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STATENEWS —

UT-Austin honors migrant high school students

AUSTIN (AP) — The University of Texas-Austin on Monday honored 165 migrant high school students who have earned good grades through a university distance learning program.

Called the Continuing and Extended Education Migrant Student Graduation Enhancement Program, the effort is designed for students who are pulled out of school for several weeks a year to help their families irrigate fields or harvest crops.

The students honored during a ceremony on the UT campus often work long hours hundreds of miles from home but still manage to earn good grades and participate in after-school and civic activities.

"Teen-agers who otherwise would have been deprived of a high school diploma are studying, graduating and joining the work force," said Hector Ortiz, a training coordinator with the program.

Many of the students will go to college, Ortiz said.

NATIONAL NEWS —

Recording industry battles music trading software

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Facing a recording industry lawsuit, a company that makes software to trade music over the Internet sought protection from copyright liability in federal court on Monday.

San Mateo, Calif.-based Napster Inc. is accused by the Recording Industry Association of America of encouraging users of the company's software and computer servers to trade copyrighted music online without permission.

"They have conceived a business that is based on infringement," said Russell Frackman, the recording association attorney.

The trade group, representing record companies and their artists, argued before Chief U.S. District Judge Marilyn Patel that sharing music using Napster constitutes copyright infringement.

Napster attorney Laurence Pulgram asked Patel to rule that part of the federal Digital Millennium Copyright Act limited the company's potential liability.

WORLDNEWS —

DaimlerChrysler buys 34 percent of Mitsubishi

FRANKFURT, Germany (AP) — German-American automaker DaimlerChrysler AG, seeking a foothold in Asia, said Monday it would acquire 34 percent of Japan's Mitsubishi Motor Corp. for an alliance that would create the world's third-largest automaker.

In a statement issued before the stock market opening in Frankfurt, DaimlerChrysler said its chairman, Juergen Schremp, and Mitsubishi president Katsuhiko Kawasoe had signed a letter of intent in Stuttgart to form an alliance regarding the design, development, production and distribution of passenger cars and light commercial vehicles. The final contracts will be signed within the next few months.

DaimlerChrysler said it would pay \$2 billion for the stake through a capital increase, and that DaimlerChrysler would take regular seats on Mitsubishi's board "in line with the equity participation ... to be part of the decision making process at Mitsubishi."

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Explosion rocks Houston-area plant

PASADENA (AP) — An explosion Monday rocked a Phillips Petroleum Co. chemical plant along the Houston Ship Channel, sending at least 52 workers to local hospitals and keeping area residents indoors for more than two hours. One man was listed as missing.

No fatalities were reported after the 1:25 p.m. CST explosion at the plant's K-resin unit, plant spokesman Norm Berkley said.

"We're doing everything possible, search and rescue, and we have some very sophisticated processes to try to make sure we account for everyone," he said. "It's a terrible day for us at the plant."

More than 10 years ago, the same complex was the scene of another explosion that killed 23 workers.

"I don't know what's happened in this case," Berkley said. "I think the only similarity is certainly that we've had a tragic, tragic day. We've had an explosion, we've had a fire, injured employees. We've got some employ-

ees unaccounted for. I couldn't feel worse about it."

The plant has about 850 workers, but Berkley said about 600 would have been there at the time of the blast.

Some of the most seriously injured workers, including nine who suffered burns, were taken to Memorial Hermann Hospital in nearby Houston. The remainder were transported to Memorial Southeast Hospital, Columbia Bayshore Medical Center and East Houston Medical Center in eastern Harris County and Ben Taub General Hospital in Houston.

Hospitals treated workers for a range of symptoms, including anxiety, smoke inhalation, falls, burns and shrapnel wounds. All were in stable condition and some were released quickly, hospital officials said.

Speaking at the site Monday afternoon, Phillips chief executive officer Jim Mulva said the Bartlesville, Okla.-based company was

concentrating on taking care of its injured employees and contractors.

"Our greatest concern and objective is to provide for care and assistance for all personnel in the vicinity and their immediate families," Mulva said.

Workers at neighboring plants, area residents and schoolchildren initially were urged to remain indoors while officials tried to determine what was burning. That precaution was lifted after about 2-1/2 hours.

Heavy black smoke turned white about two hours after the explosion, leaving behind tangles of scorched metal. Plant officials said there was no indication anyone outside the plant could be injured by the smoke but said breathing high concentrations could cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat.

The fire burned cyclohexane, styrene and 1,3-butadiene, according to plant environmental director Cindy Simpson. The facility was shut down and stable by dusk, said plant

manager Kevin Collins, who added that he did not know when systems would be restarted.

As a precaution, the U.S. Coast Guard ordered the chemical ship NCC Jizan to leave the complex until further notice. There were no anticipated traffic interruptions for the Port of Houston, officials said.

Pasadena Mayor Johnny Isbell said an emergency siren system intended to alert Pasadena residents did not sound immediately because it was under repair Monday.

"I was in the main shop area when I heard a loud explosion," said Tim Williams, a plant worker who estimated he was more than 200 yards from the blast site. "My ears hurt, and I took off running. I looked back and saw flames and kept going."

The Phillips complex was the site of an Oct. 23, 1989, series of explosions and fires in a polyethylene reactor that killed 23 and injured 130.

Marching on Memphis



Members of the Texas Tech Court Jesters entertain a crowd on Memphis' famous Beale Street. The band was travelling with the Lady Raiders during the Elite Eight round of the women's NCAA Tournament. However, Tech was eliminated from the tourney Monday by the Tennessee Lady Volunteers, 57-44.

Program continues to accept applicants

by Kevin McEwen
Staff Writer

The McNair Scholars Program is searching for undergraduates to join this year's recruits.

The McNair Program, funded by the U.S. Department of Education, still has 12 of its 20 slots to fill. The program puts undergraduate students with a faculty mentor and a graduate student mentor to prepare them toward receiving their master's degree.

Kelly Powell, assistant director for the McNair Program, said it is beneficial to underclassmen.

"We take undergraduate students and prepare them for graduate school," she said. "They each research a certain subject and are mentored by faculty members as well as actual graduate students."

Powell said the students chosen for the program must first apply and then are chosen based on various qualifications.

"We look at the most deserving students," Powell said. "We look at their overall GPA, as in what they have done through the years, not just their current grades. We also look for students who could use the help financially."

Randy Vance, a senior history and anthropology major from Stephenville, said the program has helped him in numerous ways.

"It's been good for me," Vance said. "It gives support to students who normally wouldn't get it if they are a first-generation college student or financially well off."

Cesar Delgado, a senior general studies major from El Paso, said he agrees the program reaches students who typically do not receive the help they need.

"It exposes students who normally don't get enough help," Delgado said. "It provides a lot of opportunities they wouldn't typically get. It also depends on the student."

Each student chooses one faculty mentor to oversee their research, or the McNair Program can provide them with one. Delgado chose Katherine Reabis, an assistant professor at the Health Sciences Center.

"My mentor helped a lot with my research in diabetes and health care," he said. "Katherine Reabis was always there to help."

Vance said while he gives credit to his faculty mentor, the graduate student he worked with was most helpful.

"I enjoyed working with Dr. Grant Hill a lot, but it was the graduate student I worked with that helped the most," Vance said. "Kathy Barch was able to show me what it was like from a graduate student's perspective. They need more credit than they get."

Students meet with their graduate student mentor two to five hours a week for several months.

The McNair Scholars Program will be taking applications from interested students until April 3. For more information, go to 108 Holden Hall or call 742-1095.

OPEC ministers fail to reach agreement

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — OPEC oil ministers failed to reach agreement Monday on how much crude oil to add to global supplies, with Iran seen as the chief obstacle to a consensus that could provide some price relief to consumers.

The ministers were to resume discussions today.

Iran accepts the need for OPEC to boost output, the Iranian Oil Minister Bijan Namdar Zangeneh said, but the amount of an increase favored by his country might not be enough to reduce petroleum prices from nine-year highs.

Zangeneh spoke before the opening Monday of the semiannual meeting of oil ministers from all 11 members of the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries.

"I won't talk on numbers, but we don't want a market shortage," he said.

Iran, OPEC's second-largest producer, is known to favor boosting output by about 1.2 million barrels a day — an amount that probably would do little to reduce world oil prices.

An OPEC delegate, speaking on condition of anonymity, told reporters that Libya, Indonesia and Nigeria back Iran's position.

Two other key producers in the group, Saudi Arabia and Kuwait, have proposed a production increase of 1.5 million to 1.7 million barrels a day. The upper limit of their proposed increase would amount to about 7

percent more than what OPEC members agreed to pump after curtailing output last March.

For U.S. motorists and other consumers of refined products such as gasoline, much hinges on efforts by Saudi Arabia, OPEC's No. 1 producer, to win Iran over to its point of view.

American motorists now pay an average of \$1.59 per gallon for unleaded gasoline, an increase of nearly 60 cents since prices bottomed out at 99.8 cents per gallon in February 1999, according to a Lundberg Survey of 10,000 U.S. gas stations released Saturday.

Industry analysts warn of possible shortages and \$2-a-gallon gas during the peak driving season this summer if OPEC fails to increase production significantly.

Meanwhile, Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan sought Monday to minimize fears raised by some U.S. lawmakers that a recent spike in fuel prices could have a negative effect on the economy.

"Currently, we do not as yet — and emphasize as yet — see any significant indication that crude oil price increases are in the process of embedding themselves in other areas of the economy and inflating the general price structure," he said in testimony before a Senate committee in Washington.

Greenspan said it was unclear what level of energy inflation would be needed to spread to other areas of the economy.

Protesters hold vigil over Elian Gonzalez custody battle

MIAMI (AP) — With the Justice Department threatening to take Elian Gonzalez from his Miami relatives, a crowd gathered outside the boy's Little Havana home Monday, holding a vigil and ready to form a human chain if necessary.

The risk of a confrontation over the 6-year-old boy appeared to grow as the government and the Miami relatives traded accusations. The relatives were so worried that

Elian would be taken away that they kept him home from school.

Attorney General Janet Reno has demanded that the Miami relatives pursue any court appeals rapidly and promise to surrender Elian for return to his father in Cuba if they lose.

On Monday, the relatives filed their latest appeal — and asked that the case get expedited handling — but they have not addressed the other demand.

"That being so, the INS is under no obligation to maintain the current arrangement," the government wrote in response, referring to the deal giving Elian's great-uncle custody in the meantime.

Justice Department spokeswoman Carole Florman would not say what the government would do next. She said the department would send the family a letter outlining its plans.

The agency has made it clear it would not

want to do anything to traumatize the boy or provoke Miami's large Cuban community.

About 100 people held a candlelight vigil outside his Little Havana home Monday evening. Earlier a small group spilled into the streets waving a large Cuban flag but did not block traffic. Someone put a 15-foot banner in front of the house with a drawing of Elian and a message: "I just want to live in freedom."

Tech Nutrition Day kicks off with basic training

Students to learn about healthy eating habits, stress management

by Shannon Davis
Staff Writer

Student Health Services is getting students "Back to the Basics" on food nutrition during Texas Tech's Nutrition Day.

Students, faculty and staff will offer the opportunity to learn about food choices and how to balance a busy life with a healthy diet at infor-

mation tables across campus today.

SHS has created a brochure of food facts for students that include the food guide pyramid, top food cravings, foods to limit and fat comparisons.

Healthy choices of food to eat on-the-go are recommended in the brochure, which lists different foods to choose when looking for breakfast, fast food or vending machine items.

"We are doing Tech Nutrition Day because in today's society, the ideal seems to be everything fat free and working out at least three to five times a week," said Michelle Pettus, health educator at SHS. "We want to show people that there is a balance, and people can enjoy their favorite foods without giving them up."

Students will learn about how to fulfill cravings without overeating. Limiting certain foods can lead to a healthier life, Pettus said.

"Olestra, a fat substitute that is found in WOW chips, holds on to fat soluble vitamins and eliminates them from the body, leading to serious digestive problems," she said.

Free lifestyle weight management consultations will be offered at SHS offices in Thompson Hall.

The consultation includes tips to healthy eating, fitness assessments,

making time to exercise, fast food choices, goal setting and motivation to achieve goals.

"Nutrition is important in my life and my diet," said Nichole Hayden, a junior pre-occupational therapy major from Richardson.

"I try and eat the right foods and exercise on a regular basis, but I also allow myself to eat my favorite foods on occasion."

A computer diet analysis will be available at the information tables

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located on campus. The analysis will rate a student's diet based on what they have eaten during the past 24 hours.

The results will include a percent of calories from fat, if enough protein was consumed, if too much saturated fat was ingested and how much cholesterol is in

the diet. Nutrition questions will be asked, and those students that answer correctly will receive an apple. Information on how to eat

healthy in the dining halls on campus also will be available. Different foods will be selected from The Market at Stangel/Murdough and analyzed.

The purpose of the demonstration will help show students they do not have to eat rabbit food to remain healthy, Pettus said.

"Foods are neither good nor bad, however, there are more nutritional choices a person can make," Pettus said.

Information tables will be set up from 11 a.m. to noon at the University Center; from noon to 1 p.m. at Stangel/Murdough Market; and from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Student Recreation Center.

For more information, visit the Wellness Wizard Web site at www.ttu.edu/~ttushs/wellness.htm or call Pettus at SHS at 743-2860.

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Wildlife team garners first-place honors in competition

Texas Tech's Wildlife Quiz Bowl team from the Department of Range, Wildlife and Fisheries Management finished in first place at the Texas Bowl Competition in San Angelo.

This is the fourth consecutive year the team has won first place.

Members of the team include senior Emily Dacy of Houston; senior Bryan Lovell of Paint Rock; senior Wade Abbott of Lindale;

senior Bryan Vogt of Boerne; and sophomore Brandon Mills of Albuquerque, N.M. All team members are wildlife majors.

Other teams competing included Texas A&M University, Southwest Texas State University and Stephen F. Austin University.

The Tech team previously had won second place at the National Wildlife Quiz Bowl held in Austin during the fall semester.

The format consists of timed oral questions and practical identification of specimens.

"These students work extremely hard to bring back first-place wins for Texas Tech," said Mark Wallace, faculty adviser for the team and professor of wildlife, in a written statement. "Our teams have an excellent reputation, which certainly reflects back on the university as whole."

Forensics team finishes third in speech, debate tournament

Texas Tech's Forensic Union finished in third place at the Delta Sigma Rho-Tau Kappa Alpha National Speech and Debate Championship Tournament. The event was hosted by Tech and concluded Monday.

Junior Sonja Ralston placed second in the nation in informative speaking while junior Ryan

Smith had a third-place finish in dramatic interpretation. Sophomores Dana Coulson and Stephen Chambers and freshman Rob Vartabedian advanced to the final round, placing in the top six in the nation.

Former Tech debater Chris Carver also was recognized as the organization's alumnus of the year.

At the event, Carver spoke about

learning from losses as well as victories and the importance of attitude.

The Forensic Union has hosted two national tournaments in the last three years. This year, they were awarded the opportunity to host the event during a meeting of the DSR-TKA Executive Council in New York in November.

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Jury awards ex-smoker \$20 mil

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A jury ordered the nation's two largest tobacco companies Monday to pay \$20 million in punitive damages to a dying ex-smoker who took up the habit after the surgeon general's warning began appearing on cigarette packs in the 1960s.

The Superior Court jury decided 9-3 to order Philip Morris and R.J. Reynolds to pay \$10 million each to Leslie Whiteley and her husband.

The same jury awarded the couple \$1.7 million in compensatory damages last week after finding that the companies deceived the public about the dangers of smoking.

That verdict was the first time the industry lost to a smoker who took up the habit after 1969, when tobacco

companies began putting government-required health warnings on cigarette packs.

Around the country, juries have awarded damages to individual smokers only five other times.

Whiteley, 40, said she started smoking in 1972 at age 13. She smoked Philip Morris' Marlboros and Reynolds' Camels until 1998, when she quit shortly before doctors diagnosed small-cell lung cancer. Doctors said she will probably die this year.

The Whiteleys had asked for \$115 million in punitive damages, which they said would represent 1 percent of the companies' combined net worth. Their lawyer said cigarette makers remain unrepentant for the harm they cause.

Philip Morris lawyer William Ohlemeyer contended that punitive damages are improper because "the companies have made profound changes in the way they do business." He and other company lawyers have pointed to the \$206 billion settlement reached in 1998 by cigarette makers and 46 states suing over health costs.

He said the companies will appeal if the judge upholds the verdict.

The tobacco companies argued that Whiteley harmed herself by her admitted use of marijuana, by smoking during pregnancy and by disregarding warnings on cigarette packages.

"Whiteley never smoked a pack of cigarettes that didn't have a health

warning on it that was written by the surgeon general," Ohlemeyer said.

But after reviewing internal industry documents, jurors found that the companies designed cigarettes negligently, then made false or misleading statements to the public and concealed information about the dangers of smoking.

In the other smoking verdicts around the country, two cases in Florida and one in New Jersey were overturned on appeal; an \$80 million verdict in Portland, Ore., was reduced to \$31 million by the judge; and a \$51 million verdict against Philip Morris in San Francisco a year ago was cut in half by Superior Court Judge John Munter, who is also presiding over Whiteley's case.

Jury selection set to begin for accused railroad killer

HOUSTON (AP) — As accused "railroad killer" Angel Maturino Resendiz heads to trial with his life on the line, two other states vow to prosecute him even if he is condemned.

An estimated five weeks of jury selection was set to begin Tuesday in the capital murder trial for the December 1998 slaying of Houston-area physician Claudia Benton, one of nine people Maturino Resendiz is suspected of killing from 1997 to 1999.

Prosecutors in Kentucky and Illinois say they intend to try Maturino Resendiz in their own death-penalty cases regardless of whether the 40-year-old Mexican drifter is sentenced to die in Texas.

"It has to do with the fact that he's alleged to have committed a murder and a rape here, and we can't just not prosecute the case," Fayette County, Ky., prosecutor Mike Malone said, referring to the slaying of college student Christopher Maier and the assault of Maier's companion. The pair were attacked alongside a railroad track in 1997.

Maturino Resendiz is thought to have arrived at all but one of the crime scenes by riding freight trains, authorities said.

Michael Wepsiec, the state's attorney in Jackson County, Ill., gave similar reasons for wanting to try Maturino Resendiz for a double killing there.

"If this were a shoplifting case, it would be different," Wepsiec said. Maturino Resendiz is charged with killing George Morber, 79, and his daughter, Carolyn Frederick, 51, last June in Gorham, Ill.

The Illinois victims are among four people, including two in Texas, Maturino Resendiz is suspected of killing after immigration officials took him into custody June 2 at Sunland Park, N.M. Although the drifter was wanted by the FBI, he was re-

leased into Mexico.

Harris County prosecutor Devon Anderson said she understands why the other states would be willing to pull Maturino Resendiz off Texas death row to try him.

"I say, the more, the merrier," Anderson said. "I would like to make sure everything sticks, and if doing it again gives their communities closure and satisfaction, they should do it."

Texas has executed 211 of the more than 650 men and women sent to its death row since capital punishment resumed in the 1970s. Meanwhile, Kentucky executed two. Illinois killed 12 before declaring a capital punishment moratorium in January in the wake of several faulty cases.

The painstaking process of ferreting out a jury was to begin here despite intense media coverage of Maturino Resendiz, who also is accused of killing a second Houston-area woman.

Testimony is tentatively scheduled to begin May 2. The suspect faces damaging physical evidence including fingerprints, DNA and jewelry belonging to Benton that was retrieved from the his Mexico home. Defense attorney Allen Tanner plans an insanity defense.

However, Maturino Resendiz has refused to talk to a court-appointed psychologist. State District Judge William Harmon has threatened to limit testimony of Tanner's psychiatric expert if Maturino Resendiz does not cooperate.

"Right now, I just don't know what we'll do if the judge doesn't let us do insanity," Tanner said. "We'll cross that bridge when we get to it."

Tanner says he urged the suspect to speak with the court's psychiatrist, but Maturino Resendiz's deep-seated mistrust in the state has prevented it.

Research says vitamin C harmful to cancer patients

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Cancer patients who take large doses of vitamin C in the hope of a cure might actually make their disease worse by inadvertently protecting their tumors from radiation and chemotherapy, new research suggests.

Doctors caution they cannot prove the vitamin is harmful during cancer treatment.

The concern is based on the discovery that cancer cells actually contain large amounts of vitamin C, which appears to protect them from oxygen damage. Many cancer treatments, especially radiation therapy, work by triggering oxygen damage to the genes of cancer cells.

Dr. David Golde, physician-in-chief at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York City, warned against too much vitamin C in a presentation Monday at a meeting of the American Cancer Society.

Vitamin C has many adherents, in part because it is an antioxidant, a substance that protects the body from potentially harmful oxygen particles known as free radicals. Oxidation is suspected of triggering cancer and other disease.

Health experts recommend that

people eat plenty of fruits and vegetables because they are good sources of an antioxidant nutrients, among other things. Many people routinely take high doses of vitamin C and other antioxidants in the belief that they will prevent or cure illnesses.

Doctors caution that even though various nutritional supplements are natural, this does not necessarily mean they are also safe or effective, especially when combined with other treatments.

Dr. Barrie R. Cassileth, a medical sociologist who studies vitamin and herbal remedies at Memorial Sloan-Kettering, noted that vitamin C fell from favor as a cancer treatment in 1985 after a Mayo Clinic study found it to be worthless. But it has recently returned to vogue, and some practitioners give extremely high doses to cancer patients as an addition to ordinary

treatment or even as a substitute.

In 1993, Golde's team discovered how vitamin C gets into human cells. They found that an oxidized form of vitamin C called dehydroascorbic acid enters cells through the same opening used by sugar. Once inside, it is immediately converted back to vitamin C.

He said a key feature of many cancers is they have many more of these sugar openings than do ordinary cells. This allows them to take in the energy they need to grow.

He said cancer cells often also have very high concentrations of vitamin C. The exact function of the vitamin inside cancer is unknown.

"My experience as a biologist would say it is no accident," said Golde. "The cancer cell wants vitamin C because it wants antioxidant

protection."

Among cancer's uses for the vitamin, he said, could be protection against the harmful effect of radiation therapy, as well as some forms of chemotherapy that work by inducing oxygen damage.

Vitamin-rich food and multivitamins are safe for cancer patients, Golde said, but he routinely advises cancer patients to avoid gram-size doses of vitamin C while under treatment.

Dr. Harmon Eyre, medical director of the cancer society, said Golde's work suggests it is especially important to avoid big doses of vitamin C during radiation treatment, which works in large part through triggering oxygen damage. Lab experiments have also shown that loading cancer cells with vitamin C can make them resist radiation treatment.

"It argues to cancer patients that supplements need to be thought through very carefully," he said.

Earlier this month, researchers from the University of Southern California presented data at a conference suggesting that vitamin C pills may speed up clogging of the arteries, the underlying cause of heart attacks and strokes.

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Dr. Harmon Eyre
medical director of the American Cancer Society

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Freedom continues to fall by wayside

I went against all of my principles last Thursday night and turned on prime time television. Surprisingly, there was an hour-long special on freedom of speech in America, or lack of, actually. The show set the wheels turning.

Since our forefathers (or old, fat, rich, white guys, as modern day mega-liberals like to call them) adopted our Constitution, freedom has been relative to the time period.

Anything that is politically correct is free speech, but if one steps outside the boundaries of the realms of typical modern thought, free speech becomes offensive or somehow illegal.

For instance, only seven years after the states passed the Bill of Rights, Congress passed the Sedition Act of 1798 that made it a crime to say or write anything derogatory about the government. During the 20th century, as a result of the Communist scare, Congress conjured up the Committee on Un-American Activities to investigate nonconforming political parties.

Pornography is a perfect example. What is allowed today was illegal a century ago. Why? — because the era we live in now accepts it. The boundaries of political correctness have widened, and they will continue to expand.

It is supposed to be irrelevant as to whether we agree with these different ideas. No one is asking you to speak out against acts of the government, join the Communist Party or look at pornography.

You don't have to support ideas you don't agree with, and you can even take action to stop things that are against your belief system.

If you're against pornography, don't make pornography a crime; just go down to all the local bookstores, buy all the porno magazines you can afford, take them to your backyard and have a bonfire. It's just a suggestion for all you activists.

You shouldn't make something a crime just because it offends you. If America follows the same trend it has over the past 200 years, the politically incorrect will gradually become correct, so you might as well get comfortable with it.

Many of the ideas we cling to today came from politically incorrect thought. There are examples for everyone to identify with. What if Jesus had been silenced before he had a chance to make his teachings known? Keep in mind that the government of that time period did everything they could to try and silence him and eventually did.

And how about Charles Darwin? (No, fundamentalists, I'm not comparing Darwin to Jesus. Relax, I'm simply showing a variety of examples) Darwin was a politically incorrect individual during his days. The people and the government tried to silence him because his writings offended them, and to think, there still are people today who try to cleanse America of Darwin's "nonsense" after all he has done for thought and science.

People would give up freedom in a second if it meant they didn't have to be offended anymore. What a joke! I think the world would be unbelievably bland without contrasting opinions.

We thrive on other people's sentiments — sometimes because we agree and sometime because we disagree.

Rush Limbaugh and James Carville are famous for one simple reason — people on each side of the aisle eat up everything they say and pronounce it as the gospel. Truth is beside the point for the students of these guys. It goes to show that people want rhetoric, not truth.

I imagine that very few of you have ever heard of Howard Zinn or Noam Chomsky. Why? — because they are both truth seekers, not conformists like the formerly-mentioned spinsters. The only side that Zinn and Chomsky are on is that of truth. You don't ever hear about them because we, as Americans, don't want truth. We would rather turn our heads and close our eyes so we don't have to deal with the mendacity.

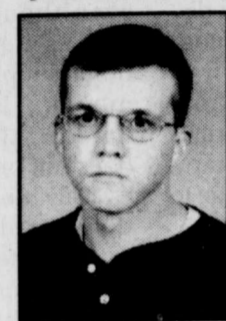
Do we have freedom or don't we? The answer, I'm sorry to say, is no. During the 18th century, America only allowed what was socially acceptable. The same can be said for the 19th and 20th centuries. We only have as much freedom as society is ready for.

We are doing things today that were unheard of 100 years ago, and we will be doing things and discovering truths in 100 years from now that people guffaw at when mentioned today.

We are like puppets who have a certain amount of limited free will because the Constitution is relative to the time, I hate to admit. We only have as much freedom as society allows except in one aspect.

Anyway, I started at one point with this column and ended somewhere else, but who cares? Coherence is for the politically correct crowd: I'll have no part of it — well, to the extent that society allows me to meander in any direction.

Joseph Colley is a junior English major from Mount Pleasant.



Joe Colley
Columnist

Admission standards testament to Tech's outstanding students

Several weeks ago, my colleague who shares the Forum page with me on Tuesdays, suggested that we as students should be willing to engage in massive protests when we don't agree with the way things work.

At first, I blew this off as simple right-wing conspirator rhetoric and gave him the male gesture for "I think your ideas lack sound judgment and reasoning." If you're unfamiliar with the gesture of which I speak, try this: Act like you're trying to plunge a toilet with just your right arm.

Now here recently, Tech students have taken a lot of heat for their lack of knowledge on such trivial items as who the first president was. But sitting here trying to figure this whole thing out makes about as much sense as me trying to figure out why I can be indicted on charges of statutory rape if I walk by Chitwood, when it's apparently perfectly OK for me to have to wait for a girl to get out of the shower before I can use the restroom on my floor. Why should we concern ourselves with petty stuff such as this?

Think about it. Why did you apply to Tech? I think that 95 percent of you will agree that you did it because the application took 2-1/2 minutes to complete. The remaining 5 percent are people from West Texas who just couldn't cut it with the rest of civilization. Tech is hardly the Harvard of the South, but that's OK. That's how we like it.

Men choose to go to Tech, not because of our outstanding record of academic achievement, but so they can spend four years drinking beer and treating women like crap. And women go to Tech to meet the guys who drink beer and treat women like crap and marry them (No bitterness there).

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The fact of the matter is that by changing our recruiting efforts to picking out the best and brightest, instead of just picking out any-

one who'll make the cursed drive up here, Tech will cause a disturbance on its campus, the likes of which we've never seen. Let me explain. I took an algebra class last semester. Now I'm no mathematician by any stretch of the imagination, but I still managed an "A" in the class. Was it because I worked hard, studied every night and did all of my homework? Hardly. It was because the curve in the class was so high that I was making a 230 by Thanksgiving break.

I knew things would go great when nearly two-thirds of the class had aneurysms right in the middle of lecture on the first day when the professor started labeling the X and Y axes.

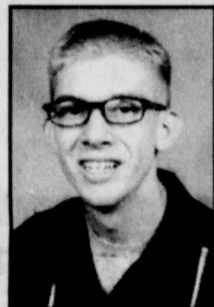
And then there's this group, maybe you've seen them around campus. They refuse to check on a grade from a test in January because they just can't seem to figure out how to work the "complicated" system of finding your random test number. Frankly, I'm sick of explaining it to people, so now I just tell them they have to write the State of Texas and wait six to eight weeks for a response.

But what Tech administrators don't realize is that these people are vital to our institution. We need them more than they need us. So my theory basically comes down to this. Allowing smarter students in our institution will screw up the entire curve system.

I have a 4.0 right now, and I really haven't done anything, and I'd like that to remain the same. Many of you are in the same boat as I, and if this is the case, then you should be furious. If we stand idly by and do nothing, then we will surely suffer. We'll have to start showing up for class and doing work, and really, who wants to do that?

So in closing, I hope I've stressed the importance of this issue, for it will be, the lazy, who will suffer if we sit back and do nothing. So as my colleague would say, maybe it is in fact time for a little hell raising.

Kenneth Strickland is a freshman political science major from Mesquite. He couldn't work a physics problem to save his life, but he can quote all of "Top Gun." Isn't that what's really important anyway?



Kenneth Strickland
Columnist

waking up early each morning to pay homage to the Nation of Texas.

Nonetheless, we as students are facing a major problem with those who rule over our campus. Is it the problem with parking, student fees or the downright hideous appearance of our library building? No, with the exception of the library, none of these issues would justify turning over cars and looting nearby shops.

Well, then certainly, it has to do with corruption, low attendance at sporting events or students being hit by pigeons who've been murdered and plummet from the sky like military aircraft at an air show, right?

No, this is a problem that is in a major position to undermine all that we at Tech represent, and it's about time we as Red Raiders pull together all our assets to fight these op-

pressors. So what exactly is this proposition that will have Tech students leaving the goal posts and just tearing the rest of Jones Stadium down? Try not to fly off the handle when I tell you this, but Tech is considering raising academic standards for entrance into our school. Wait, wait!

Don't start making fire bombs and beating up civilians in the streets just yet. This is Lubbock, not Israel. First let me tell you why this is as big a problem as it is.

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are only allowed to repaint the walls every 5 years ourselves with a sponge brush. Wouldn't it be nice if they used that money to replace some of the pipes in the residence halls?

The fact of the matter is Tech is not a democratic institution, and it does not consider the voice of the student. It only listens to the sound of coins, case in point, the Tech law school.

As I end this letter, I end it with this thought: In a few years, we are the alumni Tech will ask money from, and there is a good chance that at least one of us out of about 24,000 will earn enough to have a building named after us.

Tina Kuo
graduate student
anthropology

Priorities screwed

To the editor: At every stage in the educational system, the students are told what should be considered important. In history class, they "need" to remember who the first president of the United States was. In math class, they "need" to remember how to do addition. In handwriting (real course, fifth grade, I nearly failed), they "need" to remember how to properly write in cursive.

In the recent poll, most students could not name the first president of the United States. I'll admit that it's pretty humorous, but I don't consider it to be devastating. In my life, there are many things that I consider vastly more important than that tidbit of information.

Since other things take precedence, I may not remember who the first president was. To those of you that consider George Washing-

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Film falls short of mission, unsuccessful

When Mick Jagger sang "You Can't Always Get What You Want," little did he know it would apply to a film that would not come until almost 30 years later.

Brev Tanner
Staff Writer

"Mission to Mars" is one of the single worst films I think I have ever seen in my entire life. It is blasphemous of "2001: A Space Odyssey" and is nothing more than a two-hour long "Star Trek" episode. Before I start on the bad, I will talk about the few good points.



incredible, and the cinematography is very bright and colorful. Little else in the film is notable.

The bad points are almost too numerous to put in this article, but I will sum them up.

First off, the music by Ennio Morricone is horrible. It does not fit the film at all. It is light and happy

when it should be dramatic and dramatic when it should be calm and serene.

The acting is terrible. One would think with such stars as Gary Sinise ("Forest Gump"), Tim Robbins ("The Shawshank Redemption"), Don Cheadle ("Out of Sight") and Jerry O'Connell ("Jerry Maguire") that this would be a good film. Think again. These guys give some of the worst performances of their careers and are hardly believable in this convoluted piece of celluloid. Though, I must admit they really cannot do much with a script such as this.

The "Mission to Mars" screenplay has only increased my desire to fol-

low my dream and become a screenwriter. I remember thinking, "If this movie can get made, then there is no way I will not succeed." These guys need to learn a few things from the scriptwriting class I am taking.

If you are not smart enough to figure out what the picture on the screen is trying to say then do not worry, the actors will tell you, even if it is brutally obvious.

That brings me to the last, and probably most important, bad aspect of this film — the director. I guess every director hits a slump in some point in his career. This must be Brian De Palma's. After making such great and wonderful films like

"Scarface," "The Untouchables," and "Mission: Impossible," audiences now have to suffer through such terrible films as "Snake Eyes" and "Mission to Mars."

Very few things in this film flowed well. The staging was contrived. The feel of the film was way too easy for the veteran director.

On a final note, I will say this film did one good thing for me. After seeing it, I went home and rented the DVD of "2001: Space Odyssey." For any of you who love this film or who have never seen it, go rent the DVD. It is amazing. In other words, the total opposite of "Mission to Mars."

Mask exhibit to open tonight

"About Face," an exhibition of masks, will open for viewing tonight at the Buddy Holly Center, 1801 Ave G. The exhibition is sponsored by the Supporters of Fine Arts.

Regional artists were asked to create masks for the event, the masks then will be sold at a silent auction from 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday at the Buddy Holly Center.

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Dieting weighs on students' minds

by Alicia Field
Staff Writer

Covenant Health System's LifeStyle Centre will offer two classes that will focus on weight management. Beginning April 4 and 6, each class will teach effective exercise and nutrition habits.

"What are You Weighting For?" will start at 6 p.m. April 4. The class will be held every Tuesday night for six weeks. Shawn Anger, exercise specialist, will cover the aspects of stress management, nutrition and exercise.

Tips for eating healthy when dining out and healthy cooking will be addressed. The course is designed for individuals who already have a general knowledge of nutrition but tend to be "emotional eaters."

"Mind over Matter" will begin at 5:30 p.m. April 6 and will meet every Thursday evening for eight weeks.

Each class costs \$70 and is open to anyone interested.

Kelly Loughlin, LifeStyle Centre outpatient dietitian, will teach the "Mind over Matter" class and said increasing self-esteem and setting

"The earlier those with weight problems change their lifestyles, the better off they will be."

Mallory Boylan
registered dietitian

goals will be an integral part of the course.

Loughlin said there is an abundance of professionals and resources at Covenant Health Systems to support the classes.

"We have a greater capability to provide nutrition services because the classes are held at the hospital," Loughlin said.

Students attending the classes will receive a booklet with take-home activities to prepare for the next class.

Loughlin said for Tech students, "What are You Weighting For?" would be the most beneficial.

She said it would not only present stress-management skills but also methods of assertiveness.

"Handling stress is a big factor for college students," Loughlin said.

Between classes and a busy schedule, Amanda Lara, a junior architecture major from El Paso, said she often finds healthy eating habits hard to concentrate on.

Lara said the cafeteria food does not compare to home-cooked meals, and she often has to skip meals due to classes.

"It's hard to find time because my schedule varies," she said.

Lara said she agreed the classes offered at Covenant would be beneficial to Tech students.

Yet, she said issues of time and money might make the classes hard for some students to participate.

Mallory Boylan, a registered dietitian and associate professor of education, nutrition and restaurant, hotel, institutional management, said maintaining fitness and

good eating habits will lead to a longer life span, good bone health and better cardiovascular health.

"The earlier those with weight problems change their lifestyles, the better off they will be," Boylan said.

"Being overweight can lead to Type 2 diabetes, heart disease, cancer and BMI, or body mass index."

Boylan said the consumption of alcohol is a health issue because of the high-caloric content of many drinks.

She also said rigorous schedules as well as stress can lead to weight issues for students.

"There's an overabundance of high-calorie food combined with time constraints and stress," Boylan said.

She said students can do simple things in their daily activities to maintain good health such as walking instead of waiting for front-row parking, taking the stairs when possible and becoming in-tune with their appetites — eating only when hungry.

For registration and more information about the weight management classes at the LifeStyle Centre, call 725-4386.

Bagley, Dingus exhibit opening reception kicks off tonight

The opening reception for "Regarding Technology" and "Bill Bagley," a collection of works by the late artist, will be from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. today at the Buddy Holly Center, 1801 Ave G.

"Regarding Technology," an exhibition of photography by local artist Rick Dingus, will offer a look at the connection between man and technology, and the way both have changed over time.

Dingus is a professor of art at Texas Tech.

Dingus' work has been on display abroad in France, Denmark and Australia, as well as throughout the United States.

The glass work of Bagley also will be on display, and the showing will include more than 100 pieces from more than 20 years of work.

Bagley developed the first glass program for students enrolled at a Texas university.

Ratings show estimated 79 million people watched Oscar ceremonies

NEW YORK (AP) — An estimated 79 million Americans watched at least some of the lengthy Academy Awards telecast, with the average audience slightly larger than last year, Nielsen Media Research said Monday.

The show had a 29.2 rating and 48 household share. The average audience tuning in to at least part of the telecast was 46.3 million people.

With "American Beauty" and its lead actor, Kevin Spacey, winning the big awards, the Oscar telecast stretched to more than four hours.

That came despite promises from producers to move things along.

Last year, when "Shakespeare in Love" was the best movie, the Academy Awards had a 28.6 rating and 46 share, with an average audience of 45.6 million.

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Midnight near for Cinderella teams

Thanks a lot, Wisconsin, North Carolina and Florida. I am sure I am not the only person's NCAA Tournament men's bracket you guys selfishly destroyed. Don't you guys know that it's all right for the underdogs to make it to the Sweet 16, maybe the Elite Eight, but to have three solid underdogs make it to the Final Four, what is going on here?

Florida might have been some people's Final Four brackets as a No. 5 seed but probably not too many people west of Gainesville, Fla. The two No. 8 seeds, Wisconsin and UNC, have 26 losses between them. That is a lot of losses for two Final Four teams. But

Sanders could be headed to minors

PORT CHARLOTTE, Fla. (AP) — With both Cincinnati Reds and Dallas Cowboys fans cheering him on Monday, Deion Sanders got back to major league baseball — and got a hit, too.

With two black batting gloves flapping from each of his back pockets and a thick gold chain and jeweled cross dangling from his neck, Sanders played in his second spring training game as a replacement left fielder.

He also got a couple of at-bats in Cincinnati's 9-8 loss to the Texas Rangers. Sanders grounded out to second and lined a single to left, then slid in hard at second base as the Rangers unsuccessfully tried to turn a double play.

"Any time you get to play with the big guys, that's definitely a step forward," Sanders said.

His reemergence was an indication he could be back with the Reds sooner than expected. Sanders, in camp on a minor league contract, has missed most of spring training

because of a balky knee and a swollen ankle.

A day after Dr. Timothy Kremchek predicted it would take Sanders four more weeks to get into top playing shape, the outfielder diplomatically disagreed. "How can I put this gently: That's Dr. Kremchek's opinion," Sanders said. "I feel good running."

The Cowboys cornerback had arthroscopic surgery on his right knee on Jan. 24 and could only hobble last month when he resumed a baseball career put on hold in 1997. He didn't move well in an intrasquad game on March 14, going 0-for-3.

extra something in the last couple of rounds and have found a way to win. That is the sign of a championship team.

This is the Spartans' second-consecutive trip to the Final Four, but this season, they will be heading back to East Lansing, Mich., with some extra hardware for the trophy case.

I am looking for a Michigan State vs. Florida final with the Spartans emerging victorious with a 60-55 win, but with my track record in predicting games, that could be the kiss of death for the Spartans.

• Did any of you see the Seattle Kingdome explode? Was that not the coolest thing you have ever seen? What made me laugh about the Kingdome was that some sports network, I think it was the ESPN Classic Sports Network, ran a special about the all-time greatest games in the Seattle Kingdome.

Isn't that a riot. What, did the Mariners play like one playoff series

all-time in there? Let's not forget about all of those great Seahawks games that took place in the magical confines of the Kingdome. The Superonics may have played a few good games in there way back when they used to play some of their games at the Kingdome, but that is about it. Talk about a program that could have gone without being made.

I've known some people from Seattle who told me you always had to wear a hard hat when attending sporting events at the Kingdome because you never knew when a ceiling tile was going to fall down. Putting out a video tribute to the Kingdome's greatest games is like Ace of Base putting out a greatest hits album. What's next? How about a film tribute to the all-time greatest Lubbock Crickets games?

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Knight comes under more fire for conduct

(AP) — Former Indiana basketball player Ricky Calloway says he believes the claims of former teammate Neil Reed that he was choked during a practice session by Hoosiers coach Bob Knight because he saw the legendary coach hit star player Steve Alford.

"I didn't see Neil Reed get choked, but I can be 95 percent sure it happened because I've seen it happen (to other players)," Calloway told the *Houston Chronicle* for its Sunday editions. "I saw a lot of things happen."

Calloway said he saw Knight punch Alford when Alford was a player. Alford, now the head coach at Iowa, said Calloway's comments about the alleged abuse are incorrect. "Nothing along those lines ever happened," Alford said Sunday in a statement issued by the Iowa sports information department.

Indiana University's athletic department would not comment on Calloway's accusations, said Jeff Fanter, its assistant director of media relations. Knight is on vacation in Florida and could not be reached for comment.

Other than saying he didn't remember choking Reed, Knight has refused comment on the incident.

Calloway told the *Houston Chronicle* he once saw Knight

punch Alford and slap forward Daryl Thomas on different occasions during practices.

"We were all standing in a circle one day, and he (Knight) just turned around and punched Steve right in the stomach, and for a minute and a half Steve couldn't breathe," Calloway said.

"I was shocked. I wasn't really surprised he hit someone, but I never expected him to hit Steve, his golden child. But Steve put up with a lot."

Calloway also told the *Chronicle* that Knight doesn't abuse all of his players when he gets angry, only those he knows won't fight back. He said Thomas was one of those players.

"Coach knew the guys he could hit or really get into, and those he couldn't. Daryl was a big guy (6-foot-7, 240 pounds), but coach knew what type of personality Daryl had. He (Knight) was mad at him, and Daryl was sitting in his chair, and he (Knight) just came up and slapped him, and it was hard. Then he realized what he did and said, 'Go ahead and hit me back.'" Thomas hesitantly hit him back softly.

Calloway started as a sophomore on Indiana's 1987 national title team and transferred to Kansas for his senior year.

"We have a nice plan. If they feel that's where I need to go to do rehab, I'll do so."

Deion Sanders

Reds outfielder

can do. How long he'll be there is the question.

"We have a nice plan," Sanders said. "If they feel that's where I need to go to do rehab, I'll do so."

Bowden was back in Cincinnati

on Monday, missing the return of one of his favorite players.

A buzz went through the crowd of 4,519 when Sanders, wearing No. 12, moved into the on-deck circle in the sixth inning to pinch hit for Ken Griffey Jr. He didn't get to bat that inning because Chris Stynes made the last out, but stayed in the game as the left fielder. He grounded out to second on the first pitch in the seventh, then worked R.A. Dickey — a non-roster pitcher wearing No. 74 — to a 3-1 count before lining a single to left.

"I've been feeling well for — I'm not going to say quite some time, but especially this past week," Sanders said. "I don't judge my speed. I know a couple of weeks ago they told me I wasn't really running good, then yesterday Mr. Bowden told me I must have turned it up 10 notches."

Shortly after he made it to the small visitors' clubhouse after the game, former Cowboys coach Chan Gailey walked in and the two of them talked.

NFL owners discuss player violence

PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) — NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue isn't concerned about the league's image.

He just wants the violence to stop.

That was the backdrop against which the NFL opened its annual spring meeting Monday.

On-field issues have given way to more disturbing problems, the most serious of which are murder charges against two players.

"The issue isn't one of image.

It's a substantive issue of player conduct," Tagliabue said after his annual speech on the state of the league to owners, coaches and other club officials.

Tagliabue, as usual, accentuated positive developments. He called last year's title game the best in Super Bowl history.

He also pointed to the competitive balance — others call it mediocrity — that enabled the St. Louis Rams to go from 4-12 to an NFL championship.

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Red Raiders look to avenge earlier season loss to Texas Christian

by Patrick Gonzales

Sports Editor

After getting drilled by Texas Christian, 14-4, earlier this season, one might think the Texas Tech baseball team would be looking for some revenge when the squads face off at 3 p.m. today at Dan Law Field.

However, after losing two out of three games to Nebraska last weekend and slipping from third to fifth place in the Big 12 Conference, the Red Raiders might be concentrating on just one thing—winning.

"I really don't think revenge is on our minds," said Tech second baseman Shaun Larkin. "We just need to get them back, but that's not our main factor."

The Red Raiders (17-15 overall, 6-6 Big 12) had won three-straight contest before facing the Cornhuskers last weekend.

Despite losing the series to Nebraska, Tech was able to avoid the sweep and win the final game of the series.

The victory was crucial Tech coach Larry Hays said.

"We're fighting for survival to get into the tournament and things like that, so to avoid getting shut out on the road was huge," Hays said.

The Horned Frogs (11-20), who are coming off an 8-5 loss to Tarleton State on Sunday, defeated the Red Raiders on Feb. 15 in Fort Worth.

However, Tech is a different

team at home, boasting a 14-2 record at Dan Law Field this season.

Starting today, the Red Raiders will play their next four games at home.

"All year, we've looked for something to get us going, but now, we've just got to worry about winning, no matter where we play," Larkin said. "It doesn't matter who we are playing. We just have to play well and put things together."

Tech still will be without the services of starting pitchers Chaz Ackerman and Matt Harbin, who are out with injuries.

Hays said Josh Jones will most likely make the start against the Horned Frogs, but he would use others from the pitching staff.

After the TCU game, Tech next will face Kansas State in a three-game series beginning at 7 p.m. Friday at Dan Law Field.

Hays said he hopes the Red Raiders can earn a victory against TCU and carry the momentum into this weekend's battle.

"TCU will probably be throwing their one, two and three pitchers at us, so it will be a tough battle for our hitters," Hays said. "It would be great if we could use this contest to get things going in the right direction, but it's not going to be an easy deal."

TCU holds the overall lead in the series with the Red Raiders taking 64 of the 116 meetings between the two schools.

Tech falls to Tennessee, 57-44

by Matt Muench
Staff Writer

Sixty-four teams began the NCAA Tournament with a chance to win a national championship, and 63 teams knew they would have to go home on the losing end.

The Lady Raiders became one of those 63 teams Monday as they could not keep pace with the Tennessee Lady Vols.

The Lady Vols used a balanced offensive attack and a second-half pressure defense to overcome the Lady Raiders, 57-44, at the Pyramid in Memphis, Tenn.

"Let me congratulate Tennessee," Tech coach Marsha Sharp said. "They have a lot of different weapons that can hurt you."

Sharp said there were three keys that hurt the Lady Raiders.

One was rebounding as the Lady Raiders were out rebounded, 47-31, in the contest.

Sharp also said the play of Lady Vol Michelle Snow hurt them.

"She hurt us when she was on the floor particularly in the second half," Sharp said. "I felt that we blew some opportunities when she was not on the floor."

The last key, Sharp said, was that the Lady Raiders could not find any good shots on offense as they shot 37 percent from the field.

The game began with offensive struggles on both ends of the floor as the teams' pressure defenses forced bad shots.

The Lady Raiders and Lady Vols began the contest missing eight of their first 13 shots.

"I am upset we lost," Tech forward Aleah Johnson said. "I am just happy that it took a good team to knock us out, and I hope they represent our region well by winning it all."

Tech then would fall behind, 12-

4, with more than 14 minutes left when it exploded for an 11-3 run to tie the game at 15 with eight minutes remaining in the first stanza.

The Lady Raiders would fall behind but once again, chipped away at the Lady Vols' lead to go on an 8-0 run to get their first lead of the ball game at 23-21 with a little more than three minutes to go in the first half.

The run was lead by Tech guard Amber Tarr who hit two of her three 3-pointers during the run.

Tarr finished the game with nine points as the Lady Vols quieted her in the second half.

The Lady Vols would tie it up at 25 with 2:06 remaining as both teams would not score again before the first half concluded.

Tennessee was without their all-American forward and Naismith Player of the Year Tamika Catchings for most of the first half because she suffered a slight ankle sprain with 10:13 remaining and did not return until the three-minute mark.

Tech held Catchings to two points and four shots in the first half of play. However, she would finish with 16 rebounds to compensate for her low scoring.

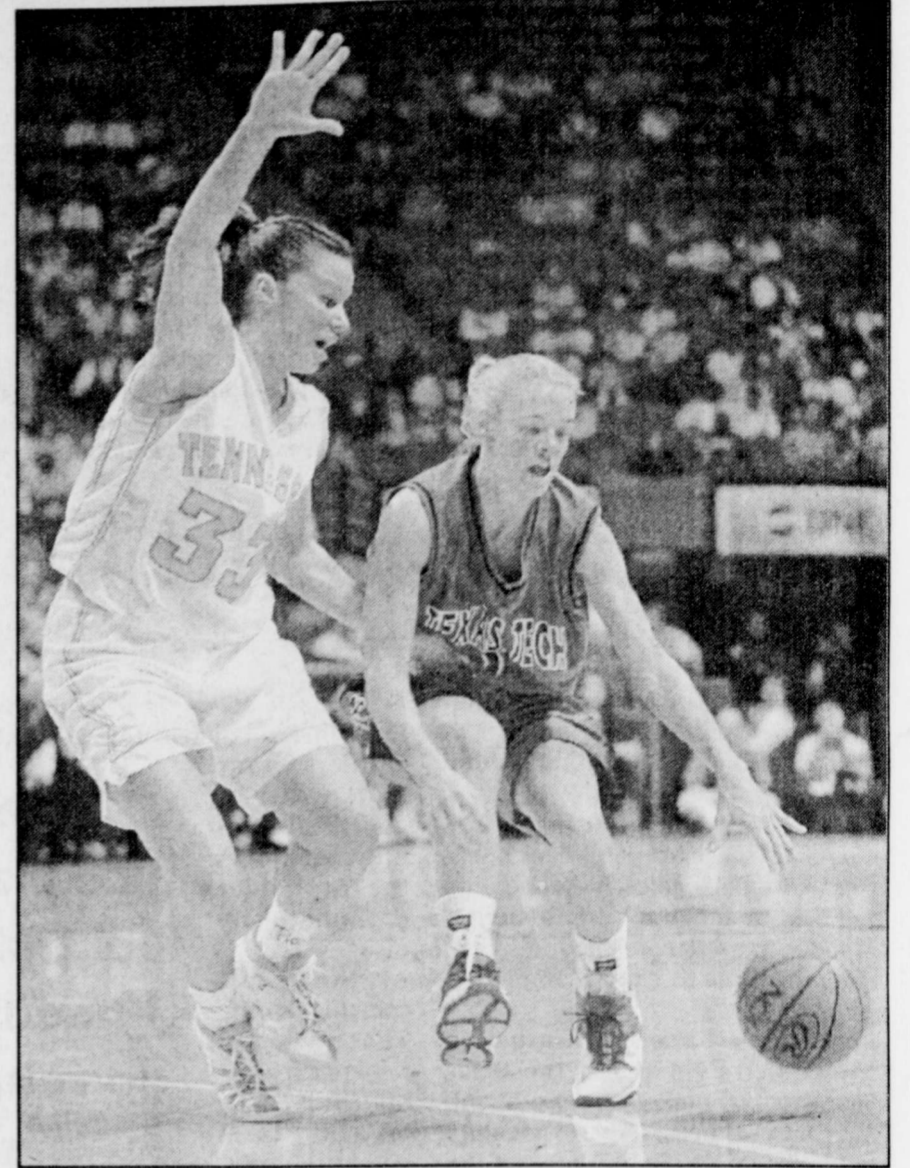
"We guarded her pretty good I think," Johnson said. "I guess we just didn't keep her off the boards."

The second half began the same way as it did the first half for the Lady Raiders.

Tech missed four out of its first five shots and turned the ball over four times during the first five minutes of the stanza, falling behind 39-31.

Over the next eight minutes, the Lady Raiders continued to nip and nip at the Tennessee lead and eventually closed the gap to two points.

However, Tech did not get any closer as the Lady Vols reeled off a 13-2 run, keyed by Tennessee guard Semeka Randall en route to the vic-



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Texas Tech guard Melinda Schmucker-Pharies drives past Tennessee guard Kristen Clement during the Lady Raiders' contest against the Lady Vols Monday in Memphis, Tenn. Tech lost to Tennessee, 57-44, and was eliminated from the tournament.

tory. "We just forgot about her during the run," Johnson said. "She was just the one that stepped up for them."

Though the season did not turn out the way the Lady Raiders wanted it to, Sharp said she was pleased with

the team's effort all season long.

"I am most proud that they didn't look scared out there," she said. "We had this saying all year: 'Respect all, fear none,' and they really showed that. That is something I will never forget about this team."

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