

U.S. troops find terrorist camp in Iraq

DECREASING THREAT: Bush administration lowers terror alert notch in America from orange to yellow.

By David Espo/Associated Press

American troops raided the home of the mastermind of Saddam Hussein's biological weapons lab on Wednesday and discovered a sprawling, recently abandoned terrorist training camp south of Baghdad as they dug for secrets from a dead regime.

With major combat over, the Bush administration lowered the terrorist threat at home to yellow, down a notch from its wartime level of orange.

"Terrorists and tyrants have now been put on notice, they can no longer feel safe hiding behind innocent lives," said President George W. Bush.

Inside Iraq, Army forces exchanged fire with a small number of die-hard paramilitary fighters north of Baghdad, then proceeded to take out two surface-to-air missile systems and three anti-aircraft guns left over from Hussein's military. And Iraqis in Mosul said three people were killed and at least 11 wounded by gunfire, but the circumstances were murky.

Baghdad, Americans armed newly recruited Iraqi police officers with handguns to help keep order. And citizens sought to pick up their normal lives.

"The market is open and products are available," said Tadamoun Abdel-Aziz as she shopped with her son for eggs, bread and vegetables in the downtown Irkheita Market. But with power only partially restored and temperatures in the 90s, Baghdad residents bought three-foot blocks of ice.

American commandos, backed by about 40 Marines, staged the raid on the residence of Rahib Taha, dubbed "Dr. Germ" by United Nations weapons inspectors. Taha, a microbi-

laboratory, suspected of weaponizing anthrax.

home with their hands up, and American troops removed several boxes of documents. Her whereabouts were unknown.

Administration officials said the desire to eliminate weapons of mass destruction was one key reason for the war, although none has yet been found.

"We're really just in the early stages of that" search, Brig. Gen. Vincent Brooks told reporters at a briefing at Central Command headquarters.

The United Nations weapons inspectors also failed to find any banned weapons in pre-

After days of looting and mayhem in ologist, was in charge of Iraq's secret biological war searches. Hans Blix, the chief inspector, is expected to appear before the U.N. Secu-Three men emerged from the raid on her rity Council next week to discuss a possible resumption of the effort - even though the United States has not invited the international team back into Iraq.

> A Marine spokesman, Cpl. John Hoellwarth, said the terrorist training camp consisted of about 20 permanent buildings on 25 acres south of Baghdad, and was operated by the Palestine Liberation Front and the Iraqi government.

> He said recruits were apparently instructed in the art of bomb-making, adding that Ma-

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PRACTICE BASS PERFEC

Next Masked Rider revealed at ceremony BEHIND THE MASK: Tech mascot to remain mystery 'til Friday's transfer of reins.

By Matt Muench/Staff Reporter

vealed at the Transfer of Reins Ceremony at 3 p.m. Friday.

The identity of the new Masked Rider will remain a mystery until the student takes the saddle.

What is known is the rider of Midnight Matador will be a male for the first time since the 1999-2000 school year. He will hold the reigns for the first time at the ceremony at the Merket Alumni Center, located at the corner of University Avenue and 19th Street.

This is the second consecutive year the winner has remained a mystery

until the ceremony.

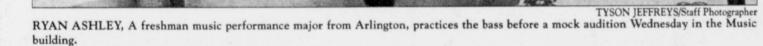
"We do that to make it a big deal," A new Masked Rider will be re- said Angie Labai, coordinator for the Center of Campus Life. "It is Tech's oldest tradition. This makes the ceremony a little more important for the incoming and outgoing Masked Rider."

Heidi Nagy, publicist for the Masked Rider program, said six students applied. After a series of stages that involved a written, equestrian and driving test, the applicants were narrowed down to two, who then interviewed with the committee.

Labaj, who was on the committee,

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Graduate student TAs could lose health benefits

By Angela Timmons/Staff Reporter

With the state facing education funding crunches, graduate student teaching assistants may see some of their benefits crumble as well.

One of the many measures on the state Senate's appropriation bill looking at the budget shortfall is reviewing state employee health insurance benefits.

Deon Daugherty, press secretary for Sen. Robert Duncan-R. Texas, said the measure has appropriated only \$1 billion to the state group health insurance, Employee Retirement System.

"Right now, the agency pays 100 percent of grad student benefits, which is the same as any full-time state employee right now," Daugherty said. "But the Senate has told ERS they have that money and need to figure out savings."

Daugherty said the agency came up with about \$650 million in savings with several proposed

By Heidi Toth/Staff Reporter

said the war in Iraq did wonderful

the economy," the senior agronomy

things for the American economy.

major from Hobbs, N.M., said.

Texas Tech student Todd Roberson

"War is always the best stimulus for

Associate professor of economics

ideas. Some of the suggestions include a 90-day waiting period for new employees before receipt of insurance benefits and making employees responsible for taking the initiative for premiums on the monthly amount paid for prescriptions or mail-order prescriptions.

Daugherty said the agency proposes eliminating benefits to graduate teaching assistants who are treated by ERS as regular, full-time state employees.

"Sen. Duncan did not like the idea; he didn't like any of the proposals," Daugherty said. "Duncan restored the benefits to about 50 percent, which for graduate student teaching assistants would equal the same as a regular part-time state employee."

Duncan's counter-proposal would mean parttime state employees, as well as state university graduate student teaching assistants, would have dependent benefits slashed to about 25 percent.

Confidence increasing with signs of improving economy

As of now, teaching assistants receive 100 percent medical benefit funding from ERS and 50 percent for their dependents.

"It could change some more; the agency proposal was to eliminate everything for these kids, and Sen. Duncan got them some access," Daugherty said. "Now they will be paying for 50 percent of their health benefits instead of having everything cut."

Daugherty said the bill, among others, is being debated in state House appropriations. The Senate will then take it up, and after that, the bill may look somewhat different depending on any added amendments. The bill will then move into the conference committee.

"The conference committee may look at this and say no cuts," Daugherty said. "Frankly, that would be great."

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FILE PHOTO/The University Daily

THE 2003-2004 MASKED Rider will be named at 3 p.m. Friday at the Transfer of Reins Ceremony in the Merket Alumni Center.

Grad School announces new GPSGA officers

By Joey Kirk/Staff Reporter

The Texas Tech Graduate School announced the new officers for the 2003-2004 Graduate and Professional Student Government Association on Wednesday at the Merket Alumni Center.

Deidre Parish, current president of the GPSGA, said the new officers are perfect candidates to take he said. over the positions.

"It was a tough decision in determining the new officers, but I know we selected the right people for the job," she said.

Being sworn in was Dusty McAfee as the new president. Catherine Polydore was selected to fill Chad Davis' position as the vice president.

ceeds Rise Lara as secretary.

The GPSGA officers will be re-

quired to perform the duties of their positions within the organization, Parish said

Ralph Ferguson, assistant dean for the Graduate School, said he expects great accomplishments by these officers.

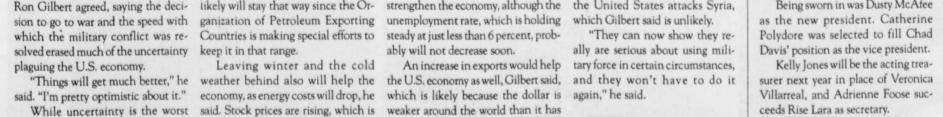
"I hope they will fill their positions with confidence, and we will appreciate their hard work with no doubt,"

Along with the presentation of officers, the Graduate School honored nine teachers with the Outstanding Graduate Part-time Instructor award.

Ferguson said they annually present these awards to certain graduate students who also teach.

"The Graduate School has been holding this awards reception every year for more than five years," he said. "We try to acknowledge scholarship and teaching among our recipients."

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While uncertainty is the worst

is one of the best things. Consumer confidence is increasing as signs of an including falling gasoline prices.

"The uncertainty about the war was causing uncertainty about the oil supply," Gilbert said, adding oil is now between \$24 and \$28 a barrel, and likely will stay that way since the Or-

suck market, confidence in the future by several companies.

"The single most important thing is that business firms finally start to improved economy become apparent, invest in real assets and begin to hire people," he said. "That's what's going to determine what happens, whether firms invest or not."

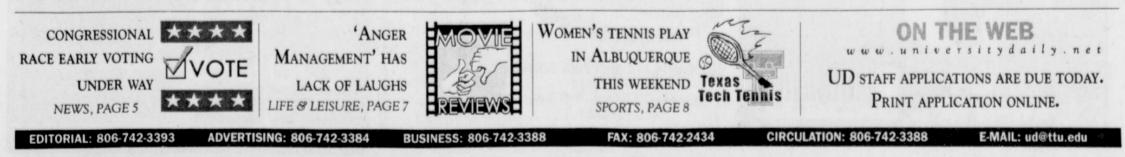
> That, combined with increased consumer spending, will significantly strengthen the economy, although the

thing possible for the economy and the associated with profit announcements been in past years. However, because

most other world economies are still weaker than the American economy, export items are not the primary concern of economists.

Interest rates are low now to encourage investments, and profits are up, all of which should contribute to economic growth, he said. The war uncertainty is gone, unless the United States attacks Syria,

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WACO (AP) - Militia groups and others who do not trust the government use one word when making their case: Waco.

They still get angry over the deaths of nearly 80 people a decade ago in an inferno at a religious compound near Waco, ending the group's 51-day standoff with federal agents.

"April 19 continues to haunt a lot of people," said Dan Powell, leader of the Northeast Texas Regional Militia of Texarkana. "What happened in Waco was a domestic act of terrorism that has never been prosecuted."

His group raised nearly \$1,000 to buy a large granite monument for the site. The plaque lists the names of 82 people who died, including six killed in the initial raid in February 1993 and two unborn children whose mothers died in the fire.

Anti-government crusaders were already upset over the 11-day standoff at the Ruby Ridge, Idaho, cabin of white separatist Randy Weaver in 1992. His son and a federal agent were killed in a shootout. The next day, an FBI agent killed Weaver's wife while she held her 10-monthold baby.

When federal agents stormed the Branch Davidian compound Feb. 28, 1993, trying to arrest leader David Koresh for stockpiling illegal weapons and explosives, militia groups were even more outraged. They sympathized with the group, contending the government was infringing upon the Davidians' rights to own guns and worship as they pleased.

"Why would you send 50 to 60 agents in there on a misdemeanor warrant?" Powell said.



Militia groups remain Pentagon: War costs WHO: China may be upset about Waco total \$20 billion so far hiding SARS victims

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Pentagon has spent more than \$20 billion so far in the war against Iraq and expects to spend at least \$10 billion more by the end of September, a senior official said Wednesday.

That does not include the several billion dollars it will cost to bring combat troops back home, said Dov Zakheim, the Pentagon's comptroller. He also offered no estimate of the cost of stabilizing and rebuilding Iraq.

At a Pentagon news conference, Zakheim said military operations in Iraq to date have cost about \$10 billion to \$12 billion. Personnel costs have been about \$6 billion and the cost of munitions has been more than \$3 billion. He provided no exact figures but said the total was more than \$20 billion.

Zakheim was explaining how the Pentagon will use the \$62.6 billion Congress has approved in supplemental spending over the Pentagon's \$364 billion for the fiscal year that ends Sept. 30. Nearly all the money is for the war in Iraq and the global war on terror.

The war in Iraq will cost an estimated \$2 billion a month through the end of the fiscal year, he said.

It is not yet known many U.S. troops will be needed for the postwar period of reconstruction, Maj. Gen. Stanley McChrystal said in a later Pentagon press conference on the war.

"It's really too early to tell," he said. The size of the U.S. force needed for postwar security will depend in part on how willing other countries are to contribute peacekeeping troops, officials have said.



NEWS

BEIJING (AP) - World Health Organization investigators said Wednesday China has unreported cases of the deadly SARS virus in military hospitals in Beijing and has barred release of details about them.

The comments, which came after WHO experts visited two military hospitals, raised fears the illness may be more prevalent in China than it has acknowledged. China has officially reported 65 deaths and more than 1,300 cases of the illness.

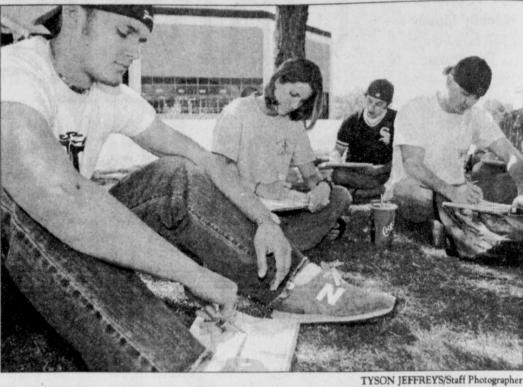
The team paid visits to the Nos. 301 and 309 military hospitals in China's capital on Tuesday and later said they saw severe acute respiratory syndrome patients and received data on new cases. But they said officials told them not to release details on them and they would not say how many cases there were.

"There indeed have been cases of SARS, there is no doubt about that, that have not been reported officially, in that the military seems to have its own reporting system that doesn't link in presently to the municipal one," said WHO team member Dr. Wolfgang Preiser told a news conference.

The WHO investigators blamed the discrepancy on a "reporting problem" in the Chinese system, in which the military has not been informing civilian authorities about its cases.

Outsiders have accused China of underreporting cases and possibly suppressing information, but the WHO investigators did not say they considered the newly disclosed cases evidence of a cover-up.

Rumors have circulated that there were many unreported cases of SARS in Beijing's secretive military hospitals.



SHADY SKETCHES

LEFT TO RIGHT: Andy Bell, a freshman architecture major from El Paso; Jordan Hardin, a sophomore interior design major from Snyder; Jason Ashe, a sophomore civil engineering major from Katy and Scott Bedunan, a freshman architecture major from Beckuille, take time in the shade to draw vehicles for their architecture delineation class.



The Hispanic Student Society presents "Reflections of our Heritage," a weeklong celebration with the following events:

The Spanish play "Los Invasores," performs at 7 p.m. today at the Texas Tech Museum, and the annual "Reflections of Our Heritage" Banquet at 6:30 p.m. Friday in the McInturf Center.

Tickets for the banquet cost \$10 dent Union office.

for students and \$15 for the general public, and on are sale in the Student Union building. For more information, call (806) 441-8731.

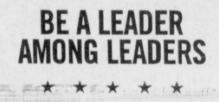
The Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers and Omega Delta Phi are hosting the third annual Easter Bash 765-5685

Arbor Day begins at 11:30 a.m. April 25 in Memorial Circle. The event features hotdogs and hamburgers, a concert and tree planting. Planting registration forms are available in the Center for Campus Life Office in Room 228 of the Student Union building or Room 250 of West Hall. Forms also are available online at www.campuslife.ttu.edu and are due at 4 p.m. Friday in the Stu-

Kappa Delta Chi is hosting the KDChi Klassic three-on-three basketball tournament at Optimist Boys and Girls Club on April 25 and 26. Signups will be in the Student Union building foyer through Friday. There is a \$35 entry fee for a team of three players and in the Maggie Trejo SuperCenter from one alternate. Proceeds benefit the 3:45 p.m. to 5 p.m. today. For more in- Optimist Boys and Girls Club and formation, call Jessica Rendon at (806) Buckner's Children's home. For more information, contact Eric Lugo at luglar@msn.com.

> The annual TKE Crawfish festival is from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. April 27 at The Big Backyard at 904 East Broadway. Tickets are on sale for \$20 in the Student Union building foyer and Select-A-Seat locations, and they will cost \$25 at the door. The event will feature free crawfish and parking. For more information, contact Will Turner at (806) 687-2367 or Steve Hozhabri at (806) 744-7913.





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rines found chemicals, beakers and pipes at the site, along with questionnaires that asked recruits to state their preferences. Hoellwarth said many volunteered for suicide missions.

The discovery came less than a day after American officials disclosed the capture in Baghdad of Abul Abbas, a Palestinian behind the 1985 hijacking of an Italian cruise ship in which one American was killed.

Other suspects were taken in a series of raids that also netted weapons such as rocket-propelled grenades, military officials said.

Together, the events buttressed the Bush administration's longstanding claims that Iraq under Hussein provided sanctuary to terrorists.

Bush, speaking in St. Louis, stopped just short once more of declaring victory.

"Now that Iraq is liberated, the United Nations should lift economic sanctions on that country," he said. There were ample signs that Iraq was becoming safer, including a visit to Baghdad by Gen. Tommy Franks, the commander of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

At the same time, there was reduced concern about the terrorist threat at home.

The threat level was raised to orange on March 17, days before the war began. And in lowering it, the administration said risks remain.

'We must be vigilant and alert to the possibility that al-Oaida and those sympathetic to their cause, as well as former Iraqi-regime state agents and affiliated organizations, may attempt to conduct attacks against the U.S. or our interests abroad," Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge said in a statement.

The yellow level signifies an elevated risk of terrorist attacks. It is the middle level on the five-tier danger scale. Orange suggests a high risk and is the second-highest level.

Circumstances of the reported shootings in Mosul were unclear. Several of the wounded said American troops had shot them. But a Marine sergeant denied that. He said American troops had come under fire from nearby gunmen and shot back.

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work," he said. "And this presentation

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Mohammed Rabih Sheet, an administrator at Jumhuriya Hospital, said three people were killed and 11 wounded, including two children.

It was the second outbreak of gunfire in as many days in Mosul, a city of 700,000 where Arabs and Kurds are highly suspicious of one another and tensions have been high since American forces rolled in a week ago.

Iragis accused Americans of opening fire on a crowd in an incident Tuesday, but Brooks denied that.

He said troops guarding a wall around a government complex fired warning shots after seeing Iraqis firing into the air.

Brooks said Americans were shot at, then began firing at people in the crowd, including some trying to scale the wall.

In Washington, a senior defense official said the Pentagon has spent about \$20 billion so far to fight the war. Dov Zakheim, the Pentagon's comptroller, said at least several billion dollars more will be spent getting combat troops back home.

Congress recently approved legislation providing \$80 billion for the war in Iraq, the battle against terrorism and related costs.

Saddle Tramps will not press charges

By Angela Timmons/Staff After the disappearance of

\$2,495 worth of Texas Tech mascot Raider Red's baseball costume from Doak Hall on Saturday afternoon,

Reporter

the Saddle Tramps are only looking to have the outfit returned. Mass Communications professor and Saddle Tramp sponsor Bill Dean said Wednesday the organization is not looking to press charges or prosecute any suspects.

"We just hope whoever it is that took it has the good sense to return it," Dean said. "We'd just like the outfit back."

The outfit may be left in the Doak Hall office or any place the costume may be safely found and recovered, he said.

The party responsible for taking the costume from Raider Red's room Saturday probably did so as a prank, Dean said.

"Now that it's done and the party

discovered this was around \$2500 worth time following the incident. of stuff and this is classified as burglary, they may be panicking," Dean said. "We just want to assure them they're not going to be prosecuted if they just return it intact."

Raider Red's costume was stolen directly from a Doak residence hall room Saturday afternoon following a Tech baseball game. The theft occurred while Raider Red was showering and after his roommate was falsely called to the front desk to pick up a package.

The plea follows the release of the news regarding the costume disappearance, as well as an incident connected to the theft in Doak Hall, to which the police responded at approximately 12:40 a.m. Monday, Tech police Mjr. Eddie Huckabee said.

The incident involved around 50 subjects on the third floor of Doak in a "loud argument, escalating into a fight."

Huckabee said the officer who responded to the incident reported the confrontation was basically under control, with the officer on standby for some

Huckabee said from the police report, it was apparent at the scene that the incident was surrounding the issue of the missing items and some accusations by Saddle Tramps to Doak Hall residents regarding the theft. As the incident dissipated, the report stated no one was hurt or arrested, and there were no offenses. However, the police may benefit from the incident in terms of leads.

"It tells us more about who some of the people think is responsible," Huckabee said.

The police are looking into following up the incident with additional details after establishing the argument occurred over the disappearance of parts of Raider Red's costume, Huckabee said.

The Saddle Tramps currently have some undisclosed leads for suspects but wish to make the point that the main concern is to have the costume returned, Dean said, and identity may not revealed upon return.

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Ronald Anderson, dean of the Graduate School, said the departments nominated instructors for the awards

"This is a major asset to Tech, and I believe that they selected nine outstanding candidates," he said.

In addition to presenting these honors, Anderson announced his retirement as dean of the school.

"I have enjoyed my time at Tech, and it was a great experience," Anderson said. "I believe that the Graduate School has been a major part of our university and will continue to grow in stature."

According to Parish, enrollment for the school increased from 3,400 students to more than 4,000 since Anderson was named dean in the late 1990s.

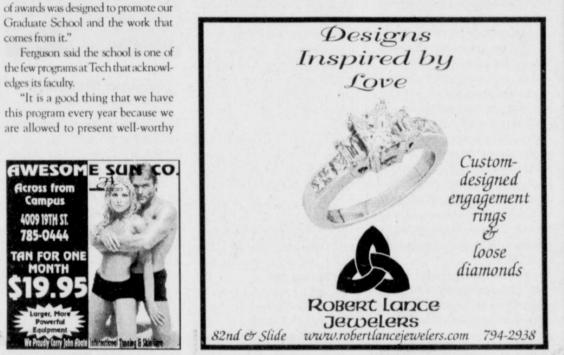
Tech provost William Marcy said the position will be announced fairly soon and will be filled internally.

"The dean position will be made known, and it will be given to a current faculty member of the Graduate School," he said. "The school does not get the recognition it deserves because

it has been a driver in the way Tech has professors and faculty members awards that are not given in all other About one million dollars is spent schools," he said.

The Tech graduate program is on recruiting students to the graduate "unlike any other in Texas because "The program operates on a further of the diversity," Marcy said. scale; it is more of behind the scenes

"Tech has come of age, and we look at the impacts that the graduate program has had on the university and determine that it is difficult to overstate what they do and the role they play," he said. "Without the students that help teach, we couldn't function correctly because they are key faculty and very important to our success."



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he world today is one Thomas Malthus could be happy about. We have a war, a mysterious new virus and 6 billion people. A Malthusian population check may be in the making. I hope so.

As comedian George Carlin said, it can be fun to listen to bad news. The entire profession of journalism thrives on other people's misfortune. Imagine for a moment how boring the evening news would be if all Tom Brokaw had to tell us was that the national bake sale in Topeka, Kan., had to be postponed because "Hootie" Johnson and 50 other men stood outside the gates and protested their exclusion.

Instead, we have worldwide protests and panic, and a deadly mystery illness, thus keeping journalists clothed, fed and sheltered.

The world thrives on misery. Optimism is frowned upon. For instance, look at the war in Iraq. People were oppressed for more than 20 years, and now they are free.

Screw that! Look at those grubby little bastards looting and making off with furniture and electronics. They're as disorderly as Los Angeles residents who burn down their own city to show the world they mean business.

It's great fun to observe events like this one. Any potentially positive aspects of any event are benched in favor of something more sinister, and therefore more entertaining.

Look at the severe acute respiratory syndrome virus. I read an article about it on Netscape News and learned how 137 people died and thousands of others have been infected. The WHO (that's the World Health Organization, not the rock band) says it's got the potential to be a global epidemic; Chinese President Hu Jintao visited Hong Kong to inspect the damage; new quarantine measures are being taken, and we're all going to die.

Oh, and some Canadian lab might be on the verge of a vaccine, they mention in passing. No one gives a damn about good news like that. Telling people there might be a cure won't motivate anyone to be abnor- history and the most daunting acmally frightened.

Another thing that's incredible to watch is the major networks' collective coverage of the continent of Africa. No other land mass has been so neglected when it comes to news. The last time Africa made the front pages in the United States was when the American embassies in Khartoum and Nairobi were bombed. It's almost as if hardship, death and destruction have become so commonplace they are no longer newsworthy. Once in a blue moon, there might be a brief blurb on the news about how Africans are still starving and dying



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Any and all potentially positive aspects of any event are benched in favor of something more sinister, and therefore more entertaining.

of AIDS. Thanks, guys!

What other news have we had recently? A school shooting! Despite the fact that this high school in New Orleans had security personnel, a student was still able to sneak an AK-47 into the school, kill a student and wound three more. Wow, did gun control fail again?

Oh, and a gun accidentally went off in a Shreveport school, wounding another student in the stomach.

There was another story about the vast majority of students who commit violent acts are the students who are bullied by others. Well, no #\$%!, Sherlock! Do you mean people who get pushed around tend to push back? This snippet is the closest thing to good news they could muster, but it's still inspired by violence, thereby making it OK.

One ought not forget that were it not for the fact that there are more people dying in Iraq and Asia right now, these stories would be leading the news.

Even better is the recent business scandal that dwarfs Enron. WorldCom Inc. is trying to weave its way through the largest bankruptcy claim in U.S. counting scandal in, well, two years.

The lack of coverage of this fiasco



Special election offers voting opportunity for all students

have an important special election coming up May 3. U.S. Congressman Larry Combest is stepping down and 17 candidates have filed for a place on the ballot. None of the candidates will be listed with a party label so it is unlikely anyone will get the 50 percent necessary to avoid a runoff. The top two vote getters will then face off to take the highly coveted seat 17 January 2005.

There are elections where fund raising and deals made by power brokers decide everything in advance. But this special election is different, and with 17 candidates running, anything can happen. There will probably be a low turnout for this election, and the 17 candidates will surely split the total vote into tiny pieces.

A large turnout for this kind of special off-year election would be roughly 40,000 voters throughout the district. If a candidate gets 20 percent of the vote, then that candidate will probably be the top vote getter.

votes when you consider the stu- many of the same local leaders. Both dent section for Texas Tech foot- also will need to understand their sucball games at Jones SBC Stadium cesses will be shared, and if they have



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West Texas area has several vital roadway projects to fund, while airport funding and security issues require constant attention.

Tech is certainly an interested party in all of this. In order to move to the next level, Tech requires federal funding for a variety of needs. One of the keys to building a top-level research university is having a strong person in congress helping to spur growth with federal contracts and grants.

The timing for Tech couldn't be more critical. During the next few months Tech will look for a new president who will have much in common with the new person in congress. Both will try to improve Tech and Lub-That's a small number of total bock, and will need to work with

can leave many people feeling as though their elected officials aren't paying attention to them.

This is where more Tech students need to understand the importance of voting. If you want your elected officials to take you seriously, then get involved in the process of selecting those elected officials.

There are some Tech students who have been protesting various issues on campus during this school year. While these students have every right to protest, if they don't follow up by voting in this key election, then they are going to keep banging their heads against the same walls. If someone disagrees with what is going on in Washington or Austin, then they must vote for change.

Many of these special off-year elections get a great deal of national press coverage because they are seen as signs of voter satisfaction with the president. For this reason, I encourage Tech students to vote for those candidates who have indicated they support the president's policies. President Bush has courageously weathered a tumultuous first three years and has made the world a safer place for all of us. He deserves to have the support of the person we send to congress.

I have no preference for any par-



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surprises me. It doesn't get much better than corporate America getting reamed by its own dishonesty. In fact, with bankruptcy, the company may be better off than it was before it screwed up. Wow, it's like Robert McNamara is running the show over there, only it worked out well. Only in America can failure be so grandly rewarded.

The news is perpetually pessimistic. After all, that's how journalists raise their children. Save the cheery news for Dateline. We want the bad news on 24 hours a day.

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This gives voters like you and eryone will suffer. me extra importance. Our individual votes can get lost in bigger turnout elections but can hold much greater significance in smaller turnout elections like this one.

Whoever wins will have imporincluding oil, cotton and other farm products. Congressional legislation and oversight play key roles

problems working together then ev-

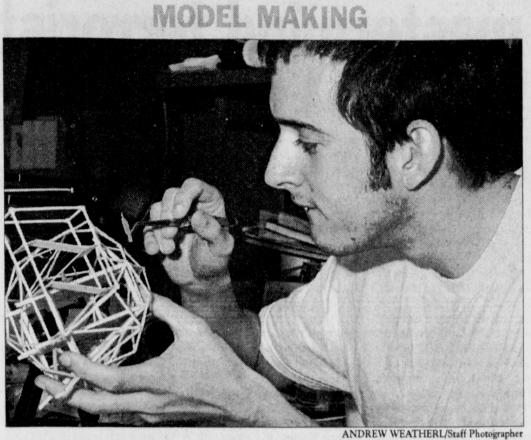
The successful candidate's positions on social issues are probably locked in, as most voters in this district are conservative. Notice I said voters, as opposed to the general population. The population makeup of the tant local industries to represent district has been changing, but the average voters have remained the same for many years.

The local minority and student in natural resource management for populations keep growing, but many our oil, land and water. Plus, the are simply not getting involved. This

ticular candidate in this election. But I would like to say that all Tech students should vote and make informed decisions.

The 17 candidates have been putting forth their vision for the future of West Texas, Lubbock and Tech, and we should listen. One of the 17 candidates is about to become a very important elected official, and we need to make sure Tech has someone who will look out for its interests in Washington. This election is simply too important to miss.





SCOTT TAYLOR, A graduate student from Fairacres, N.M., studying architecture, places a cardboard figure into a model of an addition to the Architecture building he designed for his master's thesis on Wednesday afternoon.

Loans to increase monthly

(AP) --- A computer programming error has forced Sallie Mae, the nation's largest provider of student loans, to increase the monthly payments of 800,000 borrowers.

Letters informing the borrowers of the increase went out this week from company headquarters in Reston, Va.

Sallie Mae spokeswoman Kathleen deLaski said Wednesday the company expects 90 percent of the monthly increases to be \$40 or less.

The average increase, she added, should be \$25 per month.

"It is our error and we're sending out letters apologizing for it," said deLaski.

The readjustment will affect borrowers with consolidated or 10-year loans with variable rates - similar to adjustable rate mortgages.

The miscalculation will not impact the other 6.2 million student loans owned or managed by Sallie Mae, deLaski said.

an "installation error" that resulted in the entry of improper interest tables into company computers.

The mistake resulted in a payment schedule that did not match the total amount of principal and interest owed by the borrowers.

"The people who noticed it on the borrower's side were near the end of the term and realized that there was a mismatch between how much they had to pay and how much time was left to pay," deLaski said.

The spokeswoman said borrowers unable to pay the extra amount added to their monthly payments may apply for a loan extension.

As a "good will gesture," deLaski said borrowers will receive credit from Sallie Mae for any extra interest charged to their accounts.

She estimated the cost of the credit will be \$8 million.

The problem did not result in borrowers paying amounts that exceed the terms of their original loan She attributed the problem to and interest agreements, she said.

Benefits

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Graduate and Professional Student Government Association President Deidre Parish said graduate student teaching assistants are on the same insurance as faculty and staff but are the ones at risk of losing their benefits.

In addition, Parish said the cut comes at a time when students are already facing tuition hikes and the danger of deregulation of tuition.

Parish said the bill, if passed completely, would leave the teaching assistants responsible for several hundred dollars a month in order to make up for lost benefits.

While the effects would not be immediate, Parish said the bill would have a definite impact on graduate student teaching assistants.

Even with Duncan's 50 percent counter-proposal, Parish said the portion they would be left to make up is huge.

"It's pretty stunning to the graduate students," Parish said. 'Considering it has covered them and their dependents up until now."

Economy

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Finance professor Steve Sears said the stock market also should see some upward trends in the future, although not all of the factors in that are related to the Middle East conflict.

"One thing financial markets like is the resolution of uncertainty," he said.

The stock market itself has been fluctuating during the past few months.

The Dow Jones, Nasdag, and the

Masked Rider CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

said the man that won is definitely qualified.

"By all means," she said. "Anyone who gets it is always qualified."

She said being a male had nothing to do with the selection.

"A lot of people have asked, "Why is it always a girl?"" she said. "But it is not always a girl. The most qualified person always gets it."

Nagy said the job of the Masked Rider is one of the most important tasks at Tech because the rider does not just attend football games.

The rider is also responsible for traveling all over the country making appearances.

"This job is very important because they are representing a pretty large institution," she said.

"A lot of people associate Tech with the mascot. It is a strong association. You definitely have to have a good person. They are role models, especially to children."

This year's Masked Rider, Jessica Melvin, and numerous donors to the program also will be honored at the ceremony, which will be followed by a reception.

Melvin was unavailable and did not return phone calls to The University Daily.

Greg Elkins, director of Campus Life and chairman of the selection committee, was in meetings all day Wednesday and was unavailable for comment because of his busy schedule, according to his secretary.

Standard and Poor's 500 Index have increased since mid-March, when President Bush announced the United States was going to war with Iraq, but the only one that saw positive earnings Wednesday was Nasdaq, and by less than a quarter of a percent.

The Dow decreased by almost 2 percent, and the S&P 500 decreased by more than 1 percent.

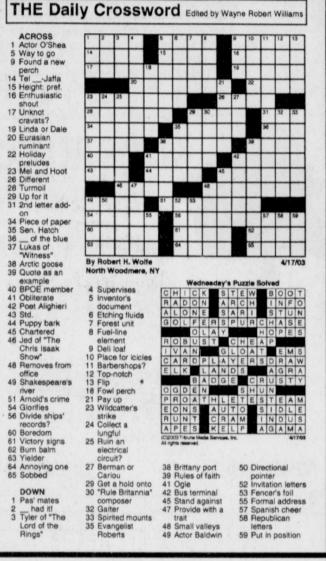
Because the United States is reaching the end of the major conflict in Iraq, investors are growing more confident, and companies

should show up in the positive soon. "The main thing the market is really looking for right now is positive earnings from companies," Sears said. "I think the rest of the year will be a better period for financial markets than 2000-2002."

Inflation will probably increase as spending increases, but it most likely will not be a significant increase, he said.

Roberson said in addition to the war, Bush's tax cut proposal would be beneficial for the economy, as it should increase consumer spending. "That's probably the No. 1

thing to do right now," he said. "Pass the tax cut."







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U.S. to decide fate of mastermind terrorist the cruise ship. ture as a major win in the war on ger, Leon Klinghoffer, was shot to rael-PLO pact of mutual recogni-WASHINGTON (AP) -

prepared to seek his extradition and the Palestinian Authority demanded his release

U.S. officials would not disclose their plans for Abbas, captured by American special operations forces several raids in and around Baghdad. The raids on hideouts of Abbas' Palestine Liberation Front also nabbed other suspects and turned up weapons including rocket-propelled gre-Lebanon and other documents, military officials said.

American officials on Wednesday terrorism and a vindication of Presi- death and dumped overboard in his tion, said a Palestinian Cabinet minweighed options for handling terror- dent Bush's charge that Saddam wheelchair. Abbas was convicted by ister, Saeb Erekat. ist mastermind Abul Abbas as Italy Hussein's regime in Iraq was harboring terrorists.

No matter where they take life in prison. Abbas — his real name is Mohammed Abbas - his American Castelli said Wednesday his councaptors are sure to grill him about try will seek Abbas' extradition. his ties to other terrorists and vears.

"Justice will be served," said Marine Maj. Brad Bartelt, a spokesman for U.S. Central Command.

Abbas' interrogators also will nades, passports from Yemen and want to hear about the 1985 hijacking of the Achille Lauro cruise ship in the Mediterranean Sea, during U.S. officials view Abbas' cap- which an elderly American passen-

an Italian court in absentia for plotting the hijacking and sentenced to

Italian Justice Minister Roberto

"Now we know he has been cap-Monday night in Iraq during one of Hussein, who sheltered Abbas for tured in Iraq, but that he's in the hands of American authorities," he said. "We will have to clarify some legal questions as to whom to request the extradition, which we'll do as soon as possible."

> Klinghoffer's daughters, Lisa and Ilsa Klinghoffer, said Wednesday on NBC's "Today" show they want Abbas returned to the United States for trial and sentencing.

"We want him brought here, and we want him tried here, in our country, and we want to know that he's going to serve his full sentence, which is hopefully a life sentence," said Lisa Klinghoffer.

The Palestinian Authority demanded Abbas' release, saying his arrest violated a 1995 interim agreement between Israel and the Palestinians that was also signed by then-U.S. President Clinton. No PLO of-

Erekat said Abbas has visited Palestinian areas repeatedly since 1996 with Israeli and U.S. acquiescence.

Before his capture Monday night, Abbas had tried twice to flee Iraq through Syria but was turned away, Palestinian officials close to the guerrilla leader's organization said Wednesday. They said he also had tried to get into Iran.

After the fall of Baghdad last week, Abbas traveled to Mosul and then to the Syrian border but was recognized and turned back by Syrian officials. He returned to the Syrian border several days ago after Palestinian guerrilla factions based in Damascus tried to intercede with the Syrian government on his behalf, but was turned away again. He returned to Baghdad, where he has been living for most of the last 18 years, and was captured the next day, the officials said from south Lebanon, on condition that they not be identified further.

U.S. authorities allowed an arrest warrant for Abbas in connection with the Achille Lauro case to expire after his Italian conviction. It ficials were to be arrested for violent was unclear whether he would face acts committed before the 1993 Is- charges for that hijacking in U.S.

"He got away from us, and we've been chasing him ever since," said Vince Cannistraro, a former CIA counterterrorism chief. "He's a big catch for us. It's an old score to settle."

Abbas and his small faction had been relatively quiet in the decade after the Achille Lauro hijacking, and he repeatedly apologized for it. In recent years his group has been a conduit for some of the \$35 million Hussein's regime paid to families of Palestinian suicide bombers. Israeli officials also have accused the PLF and Abbas of training would-be terrorists at a camp in Iraq for potential attacks, including firing shoulder-launched missiles at civilian airliners.

Bush mentioned Abbas in an October speech in which he outlined the United States' argument for removing Hussein from power.

Abbas, 55, had eluded arrest since four of his followers hijacked the Achille Lauro as it sailed from trates filed charges against Abbas Egypt to Israel in October 1985. They demanded that Israel release 50 imprisoned Palestinians.

During the hijacking, his followers shot and killed Klinghoffer, 69. Klinghoffer and his wheelchair off upheld on appeal.

Six of the seven children on the bus

The hijacking ended after Egypt and representatives of the Palestine Liberation Organization negotiated with the hijackers. Abbas, who helped negotiate the surrender, and the four hijackers were flown out of Egypt on a jet that was intercepted by U.S. Navy fighters and forced to land in Sicily.

Tensions arose as soon as the plane landed. Armed U.S. and Italian soldiers faced off, each side demanding custody of the hijackers. The situation was only resolved after feverish telephone calls between Premier Bettino Craxi and President Reagan.

The Italians took custody of the four and promised to try them, but refused to detain Abbas, saying the evidence compiled by Washington was insufficient and that he held an Iraqi diplomatic passport. Within two days, he slipped out of the coun-

Two weeks later, Italian magisand issued an arrest warrant, which has remained outstanding.

In June 1986 he was tried in absentia, convicted and sentenced to life imprisonment for mastermind-The hijackers then tossed ing the hijacking. The sentence was



Children, bus driver wounded after bus crash

ing seven children and the driver, au- which had no guard rails.

Neighbors rushed to the scene Tuessuffered cuts and bruises and one suffered a head injury. Three children were condition Wednesday.



No ages or identities of the injured were immediately available.

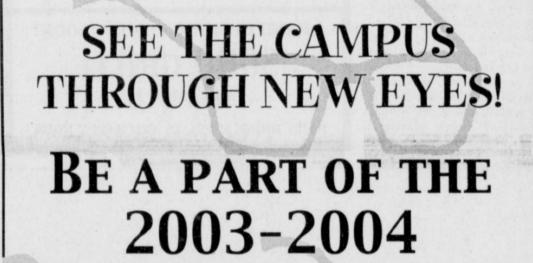
The cause of the accident remained hospitalized and were all listed in good under investigation Wednesday, officials said. The pavement was dry.

> The bus had turned a sharp corner onto Yellowstone Trail Road and driven several hundred feet before it went over the edge, about five miles east of Coeur d'Alene.

"It's a very narrow, unforgiving road," Kootenai County Sheriff Rocky Watson said.

Driver Russ McLain made a frantic call to the school bus shop to report the accident.

McLain, who has been driving the same route for at least two years, was treated for a shoulder injury.



COEUR d'ALENE, Idaho (AP) thorities said. A school bus taking children home along a winding, narrow road plunged day and found four bloody children 400 feet down an embankment, injur- who had climbed up the hill to the road,

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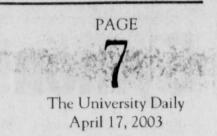
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Salsa lessons raise cultural awarness, fun

By Rachel LeFerney/Staff Reporter march-like steps, with or without a part-

The experienced and nouvelle alike took to the floor to strut their stuff Wednesday night during a free salsa dance class hosted by the Hispanic Student Society in the Student try it out. Union Ballroom.

of Our Heritage" Hispanic Cultural Awareness Week, a weeklong series of events sponsored by the HSS that promotes Hispanic culture at Texas Tech.

"It's culture week, and we just felt (dancing) was part of our Hispanic culture. Dancing is a huge part of our culture," said Crystal Ramirez, a freshman business major from San Antonio.

The night started with participants taking to the floor and trying their hand at merengue, a dance composed of

ner

Rachel Barnes, a freshman dance major from Yvalde, said this was the first time she has tried to salsa dance, ballet class by trying a different genre of and she was inspired by the movies to dance.

Me,' and it looks like a lot of fun."

Naya Sauzedo, a junior biology major from Amarillo and a member of the , HSS, said this also was her first salsa class.

"Salsa is interactive," she said. "You don't have to be Hispanic or coordinated to do it. It's a passionate dance, and that's reflective of Hispanic society."

Approximately 65 Spanish students from Lubbock High School came to learn more about Hispanic culture.

Lindsey Duncan, a junior from Lubbock High School.

A group of students from Ballet Lubbock came to get a break from their daily

"(We're here) just to have some fun "I want to learn (how to salsa)," she and break away from ballet we have five ballet student.

Members of the HSS led the participants in three long lines to demonstrate the merengue.

"We wanted to choose some events that teach people from other cultures about our culture," said Miguel Lopez, a junior management information systems member of the HSS.

"This is fun extra credit," said cal science major from Houston and all our lives."

social chairman of the HSS, said this class was the first time the Lubbock community got involved.

Mario Pedroza, a radio station regional and national account executive for KAMZ FM, said salsa is a growing influence in Lubbock

"Salsa music has been in Lubbock The class is part of the "Reflections said. "I liked the movie 'Dance With times a week," said Kristin Douthit, a for about three years," he said, "It's very consistent and growing. There's a big demand for this type of music.'

Teresa Gutierrez, a sophomore early childhood major from Lubbock and a member of the HSS, said she enjoys sharing her culture.

"I like the fact that they're allowing the people a chance to know what and marketing major from Frenzo and a our dance culture is like," she said. "It's nice to see people excited about Armando Jimenez, a senior politi- things that have been natural to us



GREG KRELLER/Staff Photographer

TERESA GUTIERREZ, A sophmore early childhood and education major from Lubbock, dances with Cayo Oliva, a sophmore photocommunications major from Olton, during a salsa dancing class.

'Anger Management' a series of missed opportunities, laughs

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he more I think about it, the angrier I get. What was potentially a goldmine of a hilarious premise soon turns into a landmine field of jokes that bomb in "Anger Management."

The idea was a great one: Passiveaggressive Adam Sandler is court-ordered to undergo anger management with an unorthodox therapist played by the great Jack Nicholson. The trailers have been hyping the film for months, promising what should have been nonstop laughter. So what went wrong?

The film starts out in promising fashion. There are a few chuckles as Sandler's Dave Buznik meets Dr. Buddy Rydell (Nicholson) on a plane. Already we get a feel as to how these two will get along throughout the movie. Dave is sent to court for "harassing," a flight attendant and is ordered to see Rydell for therapy. Rydell holds Alcoholics Anonymoustype meetings for people struggling with rage. Dave attends a meeting and is paired with an accountability partner (John Turturro, recently with Sandler in "Mr. Deeds").





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of this is when Woody Harrelson shows up in drag and is told by Rydell to get into the backseat with Dave.

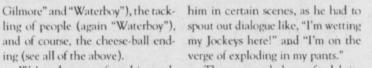
From here, the film resorts to the usual jokes and gags involving gays, wedgies, penises and other juvenile humor. That's not to say that type of humor doesn't have its place ("American Pie," etc.), but it's a shame this film sinks to that level. when it could have done so much better.

The talents of both Sandler and Nicholson are wasted. Sandler is simply doing a mixture of things that he as done in the past. Everything from

ing (see all of the above).

We're a long way from his excelhis acting abilities.

vious there was a giant payday in- appearances. "Anger Management" volved here. I was embarrassed for features appearances by Heather Gra-



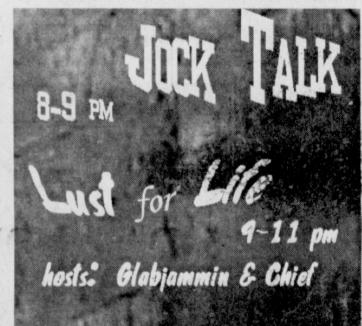
lent performance in "Punch-Drunk cameos here, which is usually a sign Love," in which he showed depth in of desperation. For instance, when a haps, but one can't help but ponder laugh so much more. TV show is experiencing low ratings, the missed opportunities. As for Nicholson, it's glaringly ob- it will usually start featuring guest star

Gilmore" and "Waterboy"), the tack- him in certain scenes, as he had to ham, former New York mayor Rudy ling of people (again "Waterboy"), spout out dialogue like, "I'm wetting Giuliani, John C. Reilly and others.

> There are a plethora of celebrity who was grossly underused. His ap- there was the potential for riotous pearance will generate a guffaw, per- laughter throughout. I wanted to

Which is really what "Anger Management" amounts to: a series of Most unfortunate of the cameos, missed opportunities. There are a few however, is Tech's own Bob Knight, sparse laughs here and there, but

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So far, not bad.

When that doesn't pan out, Rydell moves himself in with Dave to work with him personally on his supposed anger problem. Much of the rest of the film finds Rydell putting Dave through a series of tests and exercises to try to get him to explode with anger. The first few are somewhat funny, especially a scene that finds the two stopped in a car in the middle of rush-hour traffic until Dave sings all of "I Feel Pretty" from "West-Side Story."

But the movie starts its downward spiral quickly. One of the first tip-offs



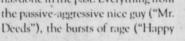
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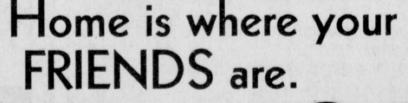
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Symons ready to take snaps for Raiders

By Kyle Clark/Staff Reporter

Many highly touted high school prospects might bristle at the idea of having to wait in the wings for three years for the opportunity to play, but taken the helm of that hasn't been the case with Texas the Big 12 Tech quarterback B.J. Symons.

Symons, who spent three seasons 1 offense and will backing up Kliff Kingsbury in Tech's set forth trying to offense, is now the starter. His team- break into the in his receivers, and mate and receiving target Carlos Francis said Symons never grew im- other quarterpatient waiting for his time.

"He spent three years as a backup coach Mike and he never had one complaint," Francis said. "There's nothing you can do but respect that.'

Symons said earlier this spring starter Tim Couch that the time he spent on the bench and Heisman made getting his opportunity to start contenders seem sweeter.

cause he had to go to class.

Last season Symons completed 28 tices to being as starter.

passes for 329 yards and five touchdowns in a relief role, which are similar statistics to what Kingsbury threw for in many single games last season.

Conference's No. record books like he has confidence in backs have in his arm. He's very Leach's offenses.

Leach, who has coached NFL Kingsbury and

Mexico State

New Mexico on Saturday.

they always field good teams.

The coach also said practices have

been going well, but ultimately

and he has adjusted well in spring prac- quarterback has confidence.

"He's the best backup I've had in a bruises," Francis said. "But he has consystem," Leach said. "As far as learn- fidence in his receivers, and he has ing the system and utilizing his time." confidence in his arm. He's very com-Leach also said despite having a This spring, though, Symons has sizeable task ahead of him, Symons has

and shown no He has confidence signs of jitters. "He's done

real well and had a good spring," he said. "He's a real sharp guy. He's had three years experience. Although he's had a lack of game time, he's had a

lot of experi- call me." **TEXAS TECH RECIVER** ence."

"He's going to take his bumps and

fortable."

With the rest of Tech's offense havbeen comfortable ing starting experience, Symons may in his new role be looked upon to lead one of the best offenses in Tech history.

Earlier this spring Symons said he was up to the challenge, and on Wednesday Francis was sure he could lead the group, too.

Francis also spoke volumes of the commitment of the offensive group and said despite what other offenses there are in the nation, Tech's is at the top.

"I'd put us against any team in the nation bar none," he said. "And if they have a problem with that, they can

The Tech offensive members Francis ech- and Symons will get their first Symons was unavailable for com- Josh Huepel, said Symons is the best oed Leach's statements about Symons chance to perform in front of a large ment after Wednesday's practice be- backup quarterback he has coached, comfort in his new role and said the audience at the annual Red and Black Game on Saturday at 1 p.m. at Jones Stadium.

QUAR-TERBACK **B.J. Symons** looks for a receiver during passing drills at practice Wednesday afternoon. Symons is preparing for the starting role next season. IENNA HANSEN/ Staff Photographer

TECH

Women's tennis not looking ahead to Big 12 tourney yet

By Kyle Clark/Staff Reporter

The weather once again stepped in and changed the course of the Texas Tech women's tennis team Tuesday.

Tech was scheduled to face ACU, but the match was canceled by ACU because of poor weather conditions in Abilene, where there is no indoor fa- to match up against the two teams, as cility available. The match had already been canceled once earlier in the season.

The Raider team now must turn whether Tech is able to translate that its attention toward this weekend's into a good performance will be Mexico teams and hope for the best.

road trip to Albuquerque, N.M., where known this weekend. it will face New Mexico and New

comfortable.

- CARLOS FRANCIS

"Things have been going well," she said. "We haven't been going very long Tech will face New Mexico State every day. They're either going to be on Friday and then match up with ready mentally or they're not. It's not that much of a physical thing."

Lady Raider coach Sandy Collins Tech will face the New Mexico said Tech would have to be prepared teams in what will be the last two matches of the team's 2003 regular

> Junior Kendall Brooks said although the team has hit some bumps this season, it is prepared to face the New

struggled," she said. "I think we're staying positive. I don't know much about the teams we're facing, but we'll just have to play our game and see how things go."

Tech is 2-13 overall and 2-9 in conference play after last weekend's losses nals the end of the season. to Oklahoma and Oklahoma State.

Brooks said the team has evaluated itself after last weekend and tried to

correct its problems in practice. "Coming off the losses last weekend, we've worked on some things in

"It's been a long season, and we've practice," she said. "Being done with some tough teams from the start," she said. conference, there's not as much pressure to win, but we'd like to win these matches for the tournament. Just to get some confidence."

Brooks was speaking about the Big 12 Conference Tournament that sig-

The player said with Tech being on the bottom of the conference, there is a strong possibility the team could cause some sorrow for some of the stronger teams in the conference.

"We have a good chance of getting some upsets. That's what we've done there in the past. It's like a fresh start, and you never know what can happen."

Although the tournament is only days away, Collins said the focus of the Tech team is still on facing New Mexico and New Mexico State.

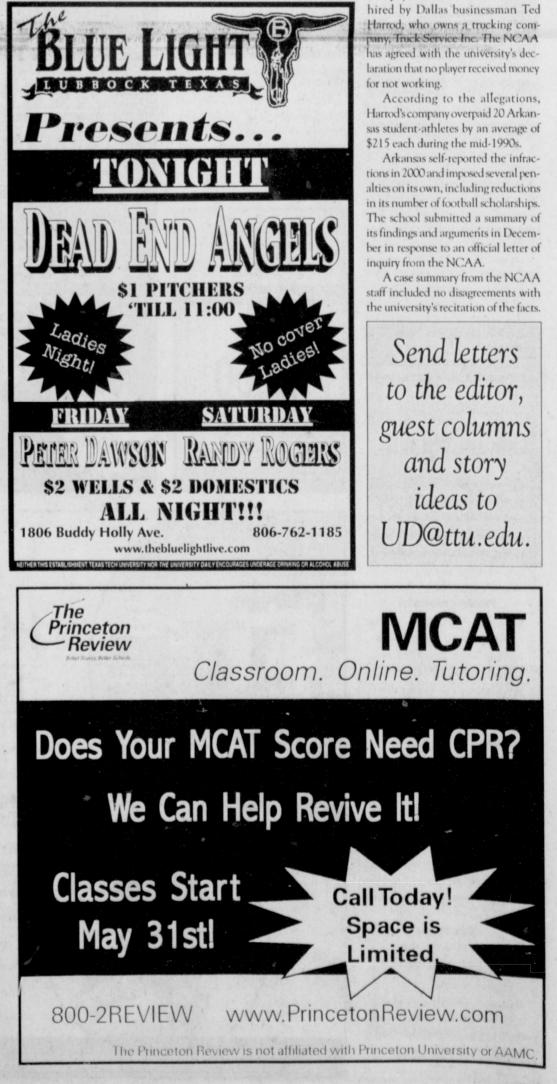
"We haven't even thought about that yet," she said. "I haven't even seen the standings yet. We have to play this weekend first, and then we'll worry "At the bottom of the draw, we'll draw about that Sunday."



NCAA to release Arkansas investigation

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) - The the results of an investigation into Ar- overpayments to Razorback athletes kansas' athletic program on Thursday.

by a Dallas businessman. The panel



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The NCAA Infractions Commit- met with Arkansas officials for more NCAA said Wednesday it would discuss tee has spent months looking into than seven hours at a hearing in Charlotte, N.C., on Jan. 18.

> The central allegation regards overpayments to student-athletes

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Wednesday that he will match up to didn't return." \$1 million in donations to a fund his foundation created to help families of U.S. military personnel killed or seriously injured in Iraq.

"The kids, the wives, the spouses of those who are not returning, they didn't sign up to go to war," Cuban said during a news conference. "All

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DALLAS (AP) - Dallas Mav- they know is that their loved ones ericksowner Mark Cuban announced went to serve their country and

> The money will help families pay for immediate needs like funeral costs, mortgage payments and other bills, Cuban said. According to the Pentagon, 125 U.S. military personnel have died in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

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or at branches of Bank of America, which is hosting the account and matching employee donations from \$25 to \$5,000.

Doug Hutt, president of Bank of America Dallas, said the company had about 200 employees called to active duty.

Cuban said he was moved to s

the program after watching the names of U.S. casualties stream across the bottom of television news programs. "I would sit there with my wife

and just see the names go across and ... it just didn't seem right that it was just a name across the ticker on Cable

News Network," Cuban said.

blessed by everything the United States has to offer and feels obligated to support those putting themselves in harm's way.

Speaking just a few just hours before the Mavericks' last regular season game, Cuban was careful to point out the fund was not a team endeavor.

"This is something that transcends courts," Cuban said. But he added he hoped the players would contribute. "I'll certainly be encouraging them to," Cuban said.

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One of those WNBA hopefuls resides at Texas Tech. Plenette Pierson was selected to the All-Big 12 first team and is a third-team All-American.

rescheduled.

"I'm disappointed there is no draft the WNBA as soon as possible.

and possibly no season," she said. 'We'll have to wait and see until Fri-

day.' Friday is the deadline set by NBA Commissioner David Stern for an agreement to be made between the WNBA and its players' union.

The WNBA has been a dream of Pierson's since its inception in 1996.

"From the moment they made the league I've wanted to be able to have the opportunities of those other girls and play professionally," she said.

Texas Tech Lady Raiders coach Pierson said she wants the WNBA Marsha Sharp said she would like to to resolve the contract dispute at see the WNBA and its players' assotoday's meeting so the draft can be ciation get rid of their issues so Pierson could have the opportunity to play in

"I would love to see them get this settled this week and get on with their the last part of the season that I beseason," she said.

There is more than just Pierson's immediate future at stake with this contract dispute, Sharp said. Ex-Lady Raiders in the league would be affected by a cancellation of the 2003 season.

Traci Cook, senior director of WNBA corporate communications, said the draft was canceled because the contract with the WNBA Players' Association expired Sept. 15, and the league and players have yet to agree on a new labor contract. Cook said nothing could be done about the draft until an agreement is reached.

"Without an agreement, we can't have it," she said.

Sharp said she hopes a settlement is reached today because things would be more complicated if two classes were to be drafted at the same time in a 2004 draft.

"In particular the junior class of Division I women's basketball is very strong," she said. "There are only so many spots to go around, but I expect Plenette to have some opportunities overseas this summer if they do not play because she's a very talented player."

The performance Pierson gave near the end of the season was enough to put her in the top of the draft class this year, Sharp said, and it was recognized by many.

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"I feel she played so well during lieve her stock went up with a lot of teams," she said. "If they can get out of this stalemate, I think she'll have the opportunity to be drafted."

Cook could not discuss details about the contract discussions.

"There was a meeting (Monday)," Cook said. "That's all I can tell you." When asked to classify the

progress of the talks, she said she could not do that either, and the question of the draft will be answered if and when an agreement is reached.

"We don't characterize the status of negotiations," she said. "We'll cross that bridge when we come to it."

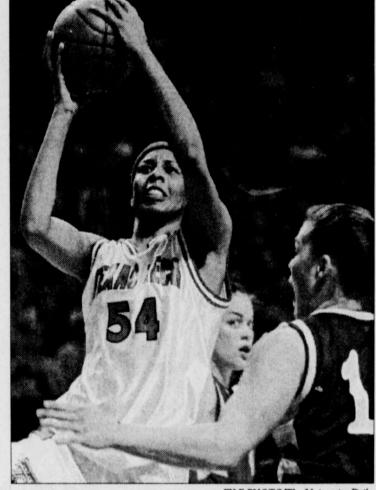
Cook said this case is nothing out of the ordinary. It is like every other incident between players unions and leagues in other professional sports.

"This is the same as your typical contract dispute," she said. "Our agreement expired Sept. 15, and we are negotiating for an agreement with the players now."

Cook said because an agreement has yet to be made making a statement about the draft, this season or the future of the WNBA is all speculation at this point, and those things will be examined when the time comes.

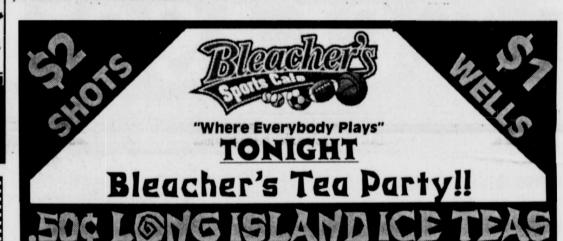
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Pierson said if an agreement is not reached, she plans to finish her degree in communications studies and get a job until the WNBA resumes action.



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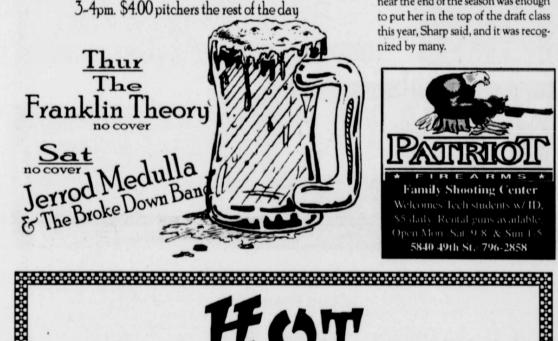
TEXAS TECH FORWARD Plenette Pierson is eligible for the WNBA draft which was canceled last week. The WNBA Players' Association has a Friday deadline to reach an agreement on its new labor contract with the league to avoid a cancellation of the 2003 season. Pierson was a third team All-American this season.





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