

# U.S. gains ground in Afghan mountains

By Steven Gutkin/Associated Press

BAGRAM AIR BASE, Afghanistan — U.S.-led coalition troops have gained the upper hand after killing at least half the al-Qaida and Taliban forces holed up in the mountains of eastern Afghanistan in the biggest joint offensive in the war, the U.S. commander said Wednesday.

Several hundred more American troops were deployed in the rugged terrain of Paktia province — bringing their number to more than 1,000 — as were

fresh forces from their Afghan allies. Working at altitudes sometimes about 10,000 feet, they engaged in continuous firefights with al-Qaida fighters and cleared several enemy caves.

"We've got confirmed kills in the hundreds," Maj. Gen. Frank L. Hagenbeck told a press conference Wednesday at Bagram air base north of the capital Kabul. "We truly have the momentum at this point."

Still, the Pentagon admitted resistance from the fighters holed up in the

## The War on Terrorism

hills of the Shah-e-Kot mountain range was strong. Five Marine attack helicopters entered the fight Tuesday to bolster the aerial strike force after Army Apaches were damaged by intense fighting.

U.S. officials have said the coalition

of troops fighting in Operation Anaconda number about 2,000. Gen. Tommy Franks, commander of the five-month-old Afghan war, said 200 to 300 more American troops had been deployed in the battle zone in the past two days, in addition to 800 who were already there.

But Franks told reporters at the Pentagon that the new deployment was not because of stiffer-than-expected resistance and said there was "no surprise" at the size of the al-Qaida forces.

"We expected that they would put up a fierce fight, and they have and they are," Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld told reporters in Washington. He said the fighters were "very hardened elements of al-Qaida." But he said the outcome was "reasonably assured" — that the fighters would surrender or be killed.

When the operation began Friday, 150 to 200 enemy fighters were believed to be hiding in the area, Hagenbeck said.

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# Brown snags internal VP spot

By April Tamplen/Staff Reporter

Jeremy Brown won his bid for internal vice president for the Student Government Association in the runoff elections that took place Tuesday and Wednesday.

Brown, a junior agricultural communications major from Lubbock, said he was in shock about the results.

"This is the greatest win I have ever had; I feel wonderful," he said. "This was a great race, and I have made a long-lasting friendship with Jon Mark."

Brown won the runoff with 53.8 percent of the student vote. Bernal received 46.1 percent. Brown had 588 votes and Bernal had 503.

His platform was based around the Contact a Senator program.

"I plan to continue with the Contact a Senator program," Brown said. "My next step is to hit every registered organization and let them know my door is open."

Brown said he is happy the elections are over because he can be a real student again.

"It's over now so I can go back to being normal and focusing on school," he said. "The transition starts

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## Masked

**READER**  
 Carruth performs duties, program searching for next year's horse, rider

By April Tamplen/Staff Reporter

The Masked Rider program continues with the Masked Rider Reader Program, tryouts for next year and the search for a new horse.

Masked Rider Katie Carruth shares her love for Texas Tech by going to elementary schools throughout the Lubbock community and reading books about horses to children.

Carruth, a junior agricultural communications and ballet major from Lubbock, dresses up in her Masked Rider costume and allows children to wear her hat and mask while she reads books to the children in the Masked Rider Reading Program.

Carruth said reading to children is important, especially for a child who does not have the opportunity to see or be involved with a university.

"It is exciting for me because I have an impact on these kids, and I think they listen to me," she said. "I especially have an impact on kids at Cooper because I graduated from there."

Candice Troke, assistant dean of students, said 10 students, seven women and three men, are trying out for the 2002-2003 Masked Rider.

Troke said this is the highest number of students auditioning in years but was not sure the number of students who audi-

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DAVID JOHNSON/Staff Photographer  
**MASKED RIDER KATIE** Carruth reads "Pal the Pony" to a second grade class at Cooper Elementary school Tuesday as part of the Masked Rider Reading program.



DAVID JOHNSON/Staff Photographer  
**MASKED RIDER KATIE** Carruth lets second-grader Brittney Bednarz try on her mask and hat during the Masked Rider Reading program on Tuesday at Cooper Elementary school.



CRAIG SWANSON/Staff Photographer  
**JEREMY BROWN CELEBRATES** after being announced as Student Government Association internal vice president-elect.

# Xcel energy uses helicopter to survey South Plains area

By Jenny Klein/Staff Reporter

Xcel Energy is bringing new technology to the South Plains.

During the next several weeks, Xcel will be mapping the area and locating all of its equipment in rural areas, cities and towns across the Lubbock area by means of helicopter.

The helicopter will record both audio and visual data as part of the Global Positioning System used to locate all transmissions, transmission substations and lines that Xcel uses.

Xcel began using this system in late October throughout the Amarillo area, Jeff Stebbins, team head of transmission engineering, South, said. No data has been processed yet, but by summer, the energy company hopes to see results.

Mapping equipment in the South Plains is the final portion of the program, Stebbins said. Xcel equipment in eastern New Mexico and the Panhandle has already been mapped.

"This process gives us a real good,

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DAVID JOHNSON/Staff Photographer  
**THE HELICOPTER SPONSORED** by GEOdigital Technologies finishes its flight at the Helicopter demonstration at Town and Country Airport on Wednesday.

# Speakers emphasize use of culture in architecture

By Preston Files/Staff Reporter

The Texas Tech College of Architecture hosted a presentation by two of its associate professors in a joint lecture Wednesday.

Joanna Mross, an associate professor teaching architecture design and architecture nonwestern traditions, and Joe

Aranha, an associate professor teaching design studio and a seminar on architecture in nonwestern cultures, presented the lecture.

Phillip Mead, assistant professor and chairman of the lecture series committee, said the two are experts on vernacular architecture, which involves buildings designed not by an architect but by ordinary people.

Aranha said the main theme of the lecture is about how architecture is used to express one's cultural identity.

Mross' lecture, "Cultural and Architectural Transition in Southwestern Sumba" focused on research findings in traditional and contemporary architecture in both Sumba and Indonesia.

Mross said the presentation dealt with a diversity of issues such as: ethnic, globalization, ideas and values, political structures, economic structures and belief systems.

Aranha's lecture presented thoughts on "Legacies of Colonialism: Architecture and the Built Environment."

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DAVID JOHNSON/Staff Photographer  
**JOANNA MROSS**, an associate professor in the College of Architecture speaks about living conditions in Indonesia on Thursday in the Architecture building.

# Memorial design chosen to honor Aggies killed in '99 bonfire

By Juan Lozano/Associated Press

COLLEGE STATION — A giant circle formed from large square-shaped arches and panels was designated Wednesday by Texas A&M University as the winning design for a memorial to honor the 12 Aggies killed in the November 1999 bonfire collapse.

The selection of the design, created by the San Antonio architectural firm

of Overland Partners, Inc., came as a relief to several victims' family members who had expressed dislike for the four finalists, contending the designs appeared to recognize the victims only as a group and not individually.

The 12 arches within the winning design will be personalized through writings, drawings and other means to reflect the lives of each victim, said Robert Shemwell, an architect with Overland Partners.

"Our intention is to honor the (victims') families and the university," said Shemwell, an A&M graduate.

Tim Kerlee, whose son Tim Jr. was killed, said he had concerns about the designs before Wednesday but was pleased with the selection, which will be constructed of concrete, bronze and granite-type stones.

"I think they did a good job of meeting the objections of the parents that I

talked to," said Kerlee, of nearby Bryan. "None of the designs really had anything more than the names of the individuals."

Shemwell said the idea for personalizing the arches was always part of his firm's proposal but might not have been properly communicated to the victims' families.

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By James E. Buell Edgewater, FL 3/7/02

### Quote of the Day

"It's any athlete's dream because it's such a meaningful experience. The Olympics are more about pride and about your country."

— LEIGH DANIEL, former Texas Tech track runner, on her quest to be in the Olympics. Please see FORMER, page 6.

### The Rundown



#### New Hooters opens despite opposition

ARLINGTON (AP) — Opposition from a neighborhood group that helped block a beer permit didn't stop a new Hooters from opening as scheduled Wednesday.

The newest restaurant in the national chain, featuring waitresses clad in low-cut tank tops and tight shorts, will offer free beer until a judge rules next week on Hooters' appeal to get a beer license.

"We have a right to be here, and we're not going away," said Scott Wilkinson, vice president of Texas Wings, the franchise that runs the 27 Hooters restaurants in Texas, including another one in Arlington.

Among the eatery's lunch crowd Wednesday were some Arlington firefighters whose T-shirts bore the message: "Mr. Zedler, I am not a sexual predator." Bill Zedler and others formed Decency for Arlington last summer to fight the new Hooters from opening in a shopping area near their southwest neighborhood.

In an October court hearing for Hooters' beer permit application, Zedler, a Republican state representative candidate, said the restaurant would attract sexual predators.

"We don't want this in our community," said Barry D. Johnson, Decency for Arlington co-chairman.

#### Football fan sentenced for security breach

JONESBORO, Ga. (AP) — A football fan whose dash past security guards shut down the Atlanta airport for four hours was sentenced to 10 days in jail Wednesday after pleading guilty to misdemeanor trespassing.

Michael Lasseter, 33, was sentenced to five weekends in jail and 500 hours of community service. He also was barred from attending University of Georgia football games this fall.

"I made a mistake, and my family and I have suffered greatly for it," Lasseter said in court. "I'm here today to accept responsibility for my actions and the response from the court."

Lasseter was trying to catch a flight to a Georgia game in Mississippi on Nov. 16 when he ran past guards and down an "up" escalator.

Thousands of passengers had to be rescreened after the airport was evacuated. Flights were canceled, causing delays for fliers across the nation.

Lasseter told police he had left the airport's secure area to retrieve a camera bag and was rushing to get back to his son at the gate.

Three other criminal charges were dropped in exchange for the guilty plea. The full sentence was two one-year probated jail terms.

#### Suspect in reporter's death to be tried

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — Pakistan will try the chief suspect in the kidnap-slaying of *Wall Street Journal* reporter Daniel Pearl before considering sending him to face charges in the United States, President Pervez Musharraf's spokesman said.

The spokesman, Maj. Gen. Rashid Quereshi, said Tuesday that the notification had been conveyed formally to the U.S. Embassy, which declined to comment. The suspect, British-born Islamic militant Ahmed Omar Saeed Sheikh, was arrested last month, before authorities received a video that confirmed Pearl, 38, had been killed.

On Wednesday, police said a taxi driver who drove Pearl the night he was kidnapped had identified Saeed as one of the men who approached Pearl in front of a Karachi restaurant that evening.

Police investigator Manzoor Mughal said the driver, identified only as Nasir, told a magistrate that Saeed stepped out of a white car, shook hands with Pearl and asked him to step into the vehicle, where three other men were sitting.

Saeed admitted in a Feb. 14 court hearing his role in the kidnapping, but his statement is not admissible because it was not made under oath. His trial is expected to begin this month and may last a few weeks.

### Tech Notes

**The Chancellor's Ambassadors** organization is open to students who will be juniors or seniors as of Fall 2002. Visit the chancellor's office, located in the Administration building, to pick up an application and sign up for an interview time. The sign-up deadline is March 20.

**Order of Omega**, an honor society for greek fraternities and sororities, is accepting applications for new members until March 19. Applicants must have at least a 3.0 GPA and 60 hours by Fall 2002. Applications are available in West Hall, Room 250. For more information, call Kyleigh Merritt at (806) 771-1397.

**The Student Senate** will present the first reading of the student organizations appropriations bill today. The numbers presented today are subject to change. To see a copy of the bill, please log on to www.sga.ttu.edu. For more information, contact Tammy Dickie at tamela996@hotmail.com.

**Delta Sigma Theta**, a nonprofit public service sorority, will conduct an AIDS awareness program with HIV testing from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday at the Parkway Neighborhood Center. For more information, call (806) 792-5414.

**Speech:** Dinesh D'Souza will present a speech entitled, "Why They Hate Us: America and its Enemies," at 7 p.m. today in the Law School Forum. The speech is free and open to the public. For more information e-mail mdesnoye@ttacs.ttu.edu.

**Rho Lambda Honor Society**, an all-female greek honor society, is accepting applications until March 19. Applicants must have a 3.0 GPA and 60 hours by Fall 2002. Applications are available in West Hall Room 250. For more information, contact Beth Adams at (806) 785-3702 or e-mail badams84@hotmail.com.

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## Rider

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tioned last year. Students auditioning for Masked Rider have a meeting March 19 for horse riding practice, March 21 for the equestrian tryout and March 22 for the final interview.

Kassidi Andrews, publicist for the Masked Rider, said the candidates auditioning for Masked Rider are required to hook a trailer to the truck and drive, handle a horse and know how to react to different situations.

Troke said the Masked Rider has to make many appearances as part of the job.

"Right now we have limited the appearances to Tech events due to not having a definite horse," she said. "Right now we are using Jake because he is an excellent horse."

Carruth has used the horse Jake twice since the death of Black Phantom Raider.

Black Phantom Raider died from injuries sustained in an automobile crash in August.

"I have used Jake twice at football games, but he kept raring up," she said. "This year was exciting, but I didn't make all the runs that I was supposed to. I have a lot of heartache because I loved Black Phantom Raider; we were a team."

Sam Jackson, assistant professor of animal science and food technology, said

the progress of finding a new horse is progressing slowly.

"I am looking at horses now and have been since August," he said. "It is difficult to look for horses in the spring because of the fact there is no football games or band practice to try the horse out at."

Potential horses must be six to 10 years old and trained to be able to handle loud situations such as football games, crowds and loud noises.

Jackson said 25 horses have been considered since the fall.

Michael Shonrock, vice president for Student Affairs, said it is sometimes difficult to find the right horse and rider.

"The big challenge is to find a horse that's safe," he said. "This horse has to respond to things horses don't normally have to respond to."

Shonrock said he hopes at least one horse would be in place before the Masked Rider selection in April.

"Don't be surprised if we have more than one horse," he said. "Sometimes the horse selects you; we'll interview the Masked Riders and then see how the horses feel."

Carruth said being Masked Rider is not as glamorous as it may seem.

"It is an honor, and the Masked Rider is an icon," she said. "But it is hard work and it is nerve-wracking."

Carruth, who is a 1999 graduate from Cooper High School, is the daughter of the 1968-1970 Masked Rider, Johnny Bob Carruth.

## Memorial

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The 27 panels that complete the design's circle symbolize the 27 individuals who were injured in the accident. The design also features a plaza area that informs visitors of the bonfire's meaning.

The bonfire has been suspended since the 59-foot-high, wedding cake-style stack of more than 5,000 logs collapsed Nov. 18, 1999 while under construction.

A school commission blamed flawed construction techniques and inadequate supervision of the students assembling the stack.

Last month, A&M President Ray Bowen announced the 90-year-tradition will not resume this year because of high costs, legal liability and the lack of a safety consultant.

The design competition for the memorial began with nearly 200 entries and was narrowed down to four in November by a nine-member jury.

The panel included architect Richard West, whose son, Nathan, was killed in the collapse, and Hans Butzer, one of the designers of the Oklahoma City bombing memorial and an assistant professor of architecture and urban design at the University of Oklahoma.

## Mapping

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accurate map of the system that we've not had in the past," Stebbins said. "It's a case of available technology, and we're taking advantage of it."

GEODigital Technologies, a California-based firm, provides the mapping and data-collecting service. The actual helicopter is owned and operated by HeliMax.

Three people on board the helicopter include a pilot, a GEODigital employee and an Xcel line patrolman, Dave Mitchel, senior vice president of GEODigital Technologies, said.

The helicopter has two cameras attached to it, Mitchel said. The cameras record the equipment location and any damage that might be present.

If the line patrolman sees something as the helicopter is monitoring the equipment, the patrolman can pause the video, while still recording audiotapes, Mitchel said. The helicopter can then fly back around the equipment and take a closer look. The patrolman can resume recording at any time.

Information gathered from mapping will then be processed in a database for Xcel Energy. It will include locations and

actual visuals of each station's locality, Mitchel said.

When there is a storm that causes a problem with some equipment, or if there is a problem of any kind, engineers at Xcel can find the damaged station from the office. They can define the locality and the problem by using the information obtained from the mapping process, Bill Crenshaw, Xcel spokesperson, said.

In the past, Xcel would go out in the field to find a reported problem with one of the lines or transmission stations, Crenshaw said. After determining the problem, the line patrolman then has to return to the office and find the proper equipment to repair the damage.

Throughout the years, different equipment, each modern for its time, has been installed in various places, Crenshaw said. The equipment needed to repair some problems cannot be used to repair others.

Stebbins said using the new technology allows Xcel employees to find the problem quicker and be prepared with the necessary equipment to fix it, without the hassle of returning back and forth to the office to find it.

"It makes such a difference to know what problem you have and have the stuff to repair it on hand," Stebbins said.

## Lecture

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vironment in Zimbabwe."

The lecture was an overview about what Zimbabwe's history has been and current discussion on what might be the future direction for architecture in that part of the world, he said.

The lecture was held as part of the college's annual spring lecture series.

Aranha said students benefited from the joint lecture because they gained an awareness of the relationship between culture and architecture and how it is different in different parts of the world.

"Students got to learn about architecture in a part of the world not covered in their course work," he said.

The lectures began with Ian MacBurnie, assistant professor in the college. MacBurnie's lecture led the series Feb. 1. As an assistant professor of urban theory design in the College of Architecture, MacBurnie focused the subject of his lecture on "Diver-city."

Les Sheperd, a Tech graduate, spoke on embassy design Feb. 8. Sheperd is the deputy chief architect for the General Services Administration in Washington D.C.

Elizabeth Chu Richter, chief executive officer and design principal of Richter Architects and executive producer of the radio program "The Shape of Texas," lectured on "What is an architect to do?" Feb. 15.

Lawrence Speck, former dean of the University of Texas' School of Architecture gave a presentation on "A Broader View of Sustainability" Feb. 22.

David Heymann presented thoughts related to buildings and landscape including the design of the Crawford Ranch House for President George W. Bush on Feb. 27.

## Elections

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later this semester when we start learning what is required of us and how the parliament works."

Bernal, a graduate student from Austin studying higher education, will be a senator-at-large for the Student Senate.

Bernal said he is happy he will still be able to play an active role in the SGA.

"I still get to be active in the senate, so this is a great experience for me," he said. "I still get to help Jeremy and give my suggestions."

Bernal said he is relieved to be able to go back to normal life for a while. "I am going to catch up on my rest and enjoy Spring Break," he said.

In the runoff election, 1091 students voted. In last year's run off election, 2083 students voted.

Bill Brannan, election commissioner, said the number of people who voted in the run off was not a surprise.

## Attacks

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But by Wednesday, as many as 600 to 700 al-Qaida and some Taliban troops had filtered into the territory, he said.

"Conservatively speaking right now, I'm convinced from the evidence I've seen that we've killed at least half of those enemy forces," he said. "We own the dominant terrain in the area."

In other developments: —Anti-aircraft missiles left by the ousted Taliban militia exploded as peacekeepers were trying to defuse

"Both candidates campaigned actively, and we had no complaints from the students on the voting system," he said. "The runoff went much as expected, it was long and tiring, but it was well run."

Brannan said he believes Brown will do a good job as internal vice president.

"The results were very close, and Jeremy won by a slight margin," he said. "He has a hard year ahead of him being in charge of the Senate."

Mike Constantino won the runoff against Zach Jameson for the College of Architecture.

Last year, there were runoff elections in the offices of president, external vice president, internal vice president and senate.

Brannan said the final step for the elections is to send the results to be certified by the election commission and then ratified by the Student Senate.

"All in all, the election went very well," he said. "The next step is for the winners to take their seats."

Last week, Kelli Stumbo won her bid for President; Leigh Mauer won her bid for external vice president. Officers will take the oath of office April 20.

them in the Afghan capital, Kabul, killing three German soldiers and two Danish soldiers.

—Paktia province's intelligence unit offered a \$4,000 reward for the capture of any al-Qaida warrior, passing leaflets in Gardez and making announcements from loudspeakers.

—Afghanistan's main regional commanders gathered Wednesday for meetings with interim leader Hamid Karzai and U.N. officials on security and forming a national army. Cooperation among them is considered important because Karzai's interim government has little power outside the capital. Regional warlords control much of the land and it remains unclear if they will be willing to cede influence to the central authority.

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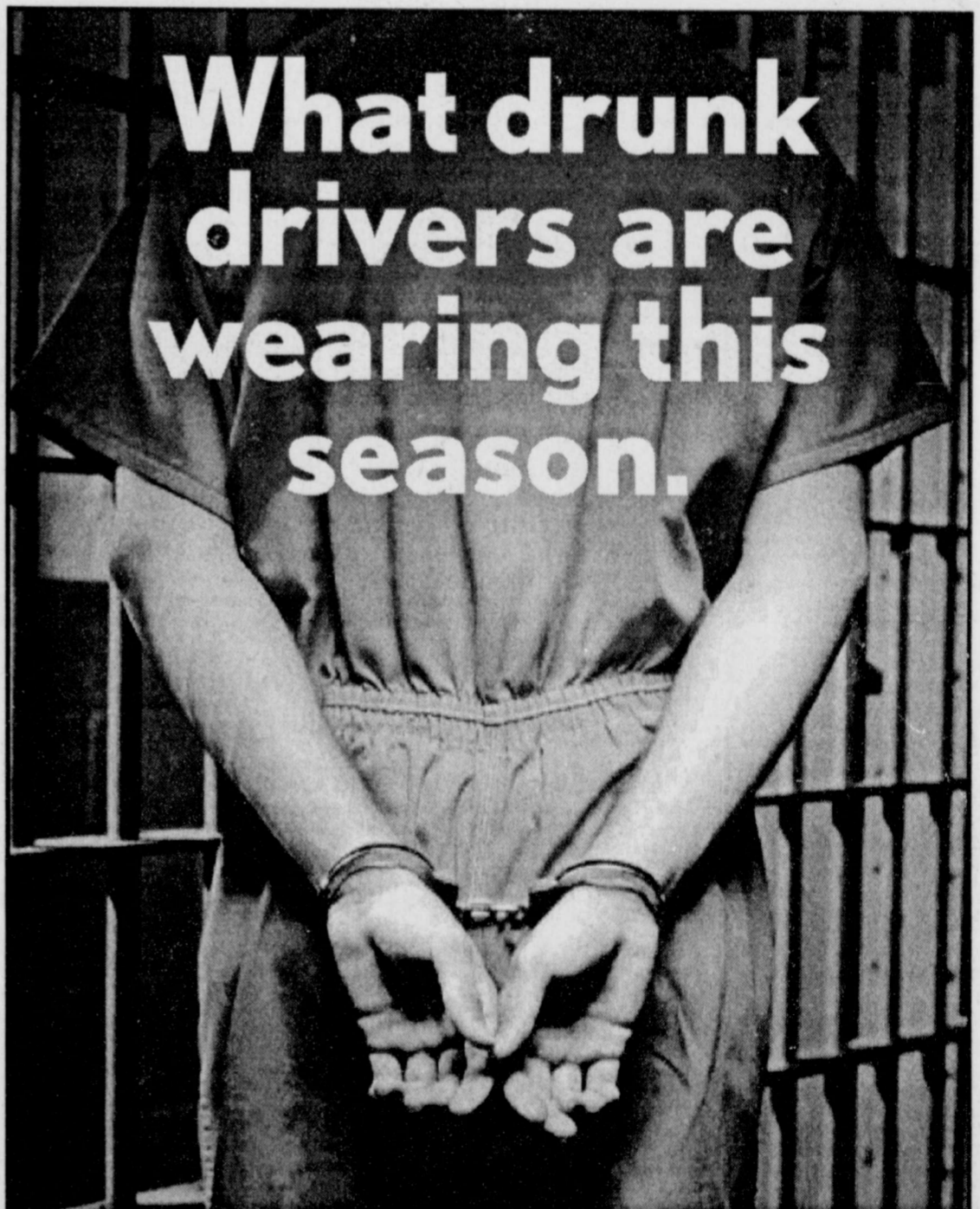
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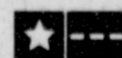
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PERSPECTIVES

## Student "Government" in "Action"



## Voters' apathy more about resentment than laziness

COLUMN



DALLAS GRANT

I'm not registered to vote in Lubbock, nor do I want to be. In fact, I exercise my right not to vote whenever possible. I've only cast a vote once. That's right. I've been "of age" for more than five years, seen two presidential elections and only voted once.

I'll admit, there was a day, a long time ago, when I wasn't so apathetic. I used to be full of pride for the system, but as I grew, and especially in college, my fierce nationalism turned to a bitter resentment. My pride in government just a few years before quickly turned to cynicism. I just don't have any faith anymore.

Am I a representative of everything that's wrong with our democratic system? Am I the apathy of our generation, personified?

No, the problem runs a little deeper than a few "younglins" who just don't care. In fact, I'd say apathy is not the problem at all. I would say that the "so-what?" attitude of our generation is a symptom and not the problem.

As American children, we were raised with a sense of national pride. We said the Pledge of Allegiance and sang "The Star-Spangled Banner" with enthusiasm that few adults will ever be able to muster.

Slowly, as we became critical thinkers, we learned that the whole scene that we were sold in school is just a theory. In reality, scandal, corruption and greed fuel our government, not American pride.

Lately, I've heard many students rail on our democracy at Texas Tech, and the students'

"voice." First of all, let's not kid ourselves; Tech is not a democracy and probably wouldn't function well as one.

No, we're not a democracy, per se, but we do have elements of democracy in our university system. Take the Student Government Association for instance. This is a representative body of the student population of which, I assume, is in place to help us learn about real-world government.

Here is the problem. Our system on campus resembles the real-world system so closely that students become disinterested in government. That's right. We get to see the same corruption and political games on our campus that take place daily inside the beltway. It is this ugliness that transforms all of us young romantics into cynical graduates.

I guess we can be thankful in a way, I mean for the preparation. At least this way we won't get our tender little hearts broken in the real world. By the time we graduate we'll have had someone plant a knife in our back already. Who can argue with that kind of preparation?

Case in point — the recent uprising over the intercollegiate athletics fee provides a perfect example of our corrupt system at work.

After an outcry over the new proposed athletics fee, the administration held a forum to hear students' concerns.

At the meeting John Steinmetz, our faithful student body president (read back stabber), and Cortney Youens, president of the Health Sciences Center Student Senate, fielded nearly every question from the student body. Somehow, the dialogue between the students and administration turned into one just between students.

Dissatisfied with the results of the forum, the administration chose to survey us in order to hear the real voice of the students — the silent majority. Once again, the proposed fee was snubbed by a 9 percent margin.

Then the Tech Student Senate found the topic so hot that they refused to discuss it. If my cynicism were a fire, the Senate threw a year's supply of dry wood on the flames.

Our elected representatives would not discuss an unambiguously important issue for fear of upsetting the administration. Even as apathetic as I am about "the system," I had trouble believing an elected body could fleece its constituents so flagrantly.

In the final pathetic step in the making of the apathetic college student, Steinmetz (read Benedict Arnold) tells the Board of Regents that the SGA supports the fee increases. And the hits just keep on coming.

After the forum, the survey and numerous letters of protest in *The University Daily*, our student body president effectively pimped out the student body like a cheap whore.

Regent Dick Brooks said, "Student government representatives from both the university and the Health Sciences Center, whom of course represent the students, were here today and were very supportive of this."

Thank you, John and Cortney. The headlines of my generation's lifetime have read "Bush wins election, Gore popular vote" or "Clinton did not have sexual relations."

This is my generation's class outside of class. Is it any wonder we don't care who wins or loses an election?

Hell, it takes the motor-voter Bill just to get us registered to vote and an MTV special to get us to the polls.

Our apathy for government is not the problem with this country, only a symptom. The disease is scandal, corruption and greed; we're simply the products.

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## Creationists may find a good debate hard to find

COLUMN



LOREN BELL

Imagine finding a small group of people standing in the free-speech area, holding signs and yelling that the sun will not rise tomorrow to everyone and no one.

They viciously snarl at every person who passes, challenging them to argue the fact, and when no one will, they give out a shout of triumph — further proof

that they hold the truth!

Where are the masses arguing that the sun will rise tomorrow, just as it has every other day of recorded history? People simply do not spend the energy debating the obvious.

They instead concentrate their effort on what is in doubt. In fact, usually the less accepted a position is, the louder and more fervently supporters tend to argue in favor of it.

There is a lopsided debate that springs up from time to time, in which creationists try to pick a fight with the theory of evolution. Only, the following problem quickly arises — only those who wish to argue against evolution see it as a debate. The scientist has no reason to doubt their position and thus has little motivation to indulge their would-be opponents.

The mountain of evidence for the theory that humans are the product of evolution and that the earth and the universe are billions of years old is so overwhelmingly vast that it would be impossible to innumerate them in this or a thousand subsequent columns.

These concepts are so integral to what we know about the world and everything in, on or around it, that to reject these basic facts would be to essentially reject all knowledge we have of biology, geology, anthropology, cosmology, physics or chemistry.

Yet, daily, someone holds up a copy of the Bible and says quite defiantly that evolution is not in the book, so it cannot be true. They choose blind faith in literal interpretations instead of utilizing the greatest gift a god could give them — an inquisitive mind. With the wave of a hand, they dismiss thousands of years of human inquiry and understanding in deference to unbending dogma.

And the science world responds with nothing. For you see, the pursuit of knowledge is not an attack on any faith, belief or conviction. Evolutionary biologists are not out there gathering data with an agenda to "disprove God" or otherwise enter into conflict with religion. The fact no geologist will agree with Archbishop Ussher, who proposed that the earth was no more than 6,000 years old, is not an attack against people of faith, it is simply a reporting of the data that is known.

As a scientist, one makes a commitment to the empirical world, following the trail of facts wherever they may lead. This is accomplished by a method of developing explanatory hypotheses and trying to disprove them.

Eventually, one develops a theory that fits with known information and seemingly has no counter-factual evidence. That theory stands up only to the point that one solitary shred of data comes to light in contradiction to it. At this time, no scientist will continue to defend that theory without modification, for to do so would not only be bad science, it would also be professional suicide.

Oddly enough, no single iota of evidence disproving the theory of evolution has ever been found. This is not to say there are no limitations on our understanding of the entire history of biological development from primordial soup to chicken-noodle soup. What this does indicate, however, is if someone you know has proof evolution did not occur, you should strongly encourage them to publish — for a Nobel Prize and world-renowned status awaits them.

So, with the unquestionably solid status of the theory of evolutionary origins, why have all this banner waving and protesting by the creationists? There are campaigns in full force in many of our nation's states to remove the subject from the curriculum, sentencing our children to ignorance.

Students at Texas Tech hold weekly classes to explain to their peers why you cannot be a Christian and believe in evolution. There are numerous books or materials on the "debate" written by creationists who wish to convince the masses through any amount of pseudo-science the theory is wrong.

Perhaps it is time for people to realize the reason we do not teach the earth was created in seven days on Oct. 26, 4004 B.C. is because that is a preposterous idea supported by nothing of substance. This assertion is not a denial of faith or an attack against religion; it is an acceptance of fact and an attack against ignorance.

So, before you begin to criticize or try to start a debate, look at the evidence and look at the facts. Make sure you understand the basics before you get romanced by the rhetoric. Absorb, question and inquire. But, always take time to watch the sun rise.

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### If it's so good, why aren't you paying?

To the editor: I have been opposed to the new athletics fee. But Tech President David Schmidly has opened my eyes. Schmidly said (UD 02-27), "I finally decided that athletics is a part of this whole institution; when something good happens in athletics, it reflects positively on every student at Texas Tech, and everyone benefits from that."

Well, \$100 is about 0.7 percent of the annual income Tech is paying me. Since we live in Texas and everything is about fairness, and since everyone at Tech is a community, how about everyone in our community participate in helping the athletics department, not just the students?

How about you, Mr. President, carry your share and pay, lets say, 0.7 percent of your own annual income, which should be about \$2,000. And how about having the rest of the Tech community, like the faculty and staff, do the same? If everyone benefits from the athletics fee, shouldn't everyone pay? Are you a part of the Tech community, Mr. Schmidly?

Tamno Heeren  
graduate student  
electrical engineering

#### Decision to pass fee not too surprising

To the editor: I am not at all surprised the Board of Regents passed the athletics fee and the incomprehensible increase for the commuter-parking

sticker. I just have a few things to get off my chest.

First, President David Schmidly should resign. He is completely irresponsible and obviously has no concept of how to run this university. Based on his actions and those of the Regents, it is clear that the athletics administrators run Texas Tech, not the president or the Regents.

It is a sad, sad day for the academic world when administrators affirm that athletics come over academics. Personally, it makes me sick and to be quite honest, Tech, their coaches and their athletes make me sick as well. This is a university, not a sports arena!

Second, I find it fascinating that commuter students are relegated to the furthest parking lots and are restricted from entering campus before 3:30 p.m. Yet, a \$30 increase has been levied against commuter students.

Unless I'm somehow wrong, faculty and residence hall students use the parking lots and the roads a lot more than commuter students who are restricted to only but a few lots, but the residence hall and faculty stickers allow parking and car access almost anywhere on campus. Third, the Student Government Association should be ashamed of themselves. Your job is to represent the student body, not your fraternity, sorority or your own personal interests — but us. You need to sit down and re-evaluate why you ran for the SGA.

Come on Tech, get your act together, and you might have a chance to salvage what is left of your reputation!

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graduate student  
anthropology

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## Research lab bears name of globe-hopping Tech alum

**POLL ENGINEERS:**  
Facility conducted recent athletics fee survey for university.

By Liesl Klinkerman/Staff Reporter

The Lewis Earl Research Lab, which Texas Tech President David Schmidly used last month to conduct a poll of the student body's opinion of the intercollegiate athletics fee, is the namesake of a Tech alum who has spent his life living all over the world before settling in Post.

"Lewis Earl gave a financial gift to the college of Arts and Sciences," Brian Cannon, director of the lab, said. "They were allowed to use that money however it seemed fit. They decided to make a research lab, and Lewis and Maxine (Earl's wife) agreed. The Earls have been wonderful and very supportive."

Earl graduated in the '30s, when Tech still called Texas Technological College, and majored in political science.

"I graduated in 1939," Earl said. "I raised hell while I was here."

Earl said Tech helped him get his foot in the door with his future in politics.

"I worked in the government department," he said. "I graded papers for professors. One of the professors, Dr. J. William Davis, made arrangements for me to spend a year at the University of Texas."

Earl then made progressions in his political career.

"I took a service exam," he said. "Then I went to Washington, where I spent 30 years working for the Federal Government."

Earl has accomplished and experienced more in his lifetime than most.

"I was in and out of Washington for awhile," he said. "I was in the navy for four years in the Bahamas and was a deck officer. It was a learning experience. When the war ended, I went back to Washington and did some fieldwork in Chicago, Des Moines and St. Paul. I later had the opportunity to work in Brazil, so I had to take it. I spent four years there and had a family at the time. I worked on a foreign aid mission in Argentina for a year and spent two years in El Salvador."

After eight years in South America, Earl decided it was time to revisit the United States.

"We went back to the U.S.," he said. "I wanted my kids to be educated in America. We went to Washington, and I worked for the Department of Labor. In 1970, I came home to Texas

and worked for the mayor in Houston and at the University of Houston."

Earl has experienced troubles throughout his journey.

"When I came back to Texas my first wife died," he said. "I got let go in Houston after the new mayor was elected. I began working at U of H full time, and the University of Missouri asked me to work. I spent three years with them."

Despite Earl's unexpected bumps in the road, things eventually smoothed out.

"I drifted to Denver, then to Lubbock," he said. "I met Maxine in Post, who was an old friend from college. We got married and have been living in Post since."

The lab, which opened in November, has not only become a namesake but a family affair.

"Lewis Earl is my great uncle," said Jonathan Moore, a freshman Spanish major from Abilene. "When he spoke at the (lab's ribbon cutting) ceremony, he talked about the right to have an opinion and freedom of speech. I had never seen that side of him before."

Earl has always been involved with politics, Moore said.

Cannon said he believes the lab is an asset to the Tech and Lubbock communities.

"The purpose of the research lab is to

support the need on campus for survey research data collection," he said. "We're here to serve the community of Lubbock and the Tech community."

Cannon said the lab will benefit the university as well as the Hub City.

"We provide high-quality data collection services," he said. "We can help people achieve their research goals. We're close by, and our costs are reasonable. We provide an unbiased and high quality service. We also provide a consulting service to those who have questions about research."

Schmidly said he believes the lab is a great addition to the university.

"It contributes to the academic mission of the College of Arts and Sciences," he said. "It's a real asset because it helps the community and helps serve the community."

Earl's great nephew said the lab is set up to assist employees with polls and surveys.

"There's a lab of computers," Moore said. "You have a head set, and the computers do random digit dialing. It calls random people in the area. We do polls and surveys this way."

Cannon said he foresees a bright future for the lab.

"I think we're going to become a permanent fixture at Tech," he said. "We're excited, we're busy, and we hope to continue."



LEWIS EARL'S NEPHEW and niece, Tech students Jonathan and Kristyn Moore, and their aunt Maxine Earl, accompany him at the grand opening of the Earl Survey Research Laboratory at Texas Tech in November.

## Murillo's art on exhibit

FORT WORTH (AP) — Once adorning the walls of monasteries, cathedrals and palaces, works of the 17th century painter who embodied the golden age of Spanish art are featured in a two-city U.S. exhibit.

Nearly three dozen of Bartolome Esteban Murillo's oil paintings, on loan from some of the nation's premier museums and private collections, are displayed at the Kimbell Art Museum through June 16.

"Murillo is someone who's a fabulous artist and was tremendously popular in his own time and several centuries later," said Nancy Edwards, the museum's curator of European art. "The museum's never been an exhibit devoted just to Murillo in the United States, so we decided this would be a good time."

The 34-piece exhibit goes next to the Los Angeles County Museum of Art.

Murillo (1617-1682) was a devout Roman Catholic who lived in Seville, where he worked monasteries for churches and monasteries.

The San Francisco del Grande commissioned him to paint 11 canvases in 1645, his first major project, and the art was displayed outdoors at the monastery for more than 150 years.

Most of Murillo's paintings are large — such as the 9-by-6-foot "Saint John the Baptist" — with life-size subjects who show high emotion. Murillo wanted viewers to identify with biblical events and characters, according to art critics.

"Murillo's career was to make painted images have a visionary presence to them," said Malcolm Warner, the Kimbell's senior curator. "You can almost imagine them coming to life."

Museum patrons can compare Murillo's evolving style in two versions of "Virgin of the Immaculate Conception."

Murillo used light and dark colors to contour, a naturalistic style evident in the "Virgin" he painted early in his career, around 1655-60. His 1680 painting has a softer and looser brushwork, which some 19th century critics called "vaporoso."

The exhibit includes several pieces depicting Jesus' crucifixion, including "Christ Carrying the Cross," "Christ on the Cross" and "Christ after the Flagellation, Consoled by Angels." The paintings were meant to evoke feelings of meditation, worship and devotion, Warner said.

Murillo, the first president of Seville's first art academy, used his vast drawing experience when he painted the human body in various realistic poses, such as the muscular images of Christ in the crucifixion pieces, Edwards said.

Other well-known Murillo works are "Two Women at a Window" and "Four Figures on a Step," the only Murillo painting in the exhibit owned by the Kimbell. Murillo gained acclaim for these secular works depicting everyday life, showing a Dutch influence on his

painting, Edwards said.

The exhibit includes two of Murillo's five works on the biblical story of Jacob — each about 7-by-12-foot — for the palace of Marquese de Villamanrique.

After a disagreement with another artist who was to paint the landscape portion of the pieces, Murillo painted all the lavishly detailed scenes. The other paintings now are in museums in Russia and Ireland.

"Unlike artists of today who pride themselves on being independent, for Murillo and other artists, what they did depended on commissions," Warner said. "Murillo's idea in life was to please the people who paid him and to give them what they wanted."

The pieces in the exhibit are on loan from private collections and museums, including the National Gallery of Art in Washington; Museum of Fine Arts in Boston; Virginia Museum of Fine Arts in Richmond; Cincinnati Art Museum; The Cleveland Society of Art; The Hispanic Society of America in New York; Timken Museum of Art in San Diego; and Southeastern Methodist University's Meadows Museum in Dallas.

## Cokie Roberts will leave ABC

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Cokie Roberts is leaving her Sunday ABC talk show in the fall, making the announcement as the news division is roiled by reports that the network is hoping to replace Ted Koppel with David Letterman.

Roberts said she made the decision 18 months ago when she was renegotiating her contract with ABC. She and Sam Donaldson began anchoring "This Week" in 1996.

"We've started very preliminary conversations about what other role I might play at ABC," Roberts said Tuesday. She will also continue reporting for National Public Radio and writing a column and book.

ABC made no announcement regarding Donaldson beyond November.

"We haven't even had an opportunity since Cokie's announcement late yesterday to speak with Sam about his ideas for the future of the broadcast," network spokesman Jeffrey Schneider said Wednesday.

Roberts said ending her "This Week" duties will give her more weekend time with her family.

"I have three grandchildren, two of whom are in California and one in London, who I don't see anywhere

near enough," said Roberts, who is married to journalist Steven V. Roberts.

Roberts, 58, will leave "This Week" after the fall elections and when her two-year contract expires. She's been with ABC News since 1988.

"She is a remarkable journalist and broadcaster with a large and loyal following," said ABC News President David Westin. "We're gratified that she will continue to be an important part of ABC News even after she changes her role."

Roberts' announcement comes as another ABC News program, "Nightline," is caught up in turmoil over reports that ABC and its corporate parent, the Walt Disney Co., are courting David Letterman to replace the late-night news program Koppel has anchored for 22 years.

Letterman's contract with CBS, where he has starred on "Late Show" since 1993, is up for renewal this summer.

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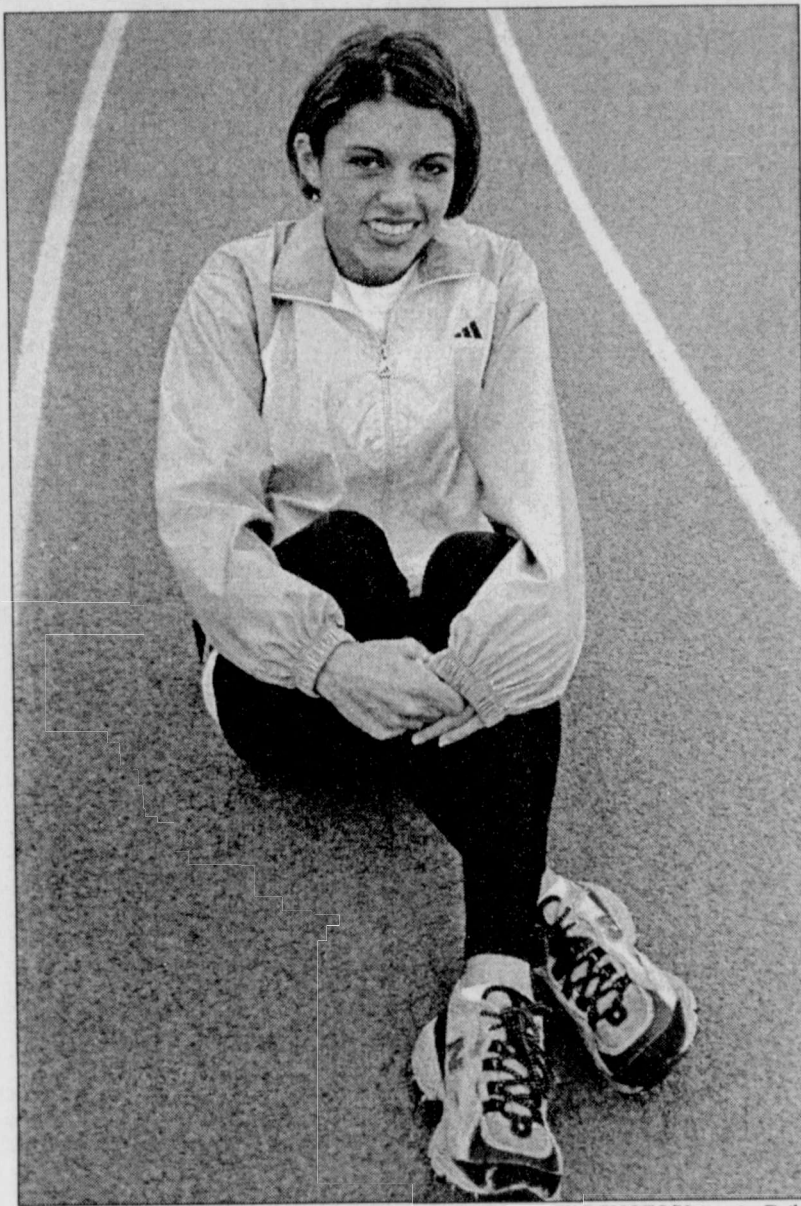
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LEIGH DANIEL IS currently training for the Olympics in California. She was Tech's first National Champion in track and field.

## Former Red Raider hopes to be Olympian in 2004 games

By David Wiechmann/Staff Reporter

Leigh Daniel made a name for herself as a national champion in her days at Texas Tech. Now she is hoping to make a name for herself as an Olympian at the Summer Games in Athens, Greece.

Daniel won a national championship in the 10,000 meters in 1999 while at Tech.

The former Tech track star is training at the Olympic Training Center in Chulavista, Calif.

Tech track coach Dave Smith said her training for the Olympics is a showing of her character and how much she wants to make the Olympic team in 2004.

"I think the world of her," Smith said. "Very few people are as focused as her and willing to sacrifice everything to accomplish their goals."

Smith said Daniel did not start running competitively until she was in high school and knows of no one accomplishing more in such a short time.

"She's only been running six years," Smith said. "And she's already done more than anybody I've seen."

Daniel said she wants to run in the

Olympics because it is the cream of the crop in the world of track and field.

"The point of training here is to get to the Olympics," Daniel said. "That is the pinnacle of track. If you want to do something and excel, you need to make the Olympics."

Daniel has never settled for not giving her all, and she is known for her attitude while running.

"I admire her very much," Smith said. "She's extremely talented and tenacious as a bulldog. She's a fighter on the track. I've learned not to doubt her in any situation."

Smith said that in the 1999 NCAA Championship, Daniel's shoe came off. He said he thought the race would be over because she lost 200 meters to the leaders. How-

ever, she put her shoe back on, made up the 200 meters and became the 10,000-meter National Champion.

Daniel received an invitation from Team USA California to train at the facility and jumped at the chance.

"I'm very lucky," Daniel said. "It's an incredible opportunity. I'm training with former Olympians, and I'm surrounded by greatness."

Being surrounded by people wanting to accomplish the same things as her has helped motivate Daniel even more.

"Training here is very beneficial," Daniel said. "I'm with people that are going after the same goal I am. It makes you want to work just as hard or harder."

Daniel and Smith both said she is not

in her prime yet, so the Olympics should be in her future, if not in 2004 than in 2008.

"I've still got some years ahead of me to build a name for myself," Daniel said. "Most women in my events don't reach their prime until their mid to early 30s."

Daniel will return to Lubbock in the summer to continue her training and said the Lubbock community has helped her immensely in supporting her emotionally and financially.

"United Supermarkets have helped me out a ton," Daniel said. "The West Texas Running Club held a race in my name to raise some money for me. It makes a huge difference to feel that type of motivation even more from people at home cheering and praying for me."

Daniel said representing her country would mean a lot more than it used to because of the Sept. 11 attacks, and the next Olympics should be amazing.

"It's a huge dream of mine," Daniel said. "It's any athlete's dream because it's such a meaningful experience. The Olympics are more about pride and about your country. The next Olympic Games are going to be incredible, and representing America as the great country it is would be overwhelming."

*The point of training here is to get to the Olympics. That is the pinnacle of track. If you want to do something and excel, you need to make the Olympics.*

— LEIGH DANIEL  
Former Tech Athlete

## Raiders in unfamiliar territory at tournament

**WINNING PAIR:** Ellis says team chemistry and Knight are keys for Tech.

By Matt Muench/Sports Editor

KANSAS CITY, Mo.- Texas Tech center Andy Ellis is not used to entering a Big 12 Conference Tournament with confidence of winning the title game.

He said the big difference is simple — "We are winning this year."

During Ellis' first three seasons as a Red Raider, the Tech program struggled through conference play and lost in the first round of the tournament all three seasons.

But this season, it has been a complete turn around for Tech (21-7 overall, 10-6 Big 12), and Ellis said he is enjoying every bit of it.

"Winning has been the main difference for me," Ellis said. "And it's been real fun. It was a little surreal at first, but we have settled down."

Ellis and No. 5 seed Tech look to continue its surprise season when it faces No. 12 seed Texas A&M at 2:20

p.m. today at Kemper Arena in the first round of the Big 12 Tournament.

Ellis credits Tech coach Bob Knight and a more athletic team for the turnaround.

"We have really meshed well this year," Ellis said. "We have a lot better athletes (than we did last year). And when you combine that with coach Knight, it makes out for a pretty good team."

Knight said the players deserve most of the recognition.

"The players have been great," said Knight, who said he is not a big fan of conference tournaments. "Anytime you get a new coach, there is a lot of pressure, a lot of change. I told Eddie Sutton (Oklahoma State coach) that we have a lot better players than people think we have."

Now the attention turns to A&M, a team Tech has beaten twice this season.

The most recent win was a 74-53 whipping at the United Spirit Arena in Lubbock, Texas, Feb. 23.

Knight said it is always difficult to play a team three times in a season, much less win all three games.

"The degree of difficulty always increases from the first to the second to the third time," he said. "I have coached teams that have won all three and lost all three. But it is difficult for

each team to play."

Aggie coach Melvin Watkins said his team can pull off an upset if the Aggies play their A-game.

"It would not necessarily make our season, but in the Big 12 we're still trying to make a name for ourselves," he said. "This would be a statement that we're heading in the right direction."

Aggie guard Bernard King said there is no doubt in his mind that the Aggies (9-21 overall, 3-13 Big 12) can pull off the first-round upset.

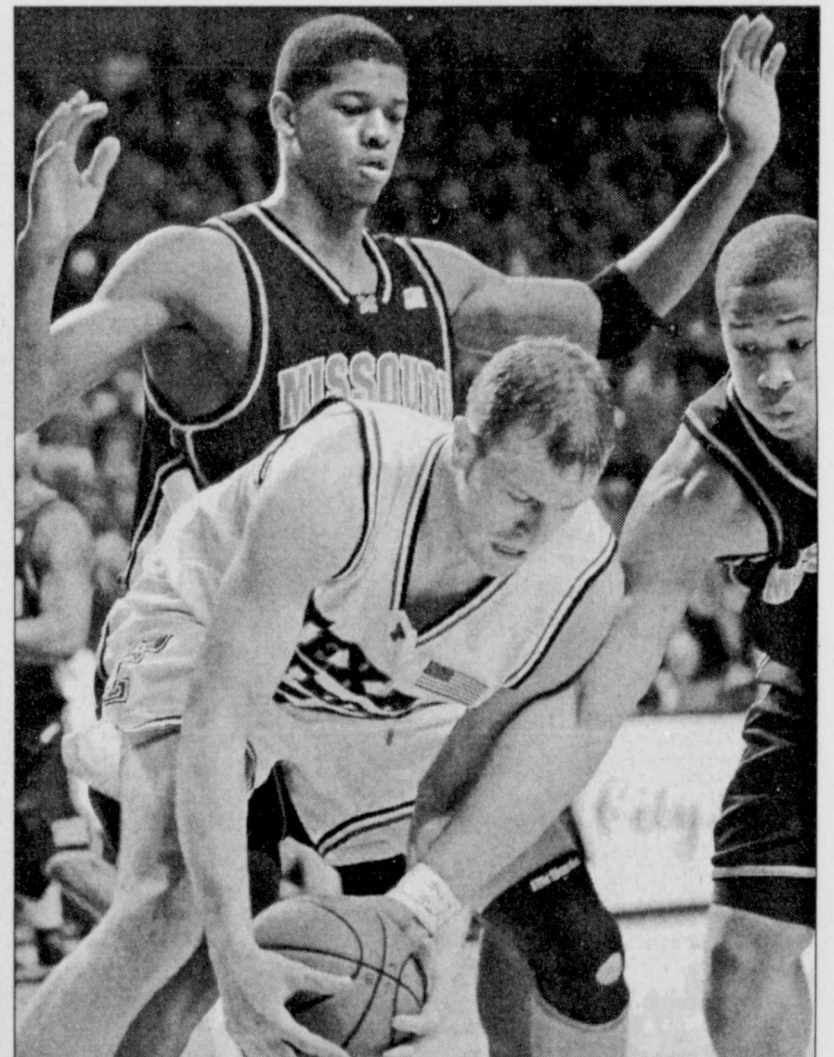
"It would mean a lot to us (to win)," King said. "It doesn't matter who we play; we just want to win."

Tech forward Kasib Powell said Tech, who has given up 96 and 89 points the last two games, has to improve its defensive play if they want to contend in the tournament.

"Defense is very important to us," Powell said. "At times we play well. Other times we don't. But without defense we won't go any where."

The winner of today's game will move to the second round to face the No. 4 seed Oklahoma State Cowboys at 2:20 p.m. Thursday.

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CENTER, ANDY ELLIS fights for a rebound during a game with Missouri last month. Tech plays Texas A&M today at 2:20 p.m. in the first round of the Big 12 Tournament.

## Emmett named to All-Big 12

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Mirroring the media panel's picks, Drew Gooden was named conference Player of the Year by the Big 12 coaches and Roy Williams was the choice for Coach of the Year by his peers, the Big 12 announced Wednesday.

Both men picked up the same titles from The Associated Press this week. The coaches also named Gooden's teammate, Kirk Hinrich, Texas Tech's Andre Emmett, Oklahoma's Hollis Price, Missouri's Kareem Rush and Oklahoma's Aaron McGhee to the first team.

The first team included six players because of a tie in the voting, the league said. McGhee was the only senior named to the first team.

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Silvercreek	32"	---	5 lifts open, PP
Ski Cooper	43"	---	3 lifts open, P/PP
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# Raiders rout Horned Frogs 17-4

By Jeff Keller/Staff Reporter

The Red Raider baseball squad collected a season-sweep of Texas Christian with a 17-4 triumph against the Horned Frogs on Wednesday at Dan Law Field.

The game was called after TCU trailed by more than 10 runs after its portion of the seventh inning.

Texas Tech took all six contests from TCU this regular season, the last two coming in this week's two-game series.

After defeating the Horned Frogs 17-11 and plating seven runs in the first inning in Tuesday's game, the Raiders once again scored early and often Wednesday against the Horned Frogs.

TCU scored one run in the top of the first inning on an RBI single to right field by right fielder Jake Duncan.

Tech countered with three runs of its own in the bottom of the first.

TCU plated another run in the top

of the second when Horned Frog catcher Justin Hatcher smashed Raider pitcher David Buck's offering over the left field wall, making the score 3-2 Tech heading into the bottom of the second.

The floodgates opened for the Raiders in their portion of the second as they scored seven runs on two innings to take a 10-2 lead after two innings.

Tech shortstop Gera Alvarez smashed a two-run homer to straight-away center to help the Raider offensive charge in the second inning.

The Raiders plated 34 runs in the two-game series with TCU after scoring 13 runs in three losses to Texas A&M last weekend.

Alvarez said it felt good to get the bats going against the Horned Frogs.

"It gets your confidence up," Alvarez said of Tech's offensive performance in the series against TCU. "Once you have got confidence, it makes it a lot easier for you offensively."

Tech scored five runs in the third inning, three of those coming off the bat of catcher Willie Durazo.

Durazo blasted a three-run home run in the third inning, which hopped the Chemical Engineering building beyond the right-center field wall of Dan Law Field.

Durazo said TCU pitcher Tim Collinsworth threw him a fastball, which he found to his liking.

"He tried to challenge me with a fastball, and I was pretty much sitting on it," Durazo said. "I was just good swing, and it just went pretty far."

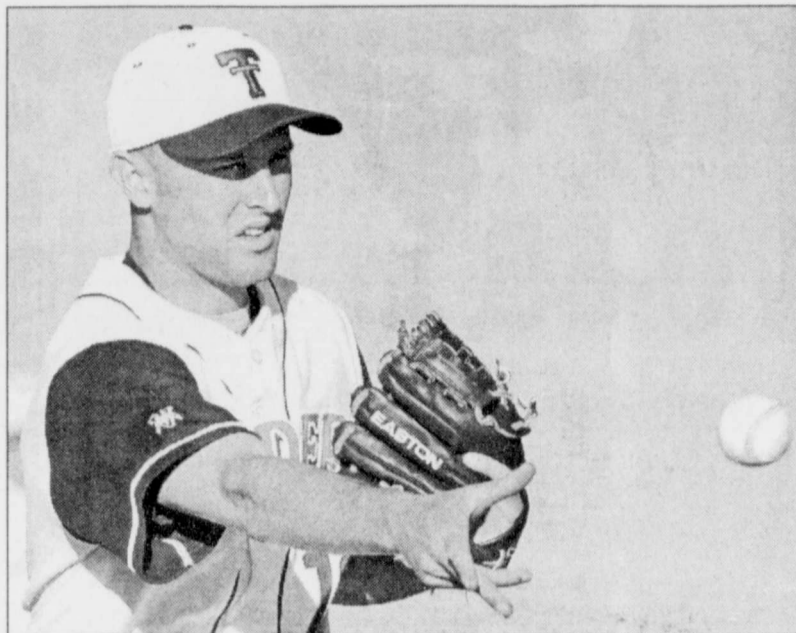
Tech scored two runs in the bottom of the sixth inning while the Horned Frogs plated runs in the top of the fourth and seventh innings. The game was called following the top of the seventh inning after the Horned Frogs failed to cut the Raider lead to single digits.

Tech's win against TCU was its ninth straight win in the Raiders' overall series with the Horned Frogs.

Tech coach Larry Hays said when the schedule came out for this season and he saw TCU on it six times, he did not think the Raiders would prevail each time.

"That is not going to happen very often," Hays said. "We had three or four really good games. They came into this series kind of like us. They have a double-header Friday against USC and Notre Dame. We have Texas on Friday, so both of us approached this series knowing we were just going to pitch a certain guy. Our guys really pitched a lot better."

Buck pitched five innings, giving up three runs on six hits to claim his second win of the season. TCU pitcher Chris Osentowski pitched two innings, giving up 10 runs on nine hits to earn the loss.



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PITCHER STEPHEN LEIST tosses the ball to the firstbase during a 17-4 win vs. TCU.

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# Lady Raiders defeated 70-65 in second round

**KNOCKED OUT:**  
Baylor's victory sends Tech packing early for first time in five years.

By Matt Muench/Sports Editor

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — The Lady Raiders are packing their bags here a little early. For the first time since 1997, Texas Tech will not be in the semifinals of the Big 12 Conference Tournament after No. 2 seed Baylor dropped No. 7 seed Tech 70-65 Wednesday night in the second round of the tournament at the Municipal Coliseum.

"Baylor really played well when they had to," Tech coach Marsha Sharp said. "We played well at the beginning of both halves, but we didn't finish. Now we have to forget this loss and step up to the plate in the NCAA Tournament."

After falling behind 10 points in the opening minute of the second half, Tech made its only move to try and snag an upset win by going on a 12-3 run fueled by three Jia Perkins jump shots to take the lead 49-48 with 14 minutes left to play in the game.

But Tech did not capitalize, and Baylor wanted the lead back.

Over the next eight minutes, the Bears took advantage of a Tech drought by going on a 19-3 run to get their lead, maintain it and advance to the semifinals for the first time in school history.

During the Baylor surge, Tech only hit one field goal and one free throw in 14 possessions.

Tech finished with a 29 percent shooting clip in the second half and hit only four baskets in the last 14 minutes of the game.

Baylor guard Sheila Lambert said she knew Tech was not going to die after the Bears led 41-33 at halftime. So when Tech did not die and stole the lead, Lambert said the Bears had to kill the Tech run.

"I yelled and told (the Baylor players), 'let's go, because we worked hard in the first half,'" said Lambert, who scored a season high 30 points. "I asked them, 'Are we tired? Did we give it all in the first half?' And they told me, 'no.' We pulled together and made a run."

Tech forward Jolee Ayers said Tech had mental lapses that allowed Baylor to get back into the game.

"There were some plays where we didn't get back on defense," said Ayers, who led Tech with 18 points and 10 rebounds. "That helped their run out. It was mental plays like that that we could have prevented. It happened and

now we have to learn from that."

Sharp said the Lady Raiders assured themselves of an NCAA Tournament bid after Tech's round-one victory against Missouri on Tuesday.

But now she must wait until Sunday to see if Tech will be one of the 16 teams to host the first and second rounds in their region.

Sharp said because the Big 12 is tough, and Tech's strength of the schedule is second in the nation, the Lady Raiders deserve to play at the

United Spirit Arena in Lubbock, Texas in the first round of the NCAA.

"I think the Big 12 is good enough to have seven teams host," Sharp said.

"We have made a brutal run in this conference. I have never been in a conference that will prepare you for the NCAA as much as this year did," she said.

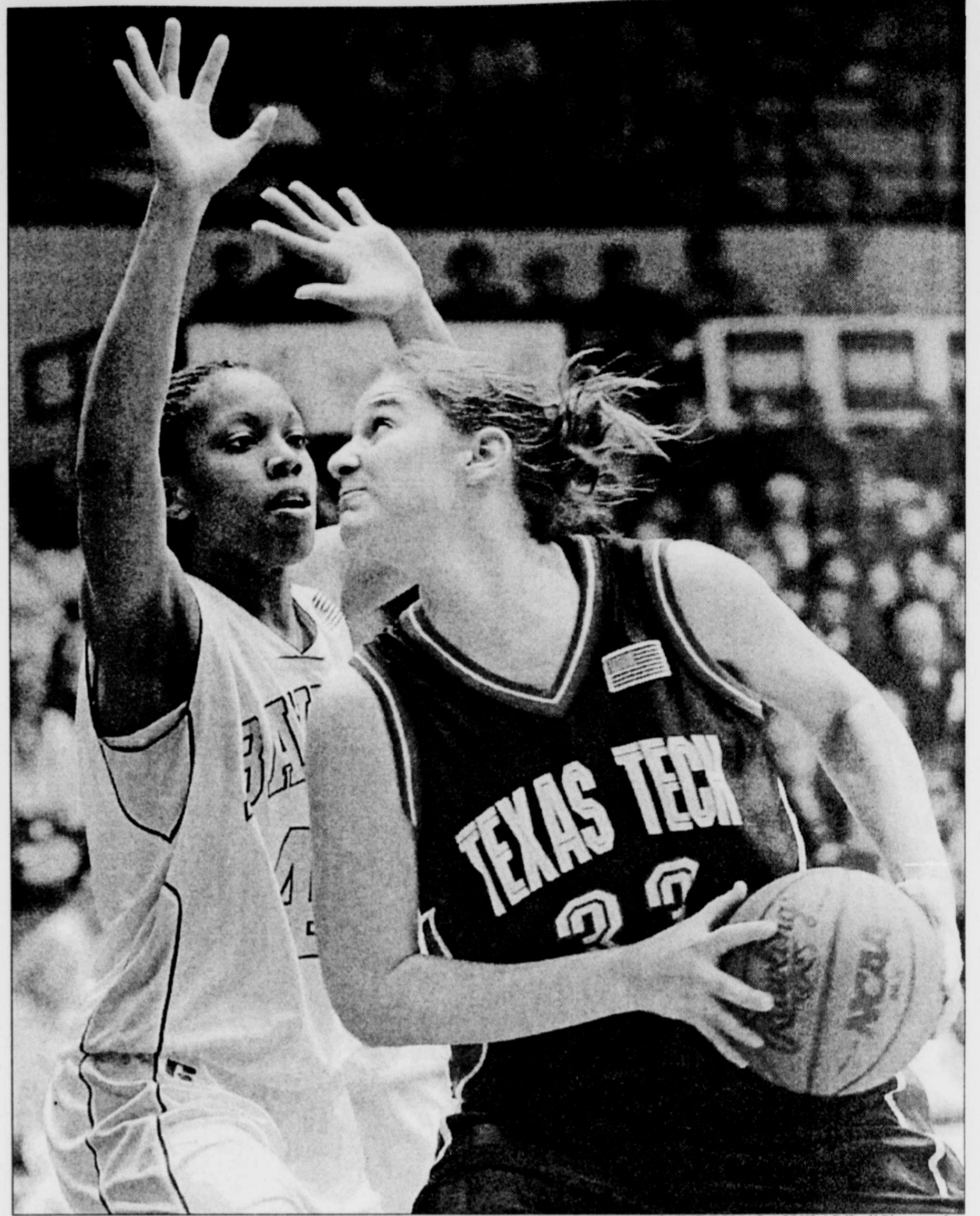
Tech guard Natalie Ritchie

said Tech will be prepared for the Big Dance.

"We just have to put this behind us," said Ritchie, who scored 13 points. "If you go into the tournament coming out of this conference, you are going to be prepared."

*"We have made a brutal run in this conference. I have never been in a conference that will prepare you for the NCAA as much as this year did."*

— MARSHA SHARP  
LADY RAIDER COACH



FORWARD JOLEE AYERS drives to the basket in Tech's second-round loss to Baylor on Wednesday night. The Lady Raiders wait for their status in the NCAA tournament. JAIME TOMAS AGUILAR/Staff Photographer

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## Arkansas says it lost confidence in Richardson

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — Arkansas told Nolan Richardson's lawyer the school replaced him because it lost confidence in the coach's ability, according to correspondence released Wednesday.

Chancellor John White and athletic director Frank Broyles believed Richardson's remark that "they can pay me off and I'll be on my way" would upset fans and hurt the program, lawyer Fred Harrison wrote in a letter sent by fax Tuesday to Richardson lawyer John Walker.

Walker said Wednesday the university did not answer his questions fully.

"I'm looking for more than that. I'd like to know why they fired this man," Walker said. "There may be logical reasons ... and we have to make a determination of the legitimacy of those reasons."

Since White announced Friday that Richardson was out, Arkansas had offered no explanation beyond citing a no-excuses-necessary clause under the "Termination at Convenience of the University" section of Richardson's seven-year, \$1.03 million-a-year contract.

Under a request made under the state Freedom of Information Act, the university provided copies of correspondence among the parties to The Associated Press.

Harrison said Richardson was released after saying privately and publicly that he wanted the school to buy out his contract under its terms of \$500,000 for its six remaining years.

Harrison also said the coach was not entitled to a reason under provisions of the contract, but he would give him one anyway — and echoed previous statements that Richardson asked to have his contract terminated despite public statements that he wanted to stay as coach.

"Chancellor White and Coach

Broyles concluded that the comments by Coach Richardson that he could be bought out of his contract immediately indicated a lack of his confidence in the basketball program and leadership for it," Harrison wrote. "They also believed these comments to have a negative impact on fan support and other aspects of the program."

Richardson intends to ask Arkansas system president Alan Sugg to review White's decision. Although White initially gave Richardson a deadline of noon Monday, Harrison on Wednesday asked Walker to make his case by the close of business Friday.

"Dr. Sugg will then review the termination and may also wish to meet privately with Coach Richardson," Harrison said.

An appeal to Sugg was seen as a prerequisite for possible legal action by Richardson against the university. Richardson said Thursday it was his intent to remain at Arkansas despite his remark five days earlier.



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