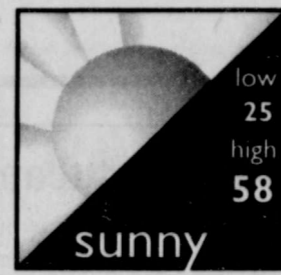




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UPD office relocates across Tech campus

BY JAMES WALKER
The University Daily

It's moving day for the University Police Department. By Monday, the UPD's operations will be handled entirely from its new office at 2901 University Ave., in what was the National Guard Armory on the north edge of campus.

Police officials are worried that the new location might be more inconvenient for students, said Capt. Eddie Huckabee.

The new location is not on the on-campus bus routes and is not close to other main buildings on campus.

For students who do not have a car, Huckabee recommends they go to the station in the lobby of Wiggins Residence Hall or in the basement of the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center.

Many of the final preparations for the move, such as the changing over of phone lines, are being made today, he said. The UPD has until Friday afternoon to vacate its current building.

The new building has more space, but because the move has been hurried, it may take some time to get everything to its proper place, Huckabee said.

Since the UPD and the Health Science Center Police combined recently, the extra room will help accommodate everything, being run from one location.

"That whole area is going to be re-designed as part of the Campus Master Plan," said Jim Douglass, assistant director of the Tech Ex-Students' Association.

The plan includes expanding Raider Alley behind Jones Stadium, Douglass said.

The Ex-Students' Association is raising funds to build a pavilion near the old UPD site as a gathering place at Raider Alley, he said.

The pavilion also will be available for rent by student organizations for functions throughout the year.

Construction on the pavilion should begin in the next month, and officials hope for it to be completed during the next football season, Douglass said.

University Police Department's move

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- It is not close to other main buildings on campus.
- A pavilion for Raider Alley will be built at the old location.

Lady Raiders gain title; Thompson reaches 2000

BY JASON BERNSTEIN
The University Daily

Overwhelmed in joy and immersed in hype, the Texas Tech Lady Raiders lived up to every expectation and then some as they handily defeated Nebraska 87-62 Wednesday night. In doing so, they captured their first-ever Big 12 regular-season title before a sold out crowd in the Lubbock Municipal Coliseum.

"This is the toughest conference race I have ever been involved with,"

Tech coach Marsha Sharp said as she addressed the fans after the title-clinching victory. "They've had a lot of courage, great chemistry and they've really had great focus to get it done. I couldn't be

more proud of them and I think they have been awesome."

The Lady Raiders (21-4 overall, 14-1 Big 12) handed Nebraska its worst loss in 124 games dating back to 1994.

After scoring the game's initial basket, the Lady Raiders never fell behind and were tied only once as they broke out for 45 points in the first half.

The score was of little concern in the first half as senior forward Alicia Thompson entered Wednesday's contest in search of her 2,000th career point.

The All-America candidate from Big Lake nailed two consecutive free-throws at the 5:19 mark in the first half to give her 2,000 points for her career, placing her third on the Lady Raider all-time scoring list as she joined former Lady Raider greats Carolyn Thompson and Michi Atkins as the only players to reach the 2,000 point plateau.

"It was just a lot of fun," Thompson said of her record-setting performance. "I've definitely played with a great squad to help me get here tonight. I definitely shared the 2,000 points with them."

Thompson finished with 29 points

while tying her career high in rebounds with 14. She also recorded her 12th double-double of the season, giving her 42 double-doubles for her career.

As for the game, the Lady Raiders dominated nearly every aspect as they carried a 45-27 halftime lead into the locker room.

The strong play of juniors Angie Braziel and Rene Hanebutt, coupled with that of Thompson's strong first-half effort, accounted for 37 of the Lady Raiders' 45 first-half points.

Braziel hit on 8-of-13 from the field in the first half as she led all scorers with 16 first-half points.

Hanebutt dropped in two consecutive three-pointers at the 8:30 mark giving the Lady Raiders a com-

manding 31-16 lead en route to their 32-15 run to end the half.

"It's just the look on everyone's faces the past two days," Hanebutt said of the team's confidence going into Wednesday's contest. "You could just tell. You could tell yesterday in practice and today in the shoot-around that we were going to get tonight's ballgame. You could see the hunger in everyone's eyes that we were going to go out and get the championship."

The second half was a mere continuation of the first, as the Lady Raiders jumped all over the Cornhuskers (21-8 overall, 10-5 Big 12) as Thompson sparked a 25-6 run to open the second frame, eliminating any chance of a Nebraska comeback.

Braziel added five points in six minutes of play in the second half finishing with 21 points and nine rebounds on the evening.

The Lady Raider defense sparked the strong offensive play as Nebraska shot an abysmal 36.7 percent from the field while connecting on 25-of-68 shots.

With the win, Tech has secured themselves a first-round bye and a No. 1 seed in next month's Big 12 Tournament in Kansas City, Mo.



Wade Kennedy/The University Daily
A Class Above: The Lady Raider seniors hoist the Big 12 Regular Season Championship Trophy as they defeated Nebraska 87-62 Wednesday before 8,174 fans.

Forensics team ranked No. 1

BY ANDREW SEGER
The University Daily

The Texas Tech Forensics Union captured the nation's No. 1 ranking in the parliamentary debate category after hosting the recent Spring Texas Intercollegiate Forensic Association State Championship Tour.

The rankings are assessed by the National Parliamentary Debate Association, which tabulates the number of points a team accumulates at its four most successful tournaments.

Senior Joe Gantt, a four-year team member said, "It's been a lot of hard work. I have been here four years, and when I arrived, it was the smallest forensics event. Now it is one of the largest in the nation, and we are

all very proud."

Gantt, an arts and sciences major from Bryan, is the only student representative of the National Parliamentary Debate Association.

Parliamentary debate is similar to the British House of Commons in style, but it uses a two-person team format and occurs in 40-minute rounds.

Each round of parliamentary debate uses a new topic of discussion. The topics remain a mystery to debaters until just before the round, when the teams are given 15 minutes to prepare. Usually, the subject matter for debates is based upon current events.

The debaters are required to think quickly and possess a

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Tech library expands research database

Service free to students

BY DANIEL KERR
The University Daily

Most students know the anxious feeling, often caused by procrastination, of having insufficiently researched their assignment that due the following morning.

Luckily, because of Texas Tech's increasing electronic database holdings, research has never been easier.

Susan McGinnis, assistant head of information services for liaison and collection development at Tech, said online databases are especially convenient for students.

"Now you can do it from home 24 hours a day, seven days a week — you don't have to rely on the library being open," she said. "It's very convenient, and it's much more responsive for the way students live."

There are 21 electronic databases available to Tech students, McGinnis said, with new additions coming all the time.

"I've been here seven months and 11 are new since I've been here," McGinnis said. "We've moved some over to the web page to get broader access across campus, so some things will look new."

Although the library purchases one-year database subscriptions, McGinnis said, they cost Tech students nothing to use.

The newest addition to Tech's database holding is Lexis-Nexis Universe, which features up-to-date information on legal, medical, business and entertainment news.

"The law school has access to the full database for its students," McGinnis said.

"What we have purchased is Lexis-Nexis Universe. It's a lot more general than the version at the law school."

If students need assistance using the online research tools, McGinnis said, they can ask the reference desk attendant at the library for help.

"We'll be putting up some big signs in the library saying what's new," she said.

"If people need special assistance, they could let us know, and we could see what we could do."

Another electronic database available through the library's home page, which is located at www.lib.ttu.edu, is CommSearch — an indexing and abstracting of 24 communication journals and



six full-text journals.

Liz Watts, graduate coordinator of the journalism division of the School of Mass Communications at Tech, said databases like CommSearch are useful to mass communications students.

"To have full text is ultra convenient — it's such a nice bonus — if you find something that's useful, you can sit there and read the whole thing," she said.

"I'm a big user of the online services at the library — it's a nice time-saving feature for the students and faculty."

"Our library has tremendous resources — I mean it's a good library."

"With the addition of these online databases, it makes it even better."

The main advantage of online research methods, Watts said, is convenience.

"What electronic databases help us do is shorten the time it takes to gather information," Watts said.

"At all levels in the university and the jour-

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Group urges students to support team

The Saddle Tramps declared Saturday Black Out the Sooners Day as the Texas Tech men's basketball team closes out the season against the Oklahoma Sooners.

The Tramps ask that all fans wear black to the game to show support for the team and Tech. The game starts at 12:45 p.m. in the Lubbock Municipal Coliseum.

Saddle Tramps will be stationed at the doors of the coliseum and will be selecting the best "black-

out" fans for a prize drawing. These fans will be entered in a raffle to win a gift certificate from Blockbuster Music and Video. The winner will be announced during halftime.

The Saddle Tramps are a spirit organization that has been a part of Red Raider athletics for 61 years. At every game, they attempt to create a home-court advantage by involving the crowds in their cheers.

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International flair

Week gives Tech students taste of different cultures from around world

BY ANJELA ANAYA

The University Daily

Texas Tech students can see the world without even leaving campus next week.

International Week at Tech kicks off this Sunday with the International Food Festival from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the University Center Ballroom.

International Week is an annual tradition that celebrates cultural diversity and promotes multicultural understanding.

Idris Rhea Traylor, executive director of the Office of International Affairs and director of the International Cultural Center, said he is excited about the event.

"The primary purpose of International Week is to attract attention to all the different types of international

activities and peoples we have on campus," Traylor said. "It's really for everybody in all the different colleges.

We want everyone to take part. There is an outstanding series of events throughout the whole week."

The week can help people understand how Tech has become an international university, he said.

Shannon

Stokes, a sophomore history and political science major from Roswell, N.M., is a planning participant for the Fashion and Talent Show that will

take place during International Week. She said International Week is an important event for the campus.

“It promotes more understanding and more appreciation of other cultures and traditions,” Stokes said.

Stokes said students can learn a lot from the Fashion and Talent Show.

Sophomore Shannon Stokes

"The show is an excellent way to gain some insight into other cultures by seeing their dance, fashion, singing and poetry. It's going to be a great event," she said.

Stokes encouraged people to attend.

"I hope that people decide to come because it will be a really, really exciting experience," she said.

Sonia Moore, information specialist for the Department of International Affairs, said, "We think International Week is very important for the whole university. Students, faculty, staff and members of the community can gain appreciation for the international dimension of the university."

Moore also spoke of the diversity of the student body.

"We have students from 99 different countries, and 1,085 international students are currently enrolled at the university," she said.

International Week is from Sunday to March 7 and will have daytime and nighttime events.

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nalism program, whether you're an undergraduate student, graduate student or faculty member, it's a very helpful service."

Watts said students should take advantage of the resources available to them.

"I think that every student should do whatever he or she needs to do to learn to use the tools available," she said.

"I compare it to not learning to drive a car.

"It's not difficult to use these things. I think that any student at

the university who wouldn't take the time to learn this needs to look at why they're here."

Eric McAlpine, an environmental engineering graduate student from Amarillo, said the database El Village could be of use to engineering students.

"The library doesn't have a lot of engineering stuff like patents," he said.

"It (El Village) would probably help me on a project I'm doing — we have a lot of technical information and a lot of the processes are patented, and it's hard to get information on them sometimes," he said.

Victim says fight was pointless

The fight that ended with four Texas Tech students at the hospital for knife wounds began over something so trivial, one of the participants said he cannot even remember what it was.

"It was over nothing, it was pointless," said Ryan Ross, a freshman engineering student from Neches. "I couldn't even tell you what it was about."

Ross said he was not involved in the first fight that night, but another of the slashing victims, David Farrell, a freshman engineering student from Magnolia, was.

Ross said he came back to the party later with friends, but was not looking for a fight.

It was during this second fight when someone came up behind the combatants and the other students who were trying to stop the fight, and slashed them with a hunting knife, Ross said.

The other two students injured in the attack were Brooks Roland, a freshman arts and sciences major from Houston, and Omar Hamza, a freshman arts and sciences major from El Paso.

According to police reports, witnesses describe the assailant as a white male about 6 feet tall, 160 pounds, with short, brown hair.

The weapon was described as a 6-inch hunting knife.

Oprah case goes to jury

AMARILLO (AP) — After 23 days of testimony about what cattle prices, mad cow disease and Oprah Winfrey have to do with one another, attorneys in the talk show queen's beef disparagement trial rested Tuesday.

The jury that has absorbed the 5-week-old trial could begin deliberating as early as Wednesday afternoon.

Defense lawyers Charles Babcock and Barry Peterson rested Tuesday morning after a little more than four days of testimony. By contrast, the cattlemen suing Winfrey took about four weeks to make their case.

The last defense witness, damages

expert Bettina Whyte, remained on the stand from Monday. She debated with cattlemen's attorney David Mullin whether plaintiffs made or lost money in the wake of Winfrey's April 16, 1996, show.

Amarillo cattlemen Paul Engler and Bill O'Brien are suing Winfrey, her production company and a vegetarian activist guest for business disparagement.

They claim a segment of the show unfairly implied U.S. cattle were at risk for the brain-wasting illness. Whyte maintained that the cattlemen actually made money from a cattle market plunge after the show.

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general knowledge of global affairs.

The Forensics Union and Tech also will host the National Parliamentary Debate Association Championship in March.

Director of Forensics and Associate Professor of Communications David Williams said it was an honor to be chosen to host the tournament.

"We are proud of this distinction. It is a clear sign of our program's success," he said.

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Semester's theatre season opens today

BY JONATHAN BILES AND WAYNE HODGIN

The University Daily

Set in both 17th-century England and contemporary times, "Vinegar Tom," is a play about the desire for a utopian society.

The Texas Tech Department of Theatre and Dance's performance directed by Dean Wilcox, assistant professor of theatre history, will run at 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and March 5 to 7. Matinees will be performed at 2 p.m. Sunday and March 8.

Written in 1976, "Vinegar Tom," by Caryl Churchill, is a play about a woman who refuses to fall to the conformities of society and in the end, pays the ultimate price.

Throughout all the social criticisms and relenting gossip, the woman resisted her place in the traditional role and made an outstanding gesture to intimidate the man's place in society. Ultimately, the woman was severely punished and accused of being a witch.

The work, reflective of a period of Churchill's writing, explores how history sometimes tramples the individual spirit. This spirit is captured in the play and is represented by a group of lowly, impoverished women victimized by men and their

social status.

Churchill uses these women to represent that problems such as these still occur in today's society. But as one in today's world does not label another as a witch, the same concept of casting out those who do not fit in the norm still exists.

Tobyn Leigh, a second-year graduate student in fine arts from Lubbock, plays Joan, the old woman who is blamed for society's problems.

Leigh explained that Churchill's ideals are not far from today's norm. "Even today, we still ostracize those who are the least bit different. Instead of trying to find ways to allow these people to fit in our perfect world, we treat them as social outcasts, and in turn, label them witches," Leigh said.

"Vinegar Tom" requires something more than just an average audience. Like many other plays, "Vinegar Tom" causes audience members to think about their place in society and whether or not they are one of the typical suppressors — a suppressor who takes people who are slightly different and treats them as if they do not belong in society.

The content of the play touches extremely sensitive issues and requires a more-than-average mature audience.



Suzanne Schnelker/The University Daily

Lights, Camera, Action: "If you won't do anything to help yourself, you must stay as you are," says Leticia Bryan, who plays Ellen in "Vinegar Tom," to Beth Blemker, who plays Susan. Julie Mitchell (middle) plays Alice. The Texas Tech Department of Theatre and Dance's production of Caryl Churchill's work is directed by Dean Wilcox, assistant professor of theatre history. The play runs from today through March 8.

Reservations can be made and tickets can be purchased at the theatre box office, located at 18th Street between Boston and Flint avenues, or by calling 742-3603. A student rush will be available on a first-come-first-served basis 30 minutes before the show.

Police arrest Lee after wife reports assault

MALIBU, Calif. (AP) — Tommy Lee has been arrested again, this time for investigation of assaulting wife Pamela Anderson Lee, who complained of a back injury and a broken nail.

The Motley Crue drummer was ordered held in lieu of \$1 million bail, higher than usual because Lee was already on pro-

bation for beating a photographer.

His wife called authorities Tuesday night, reporting that her husband attacked her at their home after they argued, sheriff's deputy Angie Prewett said.

"She had a very minor hand injury and some redness on her back," Prewett said.

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 26

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There are no excuses for not voting



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Amendment 15 of the United States Constitution states, "The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or any State on account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude."

Almost 50 years later, the right to vote was extended to all people, regardless of sex, under Amendment 19. Another 50 years later, Congress decided

to amend the voting restrictions once more with the ratification of Amendment 26, which lowered the voting age to 18 years of age.

At the time of creation, the lawmakers composing and debating these amendments were likely only considering how they would apply to federal and state elections in the United States. The main message that is drawn from the combination of these three amendments is that the right of individuals to vote for people who will represent them in government matters is an important one.

Wednesday, just six days from now, we as students at Texas Tech will have the opportunity to make full use of our right to vote during the SGA elections. This year's election will not only produce a new cast of SGA senators and executive officers, but it also will allow students to decide if they want to approve a \$25 fee to provide renovations for the Tech Student Recreation Center.

Come election day, many people will go to the polls and cast their ballot, but others will treat election day as just another day and not take the time to vote. If asked, "Why didn't you vote?" these election day non-participants will provide sundry reasons.

"I just didn't care about it."
"The SGA is run by the Greeks, so it wouldn't make a difference if I voted because the Greeks would still control things."
"My vote wouldn't have made a difference."
"I had writer's cramp and couldn't vote."

OK, so the last reason probably wouldn't be a typical response, but the other three likely would. If you feel that you agree with one of the first three excuses listed for not voting then that probably means that deep down, you would like to see things change. The problem is that by taking an apathetic attitude, the changes will not occur.

There are many candidates running for SGA positions who sincerely want to make changes that will address students' concerns and guide Tech in the right direction. Several candidates will be taking proactive stances on how issues should be dealt with. These candidates will listen for and seek out ideas from constituents that can spawn improvements at Tech. They also will bring fresh ideas of their own to the table to prevent the SGA from being a reactive organization. We, as educated voters, must realize that we have a responsibility to learn about the views and ideals that candidates stand for and base our decisions on whether we believe in the ideals of the candidate.

Many times throughout history, a single vote has had a great impact.

- In 1776, one vote gave America the English language instead of German.
- In 1845, one vote brought Texas into the Union.
- In 1876, one vote gave Rutherford B. Hayes the presidency of the United States.

- In 1923, one vote gave Adolf Hitler leadership of the Nazi party.

Your vote is important. Wednesday, go to the polls and cast your vote for those candidates who stand for the ideals that you support.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

U.S. foreign policies skewed

To the Editor: The recent standoff between the United States and Iraq once again leads us to question the rationality behind the foreign policy of our country.

Before any further hostilities ensue, we would like to express our opinions.

We firmly believe that another war would be a tragic mistake.

The currently contemplated war with Iraq would be unjust and shamelessly inhumane.

If the Iraqis have no chemical or biological weapons, thousands will be killed or injured for no reason at all. If the Iraqis do have such weapons, bombardment will release them into the atmosphere and kill people whichever way the wind blows. Either way, innocent lives will suffer to no purpose.

Opponents of the pending war are rarely given an opportunity to be heard, and the arguments typically offered by exponents of the war are superficial and implausible.

The talk of weapons of mass destruction is an effort to hide the real issue — the effort of the U.S. corporate elite to control oil and to dominate an increasingly competitive international economy. What they cannot tolerate is Hussein's willingness to sell his oil to companies outside the domination of U.S. power. Saddam Hussein's "threat" is a threat to the U.S. capitalist elite, not to American workers and students.

By claiming that Hussein is a criminal dictator, the U.S. government hopes to win us support to their war. They hope we will forget the role the U.S. government played as a criminal co-conspirator when it fostered and supported the unjustified Iraqi assault on Iran. The U.S. government gave the Iraqi military aid, including satellite information on Iranian troop dispositions. The U.S. government made no objection when Iraqis used "weapons of mass destruction" — chemical warfare — on Iranians and Kurds. At least 500,000 Iranians died as a consequence of the unjust war.

The pretext of going to war over the possession of "weapons of mass destruction" is absurd. The U.S. government invents, owns and stockpiles "weapons of mass destruction." The U.S. government used them in Hiroshima, Nagasaki and Vietnam. Furthermore, in 1991, the U.S. government used these weapons in the

massacre called the Gulf War. During this slaughter, the United States government used "fuel air explosives," asphyxiating and incinerating thousands of defeated draftees in an open air holocaust.

Saddam Hussein is a despicable dictator, but contrary to administrative smoke, neither Hussein nor any other individual is the real issue. One dictator easily can be replaced by another, and the dictatorship remains. Even a democratic Iraq will be critical of the undemocratic policies of the U.S. government. The victims of imperial policies always will oppose them.

Hussein is no Hitler capable of taking over the world. Iraq is a relatively weak country with roughly 5 percent of our population and a much lower gross domestic product. Its military power is not in comparison to the United States, which has weapons far more destructive.

This war is irrational and immoral. It will be outrageously costly, impractical and maybe even jeopardize the economy. If it fails, it will be a human disaster.

If it "succeeds," it will bear bitter fruit, tempting those in power toward greater acts of barbarism in the future.

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Upcoming events related to this issue are a film forum at 6:30 p.m. today in Holden Hall, room 121. "The Panama Deception" will be shown, followed by a discussion of the current United States-Iraq conflict.

At noon Saturday, students will gather at the southwest corner of 50th Street and Wayne Avenue for a peace walk.

Sterne, Pope should respect freedoms

To the Editor: "Congress shall make no law... abridging the freedom of speech..." The First Amendment does not state that Congress shall make no law abridging the freedom of art and/or music and/or cinema and/or television programming, etc. Why are we allowed to view, purchase, own and/or create art and/or music et. al.? The Ninth Amendment states "The enumeration in the Constitution, of certain rights, shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people." Do Mr. Sterne and Ms. Pope know what this means?

Think about this: Where does a painting consisting only of visual effects and lacking spoken or printed word fit into the First Amendment? If they by their assertions that pornography should be abolished because it is not representative of "freedom of speech" or "freedom of the press" or otherwise protected by our Constitution, then obviously the two of them are willing to not only abolish pornography, but to abolish all visual media that lacks printed or spoken words in the same fell swoop, based on the fact that it is offensive to some. That would be fair according to their strict interpretation of our Constitution. Or do they simply wish to infringe upon the implied rights of others by legislating their own moralities and meaning?

I am not a proponent of pornography. I also am not an opponent of pornography. I do not subscribe to, purchase, receive or read *Playboy*, nor do I possess one. I probably never will be a patron of *Playboy Enterprises*, at least not knowingly. I am not defending *Playboy*. I could not care less about *Playboy* or any publication of similar ilk except that they, along with *Discover*, *The New York Times*, *Sports Illustrated*, *Better Homes and Gardens*, etc., stand representative of my First and Ninth Amendment rights as

a U.S. citizen.

Whether or not people intend to "read" *Playboy* to further their intellectual development" is not the true issue. If it were, then take Rush Limbaugh off the air. There is nothing intellectually stimulating about Mr. Limbaugh's misinformed, worthless rhetoric, even to a Republican. Besides, his line of neckwear is visually offensive to me. Then ban "Seinfeld" from syndication. It is a self-styled "show about nothing." How can that further intellectual development?

"Some proponents [sic] for pornography say that if you don't like it, don't buy it... but what about the other people affected by one person's pornography addiction[?]" I see. In that case, let's take college football away from everyone, since my addiction to college football adversely affects those around me.

It is not my prerogative or the prerogative of a duly appointed or elected government official to cause me to seek professional help regarding my addiction, when the simple solution is to just get rid of college football.

Thanks to our Constitution, the two of them have been guaranteed the right to vocalize their opinions and the right to publish them.

These rights are explicitly enumerated in our Constitution. They also have the right to publish them. These rights are explicitly enumerated in our Constitution. They also have the right to watch Rush Limbaugh, wear bad neckties, watch "Seinfeld" re-runs, watch college football, view Michelangelo's David or create a new one and, yes, read *Playboy*. These rights are not explicitly stated in our Constitution, but they are covered in concept by the Ninth Amendment. I have the same rights. All U.S. citizens have the same rights. The same ones that, in Mr. Sterne's and Ms. Pope's opinion, should be discarded piece by piece like old bricks from the condemned building they are making our Constitution out to be.

Are we meant to be a shallow nation stuck in a dark corner covering our males and females from the tip of the toe to the top of the head? Or should they have the right to do what they please within the confines of the law? As a Southern Baptist, I have been taught to be offended by many things and am. But at least I'm open-minded enough to see the silver lining when and where it exists.

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Nebraska shucks Tech, 82-65

LINCOLN, Neb. (Special) — As the Texas Tech men's basketball team departed from Lincoln, Neb., they probably were scratching their heads in confusion as the Red Raiders were routed by the Cornhuskers 82-65 Wednesday night at the Devaney Sports Center.

The Red Raiders (13-12 overall, 7-8 Big 12) became Nebraska's (18-10, 9-6 Big 12) fifth straight conference victim as the Cornhuskers improved their chances of obtaining the fourth seed in the Big 12 conference tournament.

Behind their point guard Tyrone Lue, Nebraska started the game out very hot as they jumped to a 14-point lead with 9:21 left in the first half. Tech would never recover from the deficit in a contest where the Red Raiders would never have the lead.

Tech did not help its cause as the Red Raiders turned over the ball 16

times in the first half, and with Lue leading the Cornhuskers with 17 first-half points, Nebraska took a 42-24 lead into the locker room.

In the second half, it was more of the same as Nebraska extended its lead to 23 points, and the Red Raiders continued to turn the basketball over.

"In order to win the game we have to shoot well and limit the turnovers," junior guard Stan Bonewitz said of the contest.

"I don't think we did either."

Nebraska played outstanding defense as they limited Tech to only 20 field goals and forced 23 Red Raider turnovers.

Also contributing to Nebraska's win was junior center Venson Hamilton, who played strong underneath the rim.

Hamilton, the Big 12's leading rebounder, had many key rebounds and timely blocks.

"We didn't play with any emotion or energy," Tech coach James Dickey

said after the game.

"The crowd was not a factor, but we came out flat, and when your big guns (Carr, Young, and Bonewitz) go 9-for-31 from the field, your chances of winning are not good. They played with more emotion and heart, and it's just disappointing."

Tech also missed 13 free throws and many three-point shots.

The Red Raiders will be in action next at 12:45 p.m. Saturday when they battle Oklahoma at the Lubbock Municipal Coliseum.

The game will be Tech's final regular season game and the last regular-season home game for the three Red Raider seniors.

"We need to win this final game at home and hopefully our fans will come out in respect for our seniors," Dickey said.

"They played with more emotion and heart, and it's just disappointing."

Tech coach James Dickey

Courier, Sampras advance in Advanta Championships

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Jim Courier, trying to recover from a prolonged losing streak and an arm injury, won his first match since the middle of October, 6-7 (8-6), 6-4, 6-4 over Christian Ruud Wednesday at the Advanta Championships.

Top-ranked Pete Sampras cruised

past Andrea Gaudenzi 7-6 (8-6), 6-4, and in the quarterfinals Friday, he will face Sjeng Schalken, the eighth seed, who beat wild-card Marat Safin 6-2, 4-6, 7-6 (7-1).

"It felt good to compete like that. I was pumped up and into it," said the fifth-seeded Courier, admitting

that some doubts had crept into his game recently.

"It's tough when you're sitting on the couch a lot watching people do that on television."

Courier had missed six weeks this year with an injury that he likened to dead-arm suffered during a tourna-

ment last June in England.

Courier watched his world ranking drop to 41st, his lowest since mid-1989.

He had lost in the first rounds of the last three events, including last week's 6-2, 6-3 loss to Brian MacPhie in Memphis.

Hurricanes ask arbitrator to validate Federov contract

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — The Carolina Hurricanes asked an arbitrator Wednesday to uphold the contract offered to center Sergei Federov, a player the team believes can transform the franchise into an immediate playoff contender.

Following a teleconference hearing lasting one hour and 45 minutes, arbitrator John Sands did not immediately rule on the deal. The NHL moved to disallow the deal Monday, saying it violated the league's collective bargaining agreement.

Fedorov, a restricted free agent who helped the Detroit Red Wings win the Stanley Cup last year, has not played in an NHL game this season because of a contract dispute with the club.

He agreed to a six-year contract with the Hurricanes that would pay him a \$14 million signing bonus, \$2 million in salary and \$12 million more if his team makes it to the conference finals this year.

Carolina general manager Jim Rutherford said he expects Sands to make a ruling late Thursday or

early Friday morning.

"He's just heard both sides," Rutherford said. "He's now going to take the info and make his ruling."

Rutherford said following the hearing that he remains confident the contract does not violate the NHL's collective bargaining agreement. He said he would have no further comment until the dispute is resolved.

Detroit Red Wings general manager Ken Holland said Wednesday night that he and team officials were "basically silent participants" in the hearing.

He said regardless of the ruling, Detroit is pretty certain of its course of action.

"I would say we pretty well know what we're going to do," Holland said.

"We're obviously going to await the decision. We've in house talked a lot about everything. We're comfortable with where we're at."

Carolina officials have said the only issue before Sands is whether the \$12 million playoff clause is valid.

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