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U.S. strikes 'leadership target' in Baghdad

By Chris Tomlinson and David Espo/ Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq - American forces bore down on Baghdad with unstoppable force Monday, seizing two of Saddam Hussein's opulent palaces and bombing a building where the Iraqi leader and other regime officials were believed to be staying.

A lone B-1B bomber carried out the strike on what U.S. officials described as a "leadership target" - senior Iraqi officials possibly including Hussein and his two sons. It was not immediately clear whether any of them were killed or wounded.

Earlier Monday, U.S. and British officials David Perkins.

said they believed Hussein's top commander

The attacks came as American forces bombs. moved through the capital with near impu-

Some Iraqi soldiers jumped into the Tigris River to flee the advancing column of more than 100 armored vehicles. A dozen others were captured and placed inside a hastily erected POW pen on the grounds of the bombed-out, blue-and-gold-domed New Presi- hotel. dential Palace.

An estimated 600 to 1,000 Iraqi troops were killed during the operation, said Col.

in southern Iraq had been killed in a U.S. he said. "These guys are going to die in droves . They keep trying to ram the tanks with car

> U.S. troops toppled a 40-foot statue of Hussein and seized another of his many palaces, the Sojoud. Tank-killing A-10 Warthog planes and pilotless drones provided air cover as Americans briefly surrounded another prominent symbol of Hussein's power, the Information Ministry, as well as the Al-Rashid

The bombing of the leadership target reminiscent of the opening volley of the war on March 19 aimed at Hussein - occurred in Baghdad's upscale Mansour neighborhood. etrated Hussein's seat of power. This time,

"We had a lot of suicide attackers today," U.S. officials, speaking on condition of anonmymity, said American intelligence learned Monday morning of a high-level meeting in Baghdad between senior Iraqi intelligence officials and, possibly, Hussein and his two sons, Qusai and Odai.

A B-1B bomber dropped four 2,000-pound bunker-penetrating bombs on a residential

"We are confirming that a leadership target was indeed hit very hard," said Marine Maj. Brad Bartelt, a spokesman for U.S. Central Command in Qatar. He had no information of the results of the attack.

It was the third straight day the Army pen-

though, there were plans to stay. Rather than withdrawing at nightfall, as units did over the weekend, members of the 2nd Brigade of the 3rd Infantry Division hunkered down for the night at the sprawling, splendored New Presidential Palace where Hussein once slept.

Several miles away, two soldiers and two journalists were killed in a rocket attack on the 3rd Infantry Division south of Baghdad, the U.S. Central Command reported. Another 15 soldiers were injured in the attack on an infantry position south of the city.

On the other side of town, Marines encountered tough fighting as they entered

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BATTLE BOXES



LEFT: CHAZ LAIR, a senior management and marketing major from Corpus Christi, Mitchell White, a freshman business major from Bellair, and Kevin Stark, a junior horticulture major from Fort Worth, coast in the Delta Tau Delta vehicle during the Soapbox Derby on Monday night at Greek Circle.



leg of the Soapbox Derby, which kicked off the beginning of Greek Week competitions Monday night at Greek Circle.

Fraternities, sororities kick off Greek Week with Soapbox Derby

By Michelle Bowles/Copy Editor Photos by Jaime Tomás Aguilar/ Staff Photographer

undreds of Texas Tech students lined Greek Circle Monday night to cheer on their sororities and fraternities in a soapbox race, which kicked off the third annual Greek Week.

Although the sun began to set and temperatures began to drop, members of the Greek community continued to hold signs for their respective organizations and yelled loudly to show sup-

"This is why we do it," said Jolie Pilgrim, secretary for Panhellenic Council, as the cars raced

Greek Week unites fraternities from Interfraternity Council and Inter-Fraternity Association with sororities from Panhellenic and Pan-Hellenic

Councils, Pilgrim said.

"(The goal is) to unite students with the common goal of joining the community and Texas Tech," she said. "It's another event we do to show our love for the Greek system and Texas Tech." Panhellenic Assistant Recruitment Director Ivory Isaacson had similar sentiments.

"It builds relationships with other sororities and fraternities," she said.

Monday night, fraternity and sorority members raced in painted wooden cars around Greek Circle, where the organizations will return at 6:30 p.m. today for an appetizer cook-off. Sororities and fraternities will bring homemade appetizers, and participants will vote on the best ones. There also will be music and a preview from a vintage shop, which will open in Lubbock soon, said Leslie Musselman, scholarship chairwoman for

Panhellenic. Wednesday has been dubbed "movie night,"

since "Van Wilder" will be shown at 7 p.m. in Room 101 of the Biology building.

Thursday's event is the Relay for Life from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. at R.P. Fuller Track. The walk will raise money for the American Cancer Society, and Isaacson called it the highlight of the week.

Tech is the first Texas university to host this event on campus, Isaacson said. Members of Panhellenic helped organize the relay, and members from the Greek community will participate.

The week concludes with the Greek Awards Banquet on Friday night at the Frazier Alumni Pavilion. The winning fraternities and sororities will be announced at the banquet.

Awards for scholarship, community service and Greek man and woman of the year will be pre-

The banquet has been expanded this year,

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Chancellor's luncheon awards scholarships

By Angela Timmons/Staff Reporter at all levels than any individual I can

The annual chancellor's luncheon was hosted Monday by the Multicultural Faculty and Staff Association in the Merket Alumni Cen-

Texas Tech Provost William Marcy, President Donald Haragan, Michael Shonrock and other administrators were present, as well as students, faculty and staff. Two students were awarded \$500 scholarships from the MFSA; Denisse Escalante, a freshman pre-medicine major from El Paso, and Claudia Porras, a freshman psychology major from El Paso, were the recipients. The funds for the scholarships are drawn from the chancellor's office, president-elect John Borrelli

Borrelli, also honored at Monday's luncheon with the Distinguished Service Award, is senior associate dean of the College of Engineering, as well as a professor of civil engineering.

Marcy congratulated Borrelli for staff is taken into consideration." more than 10 years of work with the MFSA and his commitment to students and diversity currently an important tenet of Smith's Five-Point work.

"He's more involved with students

think of," Marcy said of Borrelli.

After the luncheon, Borrelli said everyone at Tech wants a more diverse faculty, staff and student body, and MFSA is committed to helping administrative offices achieve those

Borrelli said the chancellor's office Vice President of Student Affairs as well as the president's has been supportive of the MFSA's efforts, especially the scholarship program for diverse students to a large extent.

"The chancellor's office puts money into the scholarship program, and the fund is approaching \$100,000," Borrelli said. "We choose two students every year and they get \$500 a year as long as they maintain grades."

Borrelli expressed appreciation for the ability to work closely with the MFSA at the luncheon.

"I thank God for the privilege of working with MFSA," he said. "I'm pleased to have an organization dedicated to students and the welfare of

Smith, in town between frequent trips to Austin to meet with the Legislature, commended the MFSA for its

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Candidates prepare for congressional election

By Heidi Toth/Staff Reporter

Seventeen congressional hopefuls will have their names on the ballot in the May 3 special election to decide who will be the next representative for District 19. An unknown number went home without enough signatures to qualify as a candidate.

However, there is still a wide variety of candidates willing to take the podium and tell residents of Midland, Odessa, Lubbock and many small towns throughout the region why he or she is the best choice to replace U.S. Rep. Larry Combest, whose resignation, announced in November, goes into effect May 31.

Brian Collins, assistant professor of

political science, said what is going to happen in the next month is anybody's

"Because of its very unusual nature, it's almost impossible to forecast anything normal," he said.

The focus for May 3 is not to win the race, Collins said. Right now, every candidate's goal is simply to be one of the top two vote getters, in order to get into the runoff election.

"That's probably the only given," he said. "I'd be very surprised if one candidate got 50 percent of the vote."

Assistant professor of political science Brian Gerber agreed, saying a runoff was practically guaranteed

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Democrats

Republicans Richard Bartlett - Midland John Bell - Kermit Jamie Berryhill - Odessa Bill Christian - Midland Mike Conaway - Midland Carl Isett - Lubbock David Langston - Lubbock Donald May - Lubbock Randy Neugebauer - Lubbock Vickie Sutton - Lubbock

Stace Williams - Lubbock

Kaye Gaddy - Odessa Jerri Simmons-Asmussen - Lubbock

Libertarian Chip Peterson - Lubbock

Independent E.L. Hicks - Denver City

Green Party Julia Penelope - Lubbock

Constitution Party Thomas Flournoy - Midland





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Tech ROTC competes in field training exercise



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GUANGZHOU, China (AP)

- China reported another death

from severe acute respiratory syn-

drome and revealed Monday fatali-

ties in recent weeks have been

more widespread than previously

tional experts were researching

whether the mystery disease might

have come from animals on farms or

state television reported, citing the

Health Ministry. That included 43

deaths in the southern province of

Guangdong, where experts suspect

severe acute respiratory syndrome, or

SARS, originated, it said. More than

2,300 people have been sickened

SARS death each in the provinces

of Shanxi in the North, Sichuan in

the West and Hunan in central

China — the first reported fatalities

in those areas and an indication the

disease was more widespread than

previously acknowledged.

State television reported one

The country's death toll was 53,

in the wild.

worldwide.

In the country's South, interna-

LT. COL. DAVID Reid awards freshman Cadet Matthew Baker his first "Sharpshooter" marksmanship badge for scoring a 31 out of 40 on his M-16 qualification fire. He had the highest score of all cadets participating in the field training exercise, which took place at Fort Sill, Okla., on Saturday morning. The group of about 50 participants made a four-hour journey to their destination before they arrived at the site Friday afternoon to begin field training.

By Joey Kirk/Staff Reporter

It had all the signs of war without death or destruction. The sounds of gunfire filled the early morning air Saturday as 23 of Texas Tech's Army ROTC cadets competed for marksmanship awards during the annual spring field training exercise at Fort Sill, Okla.

Although it was his first time to shoot an M-16 rifle, Matthew Baker, a freshman business major from Houston, was the only Tech student to achieve the sharpshooter level by hitting 31 of 40 targets. Three other cadets met the requirements for marksmanship status and 14 people qualified overall by striking at least 23 tar-

"I think I did very well even though I have never used this kind of weapon before," Baker said.

The group of 50 participants, comprised of about 20 juniors and 30 freshmen and sophomores from Tech, had to tough out a four-hour journey to their destination before they arrived at the site Friday afternoon to begin field training. Upon arrival, the underclassmen were sent to the basic training location where they conducted a separate course dealing with the standard garrison training experience of a U.S. Army soldier. Capt.

David Payne, ROTC adviser, said the underclassmen camp dealt with negotiating the team development and confidence obstacle courses, as well as partaking in both M-16 rifle and M203 grenade launching training.

"After going through preparatory marksmanship training, we woke up at 5 a.m. to begin practice and compete for awards," he said. "They had plenty of chances to qualify, and they did very well."

A complete computer target range was used for the shooting competition. Each student received several opportunities to fire 40 rounds at targets located between 50 and 300 meters. Payne said he believed this event's performance had been "the best in years."

Following that exercise, the cadets received the chance to send practice grenade rounds at rusty, old tank targets at short range, Payne said.

For three hours, the cadets were then tested physically and mentally through the duration of the combat confidence course.

Baker said this was the most arduous part of the weekend's events because it was similar to boot camp.

'We didn't get a lot of sleep during our trip," he said. "But I have to say that the obstacle course had me intimidated and it is the sort of

The high towers and walls involved in the program tested a fear of heights in many cadets, Payne said.

"It was very physically demanding and hard for the students," he said. "But being able to work with active duty drill sergeants gave them experience and helped motivate them."

The junior cadets performed drills in conjunction with other Oklahoma ROTC programs in preparation for the National Advanced Leadership Course this summer at Fort Lewis, Washington.

Cameron University hosted the mini-camp of several events. The cadets participated in land navigation, bivouac, M-16 rifle marksmanship and squad tactics training.

Joe Contreras, a senior exercise and sport sciences major from O'Donnell, was one of the evaluators of the junior program. "I evaluated tactics and I think our

team did very well," he said. "Our leadership showed that we were way ahead of the other competitors."

The overall results and experience the cadets received allowed for a great camp and was pleasing, Payne said.

"The cadets were an excellent representation of Tech," he said. "They all remained positive in manner throughout the entire weekend."

The Rundown



Committee OKs Rumsfeld: Hussein SARS death toll in \$117 billion budget running out of options China rises to 54

AUSTIN (AP) - A downsized \$58.6 billion state budget bill that includes cuts from education to health care was passed 19-2 early Monday by the House Appropriations Committee, setting the stage for what many predict will be a brutal floor debate by the entire chamber.

Days-long debate by the full House on the two-year spending plan is expected to begin next week.

House budget writers dealt with a \$9.9 billion shortfall and promises of no new taxes from the state's new Republican leadership by cutting spending across state government.

The \$58.6 billion in state money appropriated in the bill is \$3.4 billion, or 5.5 percent, less than the \$62 billion in state money spent in the current budget.

When federal and other funds are added, the 2004-05 budget recommendation totals \$117.7 billion, just about even with how the current allfunds spending plan will total when the fiscal year ends Aug. 31.

The new budget, if it passes the House and Senate and is signed by Gov. Rick Perry, will take effect Sept. 1.

Most of the funds - \$48.8 billion, or 41.5 percent - were allocated to public schools, colleges and universities.

But there still was slashing to education, including textbook purchases, the Texas Grant scholarship program and cuts to retired and active teachers' health insurance.









WASHINGTON (AP) - Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said Monday that while Iraqi President Saddam Hussein's whereabouts may not be known, "we do know he no longer runs much of Iraq."

"The circle is closing; their options are running out," Rumsfeld said of Hussein and his top lieutenants.

Looking beyond Hussein, Rumsfeld said planning is under way to turn over to Iraqis control of several government ministries other than defense and intelligence.

"It's pretty well sorted through," Rumsfeld said in a Pentagon briefing.

U.S. officials envision turning over administration of Iraq to an interim Iraqi government at some point, leading to eventual elections.

Rumsfeld cautioned against news accounts suggesting the presence of chemical weapons had been confirmed. "Almost all first reports we get turn out to be wrong," he said.

Other defense officials said Monday the military was testing samples from a site in Iraq where soldiers found possible chemical weapons. Testing at laboratories in the United States must be completed before the presence of chemical weapons could be confirmed, those officials said.

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Supreme Court upholds cross burning ban

WASHINGTON (AP) — The the ban, but split 5-4 on the narrower Supreme Court upheld a state ban on cross burning, ruling Monday the history of racial intimidation attached outweighs the free speech protection of Ku Klux Klansmen or others who might use it.

A burning cross is a particularly powerful instrument of terror, and government should have the power to stamp out or punish its use as a weapon of intimidation, Justice Sandra Day O'Connor wrote.

The protections afforded by the First Amendment "are not absolute," she wrote.

The court voted 6-3 to uphold

question of whether the law violates the constitutional guarantee of free speech. Justice Clarence Thomas agreed with the broad premise that states may bar cross burning, but did not agree with the court's holding that the law was constitutional on free speech grounds. Thomas, the court's only black

member, said the court did not even have to consider the First Amendment implications because a state has a right to bar conduct it considers "particularly vicious."

"Just as one cannot burn down someone's house to make a political

point and then seek refuge in the First Amendment, those who hate cannot terrorize and intimidate to make their point," he wrote. At issue was a 50-year-old Vir-

ginia law that makes it a crime to burn a cross as an act of intimidation. A lower court ruled the law muzzled free speech. "While a burning cross does not

inevitably convey a message of intimidation, often the cross burning intends that the recipients of the message fear for their lives," O'Connor wrote. "And when a cross burning is used to intimidate, few if any messages are more powerful."



The Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers is selling 10 Greyhound roundtrip tickets from Lubbock to New Orleans for April 10 to April 13, the weekend of the French Quarter Festival. Tickets cost \$75. To purchase these seats, call Dave at (806) 441-0624.

The Department of English is hosting a public reading featuring Cordelia Candelaria, chairwoman of the Department of Chicana and Chicano Studies at Arizona State University, at 7 p.m. today in Room 001 of the English/Philosophy building. The Texas Tech Polo Club in-

vites students to attend Friday Night Polo at 8 p.m. Friday at the Polo Barns. Cover is \$2 at the gate. For more information and directions, call Alison at (806) 41-9485. The Lubbock Chapter of the

Black Alumni will host a Scholarship Golf Classic on Friday at Elm Grove Golf Course. For more information or to register, contact Doris Henderson at (806) 742-8671 or

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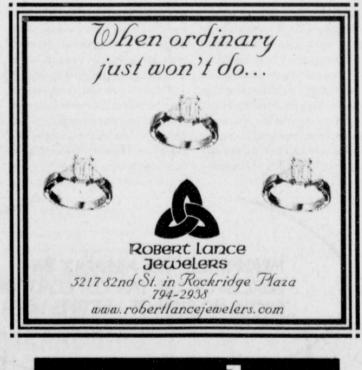
in Sports graduate class is hosting the second annual Health, Exercise and Sports Sciences Golf Scramble on Saturday at Meadowbrook Golf Course. Proceeds from the event will be used for the Health, Exercise and Sports Sciences scholarship fund. For more information, contact Michael Smucker at (806) 742-3361.

Texas Tech Athletic Academic Services is recruiting upperclassmen and graduate student mentors for 2003-2004. Applications are available in the Athletics Dining Hall in the Wiggins Complex. The applications deadline is 5 p.m. Wednesday. Call (806) 742-0150 for details.

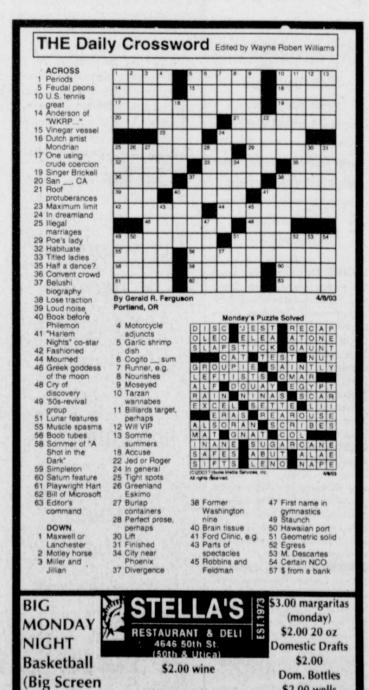
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phorically hit. passing before my eyes, a number of my personal flaws were streaming on my eyelids. Like an old projection drive-in theater, my mind was playing a film of my annoying habits and personal defects.

> As sad as it might be, this was one my ego took a brutal hit, the recurring plot of my personal degradation was that I am a very whiny individual.

on my killer crossover on the bas-

Clement, when I was hit by an

ketball court outside of Hulen/

epiphany. Well actually, I was hit by

an eight-pound leather ball that rico-

cheted off the hard double rim. As I

lay on the warm concrete drifting deep

While my body was still lying on the concrete, I was watching my past. As I whined about everything imaginable, it became decisively clear my

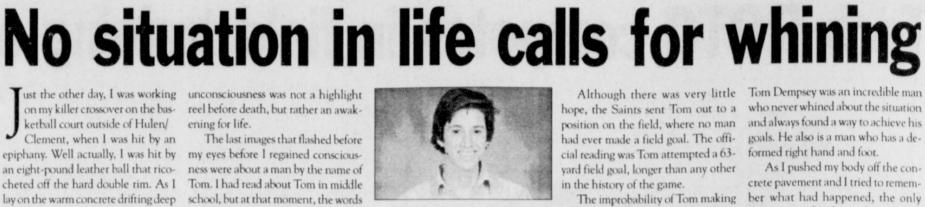
reel before death, but rather an awakening for life.

The last images that flashed before my eyes before I regained consciousness were about a man by the name of Tom. I had read about Tom in middle school, but at that moment, the words into my subconscious, I was meta- I had read almost a decade ago were as pictorially vivid as any I have ever Instead of my insignificant life seen while conscious.

totypical jock. He was well built and through his success at high school football, he was able to play as a lineman on his junior college football team. After a few years of junior college ball, Tom discovered he had an of the longest films I've ever seen. As incredible knack for kicking field

> Thanks in large part to his newly found ability to kick the pig skin an incredible length, Tom found himself a member of the New Orleans Saints football team in 1969.

In 1970 at Tulane Stadium on a onds left.



Christopher Sokol

Tom can be described as the pro- cool November day in New Orleans, Tom found himself on the sidelines goal. awaiting his opportunity to enter the NFL's record book. The New Orleans Saints were playing the Detroit Lions on that November day, and as the Saints announcer Al Western described it, "the most exciting moment in Saints history," was about to occur.

With the Saints down 16 to 17 the white, black and gold uniforms of the home team marched the ball to their eyes? own 45-yard line. The game clock slowly ticked down to only two sec-

hope, the Saints sent Tom out to a position on the field, where no man had ever made a field goal. The official reading was Tom attempted a 63yard field goal, longer than any other in the history of the game.

The improbability of Tom making the field goal was so high that many of the Detroit Lions players were having difficulty containing their laughter as the Saints set up for the field

With more than 65,000 fans on their feet, the ball was snapped and Tom was able to get a clear kick off, as the Lions players and fans' laughter quickly died away, as they realized Tom had just kicked the longest field goal in history to give his team a victory.

Why on earth would the career of one football player flash before my

ing more than a prototypical jock. eryday lives are very little to whine However that's not completely true. about.

Although there was very little Tom Dempsey was an incredible man who never whined about the situation and always found a way to achieve his goals. He also is a man who has a deformed right hand and foot.

As I pushed my body off the concrete pavement and I tried to remember what had happened, the only thing in my head was the image of Dempsey. Only moments before. I had been whining about the annoying Lubbock wind. At that moment, the wind was hardly anything to complain about. In fact, while only a few minutes earlier I had been unable to stop myself from whining about anything, everything was now put into perspective.

Since that day, it's been very difficult to find anything to complain about. So maybe next time that old lady cuts you off or your roommate will not stop singing, you will think Before I had said Tom was noth- about Dempsey, and realize our ev-

Intelligent feedback appreciated from critics, fans

In my short stint as a columnist, never really knew why. Just recently, I L have found myself having to explain what I'm talking about.

Whether it has been concerning just what I meant by saying clowns are evil or where my fascination with comments, basically because my ecatholic-school girls comes from, I've mail account is ballooning out of conlearned it isn't so much what you say, trol with comments on why I'm an but how you say it. Interpretations are idiot and just where I can stick cerfar from concrete, and no matter what tain opinions I've expressed. All in all, anyone says, it can, and usually will be taken the wrong way.

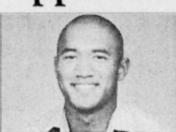
Most people do not share my sentiment for comedian Bill Maher. I've icked. always respected any entertainer who has the intelligence to rationally adif I didn't agree with them. I would occasionally watch his show "Politically Incorrect," but until recently, I've age was done. never really considered myself a huge

I finally got to watch his new show "Real Time," which has been talked up by one of my friends, and which since; I have become a huge fan. I knew "PI" had been canceled, but I words I've said not get my point across. cause of their lack of grammar, logic expelled. But the bottom line is if you a good laugh once in a while.

there have been many times I found out. It is because of the interpretation many people took from his comments less than a week after the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks.

> I won't go into detail on his actual what he said came across as support for terrorists, and many main sponsors pulled their ads and the network pan-

> The ratings didn't fall, but there self a couple days later, but the dam-



Dave Ring imisspants@hotmail.com

I'll admit much of the damages to my arguments are my own damn fault, "starting firestorms at my own feet," was enough backlash to cause his as one friend put it. But when it comes dress social and political issues, even show to get canned and Maher to down to it, it is hard to be thorough move to HBO. Maher clarified him- on such complicated topics in only

What I do enjoy is getting feed-I in no way believe I'm even close back. My friends make it a point to to the level of Maher, but I think I let me know what they thought of finally understand what it means to what I said, but it is when complete voice your opinion. On a much strangers either come up to me, e-mail smaller scale, I have seen what it is to or post a response that makes it all

don't disregard their input, but at the quire why it is I say what I say, you same time, I usually don't find it necessary to write back.

What I absolutely love is when I get a rational and well put together response from someone who I can tell is intelligent. These are the humans no matter how much we disagree. Whether they desire clarification or simply want to tell me why they think I'm wrong, I will always respond with as good of an explanation or elaboration I can come up with.

Some of the responses I've written are longer that my actual columns, but I know it is worth it because these people actually are listening with clear heads. As long as people like them exist, there will always be hope that humanity just might make it.

be blind to the fact that many people who read this paper do not like me, and if they had the chance, they would be misinterpreted and to have the worth it. Many make me laugh be- like to see me beaten, fired or even fine by me also. Anyway, we all need

or any relevant point whatsoever. I don't take the time to personally indon't really have a leg to stand on.

If firing shots at me across the Internet makes you feel better, by all means continue. But for those of you who actually take the time to sit down and open a discussion with me, you who I will always respect and admire, have my utmost respect (even if I don't fully have yours).

I know my jokes will always be misunderstood because some of them just aren't that funny. They are funny to me, but like I said before, I'm just one man. I know someone will always interpret me the wrong way. No matter how thoroughly anyone explains their position, there will always be ambiguity, especially in matters concerning serious issues such as terrorism, war and politics.

This isn't all such a bad thing, I'm not so blissfully optimistic to though, because it leads to people opening doors to others that might not have been opened before. But if you want to just hurl insults my way, that's

Dot-matrix printers, Hussein need to be done away with

Throughout my time at Tech, I've been nothing but impressed with the quality and convenience of the student computer labs. They're consistently clean, well equipped and well maintained.

That said, I think there ought to be one or two computer facilities that don't play host to a perpetually screeching dot-matrix printer. It's bevond me how anyone could maintain his sanity in the same room as the nocost, screech-owl printers.

a secret army of penny-pinching computer users that follow me around, and right when I find of fruitful chain of thought, they proceed to print the New York Times collected archives on the dot-matrix.

Maybe you could designate a special "cheapskate-accessible" lab for

would like to begin this week's rant people who can't pay five cents a page with a tearful plea to the decision- for their own printout of the Kenneth Starr Report

> On to the war. I saw the "USA, A-Okay" pep rally at Memorial Circle on Friday. It was actually not bad. A good number of people turned out, though the crowd was decidedly sedate. It was more of a pro-war lecture series than a rally, but the speakers were engaging and intelligent, with the conspicuous exception of the master of ceremonies: a College Republican who unfortunately marred the occasion with a rather brittle, sophomoric attempt at humor during his closing.

He gave a list of reasons why he I know it's just Murphy's Law at doesn't think much of the anti-war work, but I'm coming to suspect there's crowd, during which he named names and hurled indictments that struck me as unnecessarily childish and antagonistic. Providing the event's high point. an excellent singer delivered a stirring "Proud to Be an American," a song that always manages to touch the tiny nugget of sentimentality that hides amidst my bulk of cynicism and irony.



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Has anyone else noticed through all the file-footage of Saddam Hussein meeting with his Revolutionary Leadership Council that Hussein only appoints people to his cabinet who look a whole lot like him? I wonder if it's megalomaniacal vanity at play or if every Mesopotamian looks the same

in a black beret and green coveralls. I don't know why everyone's so upset because of the recent footage of "Hussein" ambling through Baghdad, flashing his best "victory is ours" smile. Every time "Hussein" shows up on TV, he alternates from looking as though he's been out by the pool between trips

to the gym to looking like he's been the new brutal dictatorship. binge-eating Oreos and watching TV in a darkened living room for months.

Furthermore, my girlfriend, with her keen eye for acts of cosmetic counterfeit, is certain one of the recent Husseins was wearing false eyebrows.

Hussein's had kind of a waxy, vacant look to him lately, reminding me we shouldn't discount the possibility of an elaborate "Weekend at Bernie's" stunt. During his recent stroll through residential Baghdad, he didn't say a word, his guards were glued to his sides. and his smile never changed. We should really take note if he starts wearing Oakleys and waving with a little marionette string.

I agree with our government that it doesn't matter if Hussein survives. A dethroned and disgraced dictator does not a dictatorship make. He might even take to televised pointcounterpoint with other has-been politicians - a la Clinton versus Dole on CBS - where he'll argue his brutal dictatorship was so much better than

So, how's everyone holding up without French products? I knew war is about sacrifice, but until I had to learn to eat my meatloaf and mayonnaise sandwich without a glass of Coteaux de Layon, I never truly understood what it meant to do without. Seriously, the anti-France movement is hardly the stuff of legendary rebel-

It seems the people who are so hyped about our cunning defiance against French tyranny aren't exactly the same people whose habits of consumption include haute cuisine and fine perfumes. I suppose the boycott, however feeble, may have some value as a gesture. It's just that it reminds me of the guy who gave up horseradish for Lent.

In closing, enjoy the nice weather. The Texas Tech uber-hotties have brought their short shorts out of storage, so enjoy that as well. And good luck making the difficult transition from Beaujolais to Budweiser.

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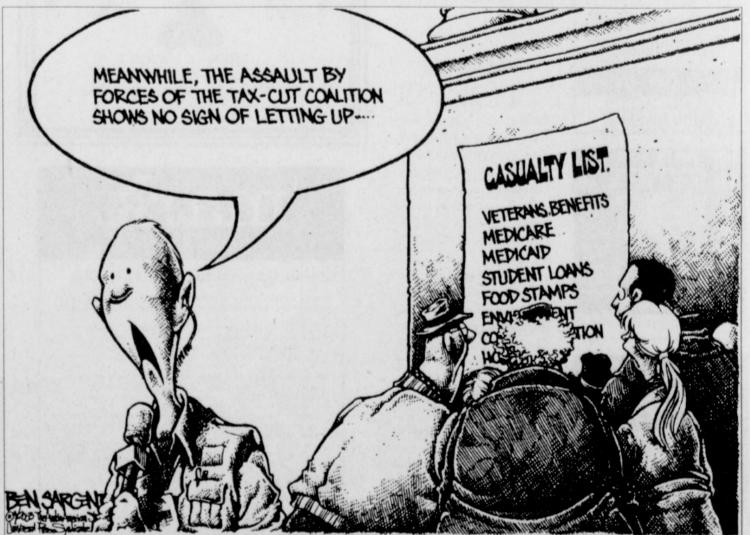
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Tripp named 2003-2004 La Ventana yearbook editor

By Matt Muench/Staff Reporter

The Student Media Committee named Holly Tripp the editor of the 2003-04 La Ventana, Texas Tech's yearbook, on Monday night in the Student Union building.

The 14-person committee, comprised of students, professors and professionals, chose Tripp over running candidate Carrie Carter in a process that lasted about two hours.

Tripp, who has been on staff for the annual book for three years and was this year's managing editor, said she has been looking forward to this day since she stepped foot on campus.

"I'm very excited and pleased," the

senior public relations mafrom Rowlett. "I worked on vearbook staffs since 1 was in middle school, and I really started

Tripp to enjoy it a lot in high school. Once I found out colleges had yearbooks, I wanted to be

Director of Student Media Susan Peterson said she is pleased with the decision, which was a tough choice.

"There could not have been a

wrong decision," she said. "Both candidates were great and very qualified. They both had skills that complemented each other."

Peterson said the committee even entertained the idea of naming them co-editors because the two had a variety of ideas. Carter, who has been on staff for three years and was a section editor this year, said she was naturally disappointed, but said she has no bad feelings toward the committee or Tripp.

"I'm fine," the senior psychology major from Fort Worth said. "The best woman got it. I felt like (my interview) went pretty well. She had one up on me for being managing (editor)."

Tripp's first move is to hire a staff.

Second on the totem pole is hiring a managing editor, which she hopes Carter will apply for.

"(Carter) is great," Tripp said. "We work well together. Hopefully, she will come back next year, and hopefully, we will work together again."

Carter said she plans to apply for managing editor. Tripp said she has seen the staff improve during her tenure. She hopes to maintain that trend and leave a mark of her own like her previous bosses, Vanessa Dickson, Amy Wood and Brandon Formby.

"I hope to take what we have right now and improve on that," she said. "I want to improve the way the staff works on the book and the quality of the book. Quality can always be improved."

The naming of Tripp finishes off three weeks of interviewing the committee conducted to appoint the three top student positions in Student Media. Tripp joins Rocky Ramirez and Courtney Muench. Ramirez was chosen manager for KTXT, which is Tech's student-run radio station, and Muench will be editor of The University Daily.

Peterson said all three will provide a smooth transition.

"I look forward to next year," she said. "The people who will really benefit from this are the students who work on staff. It will be a great year next year. The changes that will be made will be positive changes."

At the same meeting, the committee named David Wiechmann, a junior journalism major from Lubbock, as summer editor for The University Daily. Wiechmann, who lost to Muench as editor of the paper for next year, said he is looking forward to the challenge.

"I believe it will be a good experience and provide me with the training to hopefully become editor during the school year," he said. "I felt I was qualified to be editor in the fall, but the committee had a difficult decision to make. I just want to make the most of every opportunity presented to me."

Wiechmann is currently the sports editor of The UD and section editor of La Ventana.

Luncheon

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"We need to challenge ourselves every year to raise the bar to put more resources in the hands of students," he

Smith said the purpose of having diversity as one of the five points on the strategic plan is Tech's attempt to mirror the diversity and changing demography of the state of Texas.

"It reminds us first and foremost where we need to be heading," Smith said. "This includes recruitment and retention, as well as financial assistance to students, which is why we lose a number of students every year."

In spite of budget concerns, which will cause repercussions to many areas of campus, Smith stated his support.

"You can count on the chancellor's

office to continue to support what you do," he said.

Cathy Allen, vice chancellor for Community and Multicultural Affairs, said she has not seen many multicultural events such as the luncheon where the chancellor was not present or a participant.

"Across the board, he's very involved," she said.

Allen also spoke highly of Borrelli. "He's a champion for diversity," she said. "He's been very critical for stu-

Tech, as cited by both Haragan and Smith in the past, is not where it should be in terms of diversity.

Junior management information systems and marketing major from Fresno Miguel Lopez, attending the banquet, said the number of minority students is growing at Tech, but not as quickly as it could be.

"I think a lot of them (minorities) feel the university doesn't support them the way they seem to when they recruit them from high school," said Lopez, president of the Hispanic Student Society, said. "It could always be better than it is now; when people think of West Texas, they don't think of it as multicultural, and that needs to

Lopez said there is a large gap between cultures at Tech, citing Hispanics alone as a mere 10 to 11 percent of the student population.

However, Lopez said he does notice the administration trying to change the face of diversity at Tech.

"I can see they're trying to change ties and bring in more minorities or other groups not as fortunate financially as some others," he said.

Strike

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Baghdad for the first time, coming under machine gun fire. Lt. Col. B.P. McCoy said two Marines were killed and two were injured after an artillery shell hit an armored personnel carrier.

Marines crossed into Baghdad from the east, their engineers deploying a temporary pontoon bridge over a canal at the southern edge of the city after Iraqis rendered the permanent structure unsafe for heavy, armored vehicles.

Hours later, the sound of occasional American artillery split the night air. The regime, its brutal hold on a country of 24 million slipping away, denied all of it.

"There is no presence of American infidels in the city of Baghdad, at all," said Iraqi Information Minister Mohammed Saeed al-Sahhaf.

The Iraqi government maintained its hold over state-run television and radio - arguably its most important remaining levers of control over the country - and broadcast emotional appeals to resist U.S. forces. Also shown were images of Hussein meeting with key advisers.

The American military flexed its muscle in downtown Baghdad while British officials said one of the regime's most brutal leaders, Ali Hassan al-Majid, had apparently been killed in a weekend airstrike in the city of Basra.

A cousin of Hussein, al-Majid was dubbed "Chemical Ali" for ordering a poison gas attack that killed thousands of Kurds in 1988. Defense officials also said testing was under way on samples taken from a site where soldiers found metal drums possibly containing nerve gas or another type of chemical weapon. A local commander said it was possible the substance was a pesticide, since it was found at an agricultural site near Hindiyah, south of Baghdad.

After a two-week siege, British forces claimed control over Basra, a city of 1.3 million. Hundreds of civilians, women in chadors and barefoot children among them, poured into the street to welcome the invaders. Some handed pink carnations to the British troops in appreciation. American and British troops advanced in Iraq as political leaders were meeting in Belfast, Northern Ireland, For President Bush and British Prime Minister Tony Blair, it was the second summit since the fighting began.

"The hostilities phase is coming to a conclusion," Secretary of State Colin Powell told reporters. Without elaboration, he said the U.S. government is sending a team this week to Iraq to begin laying the groundwork for an interim authority.

In the war zone, Americans felt confident enough for Gen. Tommy Franks, overall commander of Operation Iraqi Freedom, to visit troops in Najaf and elsewhere. The four-star general wore camouflaged body armor and a black beret as his Black Hawk helicopter carried him on his tour.

Gen. Richard Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of staff, said all but "a couple of dozen" of the Iraqi military's tanks had been destroyed in less than three weeks of combat.

Election

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given the number of people in the race. "It's going to be tough for any one person to emerge as a candidate," he

The majority of the candidates are Republican, which also could affect the election outcome in an unexpected way. Collins said one of the big questions in the race is the division by population. There are two major population centers in the district, Lubbock and Midland/Odessa.

ger base in one of the two metropolitan areas and has to reach out to one area or the other, he said, which could evenly divide the voting population.

"When you add to that, that they're all Republican, that even fractures your vote base even more," Collins said.

Cherie Maestas, assistant professor of political science, said because there

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Isaacson said. Live music will enter-

tain those in attendance, and she said

she hopes the event becomes even

The winners of Greek Week will be

determined by scores accumulated during the week, as well as throughout the semester, Musselman said. There with be winners in several

categories, including winners from Interfraternity Council, Inter-Greek Association, Panhellenic and Pan-Hellenic, said Eric Stegemoeller, vice

bigger and better in the future.

Soapbox

are so many Republican candidates, voters will be inundated with advertisements discussing values and candidate character, as opposed to specific issues.

"Voters will have to listen carefully to understand the differences between candidates on key issues," she said.

Of the 17 candidates, 11 are Republican. Two Democrats are running, as is a Libertarian, Green, independent and a candidate from the Constitution Republicans turn out to vote.

not a strong Democratic candidate. Those candidates that are strong are the ones with money to place television ads throughout the district to get their name out, he said.

"If you can't run commercials, you're probably not a viable candidate," he

Interfraternity Council.

According to the Center for Re-

"I think it helps promote the

Greek system," he said. "It's really

sponsive Politics, the only candidates who have registered campaign contributions are Mike Conaway of Midland and Carl Isett, Randy Neugebauer and Vickie Sutton, all of Lubbock.

Candidates are not required to register if they are financing their own campaigns, Collins said. However, if they received contributions at all, they need to be registered. If

gressional race will be the only one.

"I love that there's so many people involved in it," she said. "I didn't think it was going to be as big of a

Glasser said the upcoming week's events should be just as exciting as

party. The number of Republicans they are not receiving contributions, could be a factor in how many nonthey lose viability as a candidate. Lubbock County Republican Collins said many Democrats could Party chairman Dan Isett said he could not even guess about the cam-Every candidate is claiming a strondecide to stay home because there is paign, the election and the results. "That's going to be the \$64,000 question," he said.

He is hoping for good voter turnout but does not expect it, he said, because it is a special election and there are only a few choices on the ballot, while in Lubbock, the con-

healthy competition between sororities and fraternities." Amanda Glasser, a sophomore

public relations major from Temple and a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma, said this is her first year to

president of chapter development for participate.

"I'm looking forward to the rest of the week," she said.

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'Rock the Campus' provides unity, ministry

By Harvey A. Mireles/ Staff Reporter

"Rock the Campus" is a on-one connection with God." weeklong series of events intended gether by Alpha Omega.

K.C. Green, adviser of Alpha student ministry consisting of college ministries on the Tech campus.

to put together the various other ministries throughout the campus," he said. "We want to be a resource tries that are offered."

Green said "Rock the Campus" focuses on Christ in the five-fold ministry: prayer, outreach, fellow- nonstop always and always conship, discipleship and worship.

"Really know that Jesus loves them (students)," he said. "It's kind show God's love."

The weeklong event began with things." The Walk at 6 a.m. Monday. About 80 people met in the early hours of for "Rock the Campus," Lowe said the morning and divided into four events scheduled are going well, and ent ministries helps everyone get to chance to implement and learn," he that by bringing Christians together a Kid's Carnival and a clothing

The groups went out on the to do so. campus and "reclaimed everything

leader Trent Lowe said.

'They prayed over the different It may begin with a walk, but places and prayed that God put a full." Alpha Omega has big plans to rock shield of protection over everythe campus by the end of the week. thing," he said. "Prayer is just a one-

Places included administration to unify the church body and the and academic buildings, residence a week of outreach throughout the Texas Tech campus, and is put to- halls and Urbanovsky Park, Lowe

"It's in order to get the word of Omega, said the organization is a God to the campus," he said. "There are so many denominations, different churches and outreaches. have that unity."

of the different and specific minis- continue after a 24-hour worship, prayer and fasting, which end at events, Weidt said she hopes to

nected with God," Lowe said. "The first and only reason for this is that people would know Christ. It is said of two-sided. We're bringing the that eternal life is to know Christ. campus and the church body to- You can always have that connecgether, and we're giving more of an tion with someone who speaks out are easy and simple things that are opportunity to love the campus, to some kind of heart, so you can relate it back to do so many more

Even though this is the first year their lives."

"We really hope (the campus)

for God," Alpha Omega's worship gets a spirit of oneness," he said. 'Those of us who are putting it together are receiving a blessing in

> Joyce Weidt, a junior financial planning major from Andrews, is the Alpha Omega secretary.

> She said "Rock the Campus" is Tech campus.

"It's important to the Tech campus to show those that may feel alone or feel as though no one cares what they are going through, that they can have a relationship that is "Alpha Omega was put together It's God's vision that we be under worth while," she said. "Our heart one head. It would be awesome to is to get out there to their heart and just show them we care. There is a "Rock the Campus" events will more meaningful purpose in life."

During the course of the week's show students there are people who "It's just to represent that we are care how they are and break down the walls that may have been built between the ministries.

"Basically, we want to show that outreach is easier than we may believe," she said. "It just needs to be a lifestyle, not just an event. There meaningful to people, like just asking how they are doing. Hopefully, it can become a regular habit in

The participation of the differnot know, Green said.



CRAIG SWANSON/Staff Photographer

BRENT HALL, A junior psychology major from Littlefield sings song in praise of God on Monday afternoon at the Godbold Cultural as part of a 24-hour "Rock the Campus" event.

he expects everything to continue know the other ministries they may said. "Part of the week is to equip in these five areas." the body, and we're training Chris-

"It gives everyone involved a tians to love Tech's campus. We do to the Overton neighborhood with day at the Tech "Free Speech" area.

drive from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. today Events continue with ministry and from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednes-

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'Phone Booth' tightly-wound thriller

ringing phone must be an- who uses the streets of New York as thriller that will hold audiences in berated by Stu.

swered. It is that very notion his own personal office. He talks into Lathat puts a man in the sights his cell phone while his assistant drasof a sniper rifle in "Phone Booth," a tically tries to keep up while being

But every day at the same time, Stu Colin Farrell stars as Stu Shepard, uses one of New York's last phone a fast-talking, bottom-rung publicist booths (at 53rd and 8th) to call his

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would-be mistress, Pamela (Katie Holmes) because his wife rigorously month.

But this time, when Stu hangs up the phone with Pam, the phone rings again. Stu glances at the phone for a moment, and then answers it, thinking that Pam has called him back.

But it isn't Pam.

phone (Kiefer Sutherland) tells Stu if rai"). Whitaker is, indeed, an underhe tries to leave the phone booth, he rated actor, and if there is a genuine will be fatally shot. The voice seems "good guy" in this movie, it's his charto know many of Stu's secrets and in- acter. Director Joel Shumacher directs timate details about his life.

The problem escalates when a pimp and his ladies start hassling Stu to get off the phone. The sniper shoots one of them, and everyone thinks Stu Fincher ("Fight Club"), but pulled the trigger.

The police show up, led by Capt.

Ramey (Forest Whitaker) who is originally under the impression Stu is the shooter. But Ramev is smart and starts to suspect something may be amiss.

This short film (a scant 81 minutes) is nearly a full hour of pure tension as Stu desperately tries to keep the sniper from pulling the trigger. The tension is so taught, the cocking sound of the sniper-rifle will cause some to

The sniper forces Stu to treat the booth as a public confessional. Stu's pride is shattered as he is forced to tell TV cameras he is a dirty liar. This is checks his cell phone bills every Farrell's movie and he gives an explosive performance. He takes Stu on a journey of emotions of defiance, hopelessness, fear and humiliation as he is forced to perform for a madman.

Not to be counted out of the mix is Whitaker, who always gives a strong, sometimes understated performance The voice on the other end of the ("Ghost Dog: Legend of the Samuthis film at a brisk pace, (it was shot in only 10 days). Several of the scenes involving quick, continuous shots look like they were directed by David Shumacher does an excellent job with keeping the tension high without changing the setting throughout the entire film.

Shumacher's use of picture-in-picture, allowing the audience to see up to four different things at a time, during key scenes is excellent. The best use of this may be when Stu tries to secretly call 911 on his cell phone out of the sniper's view.

For the most part, the film is completely unpredictable. There are flaws and holes in the movie, but the suspense is high enough that one will be willing to overlook them temporarily.

The movie was scheduled for release back in October, but was postponed when the Beltway Sniper shootings started. Hopefully now, this film can be appreciated and enjoyed.

"Phone Booth" is a highly entertaining thrill that teaches a valuable lesson: if a phone booth phone rings, and you happen to be near by, for God's sake let the sucker ring.

EPPLER'S RATING: ★★★ 1/2

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Win gives softball confidence for Baylor

By Kyle Clark/Staff Reporter

A win can do a lot for a team, and if anybody knows that, it is Texas Tech softball coach Bobby Reeves.

Tech will face Baylor today in Waco after scoring the team's first win in 10 games against Kansas on Sunday. While preparing for the trip, Reeves said beating Kansas was huge for the team.

"It was a big win," he said. "We got it going in all phases of the game. A win can cure a lot of things."

Tech is now 15-33 on the season and 2-9 in Big 12 Conference play, but the win against Kansas coupled with promising performances against Oklahoma State and Texas have the Raiders believing things are turning around for them.

Pitcher Erin Crawford, who hurled a complete game in the win against Kansas, said everything is

coming together for Tech.

"It's all coming together," she said. "All phases of the game are coming together at the same time."

After a rocky start for the Raiders, some may have wondered if the team would ever get going in the right direction. But Crawford said the team knew it would improve, it just didn't know when.

"Everybody was wondering when," she said. "Our defense was playing great. We were just waiting for our bats to come around at the

Tech has been in close games its last six times out, and Reeves said the marked improvement has come from the pitching staff putting the team in position to win and the defense coming through with good performances.

"Our defense has been playing pretty well," he said. "We could have

done better in the first game against Kansas. We gave up some runs, and then came back and got down and came back, and then we couldn't close it out.'

Tech must now hope the defense comes to play again today in its doubleheader against Baylor at 2 p.m.

Reeves said Baylor is a tough team that uses its offense to put pressure on its opponents.

"Baylor is a really good team," he said. "Their coach is Glen Moore, and he does a great job with them. They should be a lot like Missouri with the way they use their offense to put pressure on (you). They're tough at home, so it should be a good game."

Reeves also brought up an injury to Baylor's No. 1 pitcher that has hampered the Bears this season.

With a pitcher out of the top of Baylor's rotation, the Raiders will

likely be looking to capitalize.

Crawford said the hitters on the team are looking forward to the chance to face a weakened pitching

"Baylor has one of their best pitchers out for the rest of the season," she said. "Our hitters are excited about

Tech is still near the bottom of the Big 12 standings but is in a logjam with Kansas and Iowa State, with the rest of the teams in the standings marginally seperated.

Thus, Crawford said because of upsets in the conference, the Big 12 is still fairly wide open. Tech has six conference games remaining after the doubleheader

against Baylor to gain momentum for the Big 12 Tournament. The Raiders will travel to Lincoln

this weekend for two games against



BASEMAN ARLENE Newton tags out a Kansas Jayhawk at third base during Tech's win Sunday. Tech travels to Waco to take on Baylor in a doubleheader today.

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Football predictions made easy with help of Magic 8-Ball

The Big 12 schedule

can do in any team,

and the Longhorns

should be no

exception.

ith only one game remaining in the college basketball season, there will be a champion crowned and then we can finally get back to talking about what everyone needs: college football.

That's right, folks, I think about it year round, but the only problem is I don't get paid to. Since the job of neurotic football psychopath isn't paying what it used to, I've actually had to get another job.

Since I'm not very good at dealing face to face with people, I decided to get a job where I could work from home.

First, I decided to work in the entertainment industry. I was a phone sex operator for about two weeks, but having to pervert my voice to sound like a coed named Cindy from Berkeley, Calif., made my throat muscles weak.

Still reeling from that episode, I

SPORTS COLUMN



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decided to go into an easier line of work. So I got an extra phone line, picked up some tarot cards and bought a Magic 8 Ball, and I am now a certified phone psychic. I've made a good deal of money, and I even have

Kings will finally beat the Lakers. The best thing about it all,

a few celebrity clients. Right now,

Vlade Divac keeps calling to see if the

though, is I've actually become able Although the offense will be im- do beat Oklahoma, will they win the to predict the outcome of sporting events, which ultimately brings us to the point of the column. Everyone wants to know what's going to happen next football season, and thanks says, "It's hard to tell." What the hell to my abilities, I al-

ready have the scoop.

So today, I'm like Pep Boys: You've got questions; I've got answers, but don't ask me anything about your car.

Question one: Will Ohio State repeat as national champion? The Magic 8-Ball says, "Signs point to no." I have to agree with my ball on that one. With Matt Wilhelm, Mike Doss and Cie Grant all gone to the NFL, the Buckeye defense can only suffer.

proved, things will not be as easy for OSU this season.

Question two: Will Texas finally beat Oklahoma? The Magic 8-ball does that mean, 8-

Ball? Well since my cohort is trying to straddle the fence, I'll come right out with it and predict a Texas victory. True, the Longhorn offense will likely be led by pe-

rennial backup Chance Mock, but Mock doesn't have the big game jitters that Chris Simms had. So bet on the Texas receiving trio of Roy Williams, Sloan Thomas and B.J. Johnson to do in the Sooners.

Question three: If the Longhorns

national title? The Magic 8-Ball says, No way, Jose," Geez, that was a tad harsh, 8-Ball, but I must concur. Texas should stand in most of the season, but the Big 12 schedule can do in almost any team, and the Longhorns should be no exception. They might even lose to the Aggies in College Station.

Questions four: Will Miami win the national title? The Magic 8-Ball says, "Unfortunately, yes." The 8-ball is right on the mark, kids. Transfer quarterback Brock Berlin is a gamer, and new running back Frank Gore is better than Willis McGahee. With a defense that reloads instead of rebuilds, the Hurricanes should be on top again.

Questions five: Who will win the Heisman? The Magic 8-Ball says, "Hazy, ask again." So I drank a beer and shook it again. The Magic 8-Ball says, "I don't know." So I drank another beer and shook it again. The magic 8-ball says, "Hazy, ask again." So I downed another brew and shook it again. The magic 8-ball says, "You drunk idiot, I can only answer yes or no questions."

Well, the award will usually go to a quarterback, so if I had to pick a winner, I'd go with North Carolina State's Phillip Rivers. He's the best quarterback in the nation, and he plays in a weakened ACC conference. Texas receiver Roy Willoutside shot.

Now that the stupid 8-Ball made psychic's turban.

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By Jason Lenz/Staff Reporter

Law Field several times in the top of the fourth inning. That was the most exciting thing that happened in Texas Tech's suddenly scheduled game versus West Texas A&M, until the bottom of the eighth.

Following a leadoff triple by junior Brent Fossum, senior leftfielder error, two runs on sacrifice flies, two Scooter Jordan stepped up to the plate. on groundout and one on a balk to With no outs and an 0-1 count, Jordan, who went 4-4 with two RBIs, smacked his first home run as a Red Raider, a two-run shot over the right

Jordan said the home run was a pleasant change of pace.

"It feels good to jog around the bases for once," he said. "I just hit it up into in the end. the 80 mile-per-hour wind to get it out.

A huge flock of birds flew over Dan 21-13 and remains at 4-7 in Big 12 Conference play.

> Aside from Jordan's home run and RBI singles from junior designated hitter Travis McElroy and sophomore catcher Cooper Fouts, Tech's run scoring was not pretty.

The Raiders scored one run on an aide in the 10-4 victory.

Junior starting pitcher Jeff Karstens improved to 7-1 on the year with a seven-inning outing, giving up only field fence that gave Tech a 9-4 lead. two earned runs and striking out seven. He said he did not know why the Raiders struggled both offensively and defensively, but it worked out fine

"I don't know if it was the weather, It felt pretty good. I felt like I had pretty or what it was, but we just kind of

even though we scored every inning. out tomorrow and be ready to go." Sometimes it's ugly, but we'll take it however we can get it right now."

Head coach Larry Hays said the team just could not put anything to-

"We struggled a lot," he said. "We had guys in scoring position, key strikeouts, and had some opportunities and didn't come through. I thought we should have had nine or 10 runs by the third inning."

Despite the struggles, though, Hays said he was relatively pleased with the efforts of some of his players, including senior relief pitcher Dusty Buck, who pitched two solid innings of relief.

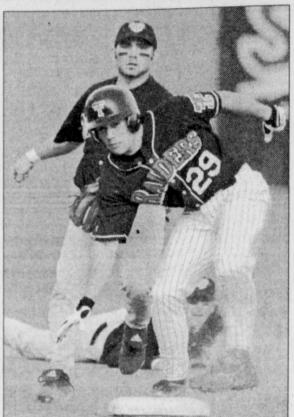
"I think Karstens did all right, and Dusty (Buck); it was probably good for him," he said. "We had two or three 7 p.m. tonight at Dan Law Field with other guys who had good games, but the a game against Eastern New Mexico.

With the win, Tech improves to ally get on track until the later innings, and we've got to build on it and come

The game against West Texas A&M was the first of a five-game home stand for the Raiders. McElroy said getting the win is important for setting the tone for the rest of the games, especially with the team coming off two losses on the road at Missouri.

"I think that, overall, we're going to bounce back," he said. "Getting a couple of wins at home can definitely get us feeling good. We've got four more coming up. You get the first one under your belt at the top of the week, and you can kind of get the ball rolling early, and we should carry that into the weekend."

The Raiders are back in action at



OUT-FIELDER MADISON **EDWARDS** looks toward first base along with West Texas A&M shortstop and second baseman during an attempted double play during Tech's 10-4 win Monday at Dan Law Field. GREG KELLER/ Staff Photographer

Auriemma, Summitt bring different coaching styles

Pat Summitt is the stern disciplinarian with an icy glare, yet her players consider her a surrogate mother.

Connecticut's Geno Auriemma is the ultimate agitator, a wisecracking needler who enjoyszinging friend and foe alike. Who else would call Summitt's program the "Evil Empire?"

Different personalities to be sure, but two intensely competitive coaches with the same goal. Their teams meet Tuesday night to decide the national championship in women's basketball, the latest installment of the sport's hottest rivalry.

but none since 1998. Connecticut speaks for itself. Throwing snow-(36-1) has won two of the last three championships and three overall. "Strictly from good theater, you couldn't ask for a better matchup,"

Auriemma said. That theater extends to the coaching rivalry. Both insist they don't dislike each other. They even chatted for crossed paths in the Georgia Dome.

vited Villanova coach Harry shedidn't get it straight until her third Perretta and his team — the only season with the Huskies. one to beat UConn this season -The East Tennessee mountains Auriemma secured such an invite.

"We're not talking on the phone every week," Summitt said. "As a phone. But I would just say that you have a great rivalry and certainly a that's when you should be worried."

ATLANTA (AP) - Tennessee's coach that I respect tremendously." Auriemma caused a stir when he needled Perretta, one of his good friends, over his relationship with Summitt, saying the Villanova coach

had "dumped me for the Evil Empire." Hey, Auriemma pleaded, lighten up. He was just having fun.

"I live in Connecticut and I'm a Red Sox fan," he said. "If you talk about Tennessee, they are the Yankees and Pat is George Steinbrenner. We make fun of it.

"There is nothing evil about them - unless you live in Connecticut. Her program speaks for it-Tennessee (33-4) has six titles self and her reputation certainly balls is part of what you do in a tournament. We are just throwing a couple of snowballs at each other."

Summitt's reaction to how she was characterized?

"Well, I have been called a lot worse in my career," she said.

That's the thing about 15 minutes or so Monday when they Auriemma, It's hard to tell sometimes when he's joking and when he's seri-But friends? Hardly. Summitt in- ous. Junior guard Morgan Valley said

"He would say stuff and I would to her house for a cookout before cry," Valley said. "That's the one the Mideast Regional in Knoxville. thing you never want to do. You never want to let him see you cry. would turn into flatland before Then you get adjusted to him and realize he does it to everybody."

Added guard Maria Conlon: "You just have to take a lot of that matter of fact, we don't talk on the lightly. When he's not digging you or not saying anything about you,

Orangemen squeeze Jayhawks in title game

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — The first-ever title. Boeheim threw his arms juked, jammed and barely held on for a the championship. victory that gave coach Jim Boeheim his long-awaited championship.

Freshmen Carmelo Anthony and Gerry McNamara did the scoring, and Hakim Warrick came up with a huge block at the end Monday night to lift the Orange to a thrilling 81-78 victory over Kansas.

throws that would have sealed the game with 13.5 seconds left, made up for it by coming from nowhere to swat a 3-point attempt by Michael Lee that would have tied it.

(30-5) ran to the floor to celebrate their wanted to get the last 4 seconds right to turning Kansas into a one-man the first half of a title game.

Syracuse Orangemen were playground in the air and ran to shake hands with players early, a bundle of nerves late. They Roy Williams, deprived once again of

> Anthony showed he is certainly ready for the NBA if he chooses, fighting off a bad back to finish with 20 points, 10 rebounds and seven assists. McNamara hit six 3-pointers in the first half to finish with 18 points.

In a marquee coaching matchup between Boeheim and Williams, a Warrick, who missed two free pair of brilliant tacticians who had never won it all, it was Boeheim who finally broke through, after 27 years

coaching at his alma mater. Sixteen years ago, Syracuse lost by one to Indiana on Keith Smart's game-Kirk Hinrich, cold all night, shot an winner with 4 seconds left on the same airball at the buzzer, and the Orangemen Superdome floor. Boeheim said he

this time, and he did just barely.

us one," he said.

In the first half; it didn't look as if he'd have to sweat it.

The Orangemen built their lead to 18 during a breakneck first half. But things ground to a halt in the second, and it was Boeheim's famous 2-3 zone that closed out the game.

When it was over, bad free-throw shooting killed the Jayhawks (30-8). They missed an amazing 18 of 30. They also never really found the outside touch to force the Orangemen to guard them up high. Hinrich shot 6-for-20 - 3-for-12 from 3-point range, and missed twice with a chance to tie in the closing seconds.

show. All-American forward Nick "I think this building kind of owed Collison was valiant — he finished with 19 points and 21 rebounds. But in the end, he simply didn't have enough help against the tall and long Syracuse players and that wellcoached defense.

> Of course, there are some things you simply can't coach, and McNamara, Anthony, Warrick - the whole team, really - played a one-on-one style of offense in the first half that looked as if it came straight from the playground.

McNamara was relentless, unabashedly hoisting shots from 23, 24, 25 feet and making almost all of them. By the end of the first half, he was 6for-8 - his season high - and the Orangemen led 53-42. The 53 were Inside, Boeheim's "D" came close the most points scored by one team in

Tiger's shot at Master's history should get much attention

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wreckem_d_man@hotmail.com jacket carries some sort of mystique other men have had this chance, and each one failed. If Tiger were to end up on top of the leaderboard Sunday, he would outdo the greatest master of

> The Golden Bear has won six green jackets, but back-to-back in 1965 and '66. In his attempt to be the first with three in a row, he failed to make the cut, a failure Greg Norman

and '90 after winning in playoffs, but his shot at a third in a row resulted in him five shots behind the winner in a tie for 12th.

But Tiger lacks a major competitor to push him to the next level, or even be at his level. The Stripped One has no one to challenge him. He has such a high status as the greatest player in anyone to step up to the mic and provide him with some resistance.

Predictions are not being made in this column, but the drama and possibility of seeing history take place in the gentleman's game this week will be enough to keep eyes glued to the television and mouses scrolling the Internet all week. Every shot Tiger hits will be broadcast on television, and

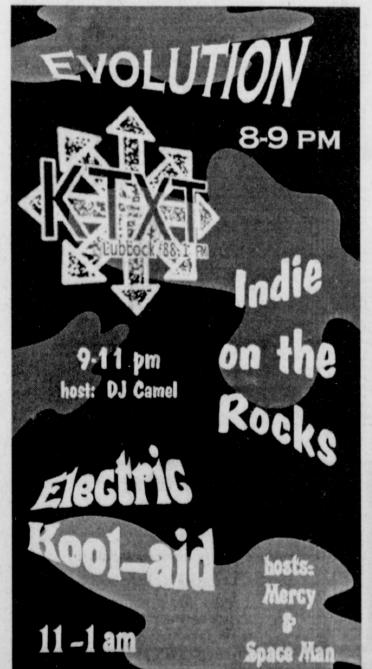
SportsCenter will be on the scene to Nick Faldo slipped out of the gates analyze his every strategic move and Magnolia Lane with jackets in 1989 the rest of the field's capability of stopping him.

> Once practice rounds begin, The Masters can be expected to be the lead story on ESPN. Sales of Nike golf equipment will go up, and people that don't know anything about golf will suddenly care because history is in the making.

This week is about The Masters and three in a row, but what it boils the world, it's too difficult mentally for down to is history. We thrive on it as sports fans. For two years, we have been captivated by Bary Bonds and his homerun hitting prowess. The UConn women's basketball team got everyone talking around the water cooler again, and Lance Armstrong made us care about cycling.

> Tiger Woods has the opportunity to go where no man has gone before, and everyone will be watching.

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