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Raider game delayed after man collapses

By Matt Muench/Sports Editor

KANSAS CITY, MO. — Bob Hammel, a close friend of Texas Tech coach Bob Knight, is in stable condition at St. Luke's Hospital after he had a seizure during the Red Raiders' 80-71 win against Texas A&M on Thursday afternoon at the Big 12 Conference Tournament at Kemper Arena.

The incident occurred during a time out with 6:32 remaining in the game when Hammel suffered a seizure and fell to the arena floor. Reporters near him scattered to find help and EMS officials quickly arrived on the scene.

The game was delayed more than 10 minutes in the silent arena.

A pale Knight paced the court checking up on his friend frequently before play resumed after Hammel was carted off the floor and immediately taken to the hospital.

Tournament physician, Larry Cordell, said Hammel, who is also diabetic, was in stable condition when he left the arena.

"We stabilized him and gave him oxygen. He was breathing on his own when he left. He has been taken for observation," Cordell said.

Knight was rushed to the hospital by police immediately after the game and was unavailable for comment.

Knight's son, Pat, who is an assistant coach at Tech, said his father was stunned.



JAIME TOMAS AGUILAR/Photography Editor

BOB HAMMEL, WHO is one of Texas Tech coach Bob Knight's close friends, is carried off the Kemper Arena floor after having a seizure on press row. The game was delayed for more than 10 minutes.

"He was in shock when he found out," Pat Knight said. "That is the closest friend he has. He didn't even talk to the team after the game. He immediately left."

Pat Knight said he has known

Hammel since he was a child.

"You can't find a more loyal guy than Mr. Hammel," he said.

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Dean announces his resignation

By Justin Matthews/Staff Reporter



Bowes

The Texas Tech College of Education Dean Greg Bowes announced his resignation to university officials Wednesday.

The 53-year-old native of Illinois has been the dean of the college since June 2000. His last day will be June 30, which will conclude his second year reigning as dean.

Bowes said the decision is based on personal reasons involving family and health considerations.

"I can't continue to be dean. It's not my own health; it's family and personal reasons that I need to resign so I will be able to spend more time on other matters," Bowes said. "As of July 1, 2003, there will be a new dean in the college of education; the provost is working on that now in hopes to make an announcement for interim later this month."

Although Bowes is stepping down as dean, he said he might continue working on the staff in the College of Education.

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Wounded U.S. forces in stable condition Thursday

By Stephen Graham/Associated Press

LANDSTUHL, Germany (AP) — Nine U.S. special forces troops wounded in Afghanistan and brought to Germany for treatment are in stable condition, most suffering from bullet or shrapnel wounds to their arms and legs, a military surgeon said Thursday.

Also, eight international peacekeepers who were injured in an explosion of anti-aircraft missiles they were trying to defuse arrived in Europe on Thursday for treatment, while their comrades mourned the deaths of five of their troops in the accident.

The nine U.S. soldiers were brought to the U.S. military's Landstuhl Medical Center late Wednesday, and in the first update in their condition, Maj. Mark Ervin said they were not expected to require further surgery.

"They're doing very well, considering what they've been through," said Lt. Melanie Sparks, a nurse at Landstuhl.

Three of the soldiers were able to walk, and most of the seven will likely return to the United States within a week, Ervin told reporters at the hospital.

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Candidate for mayor talks about Tech, city relations

By April Tamplen/Staff Reporter

Ysabel Luna, Lubbock mayoral candidate, spoke to the Texas Tech Student Senate Thursday about relations between Tech and the Lubbock community.

Luna, a business owner in Lubbock, said students should have strong relationships with the City Council and the police force.

Luna said politicians have a tendency to rob citizens of their authority in a city.

"Politicians literally rob citizens in a city of their authority to be in control of the city," he said. "I am trying to take that authority back and give it to the citizens so they will have a say so."

Luna said students are a vital part in the community and the future.

"People do not take young adults as seriously as they should," he said. "Students should participate in the times now because they are the value of the future."

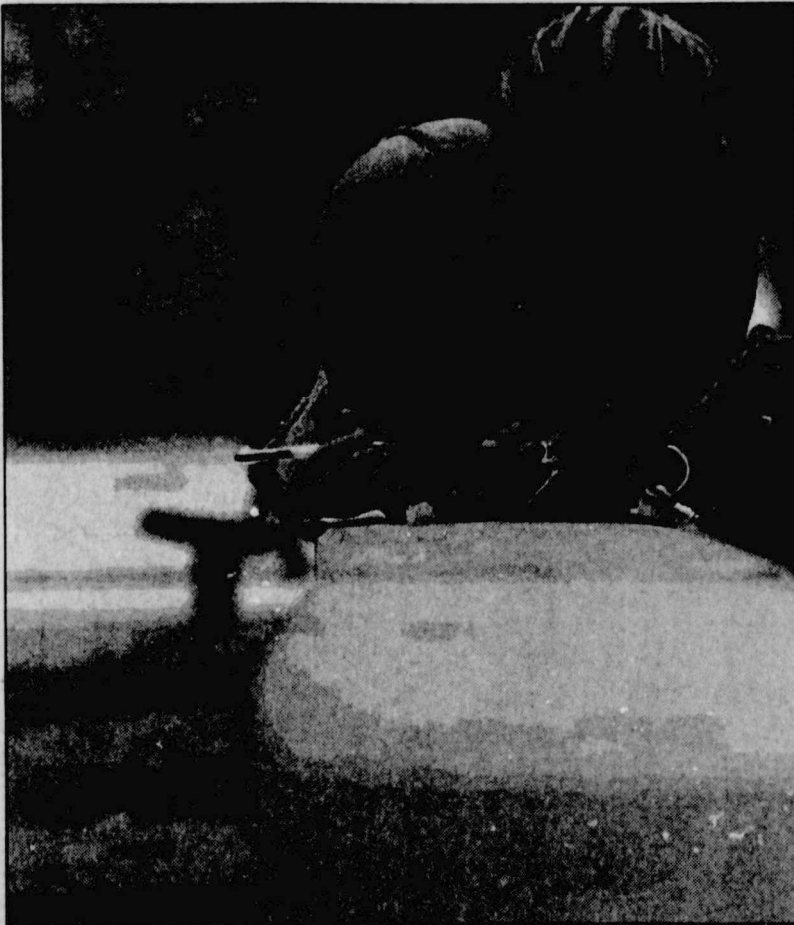
Luna spoke on the housing ordinance, which limits the number of tenants who can live in a single-family residence.

Luna said he can understand where the City Council is coming from with the ordinance by protecting the neighborhood, but he disagrees with the ordinance as a whole.

"I was young once; I've been there. I

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STUDY BREAK



JEREMY MOORE/Staff Photographer

CLAUDIA "CAT" TAMEZ, a freshman biology major from McAllen, works on a chemistry lab assignment on Thursday outside of the Mass Communications building to be finished before Spring Break.

Taking a BREAK



FRANK VACULIN/Graphics Artist

Tech students seek sun, snow, comforts of home when heading off for Spring Break

By Liesl Klinkerman/Staff Reporter

The time has come. Finally, students are able to put memories packed with study hours and research papers behind them — at least for the week of Spring Break.

Mark Earle, the director of aviation at the Lubbock International Airport, expects this afternoon to be busier than usual.

"The Friday prior to this weekend is the busiest," he said. "There's also

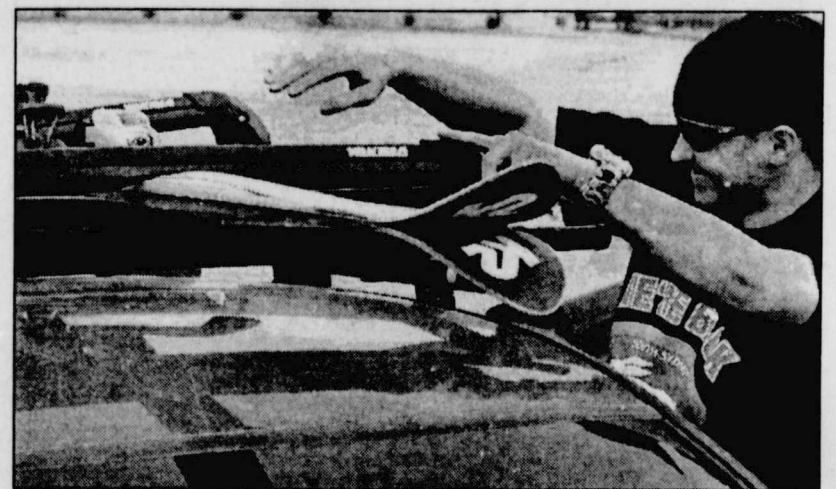
a lot of traffic on Thursday evening." Earle said Spring Breakers are visiting a variety of destinations.

"Lots of people go on family vacations," he said. "People go to Florida, Padre and Mexico. Then there are others that go skiing."

Due to the extra amount of people piling in, Earle advises traveling students to allot more time for check in.

"The general rule is to arrive one hour

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DAVID JOHNSON/Staff Photographer

TIM RAWSON, A sophomore mechanical engineering major from Arlington, secures his skis to his car before taking them over to the Outdoor Pursuit Center at the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center on Thursday to have them waxed before leaving for Taos and Angel Fire, where he will spend his Spring Break.

City urges students, citizens to practice severe weather drills

By Michael Mondragon/Staff Reporter

As Severe Weather Week continues, the city of Lubbock is trying to raise public awareness of tornado safety.

Sandy Glass, public information manager for the city of Lubbock, said students should practice a tornado drill at least once a year.

"Students need to know the 'go-low-and-get-down' drill, and as long as they practice drills, then it will be easy to remember if a tornado does

hit," Glass said.

The drill teaches people to remain low to the ground during a tornado, to minimize the chance of being hit by debris.

While in their apartments or homes with no basement present, students should head for a room that contains no windows, such as closets or bathrooms.

"It's best to avoid rooms with win-

dows because of the debris that is blowing outside," Glass said. "When students are outdoors and see a tornado, students should not get brave and start to race it or approach it to get a closer view."

If a tornado strikes while in a car, Glass said people should leave the car and lie flat in a close ditch or a dried up playalake, Glass said.

The National Climatic Data Cen-

ter reported that tornados caused 26 deaths and 510 injuries from January 2001 to October 2001, Glass said.

Severe weather alert sirens were tested on the Tech campus Wednesday.

Texas Tech Police Capt. Gordon Hoffman said the next time students hear the sirens there is immediate danger of a thunderstorm heading their way and the students should seek shelter.

"When the sirens go off, it usually means we are in the route of a thunderstorm that ranges from heavy rain to possibly a tornado," Hoffman said.

Up 2 Date

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The Rundown



Cancer doctor faces trouble from Enron

HOUSTON (AP) — The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center is a place where patients come from around the world in search of the latest treatments.

At its helm is Dr. John Mendelsohn, a cancer specialist whose long list of titles and accolades range from Fulbright scholar to department chairman at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center.

Then there are the two more recent, troubling, posts: membership on the boards of directors of Enron Corp. and ImClone Systems Inc.

The Enron involvement has raised the question of what a scientist was doing on the audit board of a Fortune 500 energy trading company that donated to his cause. Further troubling to some is that Mendelsohn's predecessor as president of M.D. Anderson, Dr. Charles LeMaistre, also is a board member.

"I don't know if it's bad per se to have a doctor on the board, although it is strange to have a doctor that's that way far afield from the area of expertise," said Patrick McGurn of Institutional Shareholder Services, which analyzes corporate governance for large investors.

As board members, the two participated in reviews of the company's arrangements with its auditor, Arthur Andersen, and in the decision to waive internal ethics rules so chief financial officer Andrew Fastow could head partnerships that acted as smoke screens against Enron's losses.

Bankruptcy may kill one million chickens

ATLANTA (AP) — A food company's bankruptcy left as many as one million starving chickens in Georgia and Florida, and most the birds may have to be killed because they are too emaciated or diseased to be saved.

Cypress Foods Inc., which filed for bankruptcy protection earlier this year, left about 1.4 million egg-laying hens in southeast Georgia and central Florida without feed for as long as 10 days, agriculture officials said Thursday.

About 1.2 million of the hens were on nine farms in southeast Georgia. Agriculture Commissioner Tommy Irvin estimated that two-thirds of those birds — almost 800,000 — may be unsalvageable.

"We're getting some good cooperation, but it's still a very tedious thing to deal with," Irvin said. "You run the risk of spreading disease, and we've put the farms under quarantine."

Georgia officials were notified of the starving birds late last week, and about 300,000 to 350,000 already have been sold to other active poultry companies, Irvin said.

The rest likely will end up at a rendering plant to be disposed of.

Calls to the Cypress Foods' corporate office in Winter Haven, Fla., on Thursday were not answered.

At a Cypress Foods farm near Dade City, Fla., prison inmates worked for a second day to clear an estimated 20,000 dead chickens from the open warehouse-type buildings that housed 200,000 hens.

EU slow to strike at terrorist funding

(AP) — As the United States moves beyond blocking funds of Osama bin Laden's network to include other terrorist groups, America's most important bloc of allies is being less aggressive.

The European Union has frozen assets of just two of 28 groups on a U.S. list of non-al-Qaida organizations. Out of the dozens of individuals on Washington's list of suspected terrorists, the EU targeted eight.

In a 15-nation bloc that often doesn't see eye-to-eye with each other, some EU members cited a lack of evidence that groups were terrorists, legal concerns and a hesitance to support governments with dubious human rights records, according to diplomats who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Europe has embraced other anti-terrorism measures with impressive speed since the Sept. 11 terror attacks. But their limited fund-blocking response underscores how hard it is for the United States to build consensus for cracking down on armed groups, terror experts say.

"As you expand and broaden the definition of terrorism, you are likely to also expand the likelihood of disagreement between countries over who should be included and how to deal with it," said Ivo Daalder, senior fellow at the Brookings Institution, the Washington-based think tank.

Quote of the Day

"I like this place; I like this university; I like this college, and to demonstrate that, I hope to be back in the fall as a faculty member."

— GREG BOWES, dean of Tech College of Education, on his resignation. Please see DEAN, page 1.

Entertainment Briefs

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The question of whether airport security is a complete joke is creating friction between ABC sitcom star Drew Carey and the network.

An upcoming episode of "The Drew Carey Show" features Carey's ditzzy sitcom buddies Lewis and Oswald (played by Ryan Stiles and Diedrich Bader) as airport security guards.

ABC wanted at least one competent character included in the security force and said the script would be pulled if producers didn't comply, Carey told the Los Angeles Times.

"I've never had a threat like that from the network. ... If you can't satirize au-

thority institutions, what's the point," Carey was quoted as saying in the Times on Wednesday.

Both ABC and series producer Warner Bros. declined comment Wednesday, but a network source, speaking on condition of anonymity, said ABC considered it irresponsible to depict all security workers as ineffective.

"I think we have a pretty good track record of not being serious on the show," Carey responded.

The episode was scheduled to be taped Wednesday with the network-requested changes in place, the ABC source said. It's set to air next month.

NEW YORK (AP) — Jay Gatsby, the

mythic social climber of F. Scott Fitzgerald's celebrated "The Great Gatsby," has attained new status. A panel of writers, actors, critics and publishing officials named him the 20th century's greatest literary character.

Finishing second is Holden Caulfield, the quintessential whiner from J.D. Salinger's "Catcher in the Rye," followed by Humbert Humbert, the licentious intellectual of Vladimir Nabokov's "Invitation of a Beethoven." "Lolita."

Others in the top 10 include Leopold and Molly Bloom of James Joyce's "Ulysses," Atticus Finch of Harper Lee's "To Kill a Mockingbird" and Rabbit Angstrom, the restless title character of John Updike's "Rabbit" novels.

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.

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.

The Texas Tech University Music Theatre's production of "The Bartered Bride," originally scheduled for March 23 and 24 has been postponed until next fall. For more information, call (806) 742-2270, ext. 233 or e-mail Liza Muse at liza.muse@ttu.edu.

The Cardinal Key Honor Society is

now accepting applications. Applicants must have at least a 3.0 GPA and 60 hours by Fall 2002. Applications are available in West Hall Room 250 and are due March 21. For more information, call Carl James at (806) 749-2750.

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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Medical experts explain risks of tanning

By Natalie Worthen/Staff Reporter

There are no facts that prove tanning in a tanning bed causes skin cancer. However, the beds do use ultraviolet rays, which with overexposure, can cause skin cancer.

Zoltan Trizna, assistant professor in dermatology at the Tech Health Sciences Center, said it is common sense that tanning involves health risks.

"I tell my patients tanning in a tanning bed has lamps emitting concentrated rays to the body," he said. "Most people tan in swimsuits or naked, and their whole body is exposed."

Trizna said tanning in a tanning bed can cause premature aging and produce wrinkles, as well as increase the risk of skin cancer.

"It is proven light with UV exposure increases risk of skin cancer," he said. "The more UV exposure, the more your chances are for solar damage and skin cancer."

Zoltan said rumors of tanning in a tanning bed damaging the ovaries of women are not true.

"If you are going to tan, you should go to a reputable place," he said. "Con-

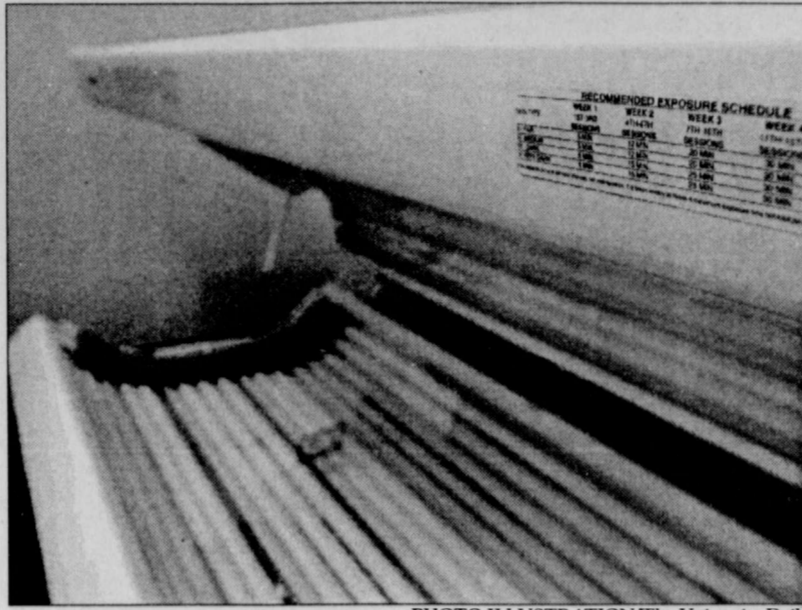


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sider personal hygiene."

Zoltan said some tanning salons are rarely cleaned properly.

Curtis Portwood, owner of Body Bronze in Lubbock, said most of the tanning beds in his three salons have a 24-hour waiting period clients must obey, and some have a 48-hour wait-

ing period.

"Those who tan should talk to tanning consultants that know what they're talking about and know how long you should tan for," he said.

Portwood said there are four skin types, and knowing which type of skin you have can help determine how long

you should tan.

"Dark-skinned people can tan for however long they desire and usually not burn," he said. "Those who have almost no pigment should not tan."

Portwood said everyone's skin gets darker with radiation exposure unless they have no skin pigment in their bodies.

More than 3,000 people tan every day at Portwood's three tanning establishments, and he said about 60 percent of his clients are students.

Portwood said about three out of four customers are female.

A federal law now exists that mandates tanning bed manufacturers to send a notice showing how strong the individual tanning bed is and have a notice indicating a 24- or 48-hour waiting period between tanning sessions.

Rick Austin, Always Tan Tanning Salon owner, said 95 percent of tanning beds have the 24-hour waiting period.

"The Texas Department of Health enforces the time limit and performs inspections to make sure tanning salons are cooperating," Austin said. "I understand the law because the health department

said 24 hours are needed for the body to recover after tanning."

Inspections are conducted by the Department of Health to help enforce healthy tanning.

The Department of Health also enforces washable flooring, eye goggles and a sterile spray be used for the beds after each tan to kill germs.

"The spray tanning salons should use an astringent that has to be mixed, and the solution tested on litmus paper and recorded for inspection," he said. "This solution is used in surgical units so it is effective."

Austin said people can tan for the same amount of time and get different results depending on the age of the bulbs in the beds.

"We change our lamps in the tanning beds in busy seasons every 45 days," he said. "The law is appropriate because of how hot the bulbs are."

Austin said he is committed to abiding by the rules the Department of Health has provided and said he receives a good grade after his inspections.

"We run our business exactly how it's supposed to be run," he said.

Studies show STDs becoming a large problem in West Texas

By Natalie Worthen/Staff Reporter

Tech students who are sexually active, do not use protection and have multiple partners should be aware of high rates of sexual transmitted diseases in West Texas.

Gabriel Cruz, surveillance specialist at Lubbock Health Department, said the numbers of people dying as a result of AIDS are decreasing because of more effective medications.

"More effective medicines and drug companies are lowering prices, helping decrease the amount of people dying each year from AIDS," Cruz said.

People can now test for HIV anonymously, which will hopefully increase the amount of people being tested who are at risk. However, it is a state law to report cases where people test positive.

"Our end of the bargain at the Health Department is to not make people flash

their identification when they are nervous about being HIV positive," he said.

"If they identify themselves as Minnie Mouse and they test positive, then we will report to the state that Minnie Mouse is HIV positive."

Cruz said young adults are able to tests themselves at age 13 without parent's permission, and everyone may request condoms.

Statistics from the Health Department show decreases in confirmed HIV and AIDS cases in 2001 compared to 2000.

"Chlamydia infected 1,630 people in 2000 but only 1,400 in 2001. Gonorrhea dropped from 893 cases to 566, and syphilis went from five cases to no cases from 2001 to 2000," Cruz said.

AIDS cases also decreased from 37 to 19, and HIV from 42 to 34 in 2001.

Sam Prien, associate professor and director of in-vitro fertilization labs, said

anyone who has oral contact of mucous membranes, or fluids from membranes, can contract an STD.

He said there is a possibility to transmit diseases through contact with eyes or ears as well as the mouth, the anus and other normal organs for sexual activity.

Prien said West Texas has the highest rate of chlamydia per capita in the nation, between 14 and 18 percent. The national average rate is four percent.

"We have a major problem with chlamydia in the female and male population," he said. "The male partner is a carrier and doesn't often notice signs of chlamydia."

Prien said a one-time exposure to an STD is enough to get infected. Chlamydia, syphilis and gonorrhea are all treatable and curable. Genital herpes does not have a cure but is treatable, as is AIDS.

However, any STD without treatment can potentially lead to death.

The females who contract chlamydia may have an altered future if complications spread to the Fallopian tubes, according to a brochure from Student Health Services.

According to the brochure, "complications may result in tubal scarring, infertility and risk of tubal pregnancy."

Women who become pregnant while infected with an STD may have a miscarriage, infect the fetus with the disease or cause other complications, such as blindness, in the baby.

Women who notice an off color or abnormal smell in vaginal discharge should consult a physician and have a lab test performed.

Males and females with gonorrhea and syphilis may notice canker sores, which will be notification to seek treatment.

"At-risk behaviors can lead to STDs and pregnancy," Prien said. "Realize

when you have unprotected sex, you are having sex with everyone your partner was previously sleeping with."

If a person has had one STD, they will be more susceptible to contracting other STDs.

"It comes down to being unprotected and non-monogamous. You can't contract a STD from sitting on a public toilet seat," Prien said.

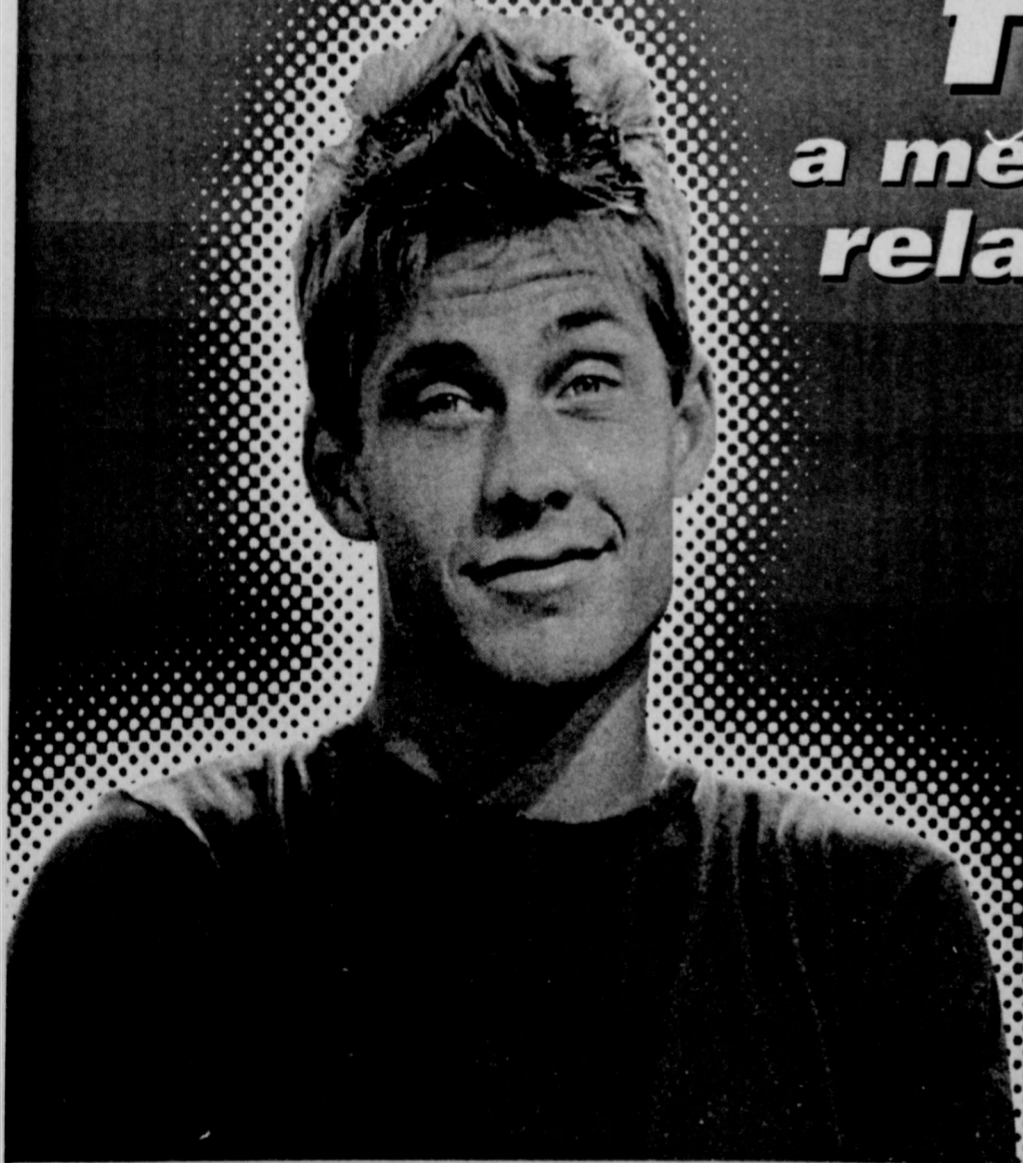
If you are active in at-risk behavior, then inform your physician.

"The physician should know if you're sexually active so in examinations they know whether to look for signs of STDs," he said.

He said he average age of a person who will contract an STD is between 16 and 25 years old.

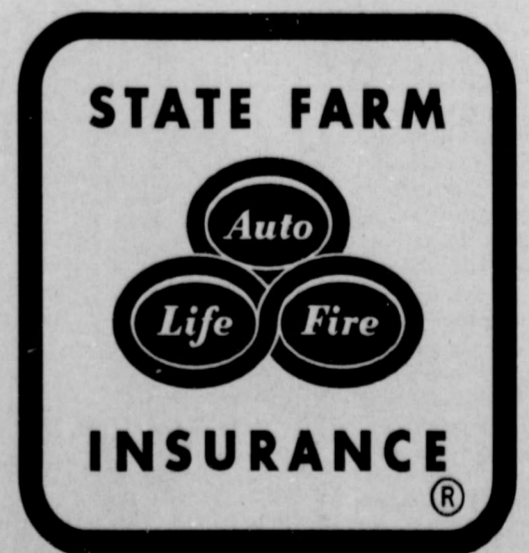
Prien said there has been a case of someone as young as 10 years old who was sexually active and needed to be tested because she was pregnant.

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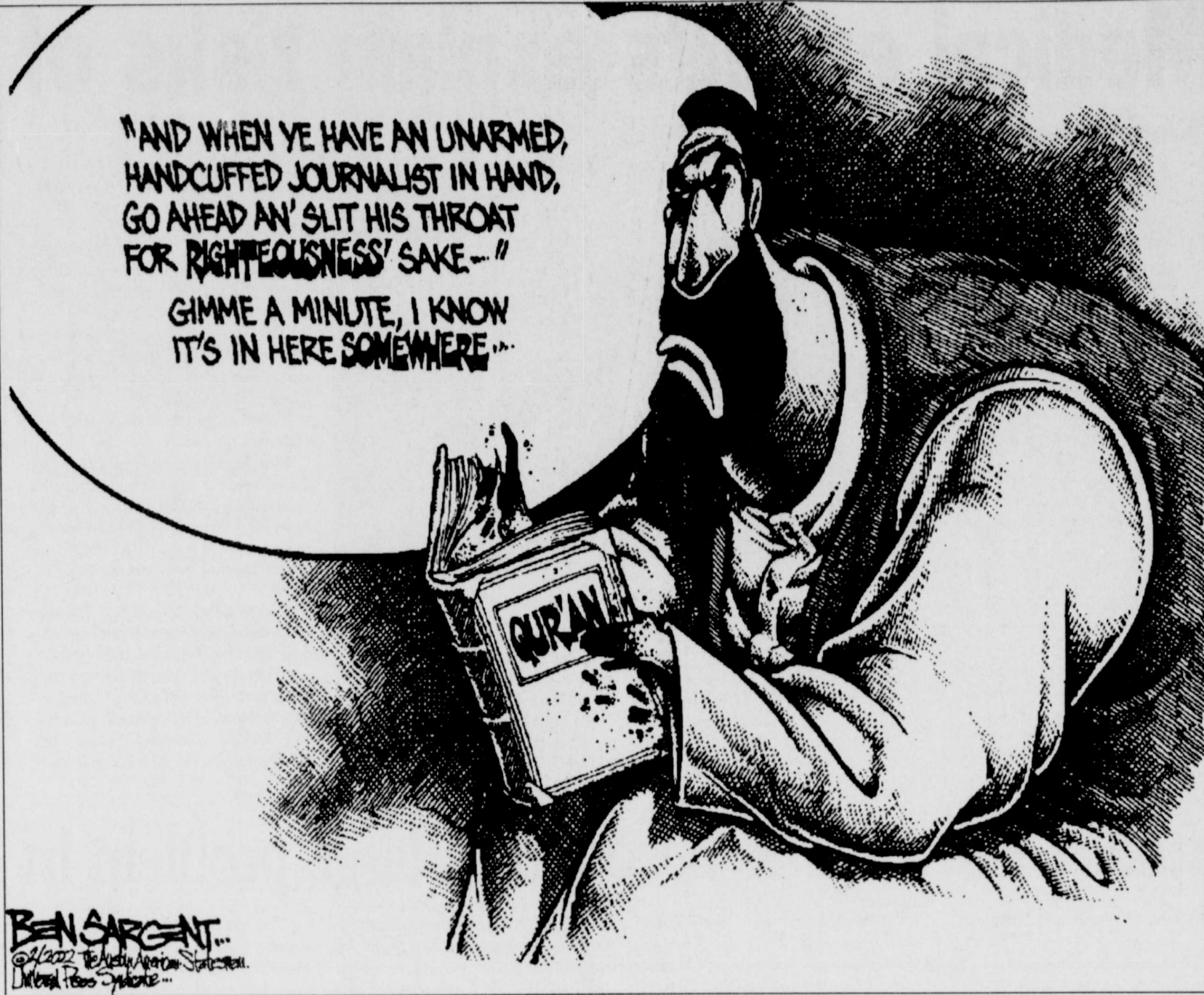
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Who said Spring Break is fun?

COLUMN



RACHEL RICHMOND

My last Spring Break trip definitely has taken the cake on the most challenging trip of my college career. I use challenging as a term of endearment. It was not the classiest or most glamorous

vacation available, but it was definitely low budget.

Ten of my friends, including myself, decided it would be a good idea to cram, luggage and all, into a late '80s-model Winnebago and head toward New Orleans for three days of unforgettable fun. Unforgettable is an understatement.

As I watched the Winnie pull up, I had second and third thoughts but decided to go through with the trip. Besides, what could possibly go wrong? The Winnie was just the first ingredient added to the pot of trouble.

We left at about 11 p.m. on a Wednesday not planning to return to Lubbock until Sunday. We reached Baton Rouge the next day flawlessly

with the exception of a near-death experience involving a sharp drop-off and us. But no worries.

After a bout with the Winnie for an hour at a gas station in the middle of nowhere, it finally decided to start and we headed onward with our journey.

We pull into New Orleans, take a wrong turn and are driving the rather large vehicle down the slim streets of the French Quarter. The first significant person we spot is a man on the corner wearing an umbrella hat, dancing to silence. He would be the highlight of the trip.

We continue through the French Quarter, decide on a hotel and turn onto the street behind it. The Winnie blows a hose and overheats while eight of us wait for the other two to return from booking the room.

Silky the pimp approached and offered the guys in the vehicle some tempting, yet disgusting offers, then proceeded to scout the girls in the Winnie.

Valet parking for the RV was decided on, and the rest of the passengers got to check out the room, which contained two tiny full-size beds for 10 people. The almost non-existent floor space was covered in luggage, leaving no space to walk. No problem. We piled all the luggage in the closet, of course not knowing that later in the evening I would be sleeping inside the closet with the bags.

So, at about 4 p.m. Thursday, since there were ten of us, we realized we better start getting ready to venture out that night to start our weekend of fun.

People would be using the toilet while another was in the shower. Hard to believe, but this is actually an uncomfortable situation. But, we had a mission of fun. So, three hours later, we were ready to go.

Dinner, Harrah's Casino and Bourbon Street were on the agenda. So, at about 5 a.m. everyone was either passed out or hugging the porcelain god. The evening proved successful.

The next day, we witnessed three drug deals, ate beignets, gambled and checked out the tarot-card scene in front of a cathedral. A palm reader wearing a lovely turban repeatedly told my friend she was fertile and then proceeded to ring a bell in her face over and over. This was another highlight of the trip.

We return to the hotel to find out the Winnie had been broken into. The door was ripped in half and everything was stolen, including Easy Mac and toilet paper. After a two-hour discussion with the police, the valet supervisor and the hotel manager, another night on the town was a necessity.

We split up and head out. Five a.m. rolled around again and three of us were passed out by the elevator, the rest in the room. Apparently a sign of a good evening.

Saturday, St. Patrick's Day, was rainy, and by this point we were ready to return to Lubbock. We sealed the Winnie's door with Bourbon Street ponchos bought for \$1 and headed home. The TV was stolen so now all 10 of us had to talk to each other, which nobody wanted to do after the past two days. Also, the trip home would not be complete without the RV breaking down yet again. Eventually we made it home to fantastic Lubbock and vowed never to take such a trip again.

Therefore, I will never write a column like this again.

Overall, the trip was not entirely too successful, but I still had a great time. Honestly, I would go back and do it again. I believe the trip obtained a slight bit of success by the attitudes of the people involved. Everyone was dealt a particular hand of cards and played well. So, keeping a positive attitude saved the day. Luckily, the entire trip was captured on film so we could enjoy it again and again.

I hope everyone has a fun and safe Spring Break with friends and without Winnebagos.

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Soldiers' efforts worth attention

COLUMN



DANIEL WHITE

Finally, the day has come where we can all go away and forget about the troubles this college world seems to be successful at bringing. It is the beginning of

those wild and crazy memories that will last for days and years to come.

Just as we will have memories of next week, the friends and families of seven soldiers who lost their lives for the security of our country will have memories of this past week for the rest of their lives.

You see, I know many of us either read or heard about the disastrous story of the deaths of seven out of the 40 soldiers who have been wounded since "Operation Anaconda" began March 1.

Don't misunderstand me; it is not my intention to cause you to feel as if in the midst of the best time of the semester that we should dwell on the negative things of this world.

Yet, today, I wonder how many of us remembered the lives that were ended in the attempt to preserve our domestic security. I wonder how many of us looked at the headline that stated, "Seven U.S. soldiers killed in latest Afghan assaults" and just turned the page to catch the crossword puzzle. Don't misunderstand me; it is not my intention to cause you to feel as if in the midst of the best time of the semester that we should dwell on the negative things of this world.

However, it is my hope the reality of these events that transpired less than a week ago would cause us to be a more humble and grateful people to all those who have fought in the past and who continue to fight today to ensure our freedom. We have the liberty of living virtually carefree lives without the constant fear of life threats, but often times I wonder if we actually appreciate that freedom.

So often, we, as college students find it easy to live in our own little college world built around the Tech campus and our classes while never focusing on the bigger picture of what is really going on in the world around us.

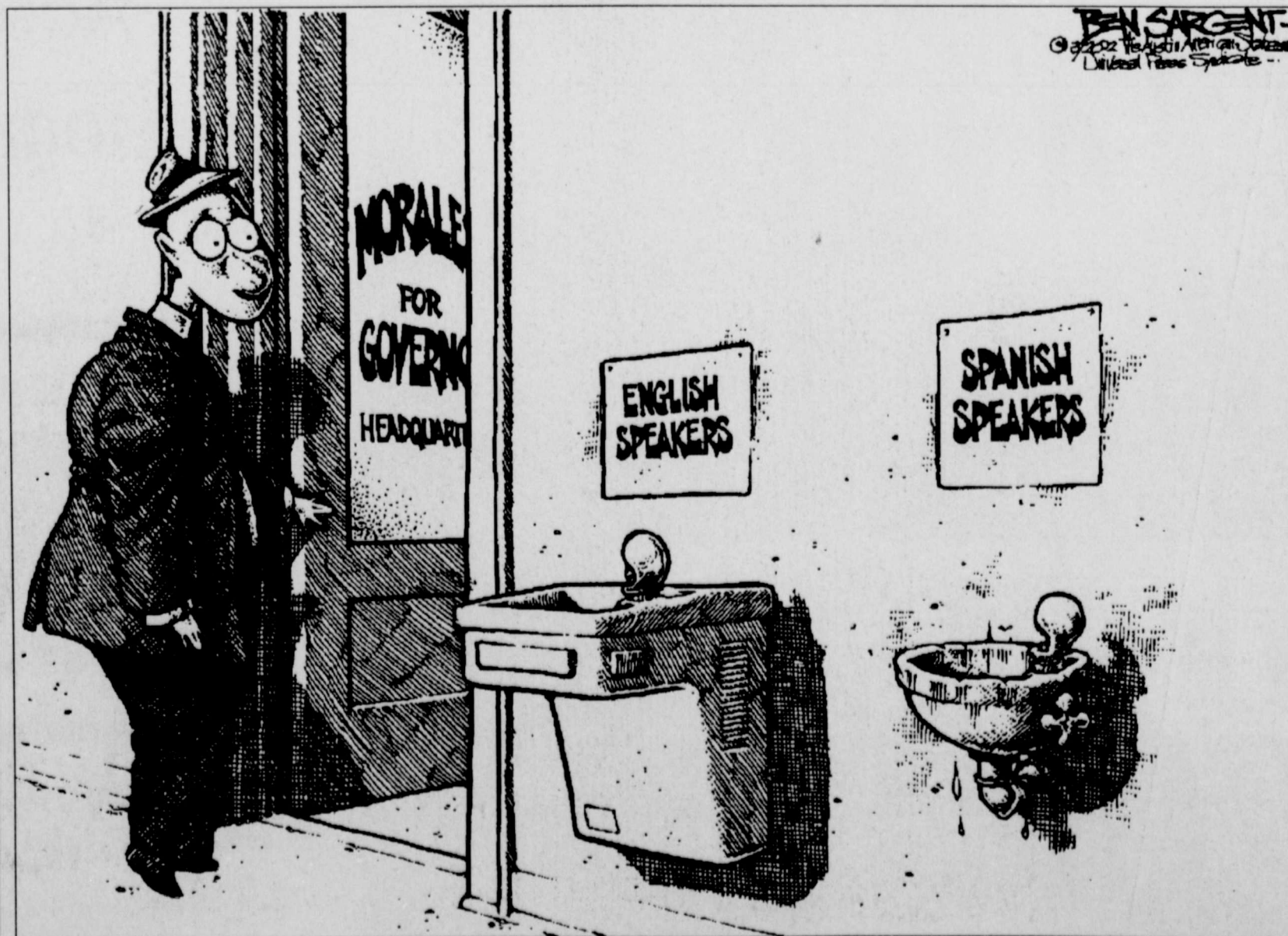
When we begin to do this, and we choose to never take the time to give a second thought to the families of those seven casualties of war, we turn our backs on those who fought long and hard to give us reason to celebrate our freedom.

As we all know, the freedom we have was won at a price, and when we demean its value, we blatantly choose not to be thankful for the sacrifices those in American armed forces have made on our behalf. This weekend it would be so easy to be so eager and anxious to get out of town and forget the worries of this crazy world and forget the families of those wounded and fallen soldiers who can not just fly away to another town to escape the troubles of their worlds.

Those soldiers died to keep you and me free.

Today, in remembrance and respect, I feel it is only appropriate that I publicly thank all American veterans far and wide, and if you can't find a reason to be grateful for what our armed forces do, just turn on your television.

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Break

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prior to your flight," he said. "I would get there an hour and a half early if I had a lot of bags."

Earle says flyers should double check carry-on items before hand.

"Be careful when you pack," he said. "If you have any questions about any item, think if you really need it. If not, leave it. Items such as pocket knives and nail clippers will not be allowed in your carry on. Put those in your checked baggage."

Earle offers some tips on how students can ensure making a flight.

"Contact the airlines you're flying to check if your flight is running on time," he said. "Plan ahead, and enjoy your trip!"

Tanya Teske, a freshman undeclared major from Houston, is planning on taking a road trip to Galveston.

"I'm going to Galveston with my friends," she said. "All the cool people go there. My friend from UT (University of Texas) lives in Galveston, so I will probably stay with her."

Teske has a number of activities laid out for her week.

"We'll probably just hang out, go to the beach and go shopping at the strand," she said.

Bekah Getts, a sophomore landscape

architecture major from Allen, is scheduling a trip home for her Spring Break. "I'm going to go home, work and see my friends," she said.

Getts said she is glad she has a stress-free week ahead.

"I'm looking forward to relaxing," she said. "A lot of my friends are coming home, too. We'll probably go out, see a movie, go to a party and just catch up."

Derek Stuth, a junior mechanical engineering major from College Station, has arranged a get away to South Padre.

"I'm going to Padre with my friends," he said. "We're staying five nights. I hope there's good weather."

Stuth said he and his friends have been planning the trip for a while.

"We've been planning this for about two months," he said. "There's six of us, and we have one hotel room. It might be a little crowded, but it will work out."

Stuth claims his parents offered him some vacation safety tips.

"My mom told me not to sit on any balconies," he said.

Ricardo Alvarez, an El Paso resident, whose daughter attends Tech, decided to join the "Road Raiders" Safe Travel Parent Network to guarantee students' safety on the road.

"The No. 1 reason I joined is because I would want the same thing for my daughter," he said. "Our doors are open to kids who need help, whether they have car problems or are sick."

Resignation

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tion.

"After I finish my term as dean, then I may very well be a full-time faculty member here," Bowes said. "As a faculty member, I would have more opportunities for my own teaching and research and less responsibility for college-wide administration, so that's a big plus in being able to effectively manage personal and professional responsibilities."

Tech Provost John Burns has the duty of locating and hiring a replacement for Bowes.

"We hope to have someone hired by the summer of 2003," Burns said. "These kind of searches take the better part of a year; I hate to lose him. He has been an outstanding dean. I consider his resignation a big loss for the university."

Bowes said he has also made recommendations to Burns for the dean replacement.

"Where we're headed will be more chartered by our strategic plan and the people who do the work throughout the organization," Bowes said.

This year marks the initiation of the college's five-year strategic plan.

"The strategic plan provides a platform for our progress," Bowes said. "We

have the foundation for our advancement in the next five years, including above-average resources and our new building. A foundation is laid, it's not Greg Bowes that did it, but as importantly it's the support that provost John Burns and the central administration has given us."

With the change, faculty, staff and students will be approached with the acceptance of a new dean as well as Bowes' departure.

William Lan, associate dean for Administration and Special Projects at the College of Education, said the change is unfortunate.

"I feel sorry for his departure; he has been a very good leader," Lan said. "He came in with a clear vision for the college and has, besides the strategic plan, helped to set many policies and procedures that in the future will benefit the college."

Bowes will return in Fall 2002 as a faculty member in the Higher Education Administration program, a graduate program at Tech. He teaches a course in that area this semester.

"I'm really pleased to have worked with the staff, students, faculty and other administrators. This was a difficult decision for me, but it was the right one," Bowes said. "This is a really good institution; it's on the move. People are friendly; and I hope this works for continuing involvement. I like this place; I like this university; I like this college, and to demonstrate that, I hope to be back in the fall as a faculty member."

student organizations.

"We fund student organizations so the students are not paying a lot of money to be part of that organization," she said.

The Student Senate also ratified the election results of Stumbo for president, Jeremy Brown for internal vice president and Leigh Mauer for external vice president.

Stumbo said the Student Senate still has a duty of serving the student body.

"I am impressed with all of you so far," she said. "But your job is to represent, even if it is the end of the year."

Kelli Stumbo, outgoing internal vice president, said she is impressed to have a mayoral candidate speak in front of the Student Senate.

"I like how he came here to express the idea of bridging the communication gap between Tech and Lubbock," she said.

Tammy Dickie, chairperson for the Senate's budget committee, introduced the 2002-2003 budget to the Student Senate.

The budget introduced was the first of three series of readings.

Dickie said the first session was about providing funding for registered

Wounded

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The Americans — seven Army and two Navy — could not be identified, and officials would not reveal what missions they were on when wounded. Ervin said they had all been injured in the past three days.

At least 40 Americans have been injured in a U.S.-led assault on al-Qaida fighters holed up in eastern Afghanistan, who have put up stiff resistance in six days of fighting. Another flight with as many as 16 injured troops was expected to arrive at nearby Ramstein Air Base later Thursday.

Also brought to Landstuhl on Wednesday's flight was Canadian journalist Kathleen Kenna, who has been unconscious since shortly after a grenade was hurled into her car while she was traveling toward the scene of the fighting Tuesday. Kenna, 48, a reporter for the Toronto Star, had suffered serious flesh wounds, Ervin said.

The five Germans and three Danes injured in Wednesday's missile explosion arrived in Cologne on a German air force plane after a flight from Kabul, the Afghan capital. Two of the Danes were flown on to Copenhagen, while the injured Germans and the other Dane were transferred by helicopter to a military hospital in Koblenz. Some walked to the waiting aircraft, while others were carried on stretchers.

A team of 10 experts and advisers from Germany and Denmark were being sent to Kabul to investigate the cause of the blast, German Defense Minister Rudolf Scharping

said Thursday.

The three Germans and two Danes killed in the accident were the first dead among the peacekeeping force deployed in December. Their bodies were to be flown home Thursday or Friday.

"Our thoughts are with the families and the relatives," Capt. Graham Dunlop, spokesman for the 4,500-strong international force, said in Kabul. German peacekeepers planned a moment of silence for the dead Thursday.

The soldiers were attempting to destroy two Russian-made SA-3 ground-to-air missiles with a controlled explosion at a munitions collection point about three miles from the German military's base in Kabul.

Dunlop said the casualty figure was high because the missiles "are quite large and their explosion has an impact over a large area." Also, no explosives had been attached to them in preparation for their destruction, so more soldiers may have felt free to come close to the missiles.

Officials said that according to witnesses, the explosion was caused by a technical problem, not because it was detonated prematurely.

The Danish and German leaders said the accident did not change their countries' commitment to the war against terrorism and the peacekeeping mission.

Germany's decision last November to offer 3,900 soldiers for the U.S.-led war on terrorism was preceded by a wrenching national debate over the most far-reaching deployment since World War II.

More than 700 German soldiers are part of the international security force deployed in and around the Afghan capital. About 50 Danish soldiers specialized in mine clearing were sent to Afghanistan in January.

Collapse

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Hammel, 67, became friends

with Knight when he covered him as a reporter at the *Bloomington Herald-News* when Knight was at Indiana. Hammel also helped the first-year Tech coach write his new book, "Knight: My Story."

Senate

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don't think the City Council should punish the students who are trying to pay their way through college," he said. "I have to admit, the only habit I have ever had was the beer. I am too chicken for the drugs; I don't even take aspirin."

A question was asked about keeping Tech graduates in the Lubbock community after graduation.

Luna said politics play a lot in that issue.

"Politicians can take everything they want and dream if you allow them to," he said. "Sometimes the positions that deal with your major are just not available, that is the honest-to-goodness truth."

Luna said the police force in Lubbock is strong right now but has had issues in the past.

"Lubbock has problems and issues, but there is nothing that we cannot handle," he said. "The police chief needs to come to Tech and figure out how the two can work together."

In the past year, three Hispanic officers' deaths have been recorded.

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Buddy Holly Center offers musical alternative

By Jenny Klein/Staff Reporter

The Buddy Holly Center is hosting a musical alternative for Lubbock's youth over Spring Break, dubbed The Music Experience.

Each day from March 11 through March 15, various local musicians will perform from 3 to 4:30 p.m. at the Buddy Holly Center. The finale, the Dynamic Swing, will be at 3 p.m. Saturday, featuring Brian Allen of Houston and Jacob Koller of Phoenix, Ariz.

Adults, students and children ages 7 and older are welcome to attend, free of charge.

The Music Experience is part of the Spring Break education outreach program, Tricia Earl, education at the Buddy Holly Center, said. The idea behind it is to provide an experience to learn about music and musical history.

"We want to give a variety of choices for kids and adults to see what it is like to be a musician," Earl said.

Each performance will be interactive. Performers will have the opportunity to demonstrate how their instruments work and answer questions about their music, Earl said.

The Buddy Holly Center hosts a summer program every year called the Summer Showcase, where a local band or musician plays on a Thursday evening at the center, Earl said. The Spring Break program is similar to that with the exception of interaction between the audience and the musician.

Those in attendance are welcome to ask any question, ranging from how the musician got started to how they intend to further their musical career, she said.

Cary Banks, program coordinator of commercial music at South Plains College and a performer at the music festival, said reaching the children and teaching them something new is one of the most important aspects of the program.

"I want to teach kids how to appreciate art and develop an eye and ear for it," Banks said. "This program will teach them active listening skills."

The younger children are the most impressionable, he said. Children ages 7

and older are at the age where they can learn about music and begin to understand it.

Hopefully, he said, this program will engage them in future activities in the arts as a whole, not just music, Banks said.

Learning the musical heritage of West Texas is also vital component of the program, Earl said.

Lanny Fiel's program is aimed at teaching the history of the ranch dance, Earl said. Fiel, along with the Ranch Dance Fiddle Band, will perform Monday.

Teaching the history and heritage of music in the area allows listeners to understand the importance of Lubbock music, she said.

Everybody stands to benefit from the program, whether they are music lovers, performers or just want to get engaged in the experience," Earl said.

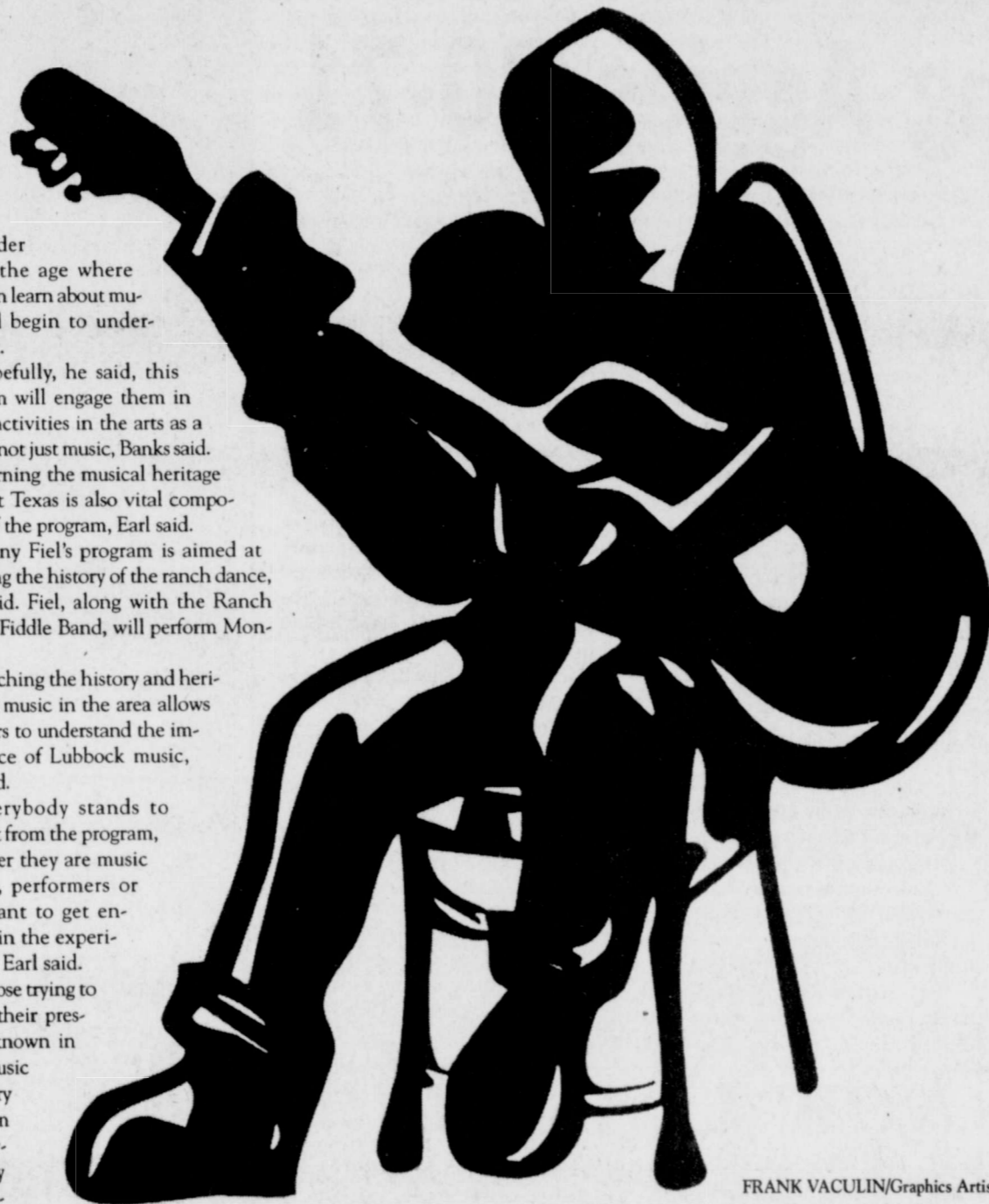
Those trying to make their presence known in the music industry have an opportunity to explore

ways to do it, Alan Shinn, director of percussion and jazz studies in the School of Music at Texas Tech, said.

Shinn is performing Friday. "There's a ton of people who would like to be professional musicians," Shinn

said. "Up and coming musicians have the opportunity to get to know what it takes to become one."

Earl said it's a good opportunity for those not involved to hear what Lubbock has to offer and allow students in-



FRANK VACULIN/Graphics Artist

'40 Days' not quite the movie it pretends to be

By James Eppler/Staff Critic

Movie trailers can be so deceiving. "40 Days and 40 Nights" markets itself as a sweet romantic comedy in the previews, but the film is actually just another teen sex comedy and a lousy one at that.

Josh Hartnett stars as Matt, a guy who has been dumped by his serious girlfriend and is still reeling from the breakup. He can't perform sexually anymore without having a panic attack. So he goes to his brother, who is studying to be a priest and gets the idea that the only way to get over his ex is to swear off sex for Lent.

His brother informs him that this is not the purpose of Lent. But Matt admires Jesus' 40 days of abstaining from food, so he figures that abstaining from sex amounts to the same thing for him. He points at a crucifix, winks and says, "Dude!" No wonder the Catholic Church is a little peeved at this film.

Matt soon meets a girl named Erica (Shannyn Sossamon) in a laundromat. They hit it off after seeing each other a few times. Herein lies the problem. The film wants us to believe that these two people have more in common than sex. They are connecting on a higher level. But the major conflict in the film is that Erica is upset that Matt won't have sex with her, and Matt is frustrated because of his vow of celibacy. This is the hypocrisy of the movie.

One romantic scene involves the two using flowers as a medium of contact in a sexual encounter. This would have worked in a different movie and under a different context but instead just adds to the double standards the film is communicating. The film is telling us one thing but showing us

something different. It doesn't believe the message it is trying to deliver.

Meanwhile, Matt's friends are taking bets to see how long it will take him to break his vow. There's a large pool going where people choose a day that he will liberate himself. It's really a one-joke movie with women enticing him and men giving him dirty magazines and urging him to go to the bathroom. It gets really old, really fast. The main character in this movie is Matt's member. It controls every plot twist and every major occurrence in the film.

Other plot tangents include a priest having an affair with a nun, Matt's roommate and his boss using abstinence as a way for them to get laid, an all-knowing bagel guy and a Web site dedicated to Matt's vow of celibacy where people can place bets online.

The film's resolve is entirely a cheat and doesn't work at all. At one point, Matt has himself hand-cuffed to a bed so as to keep himself under control and points out, "Hey, I look just like Jesus on the cross!" Hmm. Now why is it that the Catholic Church is upset?

Now some may be wondering, "How can this know-it-all critic slam this movie but still like movies such as the 'American Pie' films?" The answer is simple. The "American Pie" films are teen sex comedies and market themselves as such. They have no pretense of being anything else. Sex is funny sometimes.

That is the message of those films. But "40 Days and 40 Nights" is trying to be something other than what it is. It's a shallow love story with the usual jokes about self-gratification and other sexual nuances, but it seems to think that it is somehow transcending above the low-brow humor it employs. It is sorely mistaken.

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Red Raiders advance to second round after beating Aggies 80-71

By Matt Muench/Sports Editor

KANSAS CITY, MO. — Texas Tech coach Bob Knight and Tech received quite the scare on two occasions Thursday during the first round of the Big 12 Conference Tournament.

First, No. 12 seed Texas A&M almost pulled off an upset against the No. 5 seeded Raiders.

Second, Bob Knight's best friend, Bob Hammel, had a seizure on press row with 6:32 remaining in the contest.

Both were scares, but the Raiders and Hammel recovered.

Hammel, who covered Bob Knight at Indiana for the *Bloomington Herald-Times* was in stable condition when he was carted off the arena floor to the hospital, and the Raiders went on to defeat the Aggies for the third time this season, 80-71, at Kemper Arena.

The win allows Tech to advance to a second round to face No. 4 seed Okla-

homa State at 2:20 p.m. today.

When the incident occurred, Tech was leading 64-52 and Tech center Andy Ellis said Bob Knight told the team to close out the game strong for Hammel.

"When we heard about what happened (Bob Knight) said it was one of his real close friends," Ellis said. "He said, 'If there is anytime to play hard, play hard now.'"

Tech did that as they held off a late Aggie run by closing the game on a

12-5 run after A&M got within three points at 68-66 with a little more than three minutes left to play.

Tech's scare came early as it struggled on the offensive side in the first half.

Tech never lost control, but the Raiders found themselves behind seven points after missing 10 of its first 14 shots of the game.

Tech picked away at the Aggie lead and at halftime, the Raiders trailed 32-30.

Bob Knight went directly to the hospital following the game and did not speak to reporters.

His son, Pat Knight filled in. "We got off to a really bad start," Pat Knight said. "We took too many jumpshots. We had no patience in the first half."

Tech settled down in the second half by finding better shots and getting the ball inside to center Andy Ellis and

Kasib Powell.

Ellis opened the second stanza with a three-point play and scored the first nine Tech points after halftime to give Tech a 39-38 lead.

Ellis, who scored a game-high of 27 points, said going inside was the key adjustment Tech had to make at halftime. "We try to get the ball inside as much as possible," Ellis said. "That was definitely our focus. We didn't get many shots inside in the first half, so in the second half, we changed that."

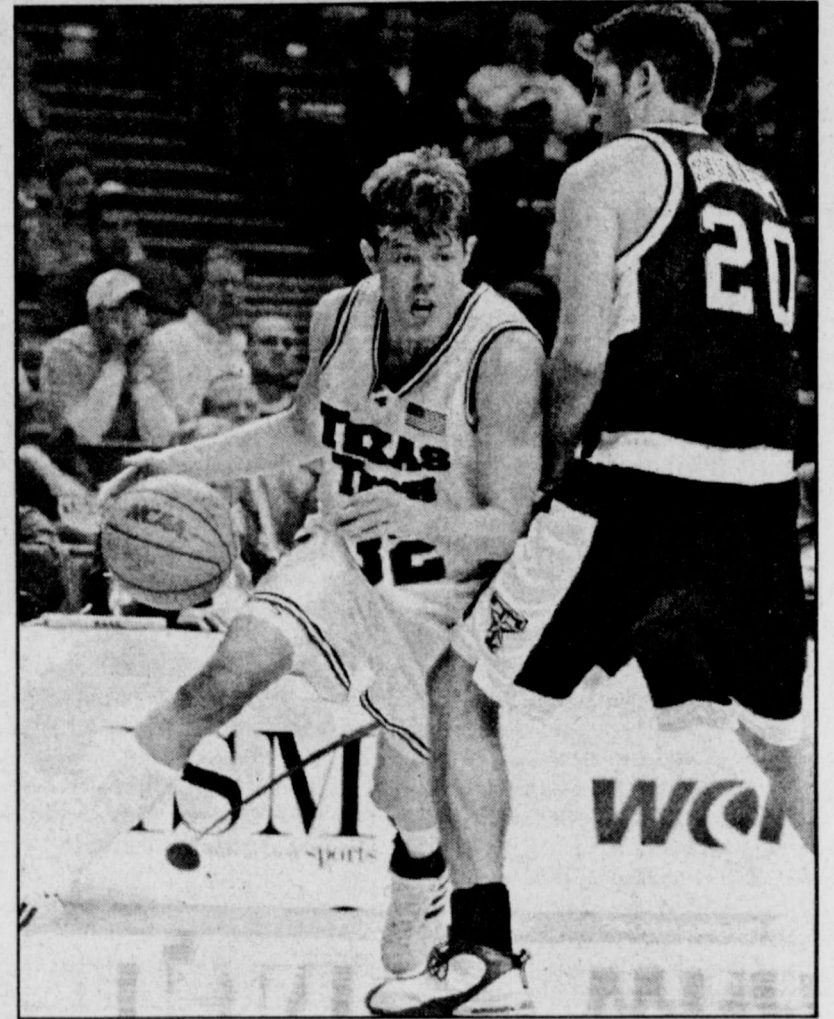
The Aggies made one final run at Tech after a Bernard King 3-pointer made it 53-50 Tech. The Raiders answered by hitting eight consecutive shots, which mostly came inside, to hold their lead.

Tech had 10 points in the paint in the first half compared to 28 points underneath in the second half to help Tech's 69 percent shooting clip in the second stanza.

"If you look at our shot selection in the second half," Pat Knight said, "it's obvious we were shooting a lot better."

Pat Knight said the Raiders are going to have to have a better start than they did Thursday to beat OSU today.

"It will be a tough game," he said. "But I think we match up with them pretty well. If we start out like we did today, it will be trouble."



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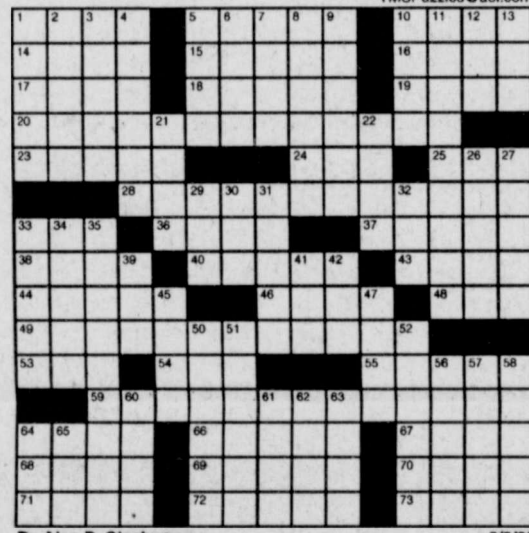
GUARD NICK VALDEZ drives past a defender in Tech's 80-71 victory over Texas A&M on Thursday in Kansas City, Mo. Tech will play No. 4 seed Oklahoma State in the second round of the Big 12 Tournament today at 2:20 p.m.

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— PAT KNIGHT
assistant basketball coach

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Cowboys give Allen \$37 million, 6-year package

IRVING (AP) — No matter whether he's playing guard or tackle, Larry Allen is one of the most ferocious offensive linemen in the NFL. He's also now one of the highest paid.

The Dallas Cowboys gave Allen a \$12 million signing bonus Thursday and extended his contract by four years, even though he still had two years left on his existing deal. The new package is worth \$37 million over six years, locking him up through 2007, when he'll be 37.

"It was an easy decision," Cowboys owner Jerry Jones said. "We think our offensive line is one of the strengths of our team. And the strength of our strength is Larry Allen."

Jones said he began discussing the deal with Allen's agent during last season because he knew he'd have enough room under the salary cap to lock up what he called "the best player in football at a position we value a lot."

Allen has been selected to the Pro Bowl seven times in eight seasons, missing only as a rookie, and was a starter on Dallas' 1995 Super Bowl champion squad. He's been voted All-Pro four times

in the last six seasons.

Another way of looking at what he's meant to the Cowboys: He's opened many of the holes that have turned Emmitt Smith into the No. 2 rusher in NFL history.

"He enhances a running back's ability. I'm sure Emmitt Smith would second that," Jones said.

Allen, who hits hard and often but talks softly and seldom, said the best part of this payday is being able to further remove himself from a poverty-stricken upbringing in Los Angeles.

"It's been hard most of my life, not having much growing up," Allen said. "Now I can have everything I want. I'm glad Jerry did this."

Jones said he believes Troy Aikman is the only other player whose contract the team has renegotiated with multiple seasons remaining. The signing bonus is among the five largest in team history, along with the likes of Aikman and Deion Sanders.

Allen is worthy of such treatment because of what he's meant to the team: A rock-solid presence (he's missed only five games because of injury) who leads by example on the field and in the weight room, where last summer he amazed teammates by bench pressing 700 pounds.

Jones asked Allen whether he'll lift that much again this summer.

"I'm going to try," he said, smiling.

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Baseball contraction not out of question

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — After abandoning an attempt to eliminate the Twins before this season, major league baseball and team officials asked a Minnesota judge to throw out a lawsuit that seeks to keep the franchise around indefinitely.

Lawyers for the Twins and commissioner Bud Selig filed papers Wednesday to dismiss the Metropolitan Sports Facilities Commission's lawsuit. The MSFC, which runs the Metrodome, won the injunction that forces the team to play in 2002 and is now pursuing claims that the contraction threat has interfered with future lease negotiations.

Baseball's lawyers want Hennepin County Judge Harry Seymour Crump to end the case after an April 4 hearing.

"What remains of this case is a collection of ride-along remedies, more spectacles than substance," Minneapolis lawyer Roger Magnuson wrote in the new filing.

Crump issued the injunction Nov. 16, 10 days after baseball owners voted to fold two teams, which management labor negotiators later told players were the Twins and Montreal Expos. The injunction withstood appeal, and Selig announced last month that contraction was off until after the 2002 season.

The Twins are under lease through 2002. But MSFC lawyers say the continued threat to the Twins stands in the way of forging a new deal. The Twins have played in the Metrodome since 1982.

Magnuson said the Twins and Major League Baseball can't be held liable because no lease has been breached. He said allowing the case to move ahead would give the MSFC improper control over a private business.

Twins owner Carl Pohlad announced Feb. 20 that he was putting the team up for sale.

"The Minnesota Twins ownership is free to sell the team to anyone it wishes, subject only to league approval. The MSFC has no right to prevent the sale of the team," Magnuson wrote.

Hot-hitting Raiders host 'Horns

By Jeff Keller/Staff Reporter

The Red Raider baseball squad will try to reverse its fortune from its first Big 12 Conference series this season when it takes on Texas in a three-game series this weekend at Dan Law Field.

The first contest will get under way at 7 p.m. today. Saturday's contest begins at 2 p.m. and Sunday's game starts at 1 p.m.

Tech dropped its first three conference games this season to Texas A&M last weekend at College Station.

The Raiders are coming off a mid-week two-game series against Texas Christian University in which they swept the Horned Frogs, scoring 34 runs in the two games.

Tech catcher Willie Durazo went 3 for 6 in the series against the Horned Frogs, driving in four runs in the series sweep.

Durazo's performance against TCU upped his season batting average to .405. Durazo has hit five home runs this season while driving in 19 runs.

Durazo said the Raiders offensive performance against the Horned Frogs will give them confidence heading into the Longhorn series.

"It will give us a lot of confidence,"

Durazo said. "First of all, we will be at our home field, and we will have all the hecklers here and all the fans here. With this TCU series we scored a lot of runs, so we will be able to score runs against Texas."

The Longhorns enter the series with a 15-4 overall record and a 1-2 mark in the Big 12. Texas dropped two of three against Baylor in its first Big 12 series.

The Raiders started the 2001 campaign with three straight conference losses as well but then traveled to Austin and took two of three games from Texas.

Tech coach Larry Hays said the Raiders are going to have to be ready to compete if they are to get the series win against Texas like they did last year.

"This is kind of like it was last year," Hays said. "We are in the same boat. Of course they have only lost three or four games all year. They are a nationally ranked team. We've got to come out and make sure we are ready to play."

The Raiders bring a 15-7 overall record into the Texas series and a 21-game home winning streak. Tech has taken all eight of its home contests this season.

Tech shortstop Gera Alvarez is coming off a solid offensive performance in

the TCU series. Alvarez went three for eight from the plate and drove in four runs in the two games against the Horned Frogs.

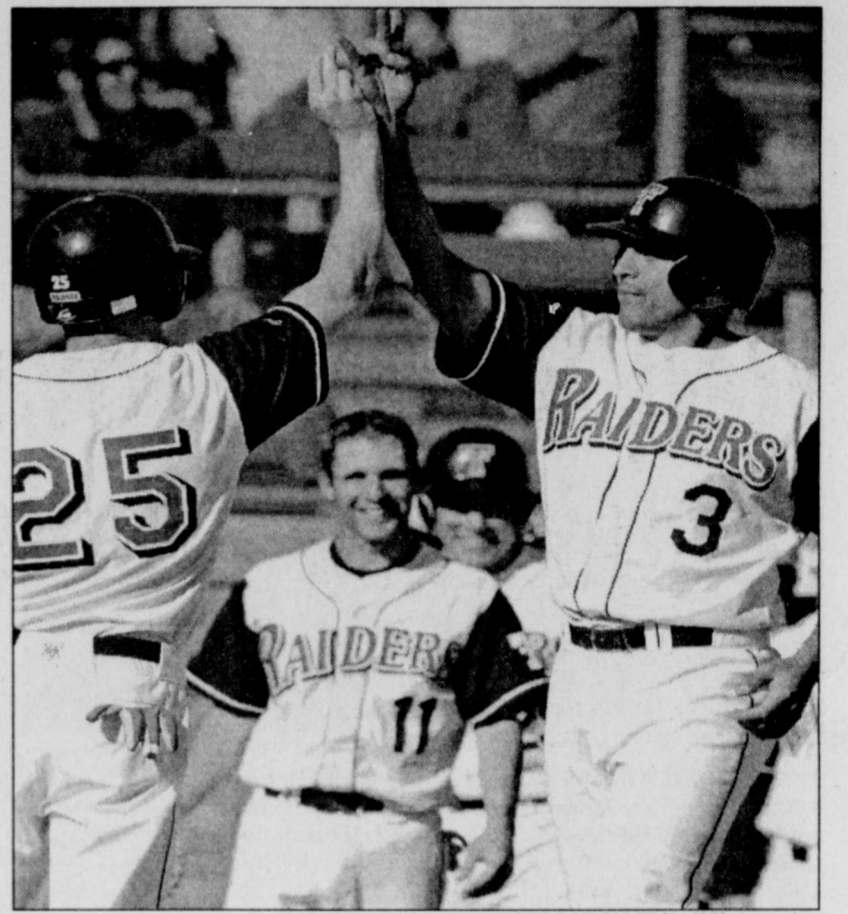
Alvarez said the Raiders hope to use the fact that the series is taking place at Dan Law Field to their advantage.

"This series is really important," Alvarez said. "We've just got to come out and battle and give it all we've got. We're at home, and it is going to be tough to beat us at home. I think if we play our game, we've got a chance to win."

After dropping their first three conference games of the season, the Raiders have one of the top overall records in the Big 12, but their conference record has them at the bottom of the standings.

Durazo said the Raiders need to sweep the series with Texas to get things back on track as far as the conference schedule goes.

"We are pretty much pressured," Durazo said. "We have got to come out and win all three games. If we lose three, then we are 0-6. If we win one, then we will still pretty much be in the cellar. We have got to come out and win all three games and get back to .500."



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OUTFIELDER JON SLACK (25) and catcher Willie Durazo (3) celebrate Durazo's home run during Tech's 17-4 win over TCU Thursday. Tech begins a three-game series with Texas today at Dan Law Field at 7 p.m.

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Tennis travels to Corpus Christi

QUICK RECOVERY:
After three weeks of rehab, Ramey sees action.

By David Wiechmann/Staff Reporter

The Texas Tech men's tennis team will travel to Corpus Christi this weekend with something it has not had for a while—its No. 1 player.

Royce Ramey will return to action after missing three weeks with an ankle injury. Coach Tim Siegel said he and the team is glad to have him back quicker than originally thought.

"We're very excited to have him back," Siegel said. "He did a great job in the training room, and the trainers spent a lot of time with him. We're in good shape. Everyone's healthy, and now Royce is back. It's time to make

our move now."

Original estimates said Ramey would be out four to five weeks. Siegel credited Ramey's comeback to his work ethic and desire.

"He worked really hard to come back," Siegel said. "He'll help out a lot because of his attitude. He brings a fiery style that I like, and he has the leadership we need."

Ramey said the injury was something he wished to avoid but is happy he still has half the season to play.

"After shoulder surgery last season, I was ready for a full season," Ramey said. "Obviously that didn't happen, and I was pretty disappointed. What's important is that I got back, and I saved most of the season."

Ramey said he is a team player and wanted to return and contribute.

"I felt like I let the team down when I got hurt," Ramey said. "Hopefully, I can

make it up to them."

Having Ramey back in the lineup will not necessarily be the kiss of death for whomever Tech faces in the 16-team tournament.

"Doubles is key," Siegel said. "We've got to win that point. We have to play with energy and emotion. In doubles it's not always the best team that wins; it's whoever is ready and aggressive."

Ramey said this weekend will be a good chance to upset some teams.

"Hopefully, this can be a breakthrough weekend for us," Ramey said. "To do that everyone has to pull together and be the most cohesive team there."

Siegel said he would like to see some wins and show Tech's ability.

"We've beat the teams we're supposed to," Siegel said. "And we've lost to ranked teams. It's time to prove our rank-

ing or our lack of, rather."

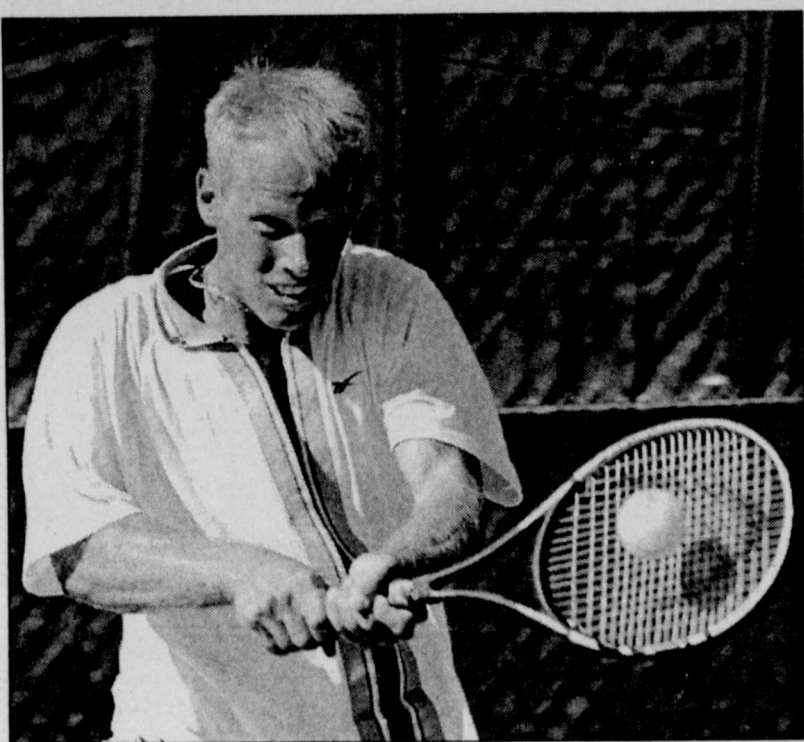
Siegel said the trip to Corpus Christi will be the start of a long road for Tech and a chance to move up.

"This stretch is a key stretch for us," Siegel said. "We have seven matches in 10 days. I think that will tell a lot about where we are."

Ramey said this tournament and Tech's three home matches during Spring Break is a big opportunity to show the team's potential.

"This is a good chance for us to do some damage," Ramey said. "I'll be very disappointed if we don't have a great weekend because I don't see anything but greatness from this team."

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TENNIS PLAYER ROYCE Ramey returns the ball during a match in the USTA \$15,000 Futures, a professional tournament played at the McLeod Tennis Center Oct. 16-20. Ramey and the rest of the men's team will play in the Corpus Christi Invitational this weekend.

Women's tennis hits road for five matches, hopes to end month-long winning drought

STREAK BREAK:
Tech team looks for wins during vacation.

By David Wiechmann/Staff Reporter

The women's tennis team is almost over the hump, and it is starting to bother them more.

Tech coach Virginia Brown said the team has to have faith in itself to get the win it has been so close to getting in previous matches.

"They've got to believe they can do it," Brown said. "I've got to make them understand what they can do."

Team captain Alenka Ovin said the team had a lengthy meeting in which the Red Raiders discussed their recent troubles.

"We had a long meeting after the Kansas State match," Ovin said. "Everyone realized we have to win; it's not a choice."

The Raiders have lost six matches

in a row, and Kendall Brooks said the team hopes winning the first match of its five-game road trip will get things rolling.

"We won the first match of the year, and we haven't (won) since," Brooks said. "We just need one more to get us going."

Brown said she knows the netters are ready to turn around because the losing streak is always on their minds.

"They talk about it, and they don't have to," Brown said. "That's how I know it bothers them. They talk about it."

The Raiders will have five chances to turn things around in the next week. They travel to Kansas and Missouri this weekend, and then make a trek to California to face Cal-State Northridge, California and Cal-State Fullerton.

Brooks said she believes the team can win all five of the matches, but she would be happy with at least one.

"I want to see us win," Brooks said. "We have a good chance to win all five. If nothing else, I'd like to get one or two

under our belts. It only takes one win to boost your confidence."

Ovin said in order to win the matches the Raiders cannot afford to pay attention to the scores of other matches.

"Everyone is really into it," Ovin said. "We just have to stop relying on everyone else. We need to focus on our own match and not worry about 'If she loses, than I have to win.' Just go out and try to win."

Ovin also said Tech will need to win the doubles point because it will lift a load off the team's shoulders.

"It's a disadvantage to not get the doubles," Ovin said. "Because you have to make up for it in singles. The last few matches we've had to win four of the six singles to win and that's harder against strong teams."

Brooks said success comes if all the players have the same mindset.

"We have to get everyone on the same page," Brooks said. "We've got all our hearts and minds in it; now it's all about getting it done."

Track program on the rise, 13 athletes qualify for NCAA Indoor Championship

By David Wiechmann/Staff Reporter

The Texas Tech track and field team is sending a record number of athletes to the NCAA Indoor Championships meet this weekend in Fayetteville, Ark.

Tech coach Dave Smith said 13 athletes is more than all his previous years put together.

"I've been here four years," Smith said. "And we have more people in the national meet than the others combined."

The number of Raiders going to the national meet speaks wonders about the improvement the program has made at Tech.

"This says exactly what coach (Wes) Kittley said," Smith said. "We want to make this a national level program, and this validates that. It shows definitely we're moving toward becoming a program of national prominence."

Shannon Spaulding has the No. 2 qualifying time in the 800-meters

and said she thinks sending 13 athletes is a good showing and many more could have made the national meet.

"I'm not surprised," Spaulding said. "I know our team had the talent. A lot of people could have made it and didn't. This is just the beginning."

Rachelle Evans said she is looking forward to competing and showing the nation what Tech has.

"I've been excited about this meet all year," Evans said. "Texas Tech has never been on the map for track and so this is a good way to show we're going somewhere. We're coming up so people better watch out."

Evans will run in the women's 1,600-meter relay for Tech and says she has high hopes for her and her teammates.

"I want to be a national champion," Evans said. "If not champions, then at least All-American. I know we can run faster than we ever have."

Spaulding has raised the bar high for herself as well and said she will be upset if she does not win.

"I'll be disappointed because I have

the ability to win," Spaulding said. Once you get to the championships, you don't look at times. It's whoever is best prepared, and I feel I'm prepared to win. It's about being competitive."

Sprinting coach Dion Miller said the meet will awaken the track world to Tech's presence and shine a bright light on the future.

"This is a breaking point for success in track and field at Texas Tech," Miller said. "If we have a good showing, it will bring success in the years to come."

By Tech sending this many athletes to the meet, Miller said it has grabbed some attention from more prominent track schools.

"The big hitters in track like Texas, Tennessee and Baylor, they're looking now," Miller said. "And when you get heads turning like that, it feels like you're making a wave."

The other athletes qualifying for the meet are men's 4x400-meter relay, Monique Wright-Cruse (60 meters), Licretia Sibley (400 meters), Jonathan Johnson (800 meters) and Mike Beasley (high jump).

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