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Butler admits false information given to FBI

By Kelly McAlister and Heidi Toth/Staff Reporters

The U.S. government filed a motion Thursday to delay Dr. Thomas Butler's initial court appearance until Tuesday at 3 p.m. A criminal complaint filed by the U.S. District Court stated Butler destroyed the 30 slides that contained the bacteria causing the plague and then gave a false statement to the FBI.

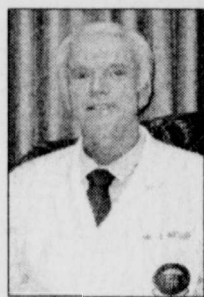
According to an affidavit from Special Agent Michael Orndorff, he and Shannon Fish of the FBI interviewed Butler concerning the missing 30 slides.

Butler told the agents on Jan. 11 the slides were missing.

"In truth and fact, he well knew that he had destroyed the vials containing the plague bacteria before that date," the affidavit stated.

Special Agent Dale Green later obtained a handwritten statement from Butler, which provided evidence that he knew his previous statement to the FBI was "false, fictitious and fraudulent."

According to the second statement, Butler met with a laboratory safety officer Jan.



Butler

13 and informed him the slides were missing. He said in the statement he made a misjudgment by not telling him the plague bacteria had been accidentally destroyed instead of erroneously missing.

Butler wrote he provided an inaccurate explanation to the safety officer because he knew the pathogen had been destroyed and was not a threat to the public. He was not aware the incident would require such a detailed investigation.

According to the affidavit, he also told Donald Wesson, his immediate supervisor, he could not account for many of the slides, but he was confident the slides had not been misplaced.

On Jan. 14, Butler called the Texas Tech

Police Department to report the loss of the slides.

According to the police report, he told the officer he had noticed the slides were missing on Jan. 11 and said someone had taken them without his consent. The laboratory was locked, and there were no signs of forced entry.

Vice President for Health Policy Glen Provost said the Health Sciences Center administration were unable to comment because they had not been provided with sufficient information.

Butler is being held in the Lubbock County Jail without bail, on hold for the U.S. marshal.

According to the U.S. Attorney's office,

the initial appearance is so the government can inform a suspect of the complaint filed against him or her and to ensure the suspect has an attorney.

The court also will decide whether to detain Butler for the time being or release him on bond, and the government will determine if it wants to continue with the case.

According to a press release, Butler told the HSC administration the samples were unaccounted for Tuesday afternoon.

Local, state and national law enforcement and public health officials were notified, the release stated.

FBI and university officials announced Wednesday afternoon the slides had all been accounted for.

More spaces added to lots

By Kelly McAlister/Staff Reporter

The addition of 144 parking spaces for commuter students should make getting to class on time easier.

Ninety-seven spaces have become available for commuter students in the R-18 parking lot directly across from Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreational Center. The removal of a concrete island created seven spaces in the C-6 lot, west of the United Spirit Arena.

"We are trying to make the best use of space," said Vice President of Operations, Max Hinojosa.

The 40 spaces in the C-5 parking lot, which were previously leased to the Health Science Center, are now available for students with commuter parking stickers.

Student Government Association External Vice President Leigh Mauer said, "I really do think it's great."

There are 131 commuter parking spaces, which are not being taken advantage of in the C-13 lot behind the greenhouse of the Plant and Soil Science building.

Seventeen spaces were created in the R-1 lot and four other spots were created in the R-7 lot.

Nicole Bourget, a sophomore chemistry major from Houston said she was excited to hear about the new parking available.

"I think it's great," she said. "Now (students) won't have to park in the grass when they paid for a commuter sticker."

Construction of a new lot will begin south of the International Cultural Center to add 250 more spaces. The bus system will be re-routed to pass through the new lot since it is not central to the Texas Tech University campus.

By fall 2003, a new Park and Ride lot is planned to be under construction, Hinojosa said. It will be located to the west of the HSC and offer full bus service. The first phase will create 1,000 new parking spaces for students with commuter stickers. A second phase will add 500 more spaces.

The purpose of the increase in parking spaces is to balance lots lost once construction for the Marsha Sharp Freeway begins.

There will not be an increase in parking fees this year, Hinojosa said.

A new Traffic and Parking program will soon be instituted on campus. The Pay and Display program will first take effect in the R-6 lot, which is in on 18th Street

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CAUGHT UP



STEWART SHAW, A sophomore pre-medicine major from Austin and a midfielder for the Texas Tech Lacrosse team, practices with the team Thursday afternoon at the practice field, located south of the Market Alumni Center.

CRAIG SWANSON/Staff Photographer

First Israeli sent to orbit

By Marcia Dunn/Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Space shuttle Columbia rocketed into orbit with Israel's first astronaut Thursday on a scientific research flight surrounded by unprecedented security — and with religious and political overtones.

Columbia shot off its oceanside launch pad and into a clear sky at 10:39 a.m. On board were seven astronauts, including Ilan Ramon, a colonel in Israel's air force and a former fighter pilot.

Ramon's wife and their four children were among the approximately 300 Israelis who traveled to Cape Canaveral to cheer him on.

"This is such an exciting time for us ... he makes us so proud," Israel's ambassador to the United States, Danny Ayalon, said at a reception Wednesday at a heavily guarded hotel. He had this message for Ramon and his six U.S. shuttle crewmates: "God bless you and may you go in peace. Shalom."

Ayalon — tailed by seven sheriff's department cars — met with reporters following liftoff and marveled at the sight of the white exhaust plume against the blue sky. "These are our national colors," he said. "It was very, very moving."

Security was at an all-time high for the launch, which had been in the planning for years, and fighter jets thundered nearby just before liftoff.

Air Force officials said there were no security breaches.

Earlier in the morning, Ramon and his six U.S. crewmates rode to the pad under heavy police escort. A space center worker waved an Israeli flag as the "astrovan" passed in front of the launch control center.

Despite the presence of a large SWAT team, the entire shuttle crew looked relaxed. Ramon waved and gave a thumbs-up.

Once Columbia was safely settled in orbit, Mission Control radioed up "a big welcome to Ilan as you join the international community of human spaceflight."

Ramon's wife, Rona, admitted to some nervousness and said she cannot wait for the 16-day mission to end. "I don't want to talk about fear. We're not talking about fear. I'm sure NASA is doing everything that is possible not to take any risk and any chances," she said, adding, "The most calm and relaxed person is Ilan."

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Mayor McDougal: Pleased with Hub City's performance

A+ EFFORTS: Lubbock economy growing, improving compared to state, national level.

By Heidi Toth/Staff Reporter

Lubbock Mayor Marc McDougal is happy with the city's performance from last year.

"I'm very pleased with the progress we've made," he said.

Councilmen Gary Boren and Victor Hernandez echoed his sentiments.

"I think the people in Lubbock make the difference," Boren said, adding the city was growing and showing great potential.

Hernandez said the city fared well, especially in comparison to other parts of the state and nation.

In his state of the city address, which he gave Thursday to the Lubbock Apartment Association, McDougal said the city has more than

200,000 residents and a healthy economy. It grew at a rate of 1 percent in 2002, with the unemployment at 3 percent, which is one of the lowest metropolitan unemployment rates in the state.

Single-family housing also is better than in previous years. The city issued more than 1,200 permits last year, as well as extended water and sewer lines and made more land available for development.

"This activity is a healthy economy and a growing city," McDougal said. "In short, Lubbock continues its steady and gradual growth, even in the face of economic obstacles."

More than 1,000 jobs were created last year, he said, which is significant

because many cities across Texas are laying workers off.

"I think that is a testament to the diverse job market we have here," he said. "When you consider that across the nation and across the state ... they're having down years and such."

He said the four colleges and universities in the region and the construction boom have played a large part in keeping the job market and economy strong.

The new City Council also is working on improving relationships between the government and the citizens, as well as unifying the region and the city.

"The direction that the new Council has taken when it comes to open government is something the city has taken well to," he said.

Boren also emphasized the need to keep the city government open. He said it is necessary to report honest and

accurate numbers and keep in contact with the citizens.

The Council received input from citizens concerning where they wanted tax money allocated and is now focusing more money on improving the police, fire, codes and library services, McDougal said.

The Police Department received an increased budget that allowed it to hire two additional officers solely for traffic enforcement. Last year also saw a 5 percent decrease in automobile accidents from 2001.

"Public safety remains my No. 1 priority," McDougal said. "This City Council and Police Chief (Claude) Jones are committed to hiring more police officers, and with these extra officers, a more community-based law enforcement presence will be created in Lubbock neighborhoods."

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MAYOR MARC MCDUGAL gives the state of the city address on Thursday afternoon.

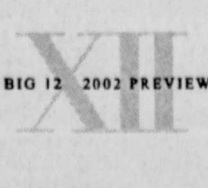
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The Rundown



HIV medication may no longer be covered

AUSTIN (AP) — Bill Cooksey of Houston has lived with the AIDS-causing virus for six years thanks to the cocktail of expensive medicine the state helps him buy.

On Thursday, he was among dozens of HIV-positive patients who said they fear Texas' growing budget problems could kill them.

The Texas Department of Health says a \$37 million deficit in the agency's budget is forcing the state to consider cuts in the program that helps low-income Texans get lifesaving HIV drugs. A department decision is expected Feb. 27.

"Can any one of you look me in the eyes and sentence me to a slow, painful death without medication?" Cooksey asked department of health officials. "Is my life not worth a little red ink on a page? I think it is."

More than 50 people — many of them HIV patients who depend on the Texas HIV Medication Program to survive — pleaded with officials not to cut their access to the drugs.

Officials are considering whether to reduce the income levels of those who qualify to get state money for the drugs, rendering only the poorest of the poor eligible. The change would affect as much as 20 percent of the nearly 12,000 Texans who use it.

Thursday's emotional testimony included infected mothers who said they feared orphaning their young children. Brothers begged for their sick siblings' lives.

Parents of grown children living with HIV said the decision would be "mass murder."

John Tuttle of Houston, who was diagnosed in 1994, said he makes \$14,000 annually but needs \$15,000 worth of medicine each year.

"Look at me and know without the meds I'll die, probably rather painfully," he said. "I'd rather not do that."

Dr. Wayne Bockmon, medical director of Montrose Clinic in Houston, said the drugs give hope to the 1,000 patients he treats.

Families of Sniper victims file lawsuit

SEATTLE (AP) — Relatives of two Washington, D.C.-area sniper victims filed suit Thursday against a gun manufacturer and store linked to the Bushmaster XM15 assault rifle used in the deadly attacks.

Relatives of victims James "Sonny" Buchanan and Conrad Johnson claim the gunmaker and store showed "gross negligence" that "caused injuries and death," according to the complaint.

The families are represented by the Brady Center to Prevent Gun Violence.

The case seeks unspecified damages and names Bull's Eye Shooter Supply of Tacoma, which either sold or lost the rifle in a theft; store owners Brian Borgelt and Charles Carr; Bushmaster Firearms Inc. of Windham, Maine; and sniper defendants John Allen Muhammad and Lee Malvo.

"We plan to show that less than three months after Bull's Eye received the Bushmaster assault rifle in its store, the firearm 'disappeared,' traveled across the country and was used in the sniper attacks," Seattle attorney Paul Luvera said in a statement Thursday. "Such a swift 'time to crime' is highly indicative of grossly negligent sales and distribution practices on the part of Bull's Eye and the gun industry defendant," he said.

Buchanan's sister, Vickie Snyder of Rockville, Md., said she hoped that, ultimately, there would be more control over who obtains firearms.

"I guess I really hope the shops will be more responsible in their paperwork and the manufacturers will be more responsible about who they sell guns to," she said.

Muhammad and Malvo are accused of killing 13 people and wounding five others in Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, Maryland, Virginia and Washington, D.C. They are being tried first in Virginia in separate case, and both could face the death penalty.

U.N. inspectors find 11 empty warheads

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — U.N. inspectors found 11 empty chemical warheads in "excellent" condition at an ammunition storage area in southern Iraq on Thursday, and the components were not reported in Iraq's declaration meant to account for all banned weapons, a U.N. spokesman said.

Iraq insisted the warheads had been included in its declaration. It was not immediately clear if discovery constituted a "material breach" of the U.N. resolution requiring Iraq to itemize all its weapons of mass destruction and their components.

White House spokesman Scott McClellan said the administration was "aware of the reports and we look forward to receiving information from the inspectors." McClellan would not comment on how significant the find was.

The 122 mm shells were found when inspectors searched bunkers built in the late 1990s at the Ukhaider Ammunition Storage Area, about 75 miles south of Baghdad, said Hiro Ueki, spokesman for U.N. weapons inspectors in Baghdad, in a statement.

The team examined one of the warheads with X-ray equipment and took away samples for chemical testing, Ueki said.

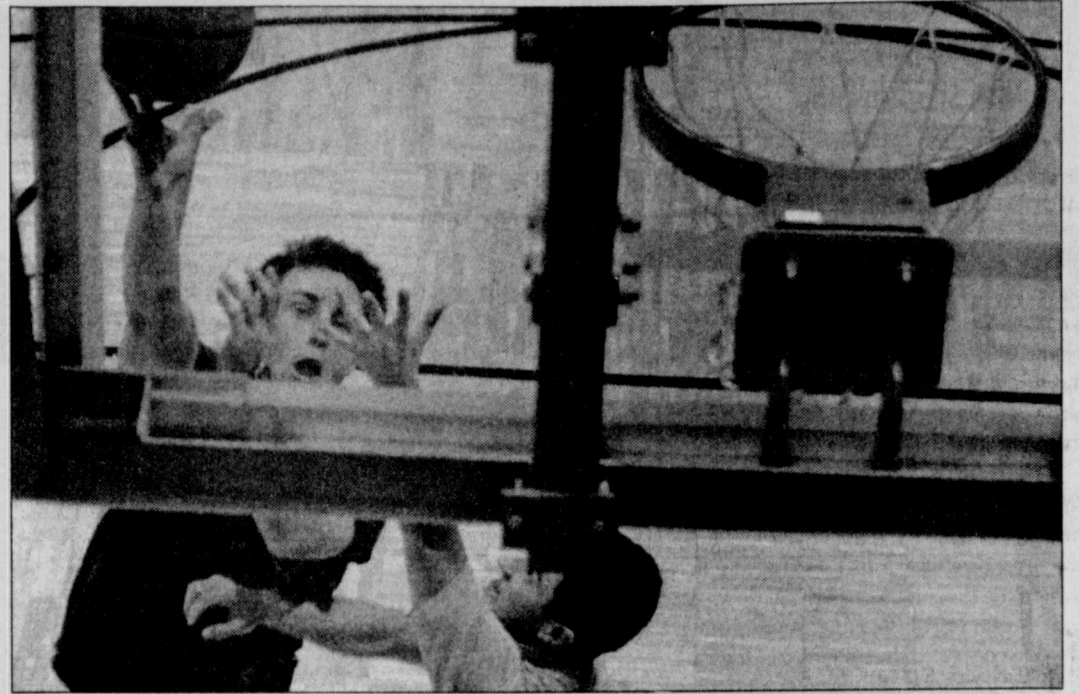
While the artillery rockets are evidence of an Iraqi weapons program, they may not amount to a "smoking gun" unless some sort of chemical agent is also detected, said U.S. officials, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Key questions with the new find are whether any chemical weapons were ever loaded into these warheads, and, if so, when, officials said.

Serial numbers on the rockets should tell inspectors where and when they were made, a defense official said.

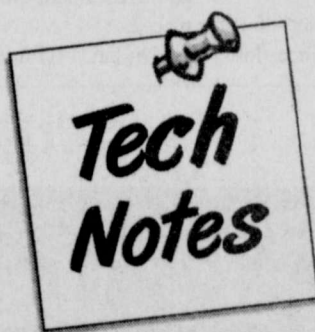
The United States, which has begun a heavy military buildup in the Persian Gulf, has threatened war on Iraq if it is found to be hiding banned weapons programs.

B-BALL AT THE REC



GREG KRELLER/Staff Photographer

ERIC PRITZKOW, A junior business major from Flower Mound, goes up for a shot as Chris Gilbreath, a freshman business major from Flower Mound, defends him during a two on two game of basketball at the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center on Thursday afternoon.



The Lubbock Symphony Orchestra is presenting its third MasterWorks Concert at 8 p.m. today and tomorrow beginning in the Civic Center. Individuals associated with the agricultural industry will receive one free ticket with the purchase of their first ticket. For more information, call (806) 762-1688.

Community and Multicultural Affairs will present its Preparing for College Workshop at 10 a.m. Sunday at the Lubbock Housing Authority. For more information call (806) 742-8671 or visit doubletdiversity.com.

Applications for 2003 Red Raider Camp staff will be available Tuesday in the Center for Campus Life, 250 West Hall, and at information tables from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday in the Student Union building. RRC staff selection information sessions will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday to Thursday in the Red Raider Lounge, Student Union. In-

terested students should attend to find out more about camp and the staff positions.

The Sixth annual TechWell Health and Wellness Fair is from 3:30 to 6 p.m. Wednesday at the student recreation center. Come and learn ways to improve all aspects of your lifestyle by answering questions, playing games or tasting food. There is no charge, and it is open to all Tech students, faculty and staff.

The School of Music is sponsoring a Jazz Fund-raiser Concert featuring Carla Helmbrecht and Peter Horvath at the Hemmbeck Recital at 8 p.m. Thursday. Admission is \$10 to the public, \$7 to children and free to students with a Tech ID. For additional information, contact Liza Muse, (806) 742-2270, Ext. 233.

Organizations receiving Student Government funding for the next fiscal year are required to attend the last budgeting seminar at 3 p.m. Jan. 26 in the Matador Room located in the Student Union building. For more information call the SGA office at (806) 742-3631 or www.sga.ttu.edu.

Student Organization Advisory Congress will conduct their monthly meeting Thursday in the Student Union building Red Raider Ballroom. For more information contact Stephanie Sanchez at (806) 742-3631.

Students are welcome to join the Knight Raiders, the new campus chess club. For further information and to join, contact H.R. Karlsson at

(806)742-3130
Interested in Law School? Join Phi Alpha Delta! Spring Rush is at 7 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday in Holden Hall.

Volunteer training for the Family Outreach Center of Lubbock begins Jan. 28 and continues each Tuesday and Thursday through Feb. 11. Training will assist the center in preventing child abuse and neglect. Call (806)747-5577 for more information.

Need to get the word out? Announce your news in Tech Notes! E-mail them to UD@ttu.edu

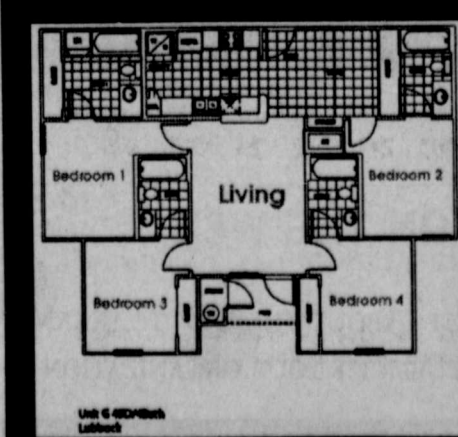
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Initiative to focus on support, scholarship

By Angela Timmons/Staff Reporter

Texas Tech has a new fund-raising campaign in its future, Chancellor Dr. David Smith confirmed Monday.

Smith said the fund-raising initiative, which has yet to be named, would be distributed according to the university's Five Point Strategic Plan to continue to improve performance in research and freshman retention.

There is a need to improve faculty support, support for facilities and research, and for scholarships, Smith said.

"We've started a planning phase on the (Five Point) Strategy," Smith said. "The university has hired a consultant to plan the strategy's course and help the university to make the strategy and campaign nationwide in scope."

The new fund-raising campaign follows in the footsteps of the Horizon Campaign, which raised \$511 million for the university.

Smith said as of last August, the university has raised more than \$42 million, making it Tech's second best fund-raising year.

The Five Point Strategic Plan was finalized in December and aims to make Tech a top-rated university.

The five points are building on growth, diversity, people, partnerships with other colleges and institutions, and recognition in the area of medical education.

Smith said with discussions in the Legislature concerning deregulation of tuition and giving the board of regents the ability to establish tuition rates across the state, there is a danger of lower income families finding it more difficult to pursue higher education.

"I would like to see the Legislature stay with us and maintain affordability," he said.

The fund-raising campaign will offset what he believes will be an in-

evitable fee increase should the state deregulate tuition.

Student Government Association President Kelli Stumbo said there is a need for greater scholarship endowments, considering the rising costs of higher education and the growing number of students pursuing college degrees.

Stumbo said with the possibility of deregulation of tuition, there will be a greater burden on students.

"It's taking the responsibility off of the government and putting it in the hands of the university, and that then puts it back on students," Stumbo said. "Now, getting a degree is a necessity."

Stumbo said deregulation would

send the wrong message to students.

"I feel (deregulation is) an easy way out," said Stumbo. "They need to take responsibility for it on a state and university level. We need to hold the Legislature accountable."

Mark Lindemood, vice chancellor for Institutional Advancement, said the university is sizing up what needs to be done.

"There are some immediate fund-raising needs for scholarships," he said.

Lindemood said the Horizon Campaign focused largely on facilities while the bulk of the new campaign will focus largely on endowments for faculty and student funds.

Lindemood said there are projects under way that need completion, such as the stadium addition, golf course project and the proposed four-year medical school in El Paso.

"But we will know by next fall what we need to do and when we need to do it," he said.

Lindemood said the project will be set into visible motion in about 15 months.

Smith emphasized that Tech, unlike many other universities, is prepared to grow. For example, \$283 million of construction will be spent to add facilities and prepare for the about 30,000 students Tech is anticipating in the future.

Inaugural award presented to, named after Tech graduate

By Josh Allen/Staff Reporter

The Texas Tech Human Sciences department of Personal Financial Planning presented the inaugural McGarraugh Leadership Award on Dec. 4.

The honor, signifying persistence and leadership, was presented to and named after Tech graduate Jason McGarraugh.

Gordon Hampton, director of Personal Financial Planning, said the decision was made to give the award McGarraugh's namesake because of his efforts in supporting others.

"Jason has leadership and vision," Hampton said. "He has a self-confidence about him that enables him to accomplish many things."

Associate professor Dorothy

Bagwell said McGarraugh exemplified the leadership award.

"Jason is a top-performer who immersed himself in doing things for others and the university," she said.

McGarraugh said the award took him by surprise.

"I was very shocked," he said. "And even more shocked when I realized that the award was named after me. It was a very well kept secret, and I was clueless until the award was in my hands."

McGarraugh, who holds a degree of business administration and finance, acquired his master's degree in December and is now applying his leadership skills overseas.

He is the associate director of educational programs for Financial Perspectives in Singapore.

McGarraugh said Financial Per-

spectives is the pioneer and market leader of the Certified Financial Planner education programs in Asia.

"We deliver an integrated and personalized approach to the understanding and application of the financial planning process and its related disciplines," McGarraugh said.

"I will start lecturing in May on the fundamentals of financial planning. I also assist the managing director with administrative level projects

that can range from business planning to marketing."

McGarraugh's ability to juggle these responsibilities comes as no surprise to Hampton.

Hampton said there were plenty of situations in the past when McGarraugh had to take on extra duties.

"There were a few times when we had a shortage of help here at the department," he said. "Jason

(McGarraugh) was always able to spin a lot of plates and really stepped up to bat when help was needed."

McGarraugh aided Bagwell in starting the Red to Black program. Red To Black is part of the Career Center and is located in 335 West Hall. The program helps students with credit problems.

Bagwell, who is the faculty director of the program, said she gives a lot of credit to McGarraugh for his help with the program.

"He really helped Red to Black get off the ground," Bagwell said.

McGarraugh said he hopes to continue to help others in his endeavors overseas.

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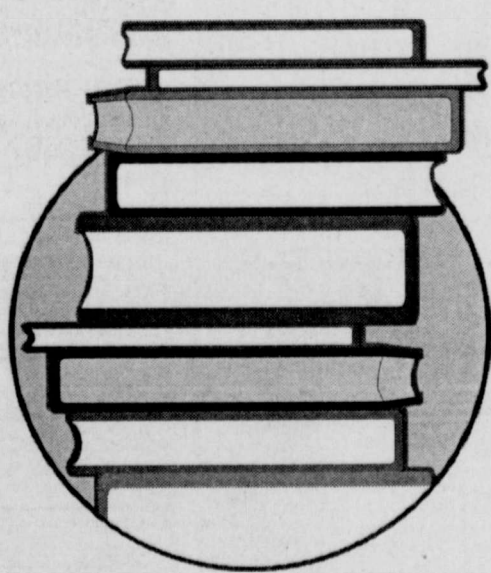


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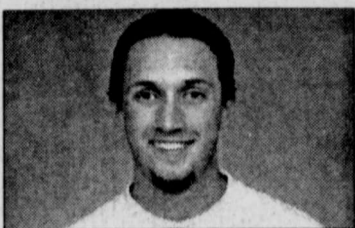
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PERSPECTIVES

Raiders, Titans & Bucs, oh my!

It's the most wonderful time of the year, especially if you're a fan of one of the four remaining teams. That's right, the NFL playoffs are in full swing with the conference championships this weekend to be followed by the Super Bowl on Jan. 26. Here's my breakdown of the remaining playoff games for all those Cowboys fans out there who don't know which team to root for anymore.



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For all those Cowboys fans out there who don't know which team to root for anymore.

Both conferences will have matchups between the top two cedes. In the AFC, the former gods of mythology travel westward to battle a band of warriors who call their home the "Black Hole."

Jeff Fisher's Tennessee Titans enter the game after defeating the Steelers, a team the NFL has decided will no longer be allotted three timeouts per half, 34-31 in an overtime win that has the Academy considering an Oscar nomination for Joe Nedney.

The Oakland Raiders are coming off of a 30-10 dismantling of the New York Jets in which the NFL's highest rated passer, Jets QB Chad "Hawkeye" Pennington, threw two picks, had two delay of game penalties and lost two fumbles.

The Titans will look to avenge a Sept. 29 52-25 thrashing at the hands of the Raiders. Two of the best quarterbacks in the NFL square off in this one. For the Titans, Steve McNair has proved to be one tough SOB, playing in every game this season despite a slew of injuries. He has had a sore thumb this week, but that won't stop him from another crack at the Super Bowl.

Tennessee has won 11 of their last 12 games, yet few analysts are giving them a chance to win. Running back Eddie George must have a good day to keep McNair from getting run over. Tight end Frank Wychek had the Steelers' secondary baffled and will look to do the same against the Raiders. Finally, the tough Titans defense will have to continue its physical play.

The Raiders, under first year head coach Bill Callahan, are a team of veterans, to understate it. League MVP Rich Gannon will turn 68 before the AFC title game. Trace Armstrong, Rod Woodson and Bill Romanowski all once played in an era without helmets. Jerry Rice and Tim Brown are the two fastest men in their respective assisted living centers.

Winning eight of the last nine, the Raiders are equally as unaccustomed to losing as are the Titans. Key to victory for the Raiders is containing McNair. Oakland's secondary will count on a solid pass rush up front to keep Wychek and the Tennessee receiving corps under wraps. There is no question the Raiders will run little and throw a lot. The Titans have a tough chore

in stopping them, but they are still capable. Final score: Tennessee, 28-24.

In the NFC, swashbucklers hell-bent on piracy duke it out with the meat-eating raptors of the North. The Philadelphia Eagles contained Superman, the Falcons Michael Vick, to get a 20-6 win in the divisional playoffs against an overmatched opponent.

The only other team to stop Vick with such efficiency was the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, who, by the score of 31-6, throttled a San Francisco team that may have inadvertently left their first team at the airport.

Philadelphia, led by the Associated Press's coach of the year Andy Reid, has gotten the best of the Bucs in the past two postseasons. The Eagles will try to duplicate that feat for a third straight year.

After eight weeks on the sideline, QB Donovan McNabb was back in action against Atlanta, throwing for 247 yards and a touchdown. The Eagles also are bolstered by Duce Staley, who rushed for 1,029 yards this season and, ironically, was born in Tampa.

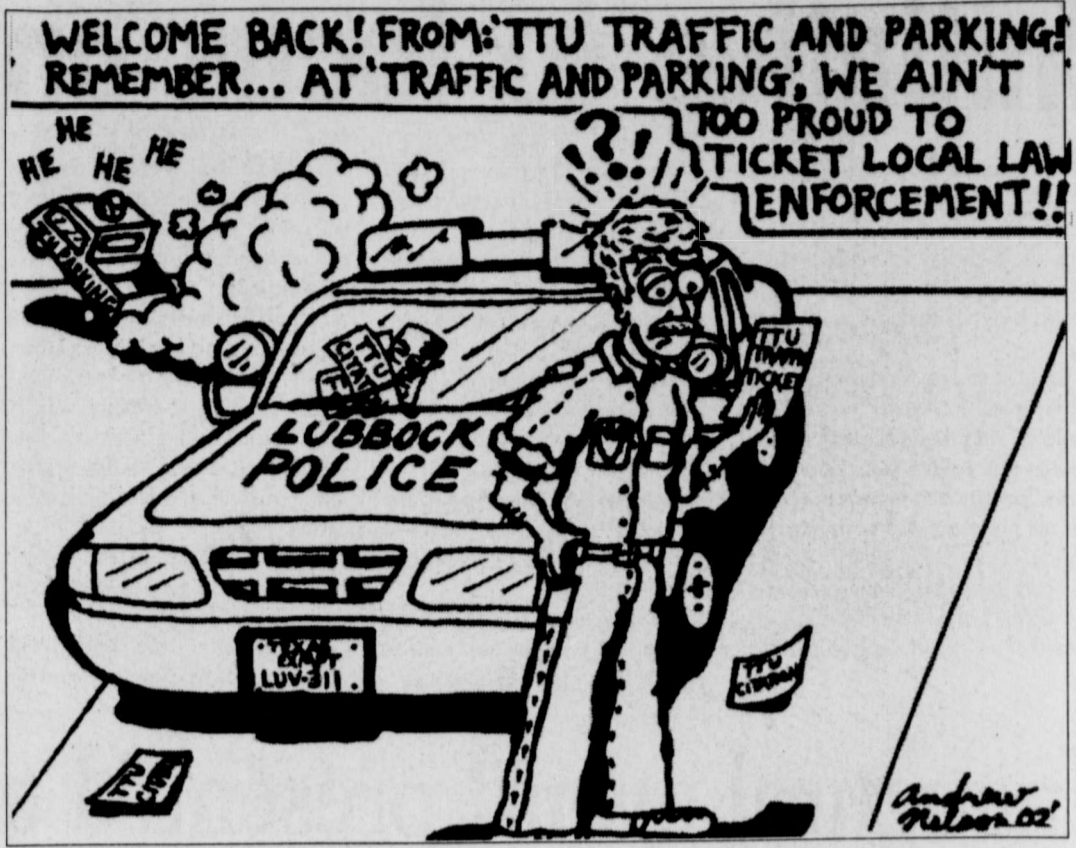
Standing in the path of the Eagles offense, however, is one of the best defenses in NFL history. Players like Warren Sapp, Simeon Rice, Derrick Brooks, John Lynch and Rhonde Barber need no introduction.

Even more frightening than the stingy, turnover-happy Bucs defense is the foreign concept of a Jon "Chuckie" Gruden offense, not totally dependent on kicker Martin Gramatica.

Mike Alstott can run over anyone he chooses. Brad Johnson was the NFC's highest rated passer this year, and with the dismal performances of Rob Johnson and Shaun King during his absence, the Bucs are looking like a team that can put points on the board.

Facing the reinvigorated Bucs offense is a solid Eagles defense led by pass rusher Hugh Douglas and cornerback Troy Vincent. However, the Bucs are too hot a team right now. Final score: Tampa Bay, 23-20.

Oh, and by the way, the Bucs will beat the Titans 27-13 to win the Super Bowl.



Back to responsibilities, parties

The week concludes, as I walk to the commuter lot after class today; I will call my friends and make plans to start celebrating this day, such a joyful occasion. The last day of the first week of this semester is nearly over.



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I am not rejoicing because school is in session; instead I am excited about my return "home" to continue the boisterous life I have created throughout the past four years.

For the duration of the winter break, my life lacked all ordinary responsibilities. Sleeping late, eating down the walls of my parent's house and staying out late were all undeniably my only existent activities. I have endured an entire month without cooking, washing dishes or clothes, and most thankfully, without cracking one book, which is most embarrassing, myself being an English major.

The lengthy, blissful holiday break has abruptly ended, and my wake-up call at 8 a.m., is merely beginning. The "on" button has been switched, and my brain prepares to cramp when I hear the reading assignment is already due this Tuesday.

I return to frequent dinners of Special K and Chicken Viola! I am back to Wednesday nights at the washeteria and long weekends filled with beer-caused foolishness, just two of the many reasons I love this town.

Momentarily, I exhale with no more worries of pre-semester con-

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cerns. On the drive back from Dallas, I thought about why a normally easy class sometimes becomes quite laborious. One factor is whether or not you are gifted with a well-spoken professor.

If you merely make out the few words "a tennis she be pass run," which translates to "the attendance sheet is being passed around," then it might be in your best interest to make a quick visit to the new, lavish West Hall and try your luck again next semester. On the other hand, those impossible-type

classes seem much more bearable when you spot a friendly face amongst the plethora of unrecognizable ones.

If not, hopefully you will meet another solo student to partner with. In three days, five syllabi and a few homework assignments are already bombarding me; perhaps what I need is a swift kick in the rear to get me back in the swing of things -- of course, after this weekend!

So welcome back; weekend begins today! It is that time to slip off the jeans and T-shirt and into your favorite dressy outfit and pour yourself a glass of wine. This weekend is unique from the others, not only because of the extra hour most females need to get ready, but mostly because of the anticipation about seeing forgotten friends and acquaintances throughout the eventful night.

Personally, I am most ecstatic about checking out the new bar in the Depot District. It is not every day Lubbock is greeted with a new social meeting place, so it is a sure bet to be an exceptional time.

If you are not yet 21, perhaps the fraternity's bid day parties or a late night dance club will be on your agenda, but make sure you are definitely headed somewhere.

No matter where in this town you end up this weekend, you are guaranteed to collide with happy fun-loving Tech students.

So whether it be enjoying happy hour, enjoying a full meal or whatever tickles your fancy, be sure to have a safe and wonderful weekend, and welcome back to Tech!

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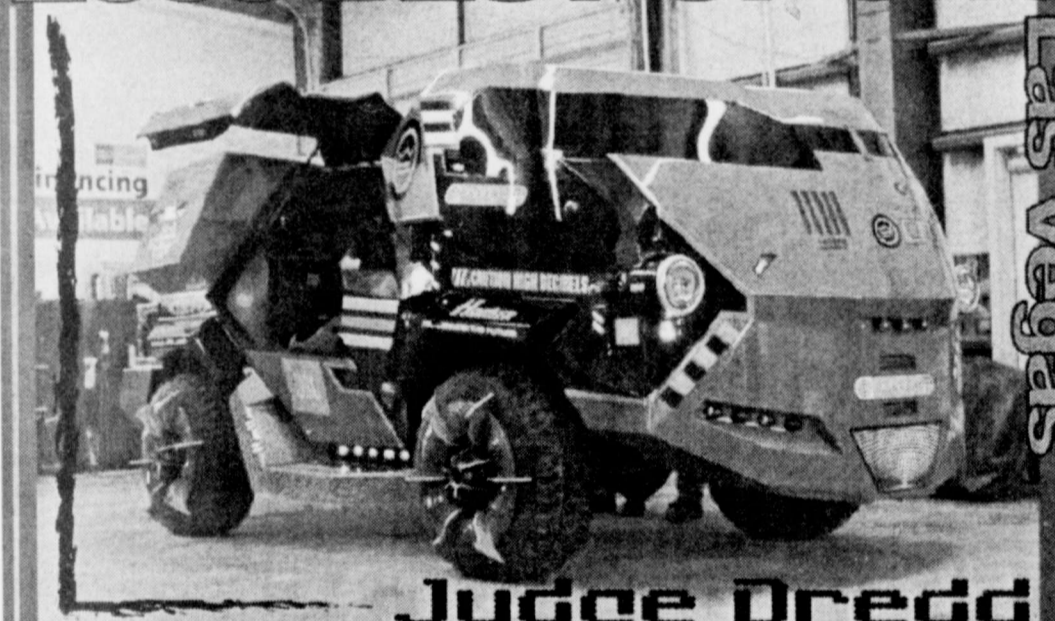


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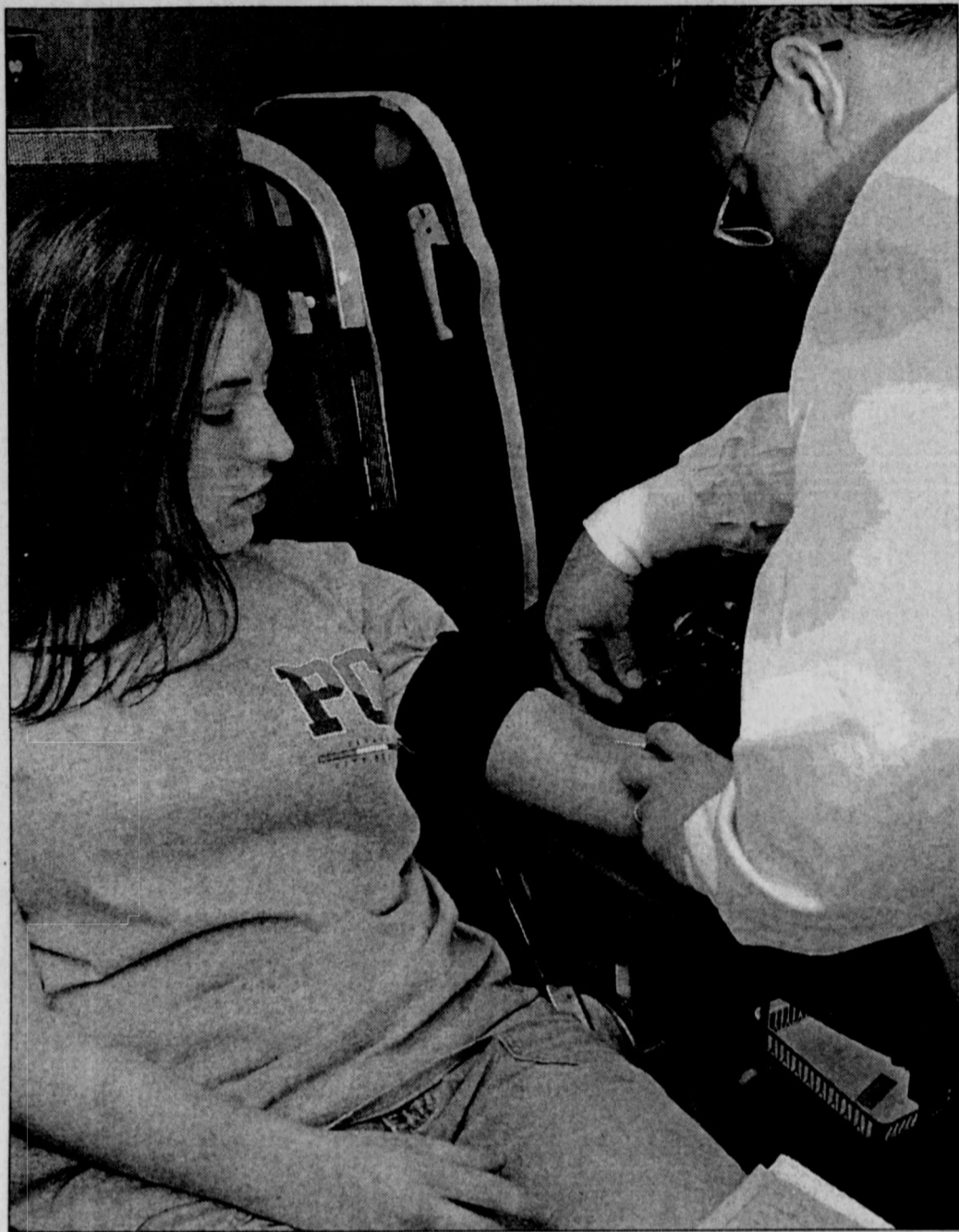
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TONY HERNANDEZ, an employee of United Blood Services, takes blood from Lisa Prewitt, a senior pre-medicine major from Spring, in the lobby of Stangel/Murdough Thursday afternoon.

Launch

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As has been the custom for shuttle launches since the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, the Air Force patrolled the site for any stray planes or other intruders.

The no-fly zone extended the usual 35 miles, but took effect three hours earlier to accommodate the loading of explosive hydrogen fuel into Columbia. Offshore, boats were ordered to stay away.

"Our antennas are up more than usual," said David Saleeba, NASA's top security official. He said the agency was aware of the threat potential posed by Ramon's presence and had been in close contact for months with the Homeland Security Department.

Ramon, 48, the son of a Holocaust survivor, was among the Israeli pilots who bombed the Iraqi nuclear reactor in 1981, according to a senior Is-

raeli government official speaking Thursday on condition of anonymity. The Israel Space Agency wanted a military pilot for its first astronaut and, with the Israeli air force's help, picked him for the job in 1997.

Columbia's flight initially was targeted for mid-2001 but was repeatedly delayed, most recently by the grounding of the entire space shuttle fleet last summer.

"If there was ever a time to use the phrase 'all good things come to people who wait,' this is the one time," launch director Mike Leinbach told the astronauts just before liftoff. "Good luck and Godspeed."

Replied shuttle commander Rick Husband: "The Lord has blessed us with a beautiful day here, and we're going to have a great mission."

It is the first time in three years that NASA launched a shuttle that was not going to the international space station or working on the Hubble Space Telescope.

Performance

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The Fire Department made several changes over the year as well, he said. It partnered with South Plains College to offer a firefighter certification academy, which will save the city \$100,000 annually.

An existing fire station saw some reconstruction last year, and there also will be a new fire station, scheduled to open in June.

McDougal said one of his primary issues as mayor is to increase regional relationships throughout West Texas.

"With the recent loss of two West Texas seats in the State Legislature and with the ongoing economic concerns that are unique to West Texas, we must collectively find regional solutions to create positive change in our

region," he said.

Water issues, encouraging employers to come to the region and making sure West Texas' voice is heard are just a few of the issues McDougal wants to work on with other cities.

"As West Texans, we need to work for the passage of these and other issues that impact us regionally," he said.

However, there still is work to be done. Boren said he would like to concentrate on major infrastructure and water and electric policies.

"People need to know what's going on in those areas," he said.

Hernandez said it will be necessary to take a good look at the budget because the national economy is in an economic downfall, and it will affect Lubbock's economy.

He would like to focus on streamlining the city government without decreasing city services.

Parking

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off of Flint Avenue Pay and Display lots will charge for parking without a Tech parking pass until 8:30 p.m.

"Everyone should contribute somehow, some way to the parking," said Hinojosa.

Todd Heath, a senior restaurant, hotel and institutional management major from Plano, said parking is too

expensive.

"You get a commuter sticker and have to walk two miles to your class when I can get there faster by walking from my house," he said. "Buses don't help when you're running late to class (because they are overcrowded)."

Approximately 450 parking spaces at the stadium should be re-opened within a year and a half. They are currently unavailable because of the construction occurring at Jones SBC stadium.

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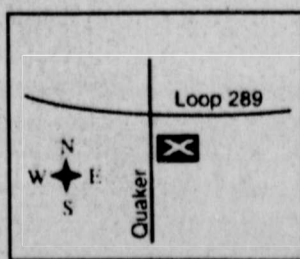
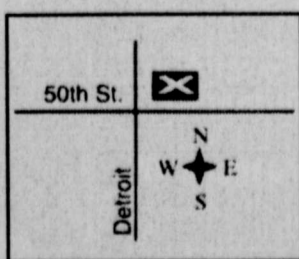
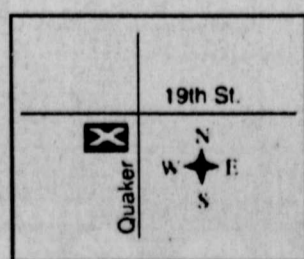


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Flu vaccines urged during season's peak

By Felicia Simpson/Staff Reporter

Influenza is at its peak point in Lubbock, and doctors are stressing the importance of flu vaccinations. "The best thing is to get the vaccine," said Associate Professor of Biological Sciences Randall Jeter. The flu is a respiratory viral infection, which generally occurs from November to March, he said. The measures used to prevent infection of the flu are to eat a balanced diet, exercise, sleep well and wash hands regularly. However, he said obtaining the vaccination is

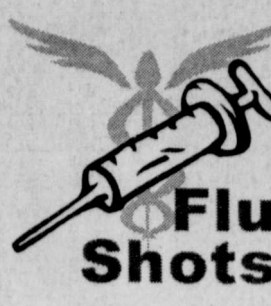
the preferred measure. Chief of Pediatric Infectious Diseases at the Health Sciences Center Dr. David C. Waagner has found that this year's flu hit Lubbock in mid-December. It is currently at its peak and will continue to remain in Lubbock throughout February. He said this particular strain is serotype B from Hong Kong. Serotype B flu makes the individual show flu-like symptoms but is not widespread. Serotype A flu is widespread and has a higher fatality rate than the other serotype. Waagner said some symptoms for the flu are a high body tempera-

ture, severe muscle aches and fatigue, which can last up to six to seven days. Even though death can occur as a result of the flu, it has not been prevalent with this strain, he said. "There are not appreciable deaths," Waagner said. However, there has been a high incidence of bacterial pneumonia as a secondary complication, Waagner said. A secondary complication oc-

curs when an individual receives another virus or bacteria because the immune system is weakened by the flu. He said this occurs more frequently with children than adults. He said the flu vaccination within four to six weeks to receive immunity. "It is good to get it early," Waagner said. The vaccination is comprised of a dead form of the virus. Therefore,

the body does not get the flu from the vaccination. Since the strain of the virus changes every year, the flu shot is updated. An individual needs to be vaccinated annually to receive protection, he said. Since there are two serotypes of the flu, Waagner said that even if one has already had the flu this season, it does not prevent an individual from catching the other strain. An individual can still receive the flu vaccination. According to Waagner, the people who need this vaccination the most are individuals under 2 years of age and over 65 years of age, people

who are in an institution with lung disease or work in health care. However, he said that everyone could benefit from receiving the vaccination. "Typically, people don't get it when they should, especially healthy young people," Waagner said. Patibandla Sridher, a graduate student studying physics from Hyderabad, India, has not had the flu this year and has not taken any preventive steps. "If ... people die from the flu, then (others) should take preventive measures," he said.



Lack of funds to halt three-year bilingual education program

Angela Timmons/Staff Reporter

The College of Education's three-year bilingual education grant program will end in August because of expiring funds from Washington D.C. The program served 30 students last semester and has served more than 200 students since 2000, said Esther López, a doctoral student in Curriculum and Instruction. López said all enrolled education majors qualify for the grant this semester, but they must apply. The application process begins with the start of the spring semester

and continues through the first two weeks of school. Students not enrolled in the education program need to go through the registration process to enroll and may then apply for the grant and register for the classes. "We're just waiting for people to come by: people who have an interest in getting certified and that we have funding for," she said. López said she would be visiting classes in the coming weeks to inform students of the opportunity. The certification courses consist of an English as a Second Language (ESL) and a bilingual certification

course, López said. ESL courses are for education majors or teachers who are not bilingual and will teach in English. The course will help those individuals learn to communicate with students that speak English as a second language. The bilingual certification courses are for education majors or teachers who are bilingual and must pass an exam in the language. López said the courses are for credit, as with normal courses in the education program. They cost the same as a regular course, without the

grant count. The ESL/bilingual classes count as part of the degree. Gerald Skoog, dean of the education college, said there is a need for ESL and bilingual education courses in education colleges today. "There's a tremendous need for individuals and educators with experience in bilingual education, and this program offers a very good opportunity for those individuals," Skoog said. Skoog said Tech's education program has had consistent support of bilingual education over the past decade, and the programs have varied in their focus.

"We've had a difficult time preparing enough people for the intermediate area, and the state of Texas," Skoog said. López said the most commonly used and needed languages, other than English, in the area of Lubbock are Spanish and Chinese. "These are the most common," she said. "There is a greater population of these young students in public schools." However, López said a great variety of languages are served through ESL. López said the College of

Education's ESL and bilingual education students work with public schools in Lubbock, as many of the students already are employed or seek independent School District. "All grade levels need to use it," she said. "It behooves teachers to prepare to work with these students. It eases their work load and helps you to reach out to these children." For more information, students may visit the Bilingual Education Resource Center located in Room 371 of the College of Education Building, or call (806) 742-1997, ext. 292.

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Running for LIFE

Tech duo to run marathon in support of local leukemia victims

By Harvey Mireles/Staff Reporter

One may never directly associate helping to find a cure for Leukemia with a trip to the tropical island of Bermuda. After the beginning of next week, though, two Texas Tech students will have left an impact on both.

Katie Reitman, a junior public relations major from San Antonio, and Janelle Myers, a junior food nutrition major from Brownwood, are members of Team in Training, a fund-raising organization formed by The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. The two will be participating in the scenic 26.2-mile Bermuda Marathon on Sunday.

Team in Training is the world's largest endurance and training program. The organization provides multiple programs that involve runners, walkers, cyclists and tri-athletes as they raise money by asking for pledges as they compete.

Michelle Story, a campaign coordinator for Team In Training, said the fundraising program will continue to impact the fight against cancer.

"Team' is the No.1 endurance and training program," she said. "Each participant trains for four to five months, depending on what fundraising event they are participating in."

The two students had to train for five months for the Bermuda marathon.

"Training takes place throughout Texas," Story said. "Participants are set up with a coach and training

schedule.

Reitman works as a personal trainer at the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreational Center. It was Reitman's boss, Janda Ibbetson, a coach for Team in Training, who approached her about possibly joining the charitable program.

After attending an informational meeting with her roommate Myers, the two decided to do it.

"Katie and I were sitting there, and when the two kids walked in with IVs, tears came to my eyes," Myers said.

In Team in Training, members participate in honor or memory of an individual that is battling or has battled cancer. The "Honored Heroes" Reitman and Myers are running for two local boys, ages five and six.

"No matter how hard, how tough we struggle with training and fundraising, it will never compare with what these kids go through," Myers said.

The sight of the two courageous children also moved Reitman.

"Those kids are so beautiful," she said. "I knew all the training would be worth it. I knew I wanted to be involved with the cause."

However, the road to Bermuda has had its struggles, the main difficulty being fundraising. Each person who wanted to participate in the Bermuda Marathon was asked to raise a minimum of \$4,000 in order to be involved with the run.

The two women immediately got started sending out over 200 letters to friends, family members and "ev-



DAVID JOHNSON/Staff Photographer

KATIE REITMAN, A junior public relations major from San Antonio and Janelle Myers, a junior food science and nutrition major from Brownwood, are raising donations for cancer research by running in the Bermuda Marathon.

eryone they ever associated with," asking for donations and pledges. Other methods of fundraising the two runners did were a bake sale, car wash and offering to pump gas for strangers.

"When we did the gas pumping, we asked people if we could pump their gas for any donation," Reitman said. "Some gave us the change from their car, and some college students would even sit there and write out a check."

Between the two, they raised \$12,000.

The training for the marathon

proved to be a difficult task in itself. "I thought I could never do a marathon," Reitman said. "I like to work, I like to run, but I'm not that good by any means. You've got to be determined."

The two runners generally trained throughout Tech, running through the streets of the university. The longer days consisted of 15 to 18 miles and were run at Mae Simmons Park. On inclement weather days, they usually ran around their neighborhood or ran on treadmills.

Myers said has always been into

fitness, running and staying healthy. She said she definitely knew it was going to happen.

"Some days, it was really difficult," she said. "It was just knowing what we were going through was for a good cause."

Myers believes throughout the preparation for the marathon, she has learned something about herself.

"I'd definitely have to say from fundraising and stuff, I've learned some responsibility, especially to the cause," she said. "I've definitely matured from this experience."

The two hope to eventually en-

ter the Mentor Program with Team In Training.

The Mentor Program would allow them the opportunity to help those getting newly involved with the program with fund raising ideas, motivation, keeping up with training and answer any questions they may have.

Reitman said she is looking forward to a chance to help out as a coach.

"I encourage any person remotely interested in Team In Training to check it out," she said. "Anyone can do 26.2."



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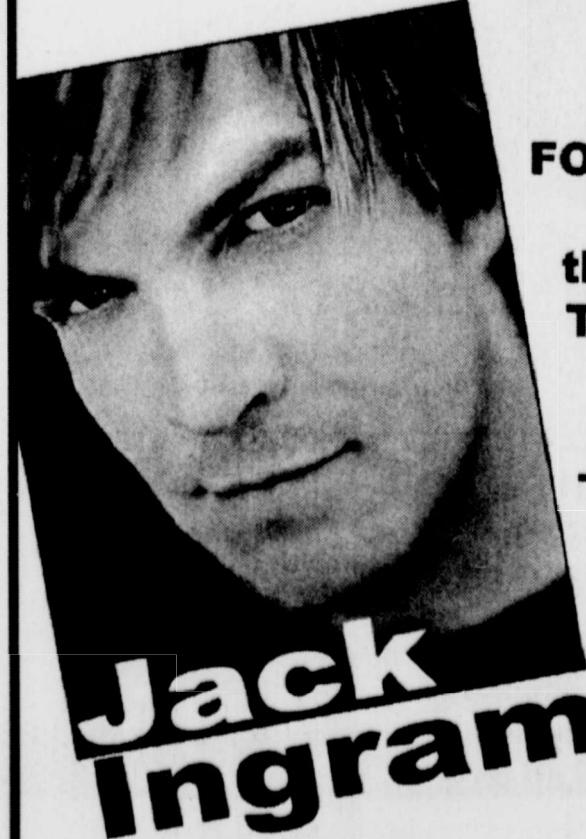
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The Liars: not just another 'the' band

Virgin Megastore is the devil incarnate. It's the only explanation I can honestly come up with to make myself feel better for spending \$400 on a huge stack of essential albums that I needed.

I could have just bought all those CDs direct from the label Web site and spent probably about three times less money, but I guess part of me wanted to reward the big chain store for carrying such great titles. That's how the devil gets you. He tempts you with label essentials and then charges you an arm and a leg for them so he can use your money to kill baby seals off the coast of some third-world country.

Luckily for me, of the CDs that I bought, most of them turned out to be as essential as I thought they would be. One, in particular, has since become the coolest band in the whole wide world, at least in my mind. The band is called the Liars, and if that isn't a cool enough name, the name of their CD is a mind boggling, *They Threw Us All In A Trench And Threw A Monument On Top*. And as crazy as all that is, this is the clincher to push the Liars into the category of absolutely awesome: The lead singer,

Angus (Angus!?) Andrews, has an 80s moustache and—brace yourself—a total, full-on mullet! You heard me, I said mullet. If you didn't just punch someone in the head, there is something wrong with you! I don't even have to hear the music to know this is the greatest band of the century.

Fortunately, the music lived up to my expectations. Right away you might be saying, "Oh great, another 'the' band." But believe me, this is light years away from anything The Strokes could ever hope to achieve. This is not trendy garage rock in the slightest. As far as creativity goes, this is one of the freshest, most original bands to come along in quite a while.

On first spin, the average listener would consider The Liars to be a little caustic to listen to. The basic genre The Liars fit into is that of punk, but add on the modifier "art" to that, as in "art-punk," and that's when everyone starts yelling shenanigans.

On the first track, "Grown men don't fall in the river, just like that" (once again a great title), it becomes quite apparent this band is insane. As the drums and guitar crash in, Angus yells in your stereo, "Can you hear us? Can you hear us? We have our fin-

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ger on the pulse of America!" Immediately after this, a dehumanizing bass-line busts up the party, and suddenly you realize, "This is punk? I could dance to this!"

Some of you out there might remember the thing that started pissing people off about punk was it started to become danceable. If you told this to The Liars, they would probably kick you somewhere painful and then remind you they aren't exactly punk; it's just idiot music writers like me who try and corner them into that genre. More realistically, this is a group that makes incredibly energetic, original music that most closely resembles punk.

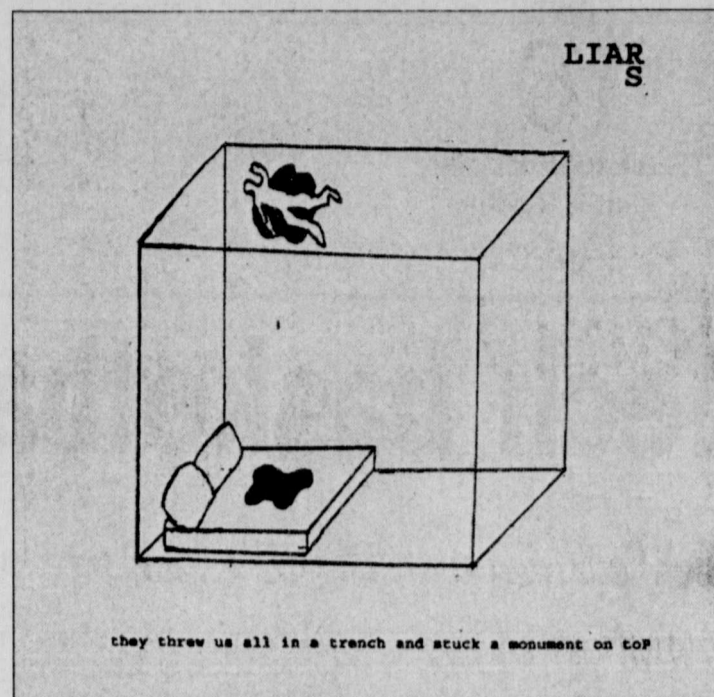
On the second track, "Mr. your on

fire Mr.," a major part of The Liars' music comes out. Computer glitches and beats are the driving force on this track and throughout the rest of the CD. Right away, it's apparent if you were looking for an easy-to-listen-to, verse-chorus-verse format, then you bought the wrong album.

What's remarkable about the second track, among other things, is although the format doesn't allow for singing along, it is somehow very easy to do so.

One of the reasons The Liars are so great is they are totally unpredictable. As soon as you peg down some kind of definitive style, the next track will explode any kind of foothold you thought you had. This is most evident on the final track of the album.

Whenever anyone mentions The Liars CD, they will always talk about the loop. What happens is about 8 minutes into the song, this slow little computer loop starts, and it lasts for 25 freaking minutes! You have to sit through it to fully appreciate it, but no one probably ever has. The point is the band wants you to turn off the music before it is over to be defeated, that is, by the music. And to me, that's so awesome I have to break some-



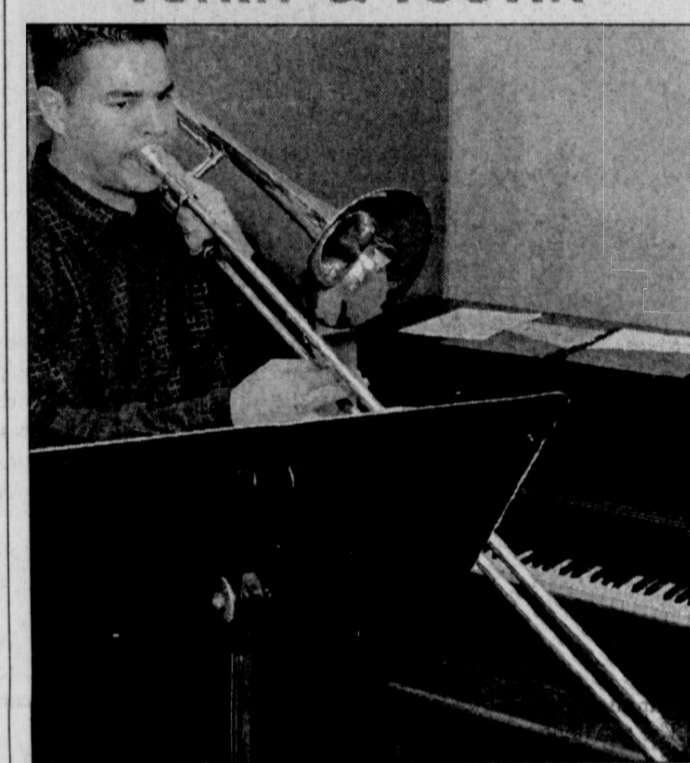
THE LIARS
They Threw Us All A Trench and Threw A Monument On Top

thing. This album is so smart it's probably stealing my wallet in my room right now while I sit here and write this.

Sometimes people put music out that challenges you to the point that you no longer can tell where music

in general will be in five years. This is why I keep listening to music, despite all the crap that's out there. This is why you have to hear The Liars, even if you have to spend an arm and a leg to buy it. Believe me, it will be worth it.

TUNIN' & TOOTIN'



JENNA HANSEN/Staff Photographer
STEVE KNIGHT, A senior music education major from Longview, practices in the Music Building on Thursday afternoon.

Travel agency plans nude flight

MIAMI (AP) — Lost luggage won't exactly be a problem on this flight.

A travel agency that specializes in clothing-optional vacations has chartered a 172-seat Boeing 727 for a flight from Miami to Cancun in May. Once the plane reaches its cruising altitude, passengers will be invited to disrobe.

The travel agency, Castaways Travel of Spring, Texas, is touting the trip as the world's first flight for nude passengers. The crew will be dressed and the temperature inside the plane's cabin will be regulated to accommo-

date the nudists, Castaways co-owner Jim Bailey said.

"People are looking for stress relief," Bailey said. "In a nudist environment, everyone is the same."

The travelers will stay at a nudist resort for a week, then return to Miami on May 10. Rooms start at \$910 weekly, plus \$499 for the flight, according to the company's Web site.

Federal Aviation Administration spokeswoman Kathleen Bergen said there are no regulations specifically banning nudity aboard an aircraft.

"It's not a safety issue," Bergen said.

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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Tech basketball gears up for Big 12 play

Tech learning with Big 12 experience

By Matt Muench/Staff Reporter

Texas Tech basketball player Nick Valdez remembers entering the Big 12 Conference schedule last season blind and not knowing what to expect.

Times have changed, and the senior guard, who is in his second season at Tech, said he now has good vision of what to look for.

"We are definitely more prepared and knowledgeable of the conference," he said.

Tech guard Mikey Marshall agrees. Entering last year, Tech head coach Bob Knight and 6 players who were on the floor regularly never experienced life within the Big 12 Conference. Coming into this season, the only virgin to Big 12 that receives considerable amount of playing time this year is center Robert Tomaszek.

"We have a lot of experience coming back, and I think that will be valuable to us," Marshall said. "But it won't be too valuable to us if we don't use it."

Tech (10-2, 0-1 Big 12) opened Big 12 play last week by getting upset by Kansas State. Marshall said the let-down was a good lesson.

What did it teach the Red Raiders?

"Don't count anybody out," Marshall said.

And if you do?

"You're gonna get an L," he said. The pair said they know it is a

tough schedule, and the master plan of winning is simple: Worry more about how you play than whom you play.

"There are so many top teams," Valdez said. "You have to bring intensity every game. In this league, you have to play real hard and play good defense every game."

Although the amount of experienced players that have faced Big 12 competition is different, Valdez said the toughness of the schedule has remained the same.

Last year the Big 12 had six teams reach the NCAA Tournament, including Tech, who lost in the first round last March.

This season, five teams are currently ranked in the Top 25, and two more squads are receiving votes.

Valdez said this year, the conference is a lot stronger because it is not top heavy.

"The bottom teams have gotten a lot better and so have the top teams," he said. "It is a strong conference throughout."

Marshall said playing in the Big 12 makes college basketball a lot more fun.

"As a kid, you dream of playing big schools, the Top 25 teams, the back-to-back games," he said. "I think that is helpful to us. It keeps you on your toes, and it makes you a better team towards the end of conference."

Lady Raiders ready to face rigorous conference schedule, push for fourth title

By David Wiechmann/Sports Editor

Texas Tech Lady Raiders coach Marsha Sharp expressed her feelings about the Big 12 Conference immediately after Tech's win over Baylor.

"Welcome to the Big 12," Sharp said in the post-game press conference.

As basketball season approaches March Madness, the struggle to be the best-of-the-best begins with conference play.

Freshman point guard Erin Grant said the game against Baylor was proof of the competitiveness of the conference, and fans should expect high energy games every time out.

"It's really tough competition every night, and you know you have to come out and play one of your best games against these teams to win," Grant said. "We saw against Baylor, they came with it, and nobody's backing down in the Big 12."

Last season, the Big 12 sent seven women's teams to the NCAA Tournament, and all of them hosted subregionals.

Forward Plenette Pierson said the Big 12 ranks among the best conferences in the nation as seen by the teams' performances.

"I definitely think we back it up," she said. "I don't know if there's another conference that has that many teams going in to the NCAA Tournament every year."

The Lady Raiders currently sit on top at 14-1 overall and 3-0 in conference play and are hoping to end up on top, but they know it will

be a difficult task because, unlike football, multiple teams cannot post eggs in the loss column in basketball.

Natalie Ritchie said the strength of the conference will make it more difficult to finish No. 1.

"It think it's extremely competitive," she said. "You go into the Big 12, you could go in ranked at different spots, and you can hype up who's supposed to win, but truly you don't know, and you're going to have to take it one day at a time."

Every night is a fight to the last bell in the Big 12, and Ritchie said it does not matter if No. 12 plays No. 1.

"The thing about it is no matter what your record is, if you're Big 12, anyone can beat you any night," she said. "So you always have to be on your toes."

Tech entered the season as the pre-season favorite to win the conference by both the media and the coaches. Grant said this added a little bit of fuel to the fire and put Tech under the microscope.

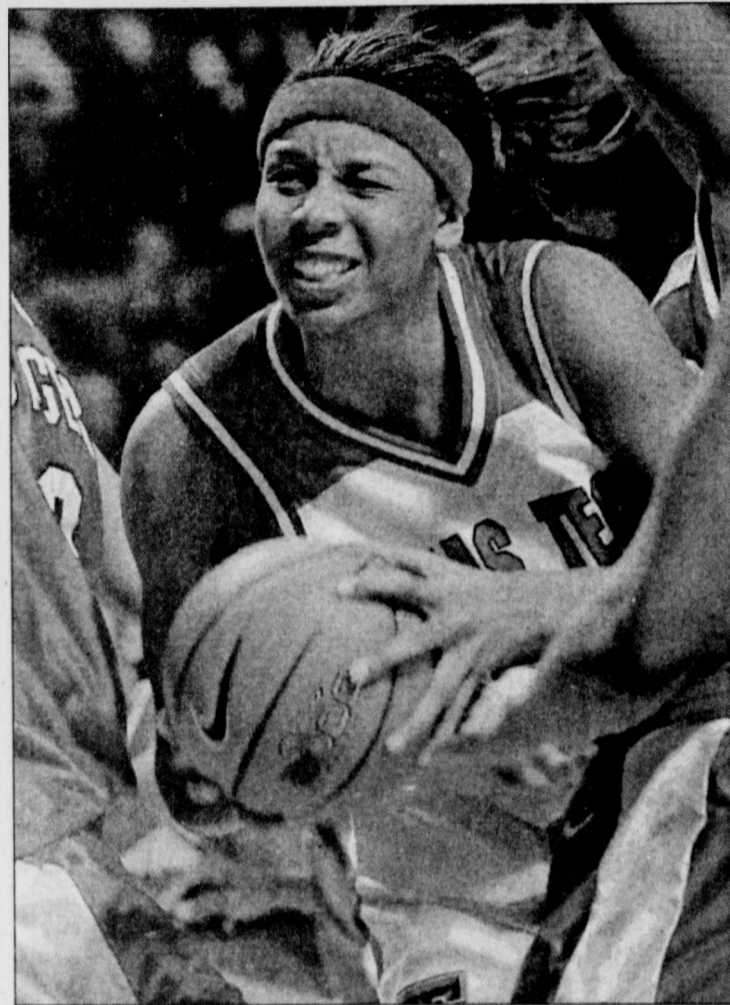
"Everybody's pretty much gunnin' for us," Grant said. "And because we were the pre-season No. 1, they want to knock us off."

Ritchie, on the other hand, said there is no pressure for Tech to win because the Lady Raiders are aware of the task at hand.

"I don't think there's any pressure," she said. "I think we know what we need to do, and there's only pressure when you put the pressure on yourself."

After an uncharacteristic first round ousting in the Big 12 Conference Tournament, Tech has a solid motto: one team, one goal, one mission.

The team did not need stereotypes to



GREG KRELLER/Staff Photographer

Plenette Pierson drives the lane during a Tech win over Rutgers on Jan. 2. The Lady Raiders currently are tied for first in the Big 12.

blast out to the world what it wanted to accomplish.

Pierson said Tech will win a national championship this season. The starting place, however, is a conference championship, something the Lady Raiders have not done since 2000. Pierson also is not afraid of the

preseason favorite stamp put on the program.

"We know there's that underlying pressure," she said. "But we try not to think about it. There's always teams that have stepped it up from last year, and on any given night, we could get beat."

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Aggies seeking improvement

By Kyle Clark/Staff Reporter

The Texas A&M basketball team stands at 9-5 so far this season, but dropped its first Big 12 game to Oklahoma State.

The Aggies began the season 5-1, but have gone 4-4 since and lost to Oklahoma State 93-76.

A&M is scoring 77.8 points per game this season and had a winning non-conference schedule that included an 83-66 beating of Tennessee.

Antoine Wright, who is averaging 17.1 points per game and 7.5 rebounds per game, leads the Aggies this season. Also scoring well for the

Aggies this season are Bernard King, who is scoring 16.9 points and Kevin Turner, who is adding 10.7 points per game.

Helping Wright in rebounding is Keith Bean, who is grabbing 5.2 boards per game.

Conference rival Texas will challenge the Aggies Saturday in Austin.

The Aggies will face Tech on Feb. 1 in College Station and travel to Lubbock on Feb. 22.

The A&M women are in a simi-

lar situation with an 8-5 record.

The Aggie women have already played two conference games and are 1-1 in Big 12 play. A&M lost its first Big 12 game to Texas Tech 77-56 at home and then followed it with a 69-54 victory over Oklahoma State.

Toccarra Williams has put together several high scoring performances for the Aggies and leads the team with 13.8 points per game, while adding 4.5 rebounds per game.

Kim Moore has been a consistent provider for the Aggies. Moore is averaging 12.7 points per game, while grabbing 9.1 rebounds per game.

Also giving the Aggies an offensive outlet is Natasha Summerville, who is adding 9.5 points per game.

A&M will face two consecutive games against Top 25 opponents this week. Wednesday the Aggies at home against No. 25 Texas.

They will travel to Norman, Okla., Saturday to play the No. 23 Oklahoma Sooners.

The women lost to Tech 77-54 on Jan. 8 in College Station and will play in Lubbock on Feb. 12.



Wildcats strength returns

By Jason Lenz/Staff Reporter

The Kansas State women's basketball team reached the Sweet Sixteen last year with a squad comprised of players with no more than one year of collegiate basketball experience. This year's squad, with four returning starters, has three



freshmen.

K-State's frontcourt is anchored by junior center Nicole Ohlde and sophomore power forward Kendra Wecker. Ohlde led last year's squad

in scoring with 17.9 points per game and achieved All-Big 12 Conference First Team honors.

K-State comes to Lubbock March 6, each team's last game before the conference tournament.

The Wildcats return three starters this season as K-State's men's basketball team enters its third year under coach Jim Wooldridge.

K-State finished seventh in the Big 12 last season with a record of 13-16 overall and 6-10 in conference, and beat Tech 68-44 on Jan. 8 in Manhattan, Kan.

Sooners focused on returning to Final Four

By David Wiechmann/Sports Editor

Oklahoma arguably had the best season in the Big 12 last year. The men's team won the conference tournament. The women won both the regular season and the tournament. In addition both Sooner squads reached the Final Four. The 2002-03 campaign will no doubt be full of excitement trying to repeat such dominance.

The men's team returns two of its superstars in Hollis Price and

Ebi Ere. Price is an All-America candidate and takes command of the game. He averaged 16.5 points per game last season and won Big 12 Conference Tournament MVP.

Ere took the conference by storm as a junior college transfer. He was named Big 12 Newcomer of the Year.

With much of its foundation back and a Top 10 ranking the

Sooners have a shot at repeating what they did last year and will test it against Tech on Jan. 20 in Norman, Okla., and in Lubbock on Feb. 15.

The OU women also reached the Final Four but lost much of its strength. The women lost their three super seniors last year to the

WNBA. Head coach Sherri Coale still plans to be successful this year by bringing in an impressive freshman class.

The Sooners were to be led by returner Caton Hill until she went down with a knee injury. She averaged 12.6 points per game, and she is a multiple threat. Hill was in the top 10 in the conference in rebounding, three-point percentage and free throw percentage.

The Sooners will no doubt have to deal with the pressure and expectations of last year's results and currently have a record of 10-5 and are 1-1 in Big 12 action and rank 23 in the nation. They will play conference favorite Texas Tech again Feb. 19 in Lubbock after losing 80-71 Jan. 15.



Missouri: a tale of two teams

By Matt Muench/Staff Reporter

Entering the 2002-03 season in October, the Missouri basketball program had one team rising to the top and one team falling to the bottom.

Nothing has changed since the Big 12 Conference season began.

The men's team, coming off an Elite Eight loss in the NCAA Tournament last season, has continued to produce wins, while the women's squad, which is coming off a 14-15 season, is close to hitting rock bottom this season.

The men, coached by Quin Snyder in his fourth year, is 10-2 overall and 1-0 within the Big 12 and are ranked 11th in the latest Associated Press Poll, despite losing Tiger standout Kareem Rush to the NBA

Draft last season. The Tigers will play Tech on Feb. 9 in Columbia, Mo.

The women started the conference season with two losses and are 6-7 overall. Missouri has one player that has consistently produced this season: junior forward Evan Unrau. Missouri will play Tech on Jan. 28 in Lubbock.



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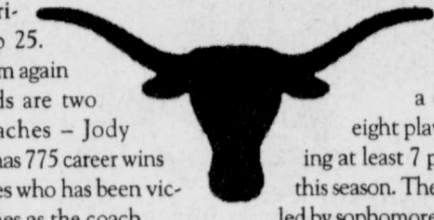
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Texas superstars return

By Matt Muench/Staff Reporter

Once again the Texas Longhorn men's and women's basketball teams find themselves in familiar territory - the Top 25.



And at the helm again for both squads are two successful coaches - Jody Conradt, who has 775 career wins and Rick Barnes who has been victorious 302 times as the coach.

Coming off a season when both teams lost in the Sweet 16 of the NCAA Tournament the wins have kept com-

ing this season for both programs.

The men's team is ranked fourth in the latest Associated Press poll with a 10-2 overall record and 1-0 Big 12 Conference record as of Tuesday.

Texas boasts a deep bench as eight players are averaging at least 7 points per game this season. The Longhorns are led by sophomore guard T.J. Ford who scores 12.6 points per game and 7.6 assists per game, which leads the conference.

Texas plays Texas Tech on Feb. 17 in Austin and March 1 in Lubbock.

The women's team, ranked 20th in the AP poll, began the Big 12 season with two wins against the league's bottom two teams, Missouri and Oklahoma State.

As of Tuesday, UT is 9-4 overall. They are currently ranked as the top defense in the Big 12 by allowing only 54.2 points per game.

Texas is once again led by center Stacey Stephens who leads the team with 13.3 points per game and 8.3 rebounds per game.

The Longhorns play Tech on Jan. 22 in Austin and March 2 in Lubbock.

Veteran, rookie coaching staffs ready for action

By Jason Lenz/Staff Reporter

Julie Goodenough is in her first season as head coach of women's basketball at Oklahoma State. After transforming the program at Hardin-Simmons University, she must begin anew at OSU.

Three seniors will lead a young Cowgirl squad, with four freshmen and five junior college transfers. Goodenough said she will need the seniors to step up if they hope to have success.

"We are relying on our senior leadership this year," she said. "It is their last chance to make it to the NCAA Tournament."

Leading the Cowgirl frontcourt is junior center Trisha Skibbe. Last season, Skibbe led the team in scoring and finished second in rebounding, making her an honorable mention All-Big 12 Conference selection.

The backcourt is led by senior guard Chantoya Hawkins, who started every game last season for the Cowgirls and led the team in assists.

The Cowgirls will face Texas Tech on Jan. 18 in Lubbock and Feb. 22 on their home court.

Eddie Sutton has coached at Oklahoma State for 12 years. During the last two seasons, his Cowboys have been eliminated in the first round of the NCAA Tournament. Sutton will try to change his fortunes this year in a competitive Big 12 Conference.

In the frontcourt, the Cowboys have last year's second leading shooter in the Big 12, forward Ivan McFarlin.

OSU will play Tech on Jan. 26 in Lubbock and Feb. 24 in Stillwater, Okla.



Baylor staff building forces

By Kyle Clark/Staff Reporter

The Bears are on the rise with head coach Dave Bliss entering his fourth year. Bliss took over a program that did not win a conference game in 1999, and has turned it into an NCAA Tournament threat.

Fans have noticed the difference by coming to games in herds. Attendance has increased by more than 4,000 since his addition to the basketball program.

A key player for the Bears is Lawrence Roberts. He recently led the team with 17 points in a loss to Texas. It was his seventh double-double of

the season.

The Lady Bears are hoping to improve on their early dismissal from the NCAA Tournament last season and replacing two seniors lost to the WNBA.

Head coach Kim Mulkey-Robertson has raised the bar in the women's program like Bliss in the men's. In her first two seasons in Waco the Lady Bears have reached the NCAA Tournament.

Four seniors left the team, but seven letterwinners return for a 2003 campaign.

Tech defeated Baylor 62-48 in Lubbock, and Brown contributed a team high 13 points.



Jayhawks struggle in preseason, enter Big 12 on streak

By Kyle Clark/Staff Reporter

The Kansas Jayhawks have come alive with eight straight wins after two losses in the preseason NIT tournament, which pushed the team toward the bottom of the Top 25 polls.

Kansas destroyed Nebraska 92-59 in its first Big 12 game and is now 13-3 on the season and ranked No. 13, up three spots from the last poll.

After advancing to the Final Four in last season's NCAA Tournament, Kansas was a favorite of many sports writers to make a return trip to a Final Four spot. Losses to North Carolina and Florida may have changed many opinions of the team, as Kansas plummeted in the polls.

The team has bounced back with

efforts from forwards Wayne Simien and Nick Collison and guard Keith Langford. Collison leads the team in points with 19.9 per game and has added 8.2 rebounds per game.

The Jayhawks come to Lubbock on March 3 for a Big Monday contest.

The Kansas Jayhawk women are in the middle of an up-and-down season and have started the Big 12 slowly with losses to Kansas State and Iowa State.

Kansas started the season 7-4, but the crushing 88-49 loss to Kansas State and a narrow 72-70 loss to Iowa State have leveled the Jayhawk women to a 7-6 record.

Leading Kansas is Aquanita Burras, who is scoring 11.8 points per game and pulling in 5.8 rebounds per game.

The next two top scorers for Kansas have stayed neck and neck with each other. Crystal Kemp and Tamara Ransburg each are averaging 10.7 points per game, but Ransburg has an edge in rebounding, grabbing 8.7 boards per game.

Kansas will play Tech on Feb. 1 in Lawrence.



Buff's running into Big 12

By Jason Lenz/Staff Reporter

The No. 24 ranked Lady Buffaloes of Colorado entered the season with aspirations of reaching the NCAA Tournament and finishing in the top four in the conference, coach Ceal Barry said.

The Buffs lack depth, which may hurt them in the event of injuries.

"Injuries are going to be key," Barry said. "We don't have the depth we had last year."

Colorado will play host to Tech on Jan. 26.

The male Buffs have gone 5-11 in Big 12 Conference play for two consecutive seasons, failing to earn postseason berths in both seasons. Patton and the Buffs will try to reverse their fortunes this year.

Junior guard Blair Wilson made a tour with the Big 12 All-Stars in Scandinavia after draining 76 treys coming off the bench last season, giving the Buffs a solid perimeter threat.

The Buffaloes will come to the Hub City on Jan. 29.



Iowa State wants to return to glory, NCAA's

By Jason Lenz/Staff Reporter

In 14 seasons coaching the women's basketball team at Iowa State, Bill Fennelly has never had a losing record. In each of the last five seasons, the Cyclones have won 24 or more games.

ISU will try to continue that streak this season, even though they have lost a substantial number of veterans.

The Cyclones have struggled thus far this season, but they are still a talented team, said Fennelly.

In the frontcourt, ISU has a versatile player in senior Mary Cofield, who has a knack for perimeter shooting.

Junior guard Erica Junod is coming back this season after an ACL injury kept her out of action for most of last season.

The Cyclones blow into Lubbock on Feb. 9.

This season marks Larry Eustachy's fifth as Iowa State's women's head coach. Following first place finishes in the Big

12 Conference in 2000 and 2001, the Cyclones fell to 11th in the Big 12 last year.

This year, the Cyclones will try to climb the ladder of a competitive conference and regain its prominence of a few years ago. The women got a good start with a 10-1 non-conference record.

Texas Tech travels to Ames, Iowa on Feb. 12 to meet the Cyclones.



Cornhuskers lose leading scorer

By Kyle Clark/Staff Reporter

The Nebraska Cornhusker basketball team will be without the services of its starting point guard Jake Muhleisen for the rest of this season.

Muhleisen, who is the team's third leading scorer and leader in assists, broke his hip during a 94-59 loss to the Kansas Jayhawks.

With Muhleisen out of the lineup, Nebraska may have to depend more on forward Andrew Drevo.

Drevo leads the team in scoring and rebounding with 13.2 points per game and 8.5 rebounds per game.

Nebraska is now 8-6 on the season, play Tech on Feb. 5 in Lubbock.

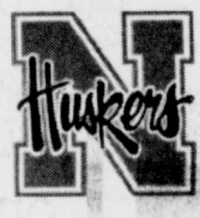
The women's basketball team at Nebraska has a similar record and season as the men's team.

The Nebraska women are 7-5 overall and 0-1 in conference after a 57-43 loss to No. 22 Oklahoma to begin Big 12 play.

The Cornhuskers play against No. 7 ranked Kansas State Sunday.

Nebraska has been led by one of the Big 12's top scorers, Alexa Johnson, who is averaging 15.7 points per game and 7.7 rebounds per game.

Nebraska will host the Lady Raiders on Feb. 26.



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Strickland brings new pitching philosophy

By Jason Lenz/Staff Reporter

Though the Texas Tech Red Raiders may not necessarily have needed a savior, they may have still received one from Abilene Christian University. Brian Strickland enters his first year as Tech's pitching coach after a four-year stint at Abilene Christian.

Those who throw for Tech said they have noticed a difference in coaching philosophy since Strickland arrived. Senior starting pitcher Nathan Fouts needed only one word to describe the change.

"Work," Fouts said. "That's it. You look at the sheet every morning or every afternoon, and you do it, and that's it."

Senior pitcher Dusty Buck echoed his teammate's sentiment.

"The biggest difference is he works with all the pitchers," Buck said. "He watches us throw. He's got a great work ethic."

Strickland said he tries to hone

his players' skills, which is just part of his coaching philosophy.

"I think every pitching coach has a different philosophy," Strickland said. "I think one thing we do differently this year is that we do more skill work. Just like hitters do batting practice, we have our own little thing we do everyday."

Buck said he prefers Strickland's method of coaching because it makes him better prepared for game situations.

"We do a lot more of the dirty work of pitching," Buck said. "We don't just go out there and start throwing to hitters..."

This season sees the starting pitchers, Fouts and Buck, as well as junior Steve Gooch, all returning. Strickland said that is fundamental for any team.

"That's key, I think, on any club," he said. "The biggest thing is that they can get us deep into the game so we're not having to dip into the bullpen in the third or fourth inning."

The most daunting task for Strickland will be to replace Steve Rowe, last season's 10-2 closer with a 1.51 ERA.

"We're still trying to feel it out to see who's going to jump in that role," Strickland said. "We'll probably throw some guys out there earlier and find out. Luckily, with our schedule, we'll have the opportunity to do that early."

Strickland said having a good closer can be crucial to a team's confidence.

"If you've got a guy you're confident in, and you've got a lead going into the seventh or eighth (inning) and you give him the ball," he said, "The ballgame's over."

Fouts said the team has a good relationship with Strickland, which is one factor that will help the team this season.

"I think everyone gets along with him," Fouts said. "I think he's going to be the difference this year." Strickland does not have an in-

your-face style of teaching, Fouts said. He simply tries to teach his players.

"He just tells you how it is, and that gets you motivated," Fouts said. "If you stunk that day, he's going to tell you stunk. If you did OK, he's going to tell you did okay and show you the things you need to work on. He's never satisfied with your performance."

Fouts said Strickland does have a lighter side and does not mind a little humor in baseball.

"His nickname is Sergeant Slaughter because of his haircut and his attitude towards work," Fouts said.

Buck agreed, but he said Strickland always has his priorities straight.

"He'll kid around with you, but when it comes down to business, that's what he is," Buck said. "He's all business."

Strickland and Co. throw the first pitch versus New Mexico at 3 p.m. Jan. 31 at Dan Law Field.



DAVID JOHNSON/Staff Photographer
PITCHING COACH BRIAN STRICKLAND helps Nathan Fouts practice in the Texas Tech clubhouse.

Contract questions not answered

By Kyle Clark/Staff Reporter

There is currently no indication whether or not Texas Tech football coach Mike Leach has received a pay raise from Tech.

Tech athletics director Gerald Myers told members of the media Jan. 7 that Tech had offered Leach a base pay increase of \$185,000 a year, which would bring his base pay to \$752,500 per year.

Leach and Myers both refused to comment and both did not return phone calls.

Leach, who was reached by the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal on Dec. 7, said he had not been given any formal proposal at that time, and all negotiations between Tech and himself

were tentative.

"I don't really know what to say," Leach said in the A-J. "All we've had is tentative discussions. I haven't seen anything in writing. I don't know that it's guaranteed. I'd like to see something a little more competitive with fair market value with the rest of the conference, basically."

When Myers was informed of Leach's comments, he responded by saying in the A-J, "If he feels that way, we need to continue to talk."

The coach departed for a coaching convention in New Orleans on Jan. 7. Since the convention, Leach also has been on the road recruiting and made a trip to Senior Bowl practices in Mobile, Ala., where Tech quarterback Kliff Kingsbury has been practicing.

While at a Senior Bowl practice, it was reported by *The Dallas Morning News* that Leach said he was never presented a deal by Tech.

"I've never been presented with a deal and, to the best of my knowledge, they're not planning on approaching me with one," Leach said in *The Dallas Morning News*.

Myers, who was reached with Leach's comments Tuesday, responded by *The Dallas Morning News*.

"Well, it's a free country," Myers said. "Mike can say what he wants. We'll have (an announcement) one of these days, but I'm not going to comment on it now."

Both the Tech Athletics Department and Leach declined to comment to *The University Daily* on Thursday.

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Lady Raiders roll into Spirit Arena

By David Wiechmann/
Sports Editor

After defeating the Oklahoma Sooners for the first time in their last five meetings, the Texas Tech Lady Raiders (14-1 overall, 3-0 Big 12 play) return home for a game against the Oklahoma State Cowgirls (5-9, 1-2) Saturday at 3 p.m. in the United Spirit Arena.

The win Wednesday was the perfect situation for the song, "We are the Champions" to scream from stereos because of the importance of the game.

Forward Jolee Ayers said it was the first time Tech had defeated OU since her freshman year.

"Since I've been here, we've only beat OU once, and that was my freshman year at home," Ayers said. "So it was really nice to get a win at OU, but it's a big win because they're a really tough team in our conference."

Natalie Ritchie said breaking their losing streak to the Sooners came at a good time because the Lady Raiders take home momentum before testing themselves on the tough roads of the Big 12 Conference.

"We have a lot of confidence beating Oklahoma at home, and now we get to come back at our home," Ritchie said. "I think everybody's more relaxed when they're in their own gym. When you get a win on the road, you're so excited, and when you get to come home, it's the icing on the cake; you

get to play in front of your fans and the people that love you the most."

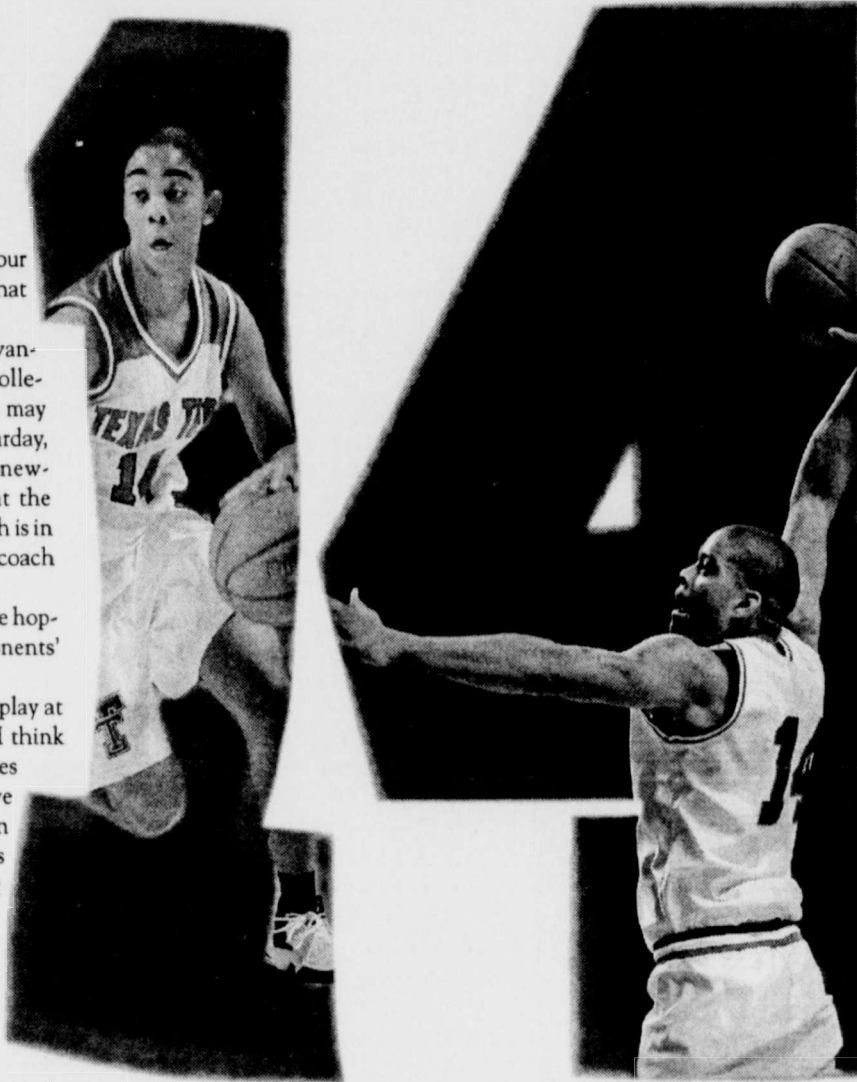
The home court advantage is a big factor in collegiate basketball, but it may be more apparent Saturday, with OSU having a newcomer to the Big 12 at the helm; Julie Goodenough is in her first year as head coach of the Cowgirls.

The Lady Raiders are hoping to get in their opponents' heads early.

"We always love to play at home," Ritchie said. "I think it's one of the best places in the nation to play; we always have great fan support, and we always get real excited playing at home. From the very beginning, we want to rattle them, and maybe we can get in their head a little bit. The first five minutes is always critical in a game."

Tech coach Marsha Sharp said despite Goodenough's inexperienced status with the Big 12, OSU has put together a good season to date, and the Cowgirls are not oblivious to the atmosphere at the USA.

"I think our home court advantage is a real plus for us, particularly against inexperienced teams," Sharp said. "She's done a good job with that program this year. They do have



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TEXAS TECH FANS will get a double-dose of basketball Saturday. The men take on Baylor at 11:05 a.m., and the women play host to Oklahoma State at 3 p.m.

some returners who've been through the fire before so it won't be a completely unknown for them."

Tech would like to see a repeat performance from Wednesday night, one Ritchie said had everyone stepping up at crucial times.

"When we got in crunch time,

we really picked it up, and a lot of girls got some key rebounds," she said. "It was little scrappy things that made the difference in us winning."

Ayers said one thing Tech may need to improve on is playing the full time.

"I think (the win) helps with momentum a lot; so far in conference we haven't played the game we wanted for 40 minutes," she said.

"We had a good win over OU, and maybe coming in, we can put it all together for 40 minutes."

Men hope to bounce back against Baylor

By Matt Muench/Staff Reporter

Like an up and coming rock star that had a hit album but let it go to his head, the Texas Tech men's basketball team may have let the hype get the best of it.

However, Red Raider guard Nick Valdez said Tech will be no one-hit wonder.

"We definitely came into the game overconfident, and we didn't show up to play," Valdez said. "We had no intensity. Both times we lost we didn't bring the intensity."

After being upset by Kansas State last weekend and leaving doubts in Raider fans' minds about a repeat performance from last year's team that won 10 Big 12 Conference games last season, Valdez said his team and fans should have nothing to worry about.

Valdez said both of Tech's losses (10-2 overall, 0-1 Big 12) were the result of bad focus, intensity and hustle. The other loss was against Wyoming in late December. He said the Raiders have learned their lesson even though the loss at Wyoming should have taught them a few things.

"We should have learned our lesson at Wyoming, and it shouldn't have happened again," he said. "We should be 1-0 in conference."

Valdez said the team should forget about the loss and focus on Tech's next opponent, Baylor (9-4, 0-2). The two teams will tip off at 11:05 a.m. Saturday at the United Spirit Arena.

Tech guard Mikey Marshall said the loss to Kansas State is still in the back of his mind.

"We know how it feels right now, and I don't think any of my teammates

want to feel like this again," Marshall said. "I think we are going to come better prepared. I think we are going to come out (from now on), and you will see the old Tech team that got the 10 wins (in Big 12 play last year)."

During Tech's loss to the Wildcats, the Raiders shot a season low 26.2 percent from the field. Other than the shooting woes, Tech is struggling in the rebounding department as it averages a Big 12 low 37 rebounds per game. Plus, Tech is 11th in the Big 12 in free throw shooting.

"We didn't knock down shots against Kansas State," Valdez said. "We usually have a good zone offense and go against zone well. We have been doing a lot of shooting this week to prepare ourselves for that."

Marshall said what has been frustrating about Tech's two losses is the defense played well in both defeats. Against Wyoming, Tech allowed 67 points and surrendered 68 points against the Wildcats.

"If we could've knocked down some shots, maybe the game would've been different," Marshall said. "But we came out with the L. We just have to use that as momentum. We know our defense is there."

The Bears do not have an explosive weapon on the offensive side of the ball. Instead they have three consistent players who average close to 14 points a game - guards John Lucas and Kenny Taylor and center Lawrence Roberts, who leads the team with rebounds per game. Marshall said the trio will not pose a threat as long as Tech plays pressure defense.

"We are going to go in there, put our hands in their face and pressure them the whole game," Marshall said. "We are just going to try and throw them off their game. We have to make our defense our offense."

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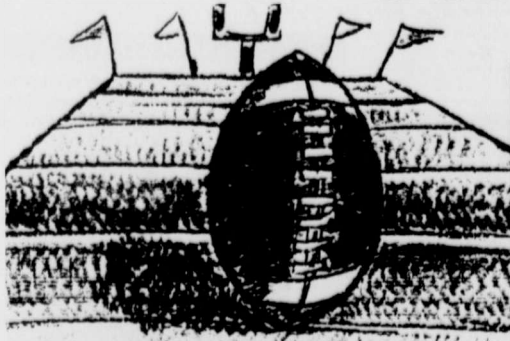
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