring Break and will remain closed all semester because of construction on the United Spirit Arena. Students can park instead in

an 800-space temporary lot constructed on the southwest corner of 19th Street and Brownfield Highway. An additional 191 spaces — not serviced by buses — are available at the naval reserve on Fourth Street.

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Tejano star lives on in movie, CD

by Laura Hensley/UD

It is not a movie about Elvis or Buddy Holly. It is not a new Nirvana soundtrack. But this week, the Hispanic community of Lubbock, as well as those across the nation, will be celebrating the release of a movie and soundtrack about its own musical legend.

A bittersweet reminder of the life and death of the Tejano music sensation, Selena, will be hitting movie theaters, as well as record stores this week.

"I was a Selena fan when she first came out," said Michelle Vargas, a junior journalism and English major from San Antonio, who plans to go see the movie with her parents.

and will be showing next week at Cinema West and Cinemark Movies Slide Road.

The movie stars Puerto Rican actress Jennifer Lopez in the leading role. Edward James Olmos plays Selena's father, and Becky Lee Meza, an 11-year-old Harlingen native, plays the young Selena.

The movie release will highlight Selena's career from childhood and will end with the depiction of the 23-year-old's tragic murder in Corpus Christi.

"She (Selena) will be forever young, because she died young," said Elda Moreno, manager of La Feria-Centro De Musica record store,

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Elda Moreno, manager of La Feria-Centro De Musica record store

Centro De Musica record store, 1105 Broadway Ave. "People will always remember her as the young energetic Selena."

Tuesday's release of the soundtrack has caused an unexpected demand at Moreno's store. The store started selling the track early

which include a special tribute to Selena performed by various artists. It also includes three never-released songs by Selena, which were recorded in 1990, and two disco medleys recorded during a live concert in Houston a month before her death.

"It (the soundtrack) is selling very, very well," Moreno said. "The response is amazing. We've already had to reorder twice and after the release of the movie it will definitely increase."

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March 7 and has been busy ever since.

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Radio's Dr. Laura in personal crisis

DALLAS (AP) — Dr. Laura Schlessinger, the syndicated Los Angeles radio therapist who scolds the weak and self-pitying, cried on the air and said she was having a "personal and spiritual crisis" after being accused of snooty behavior during a visit to Dallas.

Dr. Laura, as she is known to listeners, was upbraided in The Dallas Morning News Tuesday by columnist MaryIn Schwartz for her behavior on a visit to address the women of the Jewish Federation of Greater Dallas.

Dr. Laura, author of the best seller "Ten Stupid Things Women Do to Mess Up Their Lives," rejected three rooms at the Grand Kempinski hotel before accepting one at the four-star Mansion on Turtle Creek, the columnist wrote.

She also rejected a host's ride to the event, decided to take a cab, and hailed several before finding one that was acceptable, Schwartz reported. Dr. Laura turned down the rooms and rides because of the "smell," the columnist said.

Dr. Laura also was cold toward her hosts and left behind gifts that had been given to her and her son, Schwartz said.

In a follow-up column Thursday, Schwartz explained that Dr. Laura, an Orthodox Jew, turned down the rooms and rides because of allergies and because she had

requested kosher food. "But it was the way she asked for it that made people mad," Schwartz wrote. "She changed hotels, and getting kosher food took some doing. 'Thank you' was not part of her vocabulary."

On her Tuesday radio show, Dr. Laura cried on the air about the column. On her Wednesday show, she said she's been shaken "so personally and profoundly" that donating her \$30,000 appearance fee to charity "took much of the pain and ugliness of the experience away."

She said she spent two hours on the phone with her rabbi trying to cope with the criticism.

Her assistant Ernesta Osteen told The Associated Press on Thursday that Dr. Laura had no comment on the episode.

Several of the 1,300 people who attended the Jewish Federation function told Schwartz they were appalled by her behavior.

"I was never so insulted in my life," Myra Cohen said. "She was nasty, arrogant, insulting. Her remarks were disgusting. She was putting down everyone in that audience."

Terrell Manley added: "At the dinner, she wouldn't even speak to people who spoke to her. She just looked unpleasant and turned away. If she said anything, it was a one-syllable answer."

Letterman nemesis in jail

NORTH FOND DU LAC, Wis. (AP) — A woman notorious for harassing late-night host David Letterman was in jail this week, accused of walking out on a 79-cent restaurant check and resisting arrest.

Margaret Ray, 44, of Danbury, Conn., was held on \$2,000 bond, charged with disorderly conduct and resisting an officer in a scuffle outside the Stretch Restaurant and Truck Stop here.

Ray first made national headlines in 1988, identifying herself as "Mrs. Letterman" when she was arrested at the wheel of Letterman's sports car at the Lincoln Tunnel, unable to pay a \$3 toll.

Restaurant manager Cindy Meulemans said Ray came in Tuesday morning with her own food, in-

cluding hot chocolate, milk and soda, sat down and ordered coffee.

After the waitress poured the 79-cent cup of coffee, Ray said she only had a quarter. Ray then made a phone call and started screaming, Meulemans said.

"When she left, she threw a quarter at the cashier and said to call the cops if we wanted to," she said. "It could have ended in a much different outcome if she had a better attitude."

Ray was verbally abusive and kicked police officers outside the restaurant, Lt. Bill Lamb said.

Ray told police she was passing through the area on her way to North Dakota. "During the course of events, she mentioned David Letterman a few times," Lamb said. "At the time it really didn't mean anything to us."

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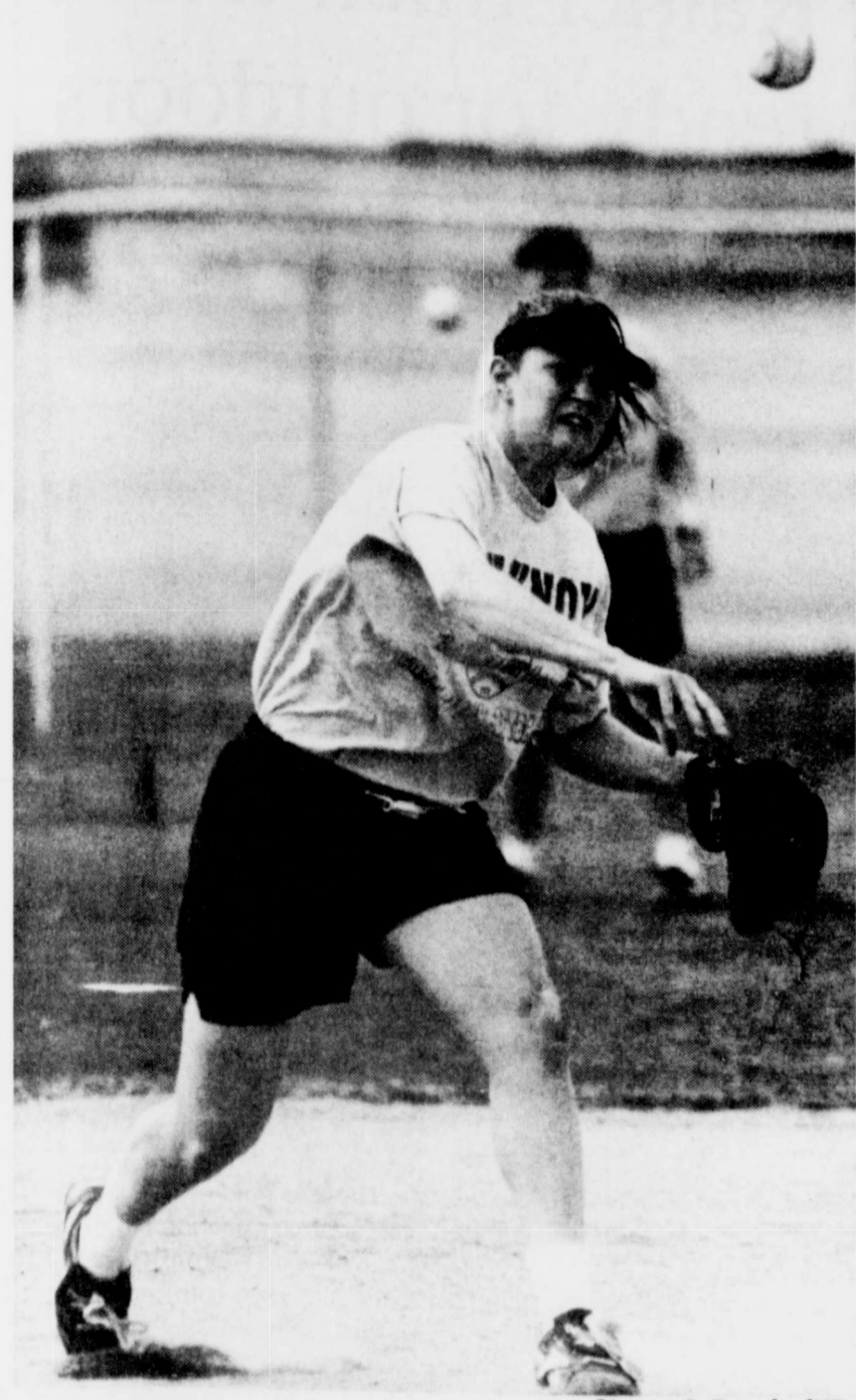
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Tech softball team takes travels to Florida



Adjustment: Texas Tech freshman utility player Paula Workman throws to first base at practice while preparing to play second base.

by Christy Apple/UD
The Texas Tech softball team is experimenting with some new combinations on the field as the Red Raiders prepare to travel to Orlando, Fla., to compete in the Rebel Games during Spring Break.

field, but both are capable of playing either position.
Walls said she played second and center field at New Mexico before she came to Tech.

Rangers beat Twins, 8-5

PORT CHARLOTTE, Fla. (AP) — Mike Devereaux had three hits and two RBIs as the Texas Rangers defeated a Minnesota Twins split squad 8-5 Thursday afternoon.

THE Daily Crossword

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for 'ACROSS' and 'DOWN'. Includes the byline 'by Frank R. Jackson' and the date '03/14/97'.

Baseball team continues Big 12 play against Iowa State

by Christy Apple/UD
The No. 14 Texas Tech baseball team opens its home Big 12 Conference schedule with a three-game series against Iowa State starting at 7 p.m. today at Dan Law Field.

ing together and is ready for a good series of wins.
Shuffield said. "We really want to hit hard and do what we did in the series against Texas."

The Red Raiders have been in full swing, hitting 25 home runs on the season.
Senior designated hitter Joe Dillon leads the way with eight round trippers.

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Tech prepares for Grizzly showdown

by Heath Robinson/UD

The Texas Tech Lady Raiders head west for a Saturday showdown in the first round of the NCAA tournament.

Tech (19-8) is the No. 8 seed in the West Region and will play the No. 9-seeded Montana Grizzlies in the first round at 11:06 p.m. Saturday. The game is being played at Maples Pavilion in Palo Alto, Calif., on the Stanford campus. The winner of Tech and Montana will play Monday against the winner of Saturday's first game, which pits No. 1 seed Stanford against No. 16 seed Howard.

In order to advance to their sixth consecutive Sweet 16 appearance, the Lady Raiders likely will need back-to-back wins over two of the nation's hottest teams. The Grizzlies (25-3) are on a 20-game winning streak, and if Tech can defeat Montana, the Lady Raiders likely will face Stanford (30-1) in the second round. The Cardinal ended the season ranked No. 2 in the nation after being a unanimous No. 1 pick in the preseason.

"Obviously, it will be extremely difficult for us to win two ballgames out there," Tech coach Marsha Sharp said. "Montana is very good, and winning at Stanford is close to impossible."

Sharp said the Lady Raiders will not have to worry about playing Stanford unless they play a great game against Montana.

"Montana is a lot like us," Sharp said. "They have a lot of players that can contribute. You can't focus on just one player. We'll have to be at our best in order to get by them."

The Grizzlies are led by senior forward Greta Koss. Koss was the Big Sky Tournament MVP and leads the team in scoring with 13.8 points per game, and rebounding with 10 boards a game. Koss also leads her team in blocks with 38, and steals with 64.

Normally, Tech would be unfamiliar with such a strange opponent. But Sharp, coaching for the first time against Montana, knows a lot about them.

"We were fortunate enough to see them a few times on tape when we were scouting other teams," Sharp said. "It's not the same thing as having played against them, but at least we know what the matchups will be like."

With junior Crystal Boles out for the tournament with an injury to her left knee, the Lady Raiders know the matchups in the post could be a problem. Boles injured her knee in the opening minutes of Tech's 76-68 loss to Kansas State in the quarterfinals of the Big 12 Tournament.

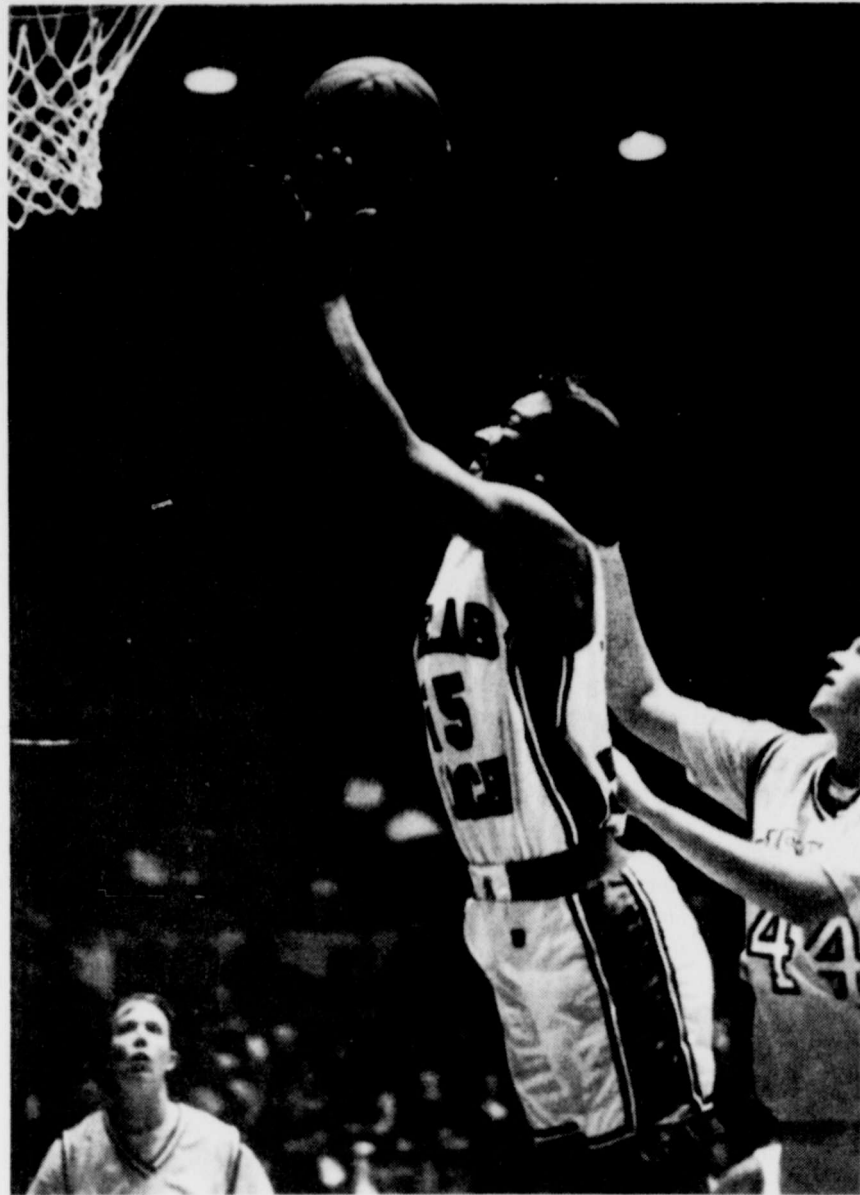
"It's disappointing to be on the side right now, at this time of year," Boles said. "I thought it was really coming around for me. But I think we can step up and fill my spot."

Tech likely will use three players to fill the void. Junior Jennifer Cockerell or sophomore Cara Gibbs likely will start, while freshman Keitha Dickerson will see time there as well.

"I don't know if I am going to start or not," Gibbs said. "I think any of us can do the job, if we need it. Crystal was a great player for us, and it was a shock when she was hurt. But we've had a chance

to get over that and work around it."

Gibbs also said the team will need to be focused to win in California. "I think we were all excited to be



Wes Underwood/UD

Young star: Keitha Dickerson shoots for two against Missouri. The freshman is being counted on to help make up for the loss of junior post Crystal Boles.

Raider track teams ready for outdoors

by Christy Apple/UD

The traditional outdoor track season begins this weekend with the Texas Tech women running at Texas A&M in College Station. The men begin their season March 21 at Southern Methodist in Dallas.

The women travel to Texas A&M with only the runners who were not able to compete in the indoor season because of the lack of events. Tech coach Liz Parke said the Red Raiders expect to compete better in the outdoor season because they can enter five more events than in the indoor season.

"We are taking the kids that have different events," Parke said. "The 400 hurdles, 100 hurdles and a heptathlon will all be competing."

Junior Ami Peters, who ran the 55-meter hurdles in the indoor season, will take the track in the 100-yard hurdles for Tech while Lori Spurlin will compete in the heptathlon.

Parke said the events Tech will enter mostly will be sprinters and throwers, including a javelin thrower.

"We are real eager to start the outdoor season," Parke said. "All the kids are healthy, and we are ready to roll."

Just like the women's team, the men also are making the transition from indoor to outdoor.

"There is no indoor Olympics," Tech coach Greg Sholars has told his runners as they get ready to open the outdoor season.

The Big 12 outdoor events are



Parke



Sholars

going to be as strong as the indoor events, Sholars said.

"We can't wait to get outside and run," he said.

"It is more traditional and something more exciting."

It is also a chance for the Red Raiders who did not

qualify for the indoor nationals to compete for outdoor nationals.

The men hope to strengthen their sprint events by adding last year's only Tech national qualifier, Dion Miller, and former Tech football player Verone McKinley to all-Americans Leon Gordon and Desmond Johnson, and all-America candidate Pap Howard.

"Our sprints are going to give us a big boost," Sholars said. "We will put together relays as well as the quarter mile."

The Red Raiders also hope to get more contributions from the football team. Phillip Hays and Cory Turner are both strong candidates for the missing link in the 4x100 meter relay along with Scott Jesko.

Running early will give each runner a chance to see where they stand in relation to other runners.

"This will give everyone a chance to train," Sholars said.

"We will take a full squad and give all the guys a chance to run over Spring Break."

Women's tennis set to battle with Jayhawks, Tigers

by Brent Dirks/UD

Coming off an 0-2 Big 12 Conference road trip last weekend, the Texas Tech women's tennis team takes on Big 12 foes Kansas Saturday and Missouri Sunday.

Both matches will be played at noon at the Lubbock Municipal Tennis Center, located at 66th Street and Indiana.

The Red Raiders need to bounce back after a 6-3 loss to Baylor and a 9-0 pounding by Texas A&M, Director of Tennis Tim Siegel said.

"A week and a half ago we started with a win over Kansas State, which was ranked 48th," Siegel said. "Since

then we lost to Baylor and A&M, I think the girls have done a good job so far, and I'm really looking forward to the rest of the conference."

Tech was without its No. 1 player, Erika Fisher last week because of injury. Siegel said he does not expect her to play in this weekend's contests.

The Jayhawks, ranked 21st in the nation, come into Lubbock sporting one of the best women's tennis programs in the country, Siegel said.

"We're just playing match to match to make sure we get improvement out of each player," he said. "The girls know they can beat good players. They've worked hard, and I

have a lot of confidence we can finish the season well."

This weekend's battles will be the first outside matches for the Red Raiders at home, but it should not be a problem for Tech to adjust to the environment, Siegel said.

Sophomore team captain Misty Meyer said she is looking forward to the contests with the Jayhawks and Tigers.

"We're hoping for a much better showing than last weekend," Meyer said. "These are two teams that are new to our schedule, and we are excited about the opportunity to get to play them."

The Red Raiders' showing last weekend was due to a combination of factors, Meyer said.

"I think everybody had a hand in that one," Meyer said. "We just have to have a good week and a good practice."

With the team being so balanced, Fisher's injury should not affect the Red Raiders' play.

"It's been a solid team all year, one through

nine," Meyer said.

"That's why injuries have been a problem, but they haven't affected us like they would some other team."

“They’ve worked hard, and I have a lot of confidence we can finish the season well.”
Tim Siegel, Tech director of tennis

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Spring Break begins at LSU for Tech women's golf team

by Heath Robinson/UD

The Texas Tech women's golf team looks to use the momentum from its last tournament to carry the Red Raiders to a high finish in this weekend's LSU-Fairwood Invitational in Baton Rouge, La.

The tournament is 54 holes, with one round today, Saturday and Sunday at the Fairwood Country Club. The par-72 course is 5,835 yards.

Tech, currently ranked 25th in the Rolex Collegiate Golf rankings system, is coming off a fifth-place finish in the Pioneer Electric Bruin Classic Feb 24-25. The Red Raiders finished above perennial power Stanford and six other top-25 programs.

"Coming off a strong showing in California, it will be exciting to play against predominantly East Region teams in Baton Rouge," Tech coach Jeff Mitchell said. "We have played well in LSU in the past, and that should help us mentally."

Sophomore Brooke Lowrance and senior Tamara Parker lead the Red Raiders into the tournament. Lowrance finished 11th in the Bruin Classic, and Parker finished 28th.

"Brooke and Tamara are playing very well right now," Mitchell said. "If we can get a good team effort put together, we could have a chance to finish in the top three."

Four teams in the 13-school field sport higher rankings than the Red Raiders, including No. 1 Arizona, No. 7 LSU, No. 18 Alabama and No. 24 Florida State.

"We are currently ranked No. 25 in the Rolex, and this tournament will be a great opportunity to solidify a top-25 position," he said.

Also participating in the tournament for Tech will be junior Kristin Kight, sophomore Beth Covington and freshman Heather Wrede.

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