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HSC professor to go before judge today

By Betsy Blaney/Associated Press

(AP) — Dr. Thomas Butler will appear before a judge at 3 p.m. today at the Lubbock Federal Court building. The purpose of the hearing will be to decide whether or not Butler will continue being held without bail until his trial.

Butler's attorney Floyd Holder said Butler will plead not guilty to a charge of making a false statement to a federal agent. The charge carries a penalty of up to five years in prison and a \$250,000.

A criminal complaint filed by the U.S. District Court stated Butler destroyed 30 slides that contained the bacteria that causes Bubonic Plague and then gave a false state-

ment to the FBI.

Texas Tech University officials are trying to figure out why a renowned researcher would lie to authorities about plague bacteria that was believed to be missing, an incident that sparked a bioterrorism scare.

"That remains a mystery to most of us, what his motive might have been," Glen Provost, vice president of health safety at Tech's Health Sciences Center, said Friday. "I just can't figure it out."



Butler

Butler, 61, who remained jailed without bond Friday, was arrested late Wednesday after admitting he had accidentally destroyed the 30 vials, according to court documents.

Earlier, Butler told supervisors and authorities he had noticed the vials missing from his lab.

A woman who answered the phone at Butler's residence said the family declined to comment.

Federal agents searched Butler's home late Friday. They removed computers and computer disks belonging to Butler, his wife and two children, said Floyd Holder, Butler's attorney.

According to the search warrant, they also were looking for financial records, records

concerning Butler's travel inside and outside the United States since 2001 and documents "or other evidence of importation, transportation, shipment and/or possession of biological and chemical" agents.

"I think we would probably call it a fishing expedition," Holder said.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Dick Baker declined to comment.

According to a Tech Police report made Tuesday, Butler initially believed the plague samples had been stolen.

Butler told police that on Jan. 1, he had 30 test tubes in a rack on a table in his laboratory. On the morning of Jan. 11, "(Butler) discovered that person(s) had taken the test tubes from the rack," and that Butler had no

suspects, the report states.

The lab is locked at all times, but Butler is not the only one with access, the report states.

In a statement to FBI agents after signing a written waiver of his Miranda rights, Butler wrote: "I made a misjudgment by not telling (the supervisor) that the plague bacteria had been accidentally destroyed earlier rather than erroneously first found missing."

He said he didn't realize his story would result in "such an extensive investigation," according to court documents.

Butler, who was chief of the infectious diseases division of the department of internal medicine at Tech's medical school, has been

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Election date set for Combest seat

By Heidi Toth/Staff Reporter

Gov. Rick Perry designated May 3 to hold a special election to fill the vacancy for Congressional District 19, currently held by U.S. Rep. Larry Combest.

Combest formally submitted his resignation Jan. 7, stating he planned to officially resign May 31. He surprised his constituents in November when he announced his intention to resign one week after winning his seat for the tenth time with more than 90 percent of the vote.

Several Republicans have announced their candidacy, with the majority coming from the Midland/Odessa area, said Dan Isett, Lubbock County Republican Party chairman.

Among them, State Rep. Carl Isett, R-Lubbock, said his agenda in Washington, if elected, would be the same as what he was fighting for in Austin. He said that includes the freedom to run a business and raise a family without government interference.

Government has four major pur-



Combest

poses, he said, which he will continue to advocate both in Austin and in Washington. Those purposes are to provide a safe homeland and strong military and take care of critical infrastructure, public health and public education.

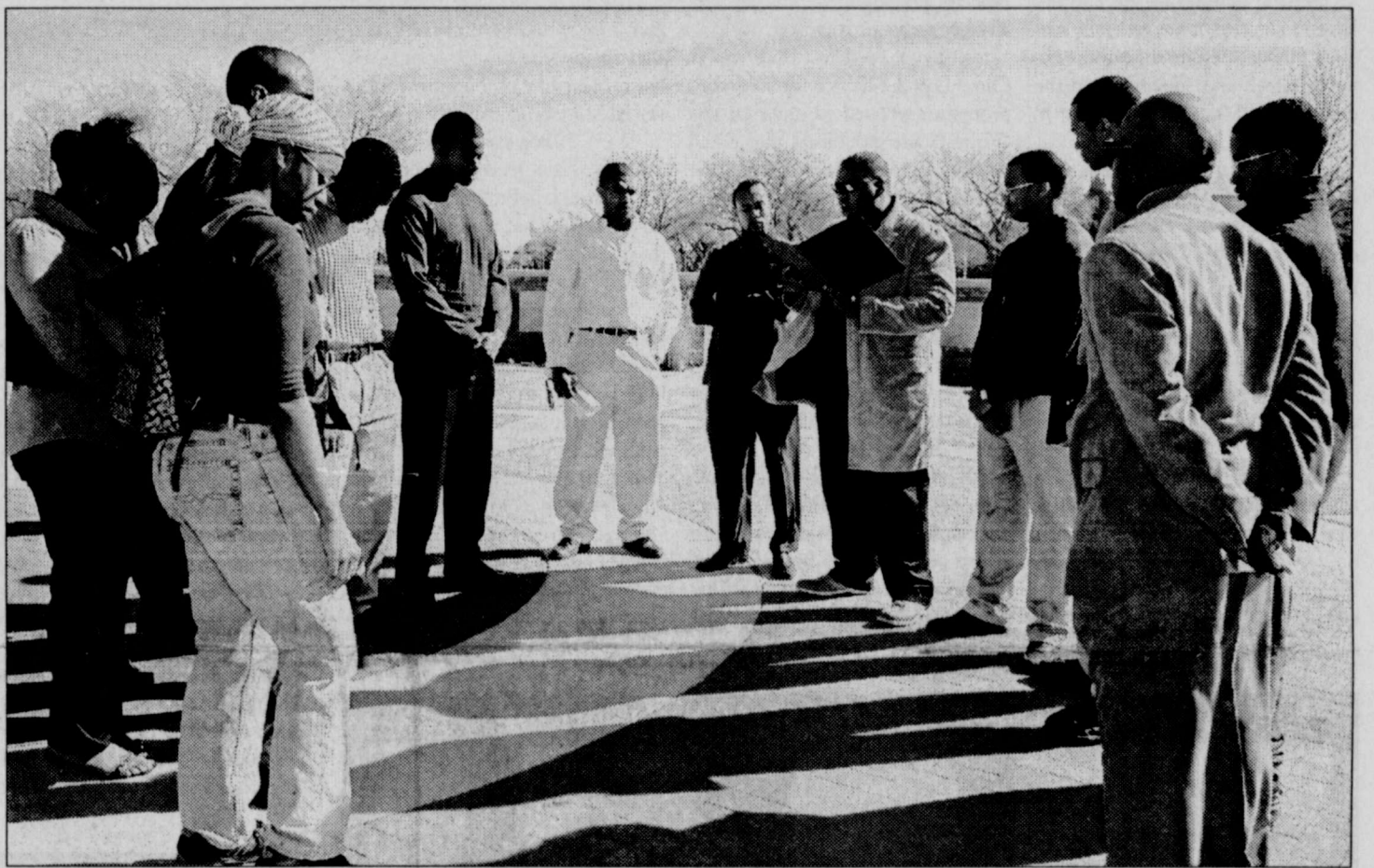
Isett said he has a proven record in accomplishments and leadership in Austin, and he plans to use these assets on the road to Washington.

"We're going to take our record to the voters and ask them to trust us again, in a broader forum," he said. "All the skills that have allowed me to be successful in Austin are the skills that will allow me to hit the ground running in Washington, more so than any other candidate."

Lubbock land developer Randy

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A LIVING DREAM



HEATHER DOUGHERTY/Staff Photographer

ABOVE: MEMBERS FROM Alpha Phi Alpha gather in Memorial Circle on Monday in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Below: Christopher Sandles, a senior business major from Dallas (left), listens as Seth A. Freo, a senior management information systems major from Grand Prairie (middle) shows pictures from a book and Michael Taylor, a senior psychology major from Killeen reads his speech.

Texas Tech students remember MLK's influence in the civil rights movement

By Harvey Mireles/Staff Reporter

Dreams have the power to move, inspire and motivate individuals.

Though dreams may come and go night after night, one man's declaration of his vision many years ago established a wave of change and has retained a power to influence an entire nation and continues to do so today.

U.S. civil rights activist leader Martin Luther King Jr. was an instrumental person in the civil rights movement during the late 1950s and throughout the 1960s before he was killed in 1968.

He has been remembered for his "I Have a Dream" speech, read during a march on Washington, D.C., in 1963. The rally influenced the creation of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, and King was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964.

King's non-violence driven civil-rights

movement focused the eyes of America on the domestic issue that plagued the nation.

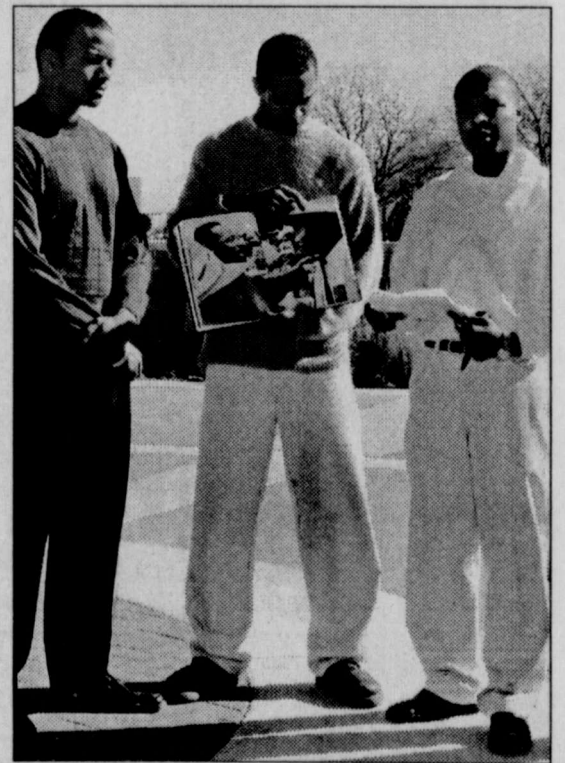
Making Martin Luther King Jr. Day a national holiday would deem to be a difficult task, as well.

Efforts to have the civil-rights activist's birthday set aside for remembrance took nearly 15 years before finally becoming a reality. Petitions carrying over six million signatures were submitted to Congress in 1970 and were re-submitted each congressional session until the holiday was made official.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day was signed into legislation in November 1983 by then-U.S. President Ronald Reagan. It was the first holiday signed into legislation since Memorial Day in 1948 and the third holiday created during the century.

Daniel White, a senior technical writing

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HEATHER DOUGHERTY/Staff Photographer

Building permits at Hub City high

By Heidi Toth/Staff Reporter

The City of Lubbock is working to ensure it does not fall victim to the unsteady economy of the rest of the nation.

According to a press release from the city, 1,281 building permits were issued in 2002. This is a record high, surpassing the 1983 building boom.

The steady increase of building permits has spanned the last five years, almost doubling since 1998, according to the release.

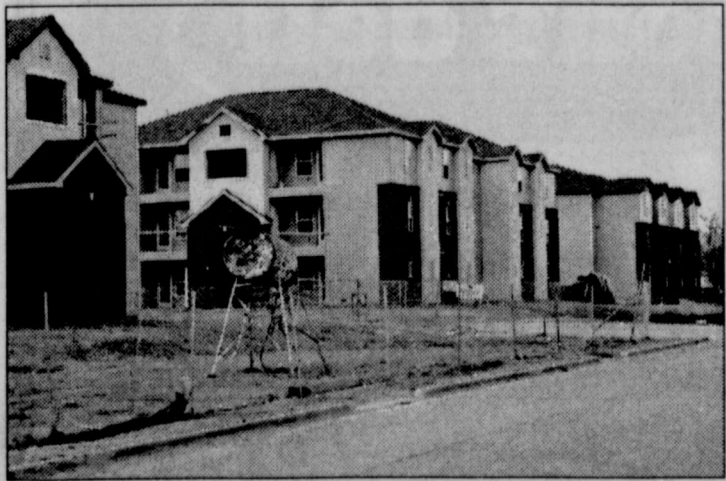
In his state of the city address, Mayor Marc McDougal said in addition to the land being sold, the city has expanded its water and sewer lines to accommodate people buying the land.

Because of the added infrastructure, more land is available for development, which along with low interest rates, is stimulating more residential construction.

"This activity reflects 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."

McDougal's first act as mayor was to create the North and East Lubbock Development Commission. He did this, he said, to take a detailed look at past, current and potential efforts that could encourage growth and activity in the area.

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Heather Dougherty/Staff Photographer

THESE RECENTLY ERECTED apartments on Main Street are part of McDougal redevelopment in Lubbock's Overton area.

Iraqi scientists to work with U.N.

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Iraq agreed Monday to encourage its scientists to be interviewed in private by U.N. inspectors, a major concession to U.N. officials pressing for greater cooperation in the search for banned weapons.

An adviser to President Saddam Hussein also said the government agreed to enact laws on "proscribed materials," meaning weapons of mass destruction, as had been urged by the United Nations.

"Persons asked for interviews in

private will be encouraged to accept," presidential adviser Amir al-Saadi told reporters at the end of two days of talks with chief inspectors Hans Blix and Mohamed ElBaradei.

The two U.N. officials sought in Baghdad on Sunday to seek greater cooperation from Iraq as the United States warned time was running out for Baghdad to comply with U.N. orders or face attack.

At the of the final round of talks, al-Saadi described the discussions as "very constructive and positive" and

outlined a series of steps agreed to by both sides to enhance cooperation.

Al-Saadi said Iraq had appointed a team to investigate the discovery last week of 16 warheads which could be used for chemical weapons, banned under U.N. resolutions.

He said Iraq was also prepared to answer questions arising from Baghdad's 12,000-page weapons declaration, which the United Nations and the United States have termed insufficient.

In addition to encouraging scien-

tists to speak with inspectors in private, al-Saadi said the list of people involved in weapons research programs "will be supplemented in accordance with advice" from the United Nations and the International Atomic Energy Agency.

"Iraq expressed readiness to respond to questions raised" in connection with its weapons declaration.

The United States had complained that the list provided by Iraq

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12,000 Fort Hood troops to be deployed

FORT HOOD (AP) — Fort Hood will contribute more than 12,000 soldiers to a 37,000-strong force being sent to Southwest Asia in the post's largest deployment to date in the current military buildup, officials said Monday.

Officials would not disclose when Fort Hood's 4th Infantry Division will deploy its 12,500 troops to U.S. Central Command to their mission in Southwest Asia.

The infantry's 3rd Brigade at Fort Carson in Colorado will add to the deployment about 4,000 troops and Task Force Ironhorse will contribute about 20,000 personnel from 10 other military installations, Army spokesman Cecil Green said.

The 4th Infantry is the Army's first digital division, Green said. Its digital capabilities include sensory equipment and computerized technology that can locate enemies on the battlefield.

The order announced Monday will be the first major units of the infantry deployed for President George W. Bush's war against terrorism, Green said.

General activity at the nation's largest military post was generally subdued Monday despite the announcement, Green said. He attributed the quiet to the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.

Also, more than 300 soldiers from Fort Bliss near El Paso are next in line to follow advanced Patriot missiles overseas from the West Texas Army post.

Its 108th and 35th Air Defense brigades were scheduled to deploy next in support of about 100 pieces of PAC-3 equipment that were loaded on rail cars Jan. 2 and routed to the Persian Gulf.

More than 300 Fort Bliss soldiers will join about 1,100 Fort Bliss soldiers who are already part of the continued military buildup overseas to pressure Iraqi President Saddam Hussein to comply with United Nations resolutions.

Protesters address possible war with Iraq

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sitting on a frigid street in view of the White House and surrounded by chanting anti-war demonstrators, Sister Carole Bialock ate a cookie and smiled.

"It is a privilege to protest," she said. The 73-year-old Roman Catholic nun from Houston was in Washington for the weekend of demonstrations against a possible war with Iraq.

"Anger has brought me here and sadness that our government has sunk so low and is becoming an empire that is really devastating the world," she said. "I strongly believe in nonviolent protest in the spirit of Gandhi and Martin Luther King."

Many of the approximately 1,000 protesters who rallied Sunday near the White House invoked King's legacy on a weekend of remembrance for the slain civil rights leader.

Heather Williams, 30, of Alexandria, Va., held a sign that said: "We still have a dream."

"We don't believe in war," she said. "We don't believe in death."

The demonstration capped a weekend that featured a huge and peaceful rally Saturday and protests around the country and the world.

Although President Bush was at Camp David, Md., for the weekend, protesters pressed as close to the White House grounds as they could on Sunday to demand that he back off Iraq. Police swiftly arrested 16 who breached barricades.

Police forced them face down on snowy grass and bound their wrists with plastic handcuffs. They were processed on misdemeanor charges and released.

At one point Sunday, protesters flooded into a street to block traffic; police dragged them back. In the scuffle, an older woman who was part of the demonstration was pushed over. Ambulance officials said she was one of two people sent to hospitals with minor injuries. The hospital treating the woman said it did not have her permission to release information.

British police arrest seven terror suspects

LONDON (AP) — Police arrested seven terror suspects early Monday after raiding a north London mosque in an operation linked to the recent discovery of the deadly poison ricin, police said.

Witnesses said about 150 police officers, some armed while others carried ladders and battering rams, took part in the raid on the North London Central Mosque and two neighboring houses. Two helicopters shone spotlights on the mosque and houses.

Seven people were arrested under the Terrorism Act 2000 and taken to a London police station, a spokesman for the Metropolitan Police said on condition of anonymity.

"The operation is part of ongoing and extensive inquiries by the Metropolitan Police's Anti-Terrorist Branch into alleged terrorist activity in London and elsewhere in the U.K.," he said.

The mosque in north London's Finsbury Park area is the base for radical Muslim cleric Abu Hamza al-Masri. It was not clear whether al-Masri was among the people detained.

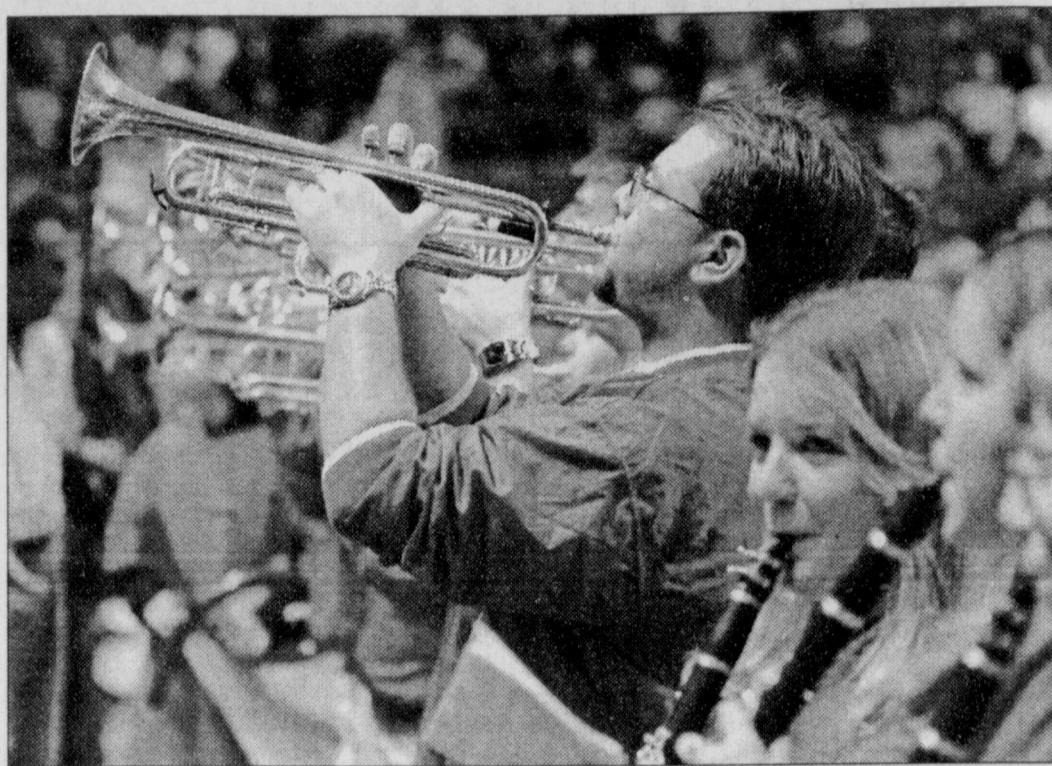
The cleric, who lost both hands and an eye while fighting in Afghanistan against the Soviet occupation, has become one of the most controversial Muslim figures in Britain.

Police said the operation was linked to a recent series of anti-terrorism raids in Britain but there was no indication that ricin was found at the mosque or in the neighboring houses.

"Evidence gathered during recent counter-terrorist investigations in London and elsewhere has uncovered links between the premises and suspected terrorist activity," the Metropolitan Police spokesman said. "Such evidence has made this operation absolutely necessary at this time."

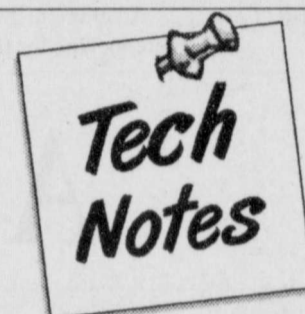
Four North African men were charged Jan. 13 with chemical weapons and terrorism offenses after police discovered the deadly poison ricin in a London apartment a week earlier.

SPIRIT SERENADE



JAIME TOMÁS AGUILAR/Staff Photographer

THE TRUMPET AND clarinet sections of the Texas Tech Court Jester Pep Band serenade the crowd with the melody of the Texas Tech Swing March during the beginning of the Lady Raider game against Baylor on Saturday at United Spirit Arena.



Are you ready for a road trip to Raiderland? Applications for 2003 Red Raider Camp staff will be available Wednesday in the Center for Campus Life, 250 West Hall and at information tables from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Student Union building. RRC staff selection information sessions will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday in the Red Raider Lounge, Student Union. Interested students should attend to find out more about camp and the staff positions. For more information about the camp, visit www.redraidercamp.ttu.edu or call Britta, Molly or Eric at the Center for Campus Life at (806) 742-2192.

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 student lifestyle by answering questions, playing games or tasting food. There is no charge, and it

is open to all Tech students, faculty and staff. Rec Center membership is not required.

Interested in Law School? Join Phi Alpha Delta! Spring Rush is at 7 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday in Holden Hall.

The School of Music is sponsoring a Jazz Fund-raiser Concert featuring Carla Helmbrecht and Peter Horvath at the Hemmle Ballroom at 8 p.m. Thursday. Admission is \$10 to the public, \$7 to children and free to students with 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 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) 743-3130 or hal.karlsson@ttu.edu.

Attention Commuters: Because of an event taking place in the Frazier Alumni Pavilion on Friday morning,

a portion of the Auditorium/Coliseum parking lot (C1) will be closed. Please allow additional time on that day to find parking. There should be available space in the parking lots west of Indiana Avenue and in the C13 lot located north of the university greenhouse.

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.

Student Community Committee applications are now in the SGA office, 230 Student Union building. Please call (806) 742-3631 for details. This committee is designed to help the community and Texas Tech become more aware of each other's needs. Applications are due 5:00 p.m. Friday in the SGA office.

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Tech awards scholarships to USAF ROTC

By David Gray/Staff Reporter

Texas Tech Air Force ROTC cadets received funding from the university for scholarships totaling \$10,000 Thursday.

Col. Dave Lafforge, professor of Aerospace Studies of Air Force ROTC, said he is going to open up this busy semester by giving out the scholarships and thanking Vice President of Student Affairs Michael Shonrock for the scholarship money he provided.

"I welcome (the cadets) back to the semester and kind of focus them on this semester coming up, which is going to be a very busy semester," Lafforge said. "During that time, I will announce all 20 individuals and also tell them that we really appreciate Dr. Shonrock and Texas Tech for providing this money."

Lafforge said the funds would be divided into 20 scholarships for ROTC cadets who have been at Tech for at least one semester.

Providing scholarships allows ROTC to recruit new students and helps keep the current students in the ROTC program.

Shonrock said there is no better

"We wanted to show them that we recognize how they're doing and provide them with a little financial boost."

— COL. DAVE LAFFORGE
PROFESSOR OF AERO-SPACE STUDIES OF AIR FORCE ROTC

investment than students, and scholarships are a way to make that investment. Giving money to the cadets is a way for Tech to show its appreciation while many of them are being sent off to serve.

"We were able to identify a local fund and allocate (the funding) for scholarships," Shonrock said.

Lafforge said four \$1,000 scholarships would be given out to two freshman and two sophomore cadets. Sixteen cadets will receive \$500

scholarships. The cadets that were chosen also have not previously received scholarships from the Air Force.

"We have identified a group of individuals who have been cadets for at least one semester," Lafforge said. "(They) have done very well in not only their academics. In other words, their GPAs are very good, but also their activities in the ROTC program have been very, very good."

Lafforge said the scholarships were given out during a leadership lab that cadets are required to attend every week. The 20 cadets receiving the scholarship awards were not expecting the awards they received.

"We wanted to show them that we recognize how they're doing and provide them with a little financial boost," Lafforge said.

One of the four cadets receiving a \$1,000 scholarship, Sean Workman, a freshman business major from Hereford, said he was surprised the Air Force ROTC and Tech recognized his accomplishments.

"I was surprised," Workman said. "I am glad they're acknowledging the people who are not on scholarship."

Workman said he was pleased the



JENNA HANSEN/Staff Photographer

TEXAS TECH AIR FORCE ROTC cadets received nearly \$10,000 in scholarships from Tech officials last week. The scholarships will benefit ROTC members this semester.

university was acknowledging students that have not been acknowledged by the Air Force. He said the scholarships let them stand out because of the amount of work cadets do on the Tech campus.

Lafforge said the purpose of the scholarships is not only to recognize academic achievement but also to recognize the importance of the ROTC program, which is building future leaders for the Air Force and

the nation. "We got a great group of individuals here," Lafforge said. "The cadets are awesome. These guys are all students who volunteer to take on the ROTC program."

Ragain appointed chairman of HSC department

By Felicia Simpson/Staff Reporter

Texas Tech Health Sciences Center officials have appointed Michael Ragain as chairman of the Department of Family and Community Medicine at the Health Science Center.

Ragain received his bachelor's degree at Austin College and his medical degree at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center. He is pursuing a master's degree in education through the University of Southern California's distance learning program.

Ragain said he wants to change the educational process of medical students and residents.

"Medical education is in need of innovation," he said.

Ragain was the residency director for the HSC in Abilene and Lubbock. From November 2001 to November 2002 he served as interim chairman of the Department of Family and Community Medicine. Aside from his position as chairman, Ragain oversees the education programs for the health science centers at Amarillo, El Paso, Lubbock, and Odessa.

The amount of information that each medical student and resident needs to perform is so large that these

individuals have to be trained to be lifelong learners, Ragain said.

"The volume of knowledge is tremendous. ... After graduating, it takes five, six years before everything is obsolete," he said.

Also, the focus is to create physicians who are caring and compassionate, he said. These physicians do not need to just master the science of being a medical doctor.

With research, Ragain said he would focus on common medical conditions with family care and effective methods of teaching information.

Ragain recently established the Abilene Residency program. The program allows residents to spend their first year of residency in Lubbock and



Ragain

the second and third at an Abilene community hospital. While there, the resident would work directly with an attending physician, he said.

Ragain said he hopes this program will encourage more residents to establish their medical practice around the Abilene community.

He said his main focus with this new position is to improve rural health.

"The big goal I have is to train doctors for rural West Texas," he said. "The need for rural doctors is tremendous."

Ragain said there are enormous challenges because of isolation of some communities. There is no access for specialization, so the doctors must be knowledgeable about a wide range of illnesses, he said.

"We need to find ways for simple collaborations," he said.

Also, there are often too many patients for rural doctors to accommodate, Ragain said.

"There is a pretty high burnout rate for physicians due to an overload

of patients," he said.

Research will be conducted to discover why doctors experience burnout, Ragain said.

Vice President for Rural and Community Health Patti Patterson has worked with Ragain for three years. Patterson said family medicine is important in rural health. Family medicine residents also can perform rural rotations. She said Ragain plays a key role in the telemedicine program, which allows a physician to treat a patient without having to be in the presence of the patient. A rural physician can televise the ailments of their patient while a specialist makes the diagnosis.

Patterson said the program, which began in Turkey, Texas, is successfully being used at the Garrison Center and Carillon Center.

Patterson said she enjoys working

with Ragain.

"He's open to working with others," she said.

Richard Homan, dean of the School of Medicine and Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences, said he appointed Ragain for his skills with leadership and ability with an administrative position.

Homan said Ragain could better many areas in the HSC.

"He has the potential to improve training in rural medicine, residency and geriatrics and to further research in family medicine and primary care," Homan said.

Ragain also can improve education with this position, he said.

"I think he has an outstanding vision and commitment of medical education," Homan said.

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PERSPECTIVES

History cannot be recreated

Well, Trent Lott really stuck it to me. Mere hours after publication of my final column last Fall, Senator Lott spoke the words that would have given me a real zinger of a controversy to work with. But now, owing to his inconsiderate timing, I've had to sit on this rich topic for a month and a half, while every possible angle of commentary has been exhausted by other, luckier opinion-jockeys.

Never one to waste space with tired, recycled commentary, I'm left using the Lott-Thurmond debacle as a point of departure to address America's perennial hot-topic issue: race. No university columnist worth his salt can pass his tenure without touching on our nation's utmost sore spot.

A recurring debate that has inevitably proven to be racially divisive is that of the U.S. Treasury paying reparations to the descendants of slaves in compensation for their ancestors' years of forced labor.

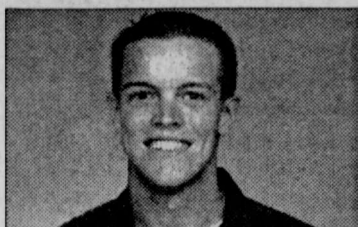
I won't offer an opinion on whether this should happen, as I imagine people's minds are quite

made up. I will say how much good reparations would do toward repairing the lingering effects of slavery: none at all. I'm sorry, but there are some things you cannot buy your way out of, and the socio-cultural nightmare that is slavery's legacy is one of those things.

If the government could just cut a check and that be the end of it, as if it never happened, then that would be worth any price. But money cannot correct the consequences of our dirty past, despite the disingenuous claims of certain activists.

That said, I would like to address a relatively minor point that has arisen in various discussions I've had regarding slavery. Often, from an impulsive need to preserve the reputations of our national forefathers, I am informed that slavery was acceptable practice in the 1700s, the implication being that the wicked institution was not so much a crime against humanity as a simple misunderstanding.

So goes the argument, at the time, slaves were seen as no more than beasts of burden, chattel, and you cannot fault our ancestors for living in the time they did.



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I'm limited in the directness with which I may express my opinion, out of editorial concern for your delicate sensibilities, so of this particular belief, let me just say you could use it to

fertilize the lawn. First of all, there were plenty of people 220 years ago who recognized that slavery embodied man's most awful inhumanity to man. The "widespread" acceptance of slavery was rather limited to those who profited from the uncompensated toil of others. These men represented large commercial interests, and just as today, such men wielded considerable influence over public policy.

Further, you cannot always trust the judgment of people who profit from certain activities, regarding those activities. The pursuit of wealth can cloud a person's moral and ethical sensibilities. Crack dealers think crack is fine, child pornographers are OK with child pornography, etc. In any case, I don't know whether slave owners truly believed that slavery was OK, but I do know that if they did, it says more about their character as men than it does about the prevailing sentiment of the 18th century. Also, I'm given to wonder if Thomas Jefferson was as quick to share his bed with his cows and horses as he was with his female slaves.

I think any progress toward resolving the shame of slavery is only going

to come in an atmosphere of difficult honesty. I'm not saying that today's white people should feel personal guilt for the trespasses of some of yesterday's white people, but the least we can do is not gloss over the disgusting parts of our history with ridiculous assertions of moral relativity. Wrong is wrong, no matter its time or place.

We can no sooner excuse the deeds of slave-owners than we can excuse the backwardness of the Taliban or the racism of the Nazis. Are the Sept. 11 terrorists pardoned for their wickedness because they believed they were doing good?

Such whitewashing of our own history with moral relativism opens the door to accepting any behavior, no matter how vile, so long as its practitioners think it is right.

We as a nation have enough to be proud of without having to pretend our history is some biblical fable of perfectly righteous men creating the end-all, be-all of nation-states. Life is a work-in-progress, and all we can do is learn from the past and do our best in the future. We cannot undo the effects of our past, but we can, and should, be honest with ourselves.

Grade school dreams shape who we are today

The black rubber soles of my Adidas Samba Classics were caked with the aftermath of another grueling concrete court classic. Perhaps it was the Texas sun glaring off of the playground jungle gym or maybe even the lack of nourishment I had received from my green Ecto-Cooler Hi-C during the past lunch period. Whatever the cause, my elementary school court, with its hard double rims and landmine-like natural hazards surrounding the court, had somehow turned into the fabled New York Arena, Madison Square Garden.

I could almost hear Spike Lee shouting at me to play tighter defense on Reggie Miller, and if memory serves me correctly on the highlight reel that is my life, there were only seconds left on the playground clock when my team looked toward me to run the offense for one final possession. I knew the play; I had run it a thousand times in my driveway, and it was finally time for me to show my peers exactly what I could do.

As usual, I was fiercely staring into the eyes of my defender with

my tongue wagging out so far that it would put Michael Jordan to shame. The crowd had become silent as I began the famous "Sokol Shimmy." (To better illustrate what the shimmy looks like, try to envision a four-foot tall fifth grader breaking into seizure while trying to control a basketball.) The Shimmy worked to perfection as my defender's ankles toppled like dominos.

Now with an open lane, I decided to put the icing on the cake with a kiss-the-glass floater. Time was running out, and with my team down one point, I was the last chance. I got the runner off without a problem; the ball had suddenly morphed into all of my dreams and hopes, and it was clear sailing to the bottom of the rim.

And then out of nowhere, a man-child of a fifth grader nicknamed "The Bed Wetter" (for other reasons than apply to this story), crushed my dreams in one fowl swoop. My hopes and dreams, along with that mildly deflated rubber basketball, were sent a solid 15 feet out of bounds.

The exact moment the ball landed half way across the playground, the recess-ending bell rang, and I was left to deal with a crowd much tougher

GUEST COLUMN

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than has ever passed through the turnstiles of Madison Square Garden. Despite the hardships I had to deal with because of my height disadvantage and the constant smack-talking of pre-pubescent elementary school children, that playground basketball court was, quite simply, my house of recreational religion.

It might seem silly to hear my

unembellished playground story, but each and every individual has a story very similar to the one above. Whether it contains a basketball court, a swing set or any other playground amenity is completely unimportant to others but very important to the individual.

While looking back on our elementary years, some of the greatest moments of our lives were out on the playground. The people we have become has a lot to do with our childhoods, and I can hardly remember a childhood memory that does not consist of the pavement and pebbles of my elementary school.

My love for sports, competitive spirit and determination to succeed all resonate from the lessons not only taught from inside the school but also right outside the double doors.

As an impressionable youth, I lived just north of Dallas in a city now better known for its infractions of the past than the accomplishments of the present, and it was there I played on the playground of Wells Elementary. There is something simplistic when you stop to consider that the thousands of faces that pass by each day were not so long ago better recognized

as the kid with glasses, the boy with freckles or even the girl with a strange affection for mud. Every great leader and every down-on-his-luck individual was once learning who they were through their own separate but equally individualistic important playground adventures.

If at all possible, I highly suggest making your way back to your old schools. A couple of months ago, I stopped by my old playground. While there, I loitered around with a child's mentality just kicking around some of the pebble stones that have been softening the stumbles of thousands of children. I glanced around and noticed how much smaller everything had become and cringed in memorial of the old chrome jungle gym that used to reflect my passion for basketball, as I noticed the new plastic rainbow jungle gym.

Then I made my way to my basketball court. While the rainbow plastic jungle gym did not reflect quite as well as the old chrome one, I did get one last chance to perform the now historic "Sokol Shimmy," and this time, the floater to win the game had no trouble finding its way to the bottom of the net.



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MLK

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major from Dallas, marked the holiday with a gathering of fellow members of his fraternity, Alpha Phi Alpha, to discuss and honor the memory and struggles of King. King is an alumnus of the national fraternity.

"This gathering was a challenge to all of us to not forget what he did and the struggles he went through," White said. "In hearing King's 'I Have a Dream' speech, it motivates me to deal with the struggles we face today."

He said he believes many of the same obstacles that once faced King still linger today.

"Many pretend as though it does not exist anymore, when we look at what was supposed to be changed, what we as African Americans face even on this campus," he said. "Even though recruitment wants to have more diversity, we hear words but no action, and we continue to individually fight our own fights."

White said this was the first time in recent memory the Eta Epsilon chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha hosted a ceremony remembering the civil-rights activist, and there are hopes of

having a march next year.

"In that way, many respect the three-day holiday, and it becomes clear: King's work was for all those that are discriminated against," he said. "Women, all minorities and those who suffer from reverse discrimination. He's fighting for all."

White said he believes if Texas Tech's big issue on the strategic plan is diversity, those within the administration need to take a more active role.

"If those in power truly care about the issue, the true test would be in what they do and not just say," White said. "It's an attitude to do with embracing different cultures that come

to Tech."

Jessica Elliott, a freshman business major from Austin, said she believes the holiday is a good time to note where the country is today.

"It is good that we celebrate a national holiday to remember the life of Martin Luther King," she said. "To me, Martin Luther King Day is a day to look back and reflect on how our country has evolved throughout history."

April Brettman, a sophomore international business major from Arlington, said she sees the effects of King's legacy in everyday life.

"He was a very courageous and influential man that spoke out about

the struggles of his people," Brettman said. "With the civil rights movement, he made people see what was going on. He was able to make people of different racial backgrounds to open their eyes to the struggles going on."

She said her parents taught her to respect and treat everyone the same, and the choice to not have prejudice beliefs is her own.

"They taught me to look to everyone as equals," she said. "Once everyone is given a chance, everyone will have the same opportunities."

Rachel McNew, a freshman civil engineering major from Houston, said

she believes the national holiday has been well deserved.

"A day to remember Martin Luther King has been great," she said. "It's good to look back on the success he has had helping the country."

McNew believes the diversity of the United States has made it a great country.

"I have so many good friends, and because of what Dr. King did, it has given us the opportunity to get to know and learn from all kinds of people of different backgrounds," she said. "It's broadened my knowledge of different races and has gotten me exposed to people's different ways of life."

Combest

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Neugebauer also is hitting the campaign trail, saying his campaign trail, saying his campaign strategy is to win, plain and simple.

"People know my record of getting things done," he said, citing his work as chairman of the Ports-to-Plains committee and other local and regional development projects.

Neugebauer said he hopes voters will be responsive to that record. He said he is optimistic about the election because so far, financial contributions to his campaign have been generous, signifying support throughout the district, even this early in the

race.

If he is elected, he wants to continue focusing on regional economic development. He said he would like to make sure West Texas has the tools to continue to develop and prosper.

He also said he has plans for Texas Tech.

"One of the things we would want to do is work side by side with Tech and the other universities to get as many research dollars as possible," he said.

Lubbock County Democratic Party Chairwoman Irma Guerrero said the party does not have any definite candidates yet, but she is in negotiations with a few people about entering the race.

"We're hoping to have a viable candidate," she said, adding that she

is looking for someone that people from the area know, who is popular and stands for the Democratic Party values. Guerrero said she expects one or two candidates from Lubbock to announce sometime before the deadline.

"These are hard times right now for the Democrats," she said. "We live in West Texas, and this is Republican country."

The winner of this election will fill the rest of Combest's term.

Combest, who has represented District 19 since 1984, said in his resignation letter that he wants to focus more on family than other things at this point in his life.

Shannon Cantrell, communications director for the secretary of state's office, said with this type of

election, a runoff system is used. If one candidate does not receive more than 50 percent of the vote, the top two candidates will have a runoff election.

There are no limits to how many candidates can run in this election, she said.

A person wishing to run can file his or her candidacy in two ways. He or she can pay a filing fee of \$2,500 or can submit a petition with 500 valid signatures.

A valid signature consists of a signature from a registered voter within the confines of the congressional district.

Candidates wishing to run must file an application with the Texas secretary of state by April 2. Early voting runs April 16 through April 29.

Buildings

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"I want every citizen to have the same opportunity, regardless of where they live or work in Lubbock," he said.

Craig Farmer, the managing director of Planning and Transportation for the city and liaison between the city and the commission, said the commission was formed to evaluate the situation in this area, which is one of the most scenic in the city.

The north and east areas of the city have decreased significantly throughout the last few decades, he said. In 1960, the neighborhood had more than 34,000 residents, while in

2000, the numbers had dropped to less than 19,000 people.

"Basically, the Council wants to reverse that trend and get more businesses and rooftops in there," he said.

After the evaluation, the commission decided on actions the city could take to encourage families and businesses to move back to the neighborhood.

Farmer said he was saving the recommendations for the Council meeting. Once more residents occupy the area, the commercial activity will follow, he said.

The commission will present its recommendations to the City Council at 9 a.m. Thursday.

Farmer said the North and East Lubbock Development Commission is not dealing with the North

Overton project, but the goals with both are similar.

The North Overton project has been under increased scrutiny as a result of Marc McDougal's relationship with McDougal Properties, a business his father owns.

Bob Goodwin, corporate committee manager for the city, said the mayor has divorced himself entirely from the project because of his close relations to both entities.

The project, which is scheduled for completion in 2007 or 2008, is primarily single-family housing, including houses, duplexes, town homes and garden homes. The houses will vary in cost from about \$120,000 to \$180,000.

Senior city planner Randy Henson said the Overton project is

going extremely well and is progressing as planned. Currently, one zone case, a student-housing complex, is finished, and a mixed-use development project is processing.

McDougal Properties also is continuing to acquire property, he said.

"As for the Council and the development-related people, this is an exciting project for us," Henson said. "It'll be different in looks and feel."

It also should be exciting for Texas Tech students, he said, because many will be living in the area and using the facilities.

One of the projects, the Centre, is specifically designed for students. It has retail stores and restaurants on the first floor and apartments on the other floors.

Butler

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involved in plague research for more than 25 years and is internationally recognized in the field.

Butler was the only person with authorized access to the bacteria, which must be registered with the International Biohazards Committee and the government.

The university has placed Butler on paid leave, changed the locks on his laboratory, blocked him from computer access and barred him from campus.

Provost said he wonders why Butler would risk his career and reputation by his actions.

"A lot of people are obviously wondering that as well," he said.

A detention and a preliminary hearing for Butler was scheduled for 3 p.m. Tuesday in the courtroom of federal Magistrate Nancy Koenig.

The report of missing vials triggered a terrorism-alert plan and showed how jittery Americans are over the threat of a biological attack, as dozens of federal agents converged on Lubbock and reports of the missing bacteria became instant national news.

The public did not learn of the report of missing vials until early Wednesday, but hospitals and medical personnel were notified Tuesday as part of the city's post-Sept. 11 emergency plan.

Health officials say 10 to 20 people in the United States contract the plague each year, usually through infected fleas or rodents. The plague can be treated with antibiotics, but about

one in seven U.S. cases is fatal. Staff Reporter Kelly McAlister also contributed to this report.

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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Lady Raiders pound OSU in 50-point victory

By David Wiechmann/Sports Editor

It only took the Texas Tech Lady Raiders 3:02 to shut down the Oklahoma State Cowgirls on Saturday.

If fans were still in line getting popcorn, they would not have missed much scoring by OSU (5-10, 1-3 Big 12 Conference) as Tech (15-1, 4-0) prevented the Cowgirls from scoring for the next 6:06. During that span, the Lady Raiders went on a 15-0 scoring run, opening the door for Tech's biggest offensive production all season.

The 95-45 victory was Tech's largest win of the season and kept the Lady Raiders tied for the conference lead. The road to victory was not paved with bricks, as Tech shot lights out for another season high 62.5 shooting percentage. Tech dominated the glass as well with a season high 52 rebounds.

With the game out of reach for OSU, Tech coach Marsha Sharp gave her bench the opportunity to see some playing time, something she felt would benefit her team down the road.

"I was also really pleased with the way our players off the bench played," Sharp said. "I felt we got some extended minutes for a lot of them. That's always going to be something that will be a positive for you as you

go through the season, particularly in a conference as tough as the Big 12: to have some kids that have a little bit of experience and some Big 12 games to really help you if you get in four trouble or if you need to rest some people."

One player off the bench who performed particularly well was Chesley Dabbs. The freshman guard posted 11 points in 12 minutes of play. She was the only non-starter to reach double-digits in scoring and one of four total for the Lady Raiders on Saturday.

Tech never had to worry about foul trouble Saturday. OSU rarely found itself at the free-throw line. The Cowgirls never saw the charity strip in the first half, and finally knew what it looked like with three minutes left in the game.

OSU head coach Julie Goodenough laughed about it at the end of the game, saying she had never been involved in that situation before.

"Normally, you'd like to get to the free-throw line some time in the first half actually," she said. "In the first half, we would have liked to be on the free-throw, but we really didn't put ourselves in situations much to get to the free-throw line."

Goodenough is in her first year at

OSU and credited Tech's tradition and Sharp's to build strong teams with the Lady Raiders' 50-point win.

"Texas Tech is kind of the standard," she said. "You've got to find players that play as well as Jia Perkins and Erin Grants and Plenette Piersons. That's what it takes to be successful in the Big 12."

Jia Perkins said Tech should enter its next game with a boost of confidence following a good day of ripping nets at the United Spirit Arena.

"Coming in at home is always going to give you confidence when you have to go on the road, especially for two games," Perkins said. "Going into UT, we're going to go in there and keep shooting the ball because we know we can put it in the hole."

Perkins said she and her teammates will be ready for battle this week in Austin. Texas ranks No. 20 in the nation and also sits atop the Big 12 with an 11-4, 4-0 record.

"I think it's going to be a war," she said. "There's so much hype against Texas and Texas Tech. They're going to come out ready to play against us, and we're going to do the same about them, so I think it's going to be a great game."



GUARD JIA PERKINS goes up for a reverse layup during Tech's 95-45 win over Oklahoma State on Saturday in the United Spirit Arena. Perkins led the Lady Raiders with 16 points. Tech travels to Austin on Wednesday to take on the No. 20 Texas Longhorns. GREG KRELLER/Staff Photographer

Red Raiders lose to OU in OT

Oklahoma guard Hollis Price hit a one-handed job shot as time expired in the second half to send Monday night's game against Texas Tech into overtime that led to a Sooners' 69-64 victory in Norman, Okla.

After Tech guard Will Chavis sank two free throws to give the Red Raiders a 60-58 lead with four seconds left in regulation, Price ran the floor and hit the jump shot to send the game into the extra period. Tech was flattened as time ticked away and never

regained the lead in overtime.

The No. 7 ranked Sooners were led by Price who scored 25 points. Tech was led by forward Kasib Powell who scored 19 points. Tech guard Andre Emmett added 16 points to the losing effort.

The loss was two days after Tech defeated Baylor 80-64 Saturday at the United Spirit Arena. During the win against Baylor, Tech was led by Powell, who scored 26 points, grabbed 9 rebounds and dished out 5 assists. Emmett, who did not start for the first

time this year came off the bench and scored 18 points. Chavis added 16 points to the Raider attack.

Tech's record is now 11-3 overall and is 1-2 in the Big 12 Conference. The Raiders return to action to face Oklahoma State at 1 p.m. on Super Bowl Sunday at the United Spirit Arena. The game will match up two of the winningest coaches in NCAA history, Bob Knight and Eddie Sutton. Ex-Tech coach James Dickey also will be present as an assistant for OSU.

Super Bowl XXXVII pairing set for action

Raiders' Brown gets first title shot

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Tim Brown waited a long time. Al Davis waited even longer.

Now, the Oakland receiver has filled in one of the few blank spots left on his resume, and helped the owner of the Raiders find his way back to the Super Bowl.

The veteran Raiders — the team Davis assembled to win now, right now — made it back to the big time. Brown caught nine passes and league MVP Rich Gannon threw three touchdowns passes Sunday in a 41-24 victory over Tennessee in the AFC championship game.

The Raiders are headed back to the NFL title game for the first time since 1984, and Brown is going for the first time in his 15-year career.

"I saw Tim over there at the end, with a towel on his head," said 40-year-old Jerry Rice, who will go for his fourth ring. "I knew what he was going through, because I could look back on my first one."

At the Super Bowl next Sunday in San Diego, Oakland will play Tampa Bay, a 27-10 winner in Philadelphia earlier in the day.

Oakland's oft-touted "Commitment to Excellence" will be tested by a coach who knows it well — Jon Gruden, who left the Raiders after last season for the Bucs.

"I've got a lot of respect for where I come from," said Gruden, whose new team had to give four draft picks and \$8 million to Oakland to get him. "I do have some close relationships with some of those players."

Bucs' first Super Bowl in franchise

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The Tampa Bay Buccaneers weren't sure until Saturday that Joe Jurevicius was going to play in the NFL championship game.

Not only did Jurevicius play after leaving the team following the premature birth of his son, but he made the play that turned the game and sent the once dismal franchise to its first Super Bowl with a 27-10 win over the Philadelphia Eagles on Sunday.

The play came late in the first quarter after the Bucs, trailing 7-3, were backed up to their own 4 by Lee Johnson's punt. They got the ball out to the 24 and on third-and-two, Brad Johnson found Jurevicius at the 28, where he broke Barry Gardner's tackle and continued on down the sideline, outrunning the seemingly faster Philadelphia defensive backs to the 5.

Two plays later, Mike Alstott went in from the 1, and Tampa Bay never trailed again.

"I'm sitting on top of the world right now," Jurevicius said. "It's been a roller coaster of emotions all week, but my family needed me to do this. The way things are going, I think my son might be up walking now."

"That was the turning point," said coach Jon Gruden, who in next week's Super Bowl will face Oakland, the team he left after last season. "It was clearly a huge play in this game."

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