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Tech prepares for 7 percent budget cut

By Heidi Toth/Staff Reporter

Texas Tech will have to face a 7 percent budget reduction for the rest of the year, with next year's budget unknown.

Tech officials received a letter from Gov. Rick Perry, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and House Speaker Tom Craddick, which called for an across-the-board 7 percent reduction in all state agency budgets.

Because of this request, the administration will be analyzing its budget and identifying possible money-saving areas.

Tech Chancellor Dr. David Smith said the announcement did not come as a complete surprise.

"Our crystal ball was all too clear on this one," he said.

He said the university would try to limit cutbacks to administrative areas, such as reducing environmental costs and other costs connected to support staff.

"It is a significant cut, especially in a mid-budget year," he said.

Interim President Donald Haragan said the approximately \$7 million cutback will come from the university's general revenue fund. This reduction is only for this year, which has already been budgeted, he said.

"We're still going to have to deal with the Legislation for next biennium," he said.

The administration's goal is to protect the

academic function of the university as much as possible, he said.

Haragan said he does not plan to eliminate courses, and he would like to have a full summer program, although it may be compromised if necessary.

"We'd like to protect the priority as much as we can," Haragan said.

Tuition will go up next semester, he said, as could fees. The tuition increase will be \$2 an hour for both state and institutional tuition.

However, Tech's increase will be less than other universities throughout the state.

The University of Texas proposed legislation to float tuition, Haragan said, which

means the legislature will no longer have a cap on tuition at state universities.

"We're not fully in support of that," he said. "Not having some control over tuition is not something we're in favor of at this point."

Smith said he also is concerned about UT's proposed legislation.

"I don't want to disconnect from the Legislature; they've been a good partner," he said. "But I don't want to shift the burden of growing higher education to parents and working kids."

Tech students come from different demographics than many UT and Texas A&M students, he said. Tech has a higher percentage

of working students and lower family incomes than the other two systems. Nor does Tech have the endowment of those two; both universities are in the top 10 nationwide for endowment size.

"(Students in higher education) could be the possible victim of this through the legislative system," he said. "If the formula funding is not forthcoming, I do have concerns about the burden on families and students."

Smith said the administration and staff will be getting reports and recommendations to him, outlining the options for budget cuts throughout the university.

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Task force examines scholarship methods

By Heidi Toth/Staff Reporter

Texas Tech is evaluating the way it hands out scholarships and whether or not those methods need to change.

Provost William Marcy said the university has formed a task force to look at the way it makes scholarship decisions. The current method, where every student who meets certain qualifications gets a scholarship of some kind, is quickly draining the general funds.

"What we're seeing is an increasing demand for scholarship funds," he said.

There are two kinds of scholarships, he said. General scholarships are from university funds that are set aside for this purpose. Any Tech student

who qualifies gets the money. There also are designated scholarships, when donors give the university money for a specific department or discipline with explicit qualifications in mind, Marcy said.

Scholarships are traditionally used to attract the best students to Tech, Marcy said. However, too often when the university makes a scholarship offer, the student receives a general scholarship in addition to a designated scholarship. One student receives a more than adequate scholarship offer while another may not receive enough.

"What we want to do is make sure we have very competitive scholarship

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Deadline nearing for SGA campaigners

By Matt Muench/Staff Reporter

Phase one begins today for students who want to run for a position in the Student Government Association. To become a candidate for the 2003-2004 term, students wishing to run for office must sign a letter of intent by 5 p.m. Friday in Room 230 of the Student Union building.

SGA President Kelli Stumbo said the SGA is hoping for a large turnout of candidates for two reasons - voter turnout and candidate variety.

"We want to have a better representation of the student body," she said. "If there are more candidates, then there is a better variety of people students can choose from."

However, she said she hopes stu-

dents do not run just to put it on their resume.

"Do it because you want to maintain or change something at Texas Tech," she said. "If you do it for personal reasons, you will not be efficient. You have to be willing to stand up and fight."

The SGA is structured similar to the U.S. government. There is an executive branch, which is composed of the president, the internal vice president and external vice president. The legislative branch is composed of student senators.

To run for president, the candidate must be a senior by the time he or she takes office.

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Sweet Sensations



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ABOVE: GUESTS AT the Wine and Chocolate Fantasia, held at the Llano Estacado Winery on Saturday, look at a silver medal winning chocolate creation of a bicycle, entitled "Easy Rider," made by Linda Kirk. Below: Chad Wilso cuts his first place medal winning creation called "Cruisin the Vineyard."

LOYAL CAMPERS



HEATHER DOUGHERTY/Staff Photographer

ERIC THOMPSON, A sophomore business major from Albuquerque, N.M.; Brayden Robertson, a freshman marketing major from San Antonio; Mark Sparrow, a graduate student studying marketing from San Antonio; and Mark Bussel, a sophomore history major from Plano, chat beside their tents at the United Spirit Arena on Saturday night, where they will camp overnight and wait for Sunday's men's basketball game against Oklahoma State.

South Plains chefs battle for best chocolate creation

By Harvey Mireles/Staff Reporter

In ancient times, it was considered to be the food of the gods. Some individuals today consider it to be a highly addictive drug. Still others simply think of it as a favorite dessert or snack.

The tasty treat with a history spanning back more than 2,000 years was celebrated Saturday night as the Llano Estacado Winery's Sixth Annual Chocolate Fantasia honored more than 30 candy cooks from Lubbock and the surrounding areas. The South Plains chapter of the Texas Chefs' Association sponsored the event.

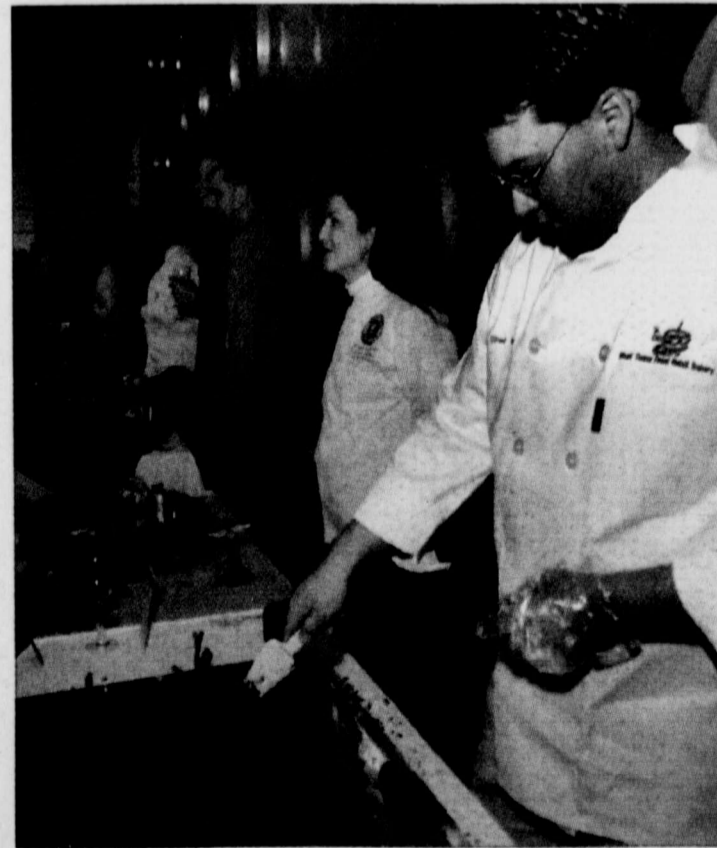
The benefit for the West Texas Parkinson's Society and the Chefs' Scholarship Fund raised thousands of dollars for the respective foundations.

Competitors each applied in one of four categories: chef, professional, amateur and student. Gold, silver and bronze medals were awarded to each individual entry that qualified according to the Fantasia's point system. This new addition to the Chocolate Fantasia helped the participants focus mainly on competing to receive points, as opposed to competing against each other.

Kurt Melle, a certified executive chef and coordinator of the event, said the Sixth Annual Chocolate Fantasia was one of the best.

"It just gets better every year," he said. "This is the first year it sold

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The Rundown



Pro-life advocates rally at state capitol

AUSTIN (AP) — Anti-abortion supporters from across Texas converged on the Capitol on Saturday to lament the 30th anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's Roe v. Wade decision.

Close to 1,000 supporters carried red, white and blue balloons, and waved signs reading "Going the Distance, Protecting Texas Families."

Speakers at the event, which was sponsored by Texas Alliance for Life, included Rep. Ray Allen, R-Grand Prairie; Susan Weddington, chairwoman of the Texas Republican Party; and representatives of Democrats for Life.

Joe Pojman, executive director of the alliance, said the group's top legislative priority is the proposed Prenatal Protection Act, which would expand the legal definition of "individual" to include unborn children.



Internet traffic slowed by electronic attack

WASHINGTON (AP) — A fast-spreading, virus-like infection dramatically slowed Internet traffic Saturday, overwhelming the world's digital pipelines and interfering with Web browsing and e-mail delivery.

Sites monitoring the health of the Internet reported detecting at least 39,000 infected computers, which transmitted floods of spurious signals disrupting hundreds of thousands of other systems worldwide. Monitors reported significant slowdowns, although recovery efforts appeared to be succeeding.

"Everything is starting to come back online," said Bill Murray, a spokesman for the FBI's National Infrastructure Protection Center. "We know what the issue was and how to mitigate it, and we're just imploring systems administrators to apply the patches that will prevent this from propagating again."



U.S. military plane crashes in South Korea

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — A U.S. military reconnaissance plane crashed in South Korea on Sunday, the South Korean Defense Ministry said.

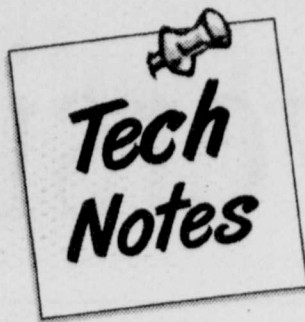
"We are receiving reports that a reconnaissance plane of the U.S. military has crashed," a ministry spokesman said on condition of anonymity. "We have no further details yet."

Lee Ferguson, a U.S. military spokeswoman, said she had no information.

South Korea's Yonhap news agency said the plane crashed in Hwasung, 31 miles south of Seoul. It did not give further details.

The condition of the pilot was not immediately known. It also was not known if anyone else was on board the aircraft.

The United States keeps about 37,000 troops in South Korea.



Volunteer training for the Family Outreach Center of Lubbock begins Tuesday 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.

Come join the Tech Chapter of

Habitat for Humanity and help the Lubbock community. The first meeting is 4 p.m. Tuesday in the Lubbock Room in the Student Union building.

The Department of Housing and Residence Life is looking for resident assistants for the 2003-04 academic year. If you are interested in promoting community and learning in the residence halls while developing personal leadership skills, you are encouraged to attend an information session to receive an application.

The information sessions will be held at 4 p.m. Monday at the Student Union building Allen Theater, 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Wall/Gates Lobby and 8 p.m. Wednesday in the Doak Hall Formal Lounge. If you have any questions about the sessions or the application process, please contact the Resi-

dence Life Office at (806) 742-2597.

The game *Outcast* will be at 10 p.m. Feb. 7 in the Student Union Courtyard. To become a contestant, students can enter a drawing at the Rec All Nighter on Jan. 31 or stop by room 228 in the Student Union. Names of contestants will be drawn and announced prior to the game on Feb. 7. Prizes will be given, including a grand prize of a cruise for two to the Bahamas. For more information call (806) 742-5433.

Income tax forms are available in the Tech library basement. For more information contact Government Documents/Maps at (806) 742-2282 or visit their Web site which has a current list of IRS and private Web sites that provide more information on federal taxes, www.lib.ttu.edu/gov_docs/ustaxes.htm.

Police shoot suspected gunman

LUBBOCK (AP) — A man who aimed a replica handgun at officers was shot and killed Friday after he refused to obey police orders to disarm, authorities said.

Lubbock Police Department spokesman Bill Morgan said Michael Cain De La Rosa of Lub-

bock was shot at by two officers after police found him walking down a street carrying what looked like a real gun.

"They ordered him to drop his weapon, and the subject responded by bringing his weapon to bear on the officers," Morgan said.

Police Chief Claude Jones said the gun turned out to be "a full-size, realistic, nonfunctional replica of a medium-caliber, semiautomatic handgun."

The two officers who shot De La Rosa were put on paid administrative leave and an internal investigation was underway, Jones said in Friday's online edition of the *Lubbock Avalanche-Journal*.

"This is a very traumatic situation for both officers," Jones said.

Morgan said detectives used fingerprints to identify De La Rosa, who was not carrying any identification.

De La Rosa, who would have turned 20 on Sunday, was shot at least once in the chest and twice in his hand. He was pronounced dead at University Medical Center at 5:15 p.m. Friday, police said.



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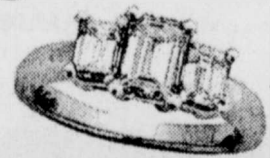
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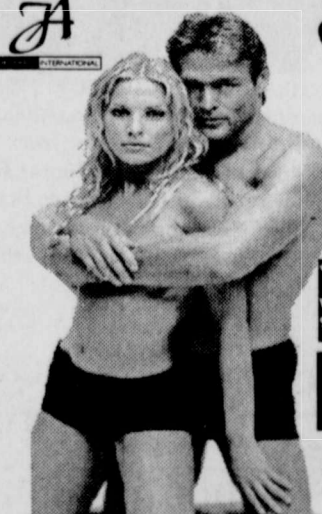
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Grad students want out of mandatory athletics fee

By Angela Timmons/Staff Reporter

The Graduate and Professional Student Government Association passed a resolution in an attempt to make the mandatory athletics fee an "opt-in" possibility for Texas Tech graduate and professional students.

The fee, \$50.00 per semester for an "all-sports pass," became mandatory last semester.

The GPSGA resolution reads, "Therefore be it resolved that the Texas Tech University Board of Regents change the current Athletic Fee from a mandatory fee to an 'opt-in' fee, so that those students who do not have the time or the desire to attend home athletic events will not be paying for a service they do not benefit from."

Graduate Physics Senator Jason McAfee, the resolution presenter, said many graduate and professional students not only do not have the time

to attend athletic events, but many also have families that would require the purchase of extra tickets.

"Graduate students who have the time can still attend," McAfee said. "Those who don't don't have to pay."

Tech Athletics Director Gerald Myers disagrees with the proposal.

"I don't see how it could change for one group and not others," he said. Myers said the initiative is problematic.

"The athletics fee would increase for students who wanted the opportunity," he said.

Myers said the Tech Athletics Department is appreciative of student support via the athletics fee, adding the fee takes the place of adding onto regular student service fees and students having to buy individual athletic event tickets.

GPSGA president Deidre Parish, a doctoral student studying biology from Lubbock, said one of the GPSGA's major issues with the ath-

letic fee is that the athletics department never publicized the option students have to use their all-sports pass to purchase additional tickets for half price.

"The athletic department never publicized this," Parish said. "This would be helpful to our students with families."

Parish said she is confident graduate and professional students with time to attend events would be more than willing to pay.

"But we're trying to make it a system-wide concern or complaint and take it to the athletic department to make it opt-in," Parish said. "As far as (the Athletics Department) know, students are the concern, and this should be brought to their attention."

Danny Smith, president of the Tech Student Bar Association and law student from Waco, said the SBA also is taking on the effort of obtaining the opt-in possibility.

More than half of our student body went to universities all over the country. They don't have any interest in Tech athletics.

— DANNY SMITH
President of Tech Student Bar Association

Smith said not only is \$100 a year a substantial amount of money for a law student to have to spend on activities they don't take part in, but many law students have little loyalty

to Tech because they completed undergraduate studies at another university.

"I personally do (have loyalty) because Tech is my undergrad," he said. "But more than half of our student body went to universities all over the country. They don't have any interest in Tech athletic events."

Smith said finances also are a big concern for law students, as many have families and law school costs to worry about.

"We pay a substantial amount in tuition," Smith said. "We're the ones that have a drastic impact on tuition and fees. It would have a big difference on our side — every little bit counts when it's \$100 a year."

Smith said he does sympathize with the fiscal impact the opt-in possibility would have on the athletics department, but he must sympathize with the law school students and their concerns.

Vice Chancellor for News and Publications Cindy Rugeley said the opt-in option taking effect would have a "significant" effect on the athletics department.

"The university would be pretty reluctant to exclude one group of students from a fee others have to pay," Rugeley said.

Myers said he considers the current fee policy a success.

"We have rearranged the stadium to give students priority seating," he said. "I think it's been good."

Myers said student support through the athletic fee adds value to the overall experience a student has at Tech.

"Athletics is important for the university," he said. "It adds value to the experience of the student and adds prestige to the university and the athletics fee is a way the students have devoted to support athletics. It's the way they have shown support for athletics."

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Smith said he would like to avoid cutting academics funding, although he is anticipating not being able to add staff to promote programs and marketing projects.

Areas that affect students, such as the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center, athletics and Housing and Dining will not be considered, he said. Nor will construction projects currently underway be affected. Such projects have already been factored into budget and payment plans.

According to Perry's letter, although the Texas economy is stronger than that of many other states, the revenue estimate for fiscal year 2003 requires that budgets be cut.

Perry requested all state agencies to submit a plan to the offices of the governor, lieutenant governor and House Speaker, as well as to the Senate Finance Committee, the House Appropriations Committee and the Legislative Budget Board by Feb. 6.

Perry's announcement comes at a time when Tech's scholarship endowment is suffering slightly from the unsteady economy and somewhat tremulous stock market.

Scholarships

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offers to attract top students, without offering too much," he said.

If more students receive reasonable scholarship offers, Tech's student body will become increasingly broad because more students will be able to come. Marcy said the university should not offer more in scholarship money than is necessary for a free ride, which consists of tuition, fees and living expenses.

The task force also will look at other forms of financial aid, so it can get a solid idea of what the problems are and what can be done to improve them.

"I think it's going to be a really positive thing for our scholarship program," he said.

Marcy said the main outcome they want is to form a better strategy that uses the available scholarship money to attract more students and more scholarship funds.

"Raising scholarship money is one of the high priorities we have right now," he said, a sentiment echoed by interim President Donald Haragan.

Haragan said he would like to see the task force make awarding scholarships more efficient, but the

number of scholarships given out and the amount of money awarded should not decrease.

"That means we're going to have to get out and hustle for more scholarship money," he said.

His primary concern was organizing all the different scholarships throughout the different departments, inventorying them and coordinating scholarship offers to students, so the maximum number of students receives the maximum amount of money.

Dean Gary Bell of the Honors College also is part of the task force. Bell is responsible for distributing almost \$4.5 million in merit scholarships yearly. The blanket scholarship system the university has now is rare and not as efficient as making scholarships competitive, he said.

Bell said the general scholarships need to become competitive. The university simply cannot afford to continue handing out scholarships at the rate it is doing now, he said.

Enrollment will most likely drop, which is a danger Tech has to consider. However, Bell is confident in the long run the university will be fine.

"I think we're becoming a good enough school that we will continue to attract students based on our reputation, and not just the financial support we give them," he said.

Deadline

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Anyone who will be a junior by next fall can run for internal or external vice president, but to run for senator, the candidate must be attending the college he or she wishes to represent and have a sophomore standing by the fall semester.

The internal vice president position deals with issues on campus and is president of the Senate, while the external spot handles city related concerns.

Current Internal Vice President Jeremy Brown said he cannot say enough about how fun his job has been this year.

"It is a great opportunity to learn about Tech," he said. "It is a challenge within itself to try and direct decisions not based on what we think, but what 27,000 students think."

Current External Vice President Leigh Mauer said her position is something students should want to pursue.

"I've always liked the job," she said. "It is a (public relations) job."

What the external job is to convey to the city what the students are doing or trying to do."

All candidates for any position must be in good standing with the university.

The number of senators allowed for each college is determined the same way electoral votes are allocated to each state in a U.S. presidential race.

Colleges with larger populations will have more senators allowed to represent the college. The College of Arts and Sciences has the largest enrollment and is represented by 18 senators.

The rest of the election process goes like this: After Friday's deadline, the next stage in the process is a candidate seminar that all contenders must attend either on Feb. 4 or Feb. 5.

The seminar's purpose is to familiarize themselves with the structure and procedures of the SGA and the Election Code. The next date to mark on the calendar is Feb. 15, which is the only day candidates can get their posters approved. Next is the executive candidate forum Feb. 18 followed by the election days Feb. 25 to 26.

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out."

Many of those in attendance had to be put on a waiting list and many were "walk-ups." Melle contributes the success to word of mouth.

He said the overall feeling of those in attendance was awe with the presentations.

"Everyone seems to be very impressed with the technical expertise that goes into each of the entries," Melle said. "It's amazing what kind of talent goes into this competition."

Melle said the competition was a "community-style" where anyone who wanted to apply could do so.

"We have expertise in the chef field that spans anywhere from 30 to 35 years in the competition," he said. "There are several that have competed every year since we started and a few new entries every year."

He said preparation for the individual entries varied anywhere from the night before to working on it an hour a day for the past two months.

"I'm just really proud to be part of a community-style competition," he said.

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Perspectives

Discrimination or equal field?

I am compiling a plethora of information to begin my lawsuit against none other than the WNBA, or in lay terms, the Women's National Basketball Association.

This organization absolutely makes me sick to my stomach. The management of the league must be a couple of nose-picker graduates of DSU, or Discrimination State University.

Have any of you noticed it? I will hire the best lawyers, perhaps Johnny Cochran, who like to get involved in this sort of thing. Oh yeah, and maybe if Al Sharpton isn't busy when I need him, he will join my cause. He's usually all for this type of thing.

The more I watch, the more I feel like calling the ACLU. Apparently, in all of the activity that the American Civil Liberties Union is involved in, they seem to have drastically left out a group of discriminators.

In all of my minutes watching the WNBA, I have never seen one male player. Not one. The skunk of discrimination seems to have lifted its tail, and frankly, it stinks.

Yeah, you say, but the WNBA is for WOMEN only, everyone knows that. It just wouldn't be right for a man to play ball in an all-women's league. Don't be stupid.

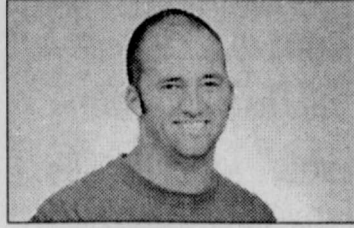
Perhaps, with the help of Cochran and good ole Al Sharpton, I can organize some sort of a march, protesting the grossly unconstitutional management practices of the serpent-like WNBA. At the very least, there should be a disclaimer warning every good-hearted American citizen that, in fact, the WNBA supports discrimination. I don't see the owners of the teams following any sort of quota system for the amount of men that can play — do you?

Yeah, you might say, but those girls are some basketball-playing beasts. They would make you look twice as dumb as Dan Quayle, on a good day. They might, but just because I might get beat doesn't give them the right to oppress me. Do they have the right to discourage my dream?

Apparently, some people can get away with discrimination and others cannot. When one group of people discriminates in this fair, fair land, it is OK, and it is almost thought of as silly to even think up such a thing.

However, when others discriminate, they are immediately branded as an oppressor. So I must beg the question "Why do some people get away with discrimination and blatant oppression, while others do not?"

Perhaps I should clarify myself. Recently, the Augusta National



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Golf Club has been taking the kind of heat that you wouldn't wish on a spider. For all of the people who have been living in a cave lately with no CNN, Augusta is a males-only golf club. Bottom line, this is discrimination. Now, a female is protesting the structure of the club and requesting admittance. The golfing world is torn on the issue. Some say to grant the woman admittance, some do not, and still others do not wish to deal with the issue.

Well folks, we are going to deal with it right here, right now. What bothers me is that people are not calling this what it is. There is no way to get around the fact that this act is undeniably discrimination. Just call it what it is.

But if you are to call the golfing world a bunch of oppressive life forms, then there should be no exception to the "discriminatory complex." Even the smallest bit of discrimination should receive just as much press as Augusta National.

Readers, this is not the case. If every small discrimination case were brought to the media on both sides of the argument, people would realize discrimination occurs every day in every place on earth.

So why is it there is most likely not one single person who took my above stated law suit seriously? Why would I have no chance in hell of even receiving a court appearance? The answer is oh so simple and oh so contradictory: Some discrimination is fine, some is not.

The judge would most likely say, after his laughter subsided, men have the NBA, which provides the equality factor. Well, do women not have their own golf tour? Is the LPGA so decrepit that they feel like men get all of the best courses, and men, well, men just get everything. Is there anyone stopping someone from building an all-women's golf club? Most likely, in fact, the LPGA would be in support of this, at least in my opinion.

It is every human's nature to want what you cannot have, simply because someone else has it. Why else would there be car thieves, bank robbers and shoplifters? We all want what we can't have. But just because we want something really, really, really badly doesn't mean we are going to get it. We must accept the things we cannot change, have the courage to change the things we can and the wisdom to know the difference.



Academy needs longer memory

Oscar season is officially upon us. With the Golden Globe awards having been handed out, it is now time for Academy members to turn in their votes for nominations.

Unfortunately, members of the Academy are notorious for having short attention spans. By saying this, I mean it is likely you will see nominations in major categories for films that were released late in the year. Movies like "Gangs of New York," "The Hours," "The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers," "Chicago" and "About Schmidt" will likely receive the major nominations.

That is not to say any of these films are undeserving. (Although I cannot speak on "Chicago," as it has not made it to Lubbock, and believe me, I'm just as infuriated as you are, but "The Hours" opened in Lubbock on Friday.)

My point is, there are films and performances from before November that deserve recognition but will surely not receive any. Go with me on this, and see if you can remember any of these movies from last year.

Early in the year, director Randal Wallace's "We Were Soldiers" presented audiences with a different look at Vietnam, and Mel Gibson and Sam Elliott both turned in excellent performances. Elliott, especially, should receive a supporting actor nod.

One of my favorite movies of the year was the slick and stylish thriller called "Frailty." Bill Paxton gave a marvelous performance and made the most impressive directing debut by an actor this year. "Frailty" will not be recognized at



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all by the Academy, which is a shame because it's one of the year's very best. Maybe it would have had a better chance had it been released in December.

Al Pacino and Robin Williams were both astonishing in "Insomnia," directed by Christopher Nolan. Heck, Williams was even great in the dark comedy "Death to Smoochy." But he was even better, however, in "One Hour Photo" as "Sy, the photo guy." Williams had a theme going this year for playing sickos. It would be just wrong not to recognize him for at least one of these roles.

Speaking of actors breaking out of their shells, Adam Sandler blew me away in Paul Thomas Anderson's "Punch-Drunk Love," another one of the year's best. The Golden Globes saw fit to honor Sandler with a nomi-

nation, but I doubt that Oscar is ready to take him seriously.

Film critic Roger Ebert has called Steven Spielberg's "Minority Report" the best film of the year. It will surely be in my top ten for the year, but I seriously doubt the Academy has any interest in nominating a sci-fi for Best Picture. If anything, they should at least recognize Samantha Morton for her role as Agatha, the pre-cog.

I'm still a huge fan of M. Night Shyamalan, the director of "The Sixth Sense" and this year's "Signs." Shyamalan is a master storyteller, and "Signs" was a film that was just as much about lost faith as it was about aliens. Mel Gibson gave a strong and convicted performance that merits recognition, but it will not receive any.

There also was a small film this year that absolutely no one saw called "The Salton Sea." This is a small gem of a movie that features a great comeback performance from Val Kilmer as a drug addict looking for vengeance for his wife's death. Vincent D'Onofrio is startling and hilarious playing a drug lord with a false nose. The film is like "Trainspotting" meets "Memento." Rest assured, you'll not be hearing its name called in February.

Now I realize that all of this sounds very pessimistic. But those who are familiar with the Oscars know I am right about its lack of a long memory.

So to all of the Academy members who may be reading this before casting your vote: Concentrate, take a few Ritalin if needs be and remember some of these great films and performances from the past year. Then have the "sand" to nominate one of them.

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Daring to DREAM

Disney's inspiration for 'The Rookie,' shares his experiences Friday

By Sara Schroeder/Staff Reporter

"If you dream it, you can do it," Walt Disney said. This quote is the basis of Jim Morris' story of rising above every obstacle in his way to becoming a Major League Baseball pitcher for the Tampa Bay Devil Rays at the age of 35.

Morris' passion for baseball began at the age of five when his mother gave him a baseball and glove.

"That was how I communicated," he said. "I made friends through baseball."

Although he was a good pitcher, his outfield skills were less than perfect. He said his high school coach thought he would never make a career out of baseball. However, Morris was given a baseball scholarship to Ranger College.

In the first game he pitched for them, he threw more than 80 miles per hour and struck out many batters, but said he was less than spectacular in the outfield.

"The first hit came my way, and as I went to catch the ball, it ricocheted off the gate and hit me in the head," Morris said. "To top that off, while falling on the ground, I was stung by a bee."

Regardless of this, the scouts saw Morris as a strong pitcher.

"The scouts saw a lefty who could throw hard," Morris said.

Morris went to spring training at a Brewers' camp, where his performance was disastrous; he was not drafted but invited to attend extensive spring training.

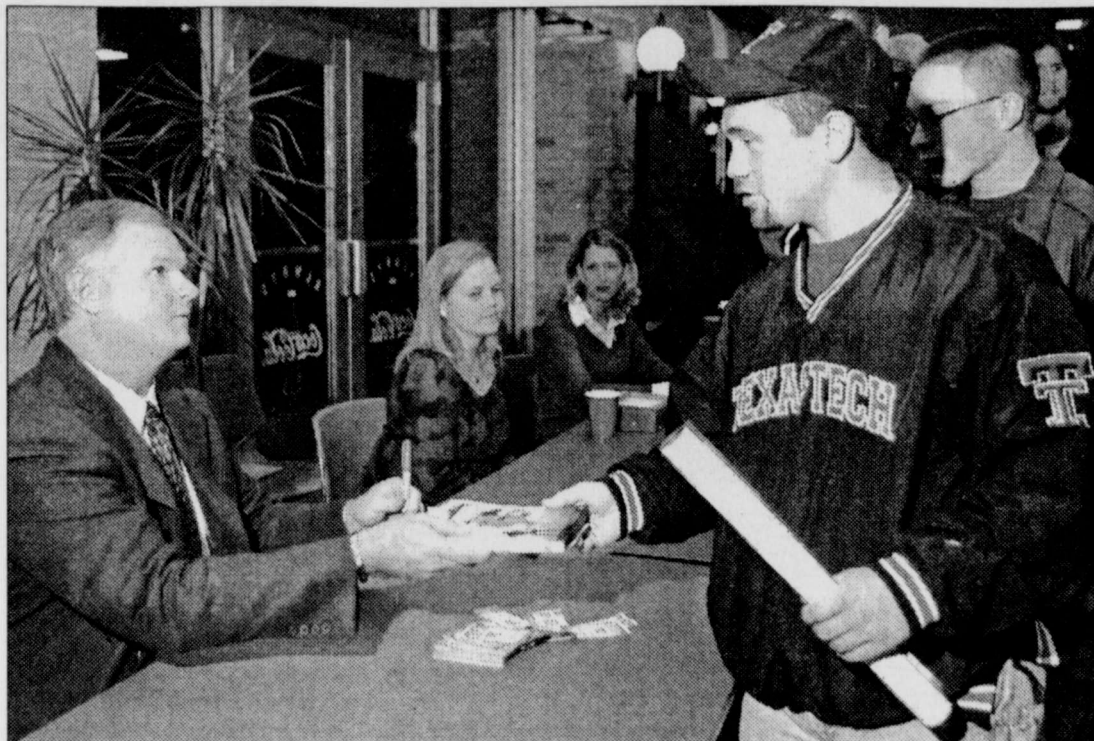
"Basically, that's where you go if you are really bad and need lots of work," Morris said.

Morris continued to play, but said he was always unhappy with his skills, and he would not leave the minors anytime soon.

He decided to retire from baseball at the age of 24, and after a few years, he had to have surgery on his shoulder.

"The doctors took out 80 percent of my deltoid muscle," Morris said. "They said there was no way I would be able to pitch again."

Morris received a college degree and became a high school science teacher and baseball coach; his baseball career was playing in beer leagues.



MATT LOVE (RIGHT), a sophomore finance major from Midlothian, accepts a book signed by Jim Morris at the Student Union on Friday. Morris signed autographs after giving a speech in the Allen Theatre.

After a long losing streak, Morris decided to give his baseball team a pep talk.

"I decided to tell them about reaching for things they don't think they can obtain," Morris said.

After the encouragement, the team told Morris to take his own advice.

A bet was created: If the team won the District Championship, Morris had to try out for Major League Baseball.

When the team won, Morris decided to go to Brownwood, where he had originally started playing baseball, to participate in the tryouts.

"I didn't want to go, but I had to show my kids that adults are worth their words," Morris said.

Morris stunned the crowd with his consecutive throws of 98 miles-per-hour and was drafted by the Tampa Bay Devil Rays.

"When the gates opened for the first major league game I would pitch in, I felt what I had wanted since I was five years old," Morris said.

Morris struck out All-star Royce Clayton with a fastball in his first major league game, and he knew his dreams had come true.

"It was better than I thought it would be," Morris said.

This is the story Morris told about 50 people at the Allen Theatre on Friday.

Amanda Douglas, a senior mathematics major from Dallas, said Morris' story is encouraging and inspiring.

"It's an honor to meet him," she said. "He has an amazing story."

Andy Martin, a junior human development major from San Diego, Calif., said Morris' story shows that everyone has a second chance.

"His story gives everyone hope," he said. "You can have a second chance at a dream."

Morris said he is living proof that even the most unattainable dreams can come true.

"You have to laugh at yourself when bad things happen," Morris said.

Nate Foutz, a senior exercise and sports science major from Las Vegas, NM., said it's nice to have support.

"He did that with his family and everyone behind him," he said. "It just proves if you think you can, you can."

The message was clear as Morris spoke to the crowd: A person should never underestimate the power of their dreams; they are inspirations for the goals to success.

"Push all obstacles out of the way," Morris said. "Pursue your dreams, enjoy life."

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Spring Rush bodes well for Greek life

By Jessica Johnson/Staff Reporter

Spring Rush commenced Saturday as Texas Tech fraternity houses chose their new pledges for Spring 2003.

About 150 men went through the formal Spring Rush, which began Jan. 19. Organized by the Interfraternity Council, Rush occurs biannually in the spring and fall semesters.

This year's Rush also was more successful than in previous years, said Stephen Hirst, a coordinator for Greek Life at Tech.

"The Spring Rush saw a major increase than the previous spring semester," Hirst said. "Last spring, there were 110 men who went through the process. This semester, we had 150 men register for the formal Spring Rush."

The new pledge classes are expected to continue the tradition of establishing community leaders in Lubbock and on the Tech campus, said Justin Gilmore, a senior architecture major from Arlington and FIJI president.

"I am definitely looking forward to meeting the men joining our fraternity this year," he said. "It is not the quantity of men who join our fraternity; it is the quality that makes a fraternity."

With the increase in men going through Rush, IFC President Anthony Contreras said he is looking forward to the future of Tech's Greek system.

"Rush went very well this year, and I was happy with the overall process," said Contreras, a senior finance major from Dallas. "The Greek system at

Texas Tech is definitely growing as shown with the number of men who went through Rush this year."

The IFC serves as the governing body of all Tech fraternity chapters and is registered with the National Interfraternity Conference. Among Tech IFC duties are recognizing outstanding scholars and leaders within the Greek system, coordinating community service efforts for local charities, fostering communication and exchange among chapters, compiling and verifying intramural points and recruiting prospective students to Tech.

Most men go through Rush in the fall, with about 600 men going through the process. During formal Rush, the men are required to see all 24 fraternities at Tech and what they have to offer.

According to the IFC Web site, the requirements for going through Rush include having been accepted to Tech and being in good standing with the university.

After the Fall Rush process is over, there is a process called Open Rush. Open Rush, the week following Fall Rush, is a casual process that allows a student to join a fraternity if he feels that particular house is the right one for him. During Open Rush, a student may have friends in that particular organization, in which he may become a pledge and pay the new member fees without going through the formal Rush process.

However, some men wait until the Spring Rush process to get an idea of the different fraternities on campus

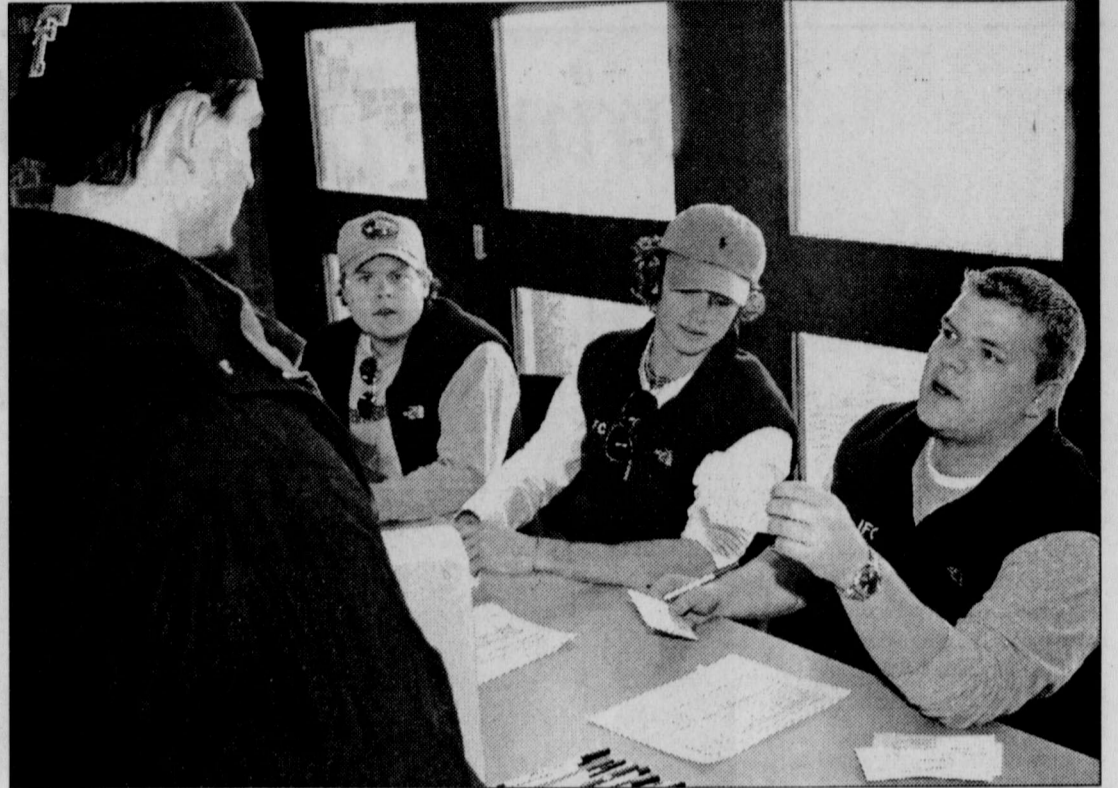
before they make a decision, said Blake LeBlanc, a senior political science major from Opelousas, La., and president of Delta Sigma Phi.

"By the second semester, most freshmen know what the certain fraternities are about on campus," he said. "They have an idea of how joining a fraternity works. I am very happy about Rush this year and look forward to meeting my new brothers."

Spring Rush is a week-long process that began on Jan. 19, when students registered to go through the process. The \$70 Rush fee covered the registration, which also included a T-shirt, a name tag with a unique identification number on it and the opportunity to visit the 24 fraternities at Tech. Rush began Sunday with a convocation, and it gave the opportunity for men to get their Rush packets and begin to explore the world of fraternity life.

During the week, the men received their invitations to the fraternities which they checked online, said Cade Morris, a senior animal science major from Lazbuddie and Rush director for IFC.

In the past, Morris said, Rush has been a lot of paper work. Men going through Rush would go to the fraternities in the evening and then have to find out early in the morning which fraternities he was invited back to. Now, he said the cuts are done online using a new Web site at www.Rushpro.com, which allows men going through Rush to go online with a unique username and password to



CRAIG SWANSON/Staff Photographer
FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: Russell Hagan, a freshman mechanical engineering major from Houston, hands in his signed bid to Interfraternity Council representatives Ryan Moore, Cameron Rice and Morgan Mackenzie as they direct him to his next course of action during bid day at the Frazier Alumni Pavilion on Saturday morning.

find out which fraternities he can visit the next day.

"This online Rush process is the only one like it in the country, which allows the Texas Tech Greek system to be on the cutting edge in the nation," Morris said. "The Web site was designed by Peter Dudley from Lubbock and really helps out the entire

Greek community during Rush."

During the week, the men visited the fraternities during the evenings and found out which houses they were cut from later that evening. The process started last Sunday with the men visiting the 24 fraternities. Monday and Tuesday, the men returned to visit 12 fraternities. Wednesday, they vis-

ited eight, and Thursday, they visited four. Friday was preference night during which the men could pick from the two houses he wanted to join. Saturday commenced the process, as the men went to the Frazier Alumni Pavilion at 10 a.m. to sign their bids and become members of their new fraternities.

'Confessions of a Dangerous Mind' is stylish, dark comedy

If you've ever stayed up late to watch "The Game Show Network" on cable, you have probably seen shows from the '60s and '70s like "The Dating Game," "The Newlywed Game" and "The Gong Show."

Behind each of these shows is a man named Chuck Barris. Barris is blamed by many critics for polluting the airwaves and lowering the standards of television entertainment. Of course, this was before "The Bachelor"

MOVIE REVIEW

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or "Joe Millionaire."

In 1984, Barris published an unauthorized autobiography in which he claims to have been a hit man for the Central Intelligence Agency while working on these television shows. He boasts of killing a total of 33 people

from the mid-'60s through the late '70s.

Now whether this claim is true or not, I really do not care. It still made a basis for a great movie.

"Confessions of a Dangerous Mind" is simply that: an imaginative and creative piece of work that one can really sink their teeth into. This film is George Clooney's directorial debut, and he knocks it clean out of the park on his first at-bat.

He directs from a script by the bril-

liant Charlie Kaufman, who wrote himself into the phenomenal "Adaptation." His screenplay here takes us deep into the darkest corners of this "dangerous mind."

The film opens with Barris (Sam Rockwell) holed up in a motel room. He is a mess of self-loathing and remorseful thoughts and decides to write the story of his "wasted life."

We follow Barris from his backstage work on "American Bandstand" to his eventual creation of "The Dating Game," which was originally re-

jected by ABC.

Barris goes into detail of his own obsession with sex and his budding relationship with Penny (Drew Barrymore) who provides him with exactly what he wants: sex with no strings attached.

While working on the television show, Barris is approached by Jim Byrd (George Clooney), a CIA man who offers Barris a chance to work for the United States as a spy.

Barris is trained and eventually sent on his first assignment to Mexico

to kill an enemy of the U.S.

Before long, Barris is having a hard time juggling his game show life with his hit-man life so he finds a way to combine the two. On "The Dating Game," the two winners every week are sent on an exotic vacation of Barris' choosing. Not wanting to be irresponsible, he accompanies the two kids as a chaperone. While there, he also can take care of "government business" at night.

On these nights, Barris meets with his contact, Patricia (Julia Roberts), who provides him with his contract information. The two also begin a unique relationship.

Barris begins to become conflicted with his line of work for the government and wants to get out, but is told by Byrd that there is no way out. On top of that, Byrd tells Barris there is a mole in the agency that is killing off hit-men.

Rockwell gives a dynamite performance as Barris. In a different year, he would be a lock for an Oscar nomination. He shows he is unafraid to take risks and makes Barris loathsome and likeable at the same time.

Roberts has not impressed me in some time, but her role in this film as a sensual femme fatale has reinforced my faith in her. I'm so glad she is still willing to stretch herself as an actress and has not abandoned tough roles.

Clooney's direction is surprisingly good. His use of continual movement and bright colors make for a film that gets going and never stops. He consistently makes strong choices in this film.

I was rapt with every minute of this film from beginning to end. It's a fantastic black comedy that hits you right between the eyes. Don't let the fact that it is intelligently peculiar frighten you. This is a film that should not be missed.

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Hershiser gives Tech fans hit

By Jason Lenz/Staff Reporter

There was a line of hundreds of people stretched out to the street outside the Frazier Alumni Pavilion. It was cold and windy. Surely, only one thing could inspire people to stand outside and endure such inclement weather — baseball.

The Tech Hecklers held their second annual First Pitch Luncheon and silent auction Friday. Roughly 560 people came out to attend this fundraiser for the Texas Tech baseball and softball teams. The keynote speaker at the event was Texas Rangers pitching coach and former Los Angeles Dodger Orel Hershiser.

Hershiser said the event was something he enjoyed doing because of his affiliation with the Rangers.

"Being the pitching coach for the Texas Rangers, I think the Rangers organization thought the association with this luncheon would be good," Hershiser said.

He also said he likes to support young athletes, in whose shoes he once found himself.

"I got to play baseball at Bowling Green State University in Ohio," Hershiser said. "So collegiate athletics is very important to me."

Although the 1988 Cy Young Award winner may have been an influence in the event selling out three weeks prior to Friday, he said he did not want to overshadow those who planned the event.

"I don't know if that has anything to do with me or if people just love baseball around here," he said. "I'm not going to take any credit for other people doing all this work."

Hershiser said it did not matter

what it was that brought him to Lubbock; he was glad to help support Red Raider baseball, given the affinity for other sports in Texas.

"How I got here isn't as important as the fact that I'm here," he said. "It'll be great for the program, I think. I mean, I'm not sure how much football needs a boost around here."

Tech softball coach Bobby Reeves said he is privileged to have softball included in the First Pitch Luncheon.

"They help us with our uniforms; they help us with our recruiting, stuff like that," Reeves said.

Reeves also said he did not know how much money the softball team would receive, but he would gladly accept whatever he was given.

"It's not something that I can project," Reeves said. "Anything we get, we're tickled to death to get it."

The softball team received \$1,100 to offset the cost of uniforms.

In his speech, Tech head coach Larry Hays said jokingly that Hershiser was just another pitching coach from the Rangers.

"The thing we didn't tell Orel is that our guest speaker last year was the Rangers pitching coach," Hays said.

He said he respects Hershiser and uses his methods as instructional tools for his players.

"He's everything that we teach to our pitchers," Hays said.

Hays also said the First Pitch Luncheon is laying the groundwork for a season of excellence in Tech baseball. Hays received \$3,500 from the Hecklers, with more to come later.

Tech Heckler Mike Gustafson said the event was a great success, but



HEATHER DOUGHERTY/Staff Photographer

TEXAS RANGERS PITCHING coach and L.A. Dodgers great Orel Hershiser speaks at the Tech Hecklers' First Pitch Luncheon on Friday at the Frazier Alumni Pavilion. Hershiser helped the Hecklers raise more than \$10,000 for Tech's baseball and softball teams.

now the Hecklers are faced with a new dilemma.

"Logistically, we've probably outgrown this facility," Gustafson said. "It's a great problem to have."

Chris Snead, the founder of the Hecklers, said a new venue would be necessary for next year's event.

"Right now, we're looking at mov-

ing it into the Civic Center next year," Snead said.

Snead and Gustafson agreed this year's First Pitch Luncheon was a successful one, netting roughly the same amount that last year's luncheon did.

"We had a little bit more in expenses this year, but we're probably right around \$10,000," Snead said.

Tech stops Buffaloes

The Texas Tech Lady Raiders got back on the winning track Sunday against Colorado. After giving up Texas' coach Jody Conradt's 800th career win Wednesday in Austin, Tech responded with an 80-58 victory over the Lady Buffaloes.

The win keeps Tech in a tie with Texas and Oklahoma for second in the Big 12 Conference. All three teams have one loss in conference play.

The Lady Raiders (16-2, 5-1 Big 12) took a 19-point lead into the locker room at the half, leading 45-26 over Colorado (14-3, 4-2). The attack was headed by Natalie

Ritchie in the first half. Ritchie drained four three-point shots en route to 18 first-half points.

Ritchie continued shooting well in the second half as she added one more three-pointer in the opening minutes of the half to tie her career high of 21 points.

Plenette Pierson had a tremendous second half and ended up leading all Tech scorers with 22 points. She added 8 rebounds as well.

The win is Tech coach Marsha Sharp's 495th career victory. Her Lady Raiders will travel to Lawrence, Kan., for a game with the Kansas Jayhawks (8-9, 1-5) on Wednesday.

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Cowboys stop Red Raider run

By Matt Muech/Staff Reporter

Texas Tech's Super Bowl pre-party got crashed Sunday at the United Spirit Arena by a bunch of Cowboys. Oklahoma State held off a late rally by the Red Raiders as the Cowboys went on to win its league-leading fifth game 79-70 in front of 10,000 fans.

It was a game of runs for both teams, especially in the second half when the Raiders trailed 37-35 at half-time.

After the first tick in the second half, the trouble began.

After the first seven minutes of the second frame, Oklahoma State (16-1, 5-0) had a 15-point lead following four consecutive dunks and seven Tech turnovers. During that time period, it was Cowboy guard Victor Williams running the show as he scored the first seven second-half points.

"At the beginning of the second half, we dug ourselves a big hole," said Tech forward Kasib Powell, who led all scorers with 26 points. "But we couldn't get back. We couldn't get over that hump."

Powell, along with guard Andre Emmett, began to fill the hole Tech

dug to get Tech (11-4, 1-3) back into the game. With the crowd quiet and the Cowboys comfortably leading 63-

42 with 8:18 remaining, Powell and Emmett along with the help of Raider pressure defense pulled within one of the Cowboys at 65-64 with 3:11 until the final buzzer.

"I thought we were in pretty good shape in the second half, but we lost our poise," Cowboy coach Eddie Sutton said. "But we regained it."

Although Sutton said, "We regained it," it might have just been junior college transfer Tony Allen who recovered for the Cowboys.

Allen ended the Tech threat after

three consecutive baskets to spark a 10-1 run and give the Cowboys a double-digit lead and eventually the victory.

Tech coach Bob Knight said Allen's play in the last few minutes was in response to both good offense and bad defense.

"Allen is a very good player," he said. "Good players make good plays."

Allen finished with 21 points, second to Williams' 24 for the Cowboys.

When asked if the Cowboys would have won if Allen was not on floor, Sutton responded with a quick "no."

"I don't think he understands pressure," Sutton said. "When the game is on the line, he elevates his game

and makes plays."

Emmett and Powell seemed to be the only Raiders that could exploit the Cowboy defense, as the two combined for 33 of Tech's 35 second-half points.

"Emmett and Powell hurt us," Sutton said. "But no one else did."

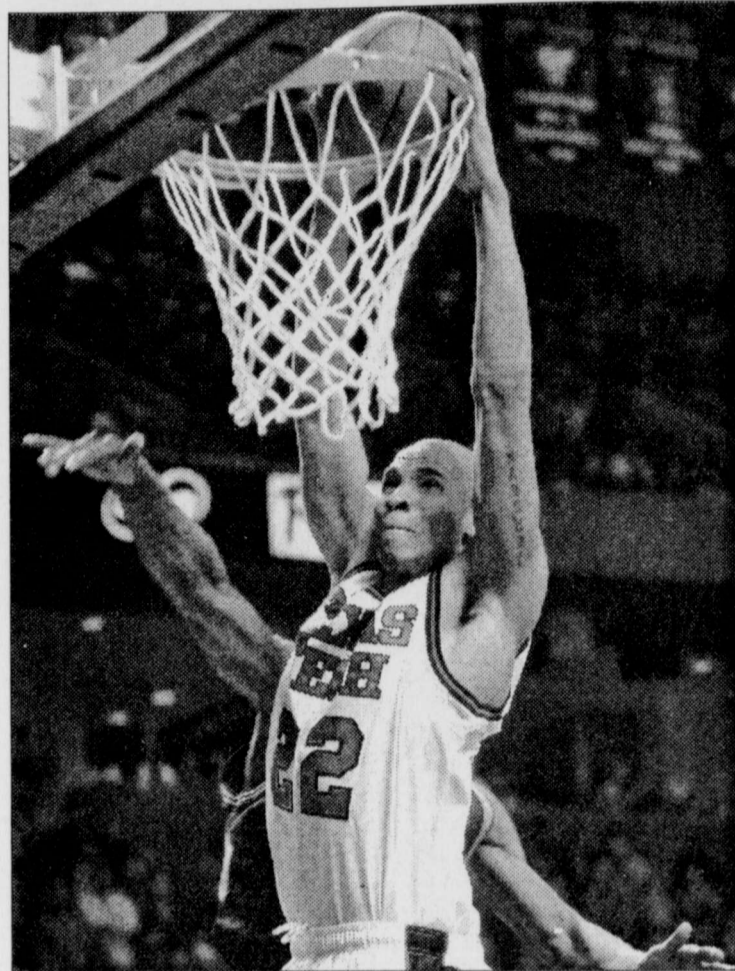
It is a problem Knight said even a first grader can see.

"Everybody but a moron would want five guys to score," he said. "It is something that is very obvious whether I say it, or you say it or if God comes down and says it."

The game featured the return of former Tech coach James Dickey as an assistant for OSU who paced the sideline of the United Spirit Arena for the first time since Knight replaced him in March 2001. Also in attendance at the game was former Tech President David Schmidly, who is now at Oklahoma State after leaving Tech two months ago.

Tech returns to action to face Colorado at 8:15p.m. Wednesday at the United Spirit Arena.

Powell said although Saturday's loss hurts the Raiders, there is still a lot of time left to get back into the Big 12 race. "There are a lot of games left," he said. "We just have to keep our heads up."



DAVID JOHNSON/Staff Photographer
FORWARD KASIB POWELL, slams the ball into the hoop during Tech's 79-70 loss to Oklahoma State on Sunday in the United Spirit Arena. Powell led Tech with 26 points.

Buccaneers raid San Diego, win first franchise Super Bowl

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Just defense, baby!

The Tampa Bay Buccaneers didn't need much more — for most of the game, anyway.

Coach Jon Gruden and his Bucs won the Super Bowl on Sunday, routing the Oakland Raiders 48-21 in the first matchup of the NFL's best offense against its best defense.

The Tampa Bay defense won by a mile, shutting down the Raiders for three quarters and holding on

as they made a belated comeback attempt.

Super Bowl MVP Dexter Jackson had two interceptions, as did Dwight Smith, who returned both of his picks for touchdowns, including a 50-yarder to finish off the scoring with 2 seconds left in the game. Derrick Brooks also returned an interception for a touchdown.

Simeon Rice had two of the Bucs' five sacks as Tampa romped to a 20-3 halftime lead, then scored two quick third-quarter touchdowns.

That rendered futile a late comeback by the Raiders that included a touchdown on a blocked punt and 48-yard TD pass from league MVP Rich Gannon to Jerry Rice.

The Tampa Bay offense did its part, too, led by Michael Pittman, who ran for 124 yards on 29 carries.

Mike Alstott had a 2-yard TD run, and Brad Johnson added two TD passes to Keenan McCardell, the second an 11-yarder after an 89-yard drive that ate up almost eight minutes

of the third quarter.

Just 43 seconds later, Smith grabbed the ball away from Jerry Rice and took it to the end zone to make it 34-3.

Oakland owner Al Davis' slogan "Just win, baby!" wasn't going to work this time.

How good was the Tampa Bay defense?

Oakland had just 62 total yards in the first half, second-lowest total in Super Bowl history. And the

five interceptions of Gannon were the most he had in any game this season. He finished 24-of-44 for 272 yards and two touchdowns.

Credit the win also to the 39-year-old Gruden, who left Oakland a year ago for Tampa Bay in what seemed at the time far too much in draft picks and cash — \$8 million to be exact.

But Gruden's knowledge of his old team worked out perfectly.

"Every play they've run, we've run in practice," Tampa Bay safety John

Lynch said.

To be fair, the Raiders might have entered this game a bit distracted.

Their All-Pro center, Barret Robbins, was sent home before the game for missing team functions on Saturday. The Bucs took advantage, with Warren Sapp, Lynch and the interior defense pushing up the middle constantly against backup center Adam Treu to put pressure on Gannon and shut down the run.

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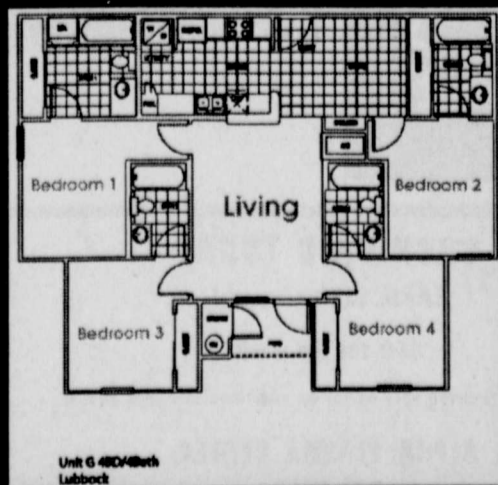


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