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Students accuse police of racial profiling

By Sally Gunter/The University Daily

A black Texas Tech student is claiming racial profiling against the Lubbock Police Department after an incident early Wednesday morning.

Seth Freo, a senior management major from Grand Prairie, said he was standing outside his home at the 3000 block of 27th Street with six black friends when a police officer pulled up.

The officer began to issue tickets to the cars in front of house because they were parked in the wrong direction, Freo said.

The officer approached the group gathered

on the front porch and informed them recent parties at the house had been too loud. He then left and circled the block in his patrol car four or five times, Freo said.

The officer stopped a second time and told the group a black man driving a black two-door car fled the scene of a wreck down the street.

"He said, 'there is a high probability he's coming here,'" Freo said. "I truly believe race was a factor."

The officer left the house but returned 30 minutes later with two additional police officers, Freo said.

Freo and his friends were inside the house

when the officers knocked and asked if the group was holding Kevin Gomez against his will. The officers told the group there was a report Gomez was being held hostage at a house on 27th Street with a red door, Freo said.

"Ours is not the only house with a red door," he said. "There are five or six more houses down the street with red doors."

The officers did not have a search warrant, but Freo's white roommate, Blake Radar, allowed two of the officers to enter the house. They searched it using flashlights while the third officer was looking inside the parked cars outside.

One of the officers inside the house made

a joke about Gomez being in the basement, and Radar, a junior acting major from Houston, told him there was not a basement. The officer said it was just a joke.

After not finding Gomez in the house, the officers went outside and joined the third officer. The officers returned to their cars and remained watching the house for more than 45 minutes, Freo said.

It was 1:30 a.m. when the officers left the area, he said.

The only documentation the LPD had available was a call received from Officer Don Billingsley at 11:16 p.m. Tuesday reporting suspicious suspects in the area.

No other calls or reports were issued for the area during the time frame, according to the sergeant's desk.

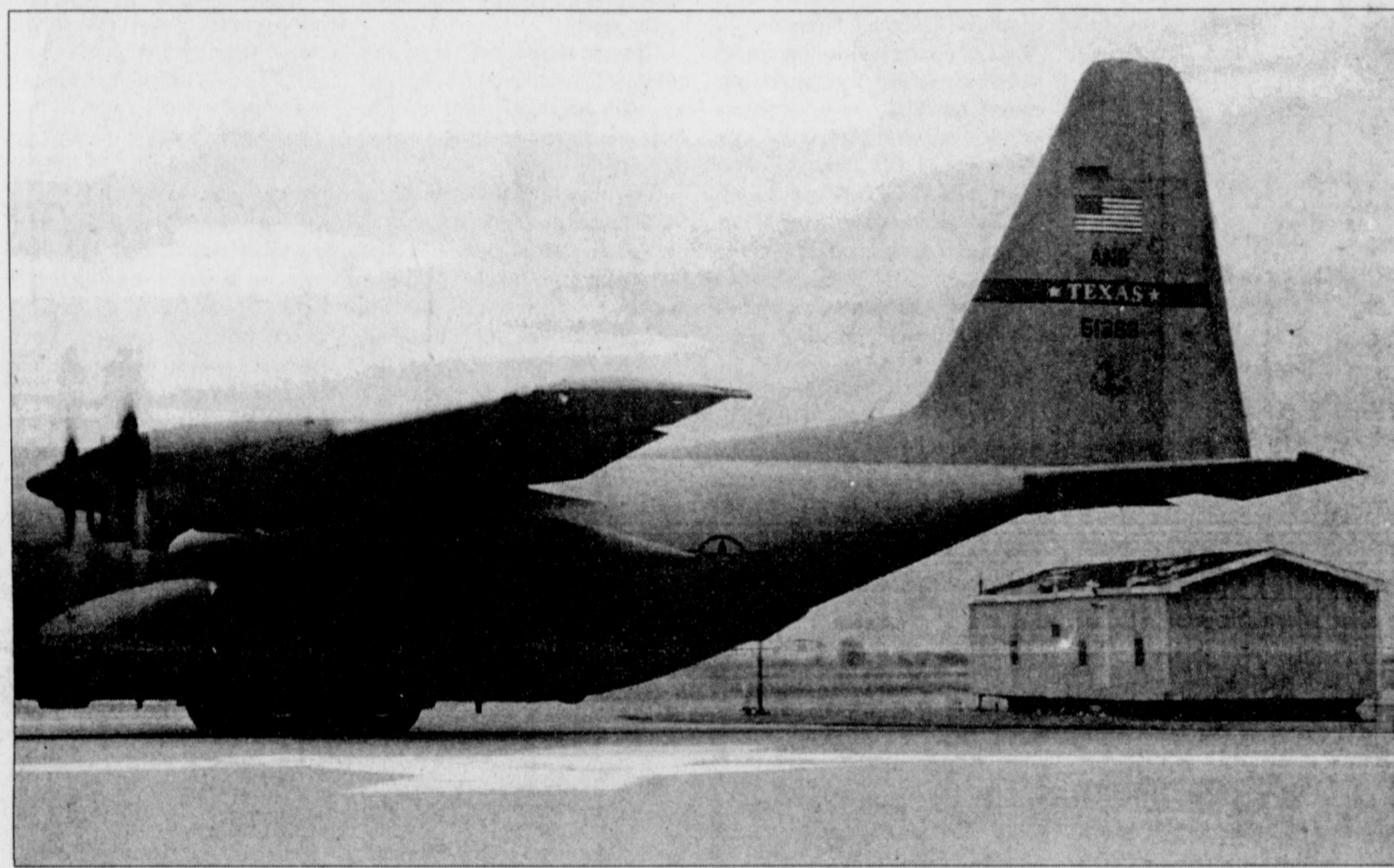
Lt. Victor Quintana of the LPD said depending on the nature of the incident the reports could be backlogged, but he was not aware of the incident in question.

"I have no idea what you're talking about to begin with," Quintana said. "I don't have a comment on it."

Radar said he went to the LPD on Wednesday and left his name and number on a note card so the officer involved could call him.

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STORM SIMULATION



ANDREW WEATHERL/The University Daily

A TEXAS AIR National Guard C-130 aircraft is used to simulate high-speed South Plains winds to determine how it effects a mobile home at the Reese Technology Center on Wednesday afternoon.

Tornado wind effects tested by aircraft simulation

By Robin Briscoe/The University Daily

More than a year's anticipation ended Tuesday as collaborated research resulted in an effort to replicate tornado winds. A Texas Air National Guard C-130 Hercules aircraft produced at least 100 mph winds, generated by propellers, to conduct testing on modular and manufactured homes at the Reese Technology Center runway. Researchers want to improve building construction.

Researchers at Texas Tech's Wind Science and Engineering Research collaborated efforts with 136 Airlift Wing of the Texas Air National Guard and National Institute of Standards and Technology have been collecting data on full-scale structures for the research test.

The test provided significant progress, said associate director of civil engineering Chad Morris. He added all of the exposed pressure to the building structure exceeded its design limits.

"The biggest thing is that opportunity that the research could actually save lives," said TANG Chief of Safety Maj. Scott Morris.

He said his unit was enthused about helping.

An ice storm on the original planned testing date and the war in Iraq delayed the testing day for more than a year.

"I think it's for a good cause," Ground Safety Manager Chief Master Sgt. Bruce Osie said.

About 12 months of preparation since then and more than four years of research and other testing collaboration went into the testing day. It is the second test of the sort but has a more defined scope of testing. Researchers hope to improve construction by gaining a better understanding of high wind response.

Civil engineering research associate Ameri Gurley said this research project was the real world compared to the more common research through wind tunnels.

"It's really exciting to see this," Gurley said.

Researchers plan to analyze data from the test that should determine structural response of tornado winds on small building and their components, as well as establishing the building permeability and determining energy efficiency loss, according to WISE.

Initial research began at Tech in 1970 when a Lubbock tornado left 26 people dead and caused more than \$100 million in damage, causing WISE to spring up at Tech.

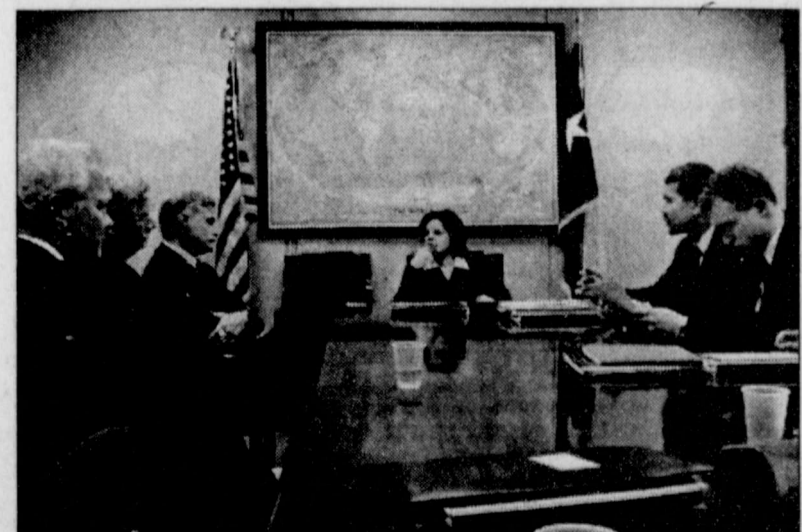
Chad Morris said the testing that lasted from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday was one piece of a much larger research project, including seven departments at Tech.

The team completed at least 40 different tests on the two houses, as well as

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Administration

Tech might hire more faculty with appropriations



MICHAEL CASTELLON/The University Daily

TEXAS TECH OFFICIALS discuss Tech programs with congressmen at Capitol Hill. The officials are in Washington in an attempt to lobby for an increased amount of federal appropriations. Tech administrators are expected to request \$47 million from the U.S. government. Tech received about \$ 10 million this year.

By Michael Castellon/
The University Daily

WASHINGTON — Texas Tech President Jon Whitmore told federal officials this week if the university's spending proposal is approved, he would like to initiate a plan that would allow for the hiring of 100 new faculty members.

Hiring more faculty will help offset the demands accompanying growth and will help initiate more research projects, Whitmore told federal representatives this week while visiting the nation's capital.

This semester Tech's enrollment grew to almost 29,000 students, and the increase has strained crucial resources and has limited the number of course sections available for many required courses.

The success of Whitmore's initiative to boost faculty hires is dependent on several factors, the most important being the amount of federal appropriations that are expected to be determined early next year.

Whitmore's mission to hire more faculty accompanied Tech administrators' plan to boost the image of the university to federal lawmakers in an effort to solicit about \$43 million from the government for fiscal year 2005.

The proposal includes a detailed and lengthy list of continuing and new research projects at the university that will require significant funding in coming years.

Among the advice from lawmakers: heighten research initiatives that focus on defense, antiterrorism and

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Faculty

Faculty considers reprimanding Knight

By Adam Boedeker/The University Daily

Texas Tech's Faculty Senate withdrew a motion on Wednesday during its meeting to reprimand Tech basketball coach Bob Knight for his recent public behavior.

The behavior spoken of was a profane television interview given on ESPN before Tech played the University of Iowa and the recent incident between Knight and Tech Chancellor Dr. David Smith at United Market Street.

The motion was set forth by Sen. Daniel Nathan and was later withdrawn by Nathan and Sen. Liz Watts, who seconded the motion.

It was withdrawn based on the conclusion by the Senate there were not sufficient facts regarding the recent incident, and many had not seen the ESPN interview in question.

The proposed idea may be brought up at next month's meeting after senators have reviewed the facts.

Knight could not be reached for comment because he was in Norman, Okla., where Tech was playing Oklahoma on Wednesday night.

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Knight

Health

Standards for tattoos, piercings to be modified

By Beth Aaron/The University Daily

It's not your typical type of job. On a quest for a summer job seven years ago, piercing artist Wade Estep became manager of piercing at Inkfluence, a tattoo and piercing parlor in Lubbock.

"It turned out to be a better job than I expected," he said. "The whole atmosphere and the clientele are a lot more relaxed. They're here to have fun — They're here for a positive experience."

Brittany Chriswell, a freshman pre-nursing major from Aspermont, came on a whim with some friends to get her tongue pierced. She said it sounded like fun.

"It was a spontaneous thing," she said. "I felt like inflicting some more pain upon myself. I blame it on peer pressure."

As Chriswell sat waiting for Estep to prepare the instruments, a friend reassured her the tongue piercing would not hurt.

After her procedure, Chriswell said she felt calm and was surprised by how well she handled the situation.

"There was a little pain, but not as bad as I thought," she said. "It's a good experience, I'd say."

Chriswell is not alone in her impulsive decision to express herself through piercing. Because of the rise in interest in body piercing, the City of Lub-

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DAVID JOHNSON/The University Daily

WADE ESTEPP, MANAGER and piercer at Inkfluence, sterilizes equipment on Wednesday afternoon.

on the SPOT

What is your most memorable Valentine's Day?

"My mom sent me a Grow-A-Date in the mail. She told me just to add water."

•Erin Caldwell, senior biochemistry major from Plano



"Last year I had to work all day. At least I got paid."

•Keith Irwin, junior construction engineering technology major from Lubbock



"Thinking back now, I would probably say my freshman year of high school. My friend surprised me with balloons, flowers and a teddy bear."

•Melissa Lopez, freshman advertising major from Austin



"I made my girlfriend think I had forgotten about it all day long. But late at night I had a chef cook everything for us. She was still mad that day."

•Uriyah Robinson, senior mechanical engineering major from Dallas



"My boyfriend had just broken up with me. He wanted to make up on Valentine's so he bought me chocolate-covered strawberries and balloons."

•Michelle Mendez, senior microbiology major from Midland



"This year my boyfriend bought me a plane ticket home to see him and my family."

•Ann Zischkau, sophomore biology and pre-medicine major from El Paso



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The Rundown



Natural gas could top oil as fuel of choice

HOUSTON (AP) — Clean-burning natural gas could overtake oil as the top fuel of choice worldwide in the next quarter-century, several top executives from major oil companies said Wednesday.

Even though the United States and the southern North Sea has declining supplies and mature natural gas basins, "in a global sense resource scarcity should not be a constraint on the growth of gas," said Malcolm Brinded, managing director for Royal Dutch/Shell Group. He was addressing about 1,400 oil and gas executives at the annual Cambridge Energy Research Associates conference in Houston.

Gas resources worldwide have been much less explored than oil, and often gas is found by drillers in search of oil. Brinded said global gas reserve life is 50 percent higher today than oil at some 60 years of current demand.

Also, in addition to the scope for recovery from conventional gas sources, non-conventional sources are increasingly significant. Brinded said, such as coal bed methane and deep, tight gas resources.

"All can be expected to play a part in extending the role of gas as the dominant fuel of this century," he said.

As oil became a global commodity in the last several decades, "gas became energy's stepchild," confined to regions for lack of infrastructure or need to transport it, said John D. Gass, president of ChevronTexaco Global Gas.

"Those days are gone forever," he said. Brinded agreed, and said North America, Asia and Europe are "ripe" for imports of liquefied natural gas, which is converted to liquid form for shipping and regasified at a receiving terminal.

But Gass said preparing to receive liquid gas to satisfy North American demand will require "staggering" investments of billions of dollars from oil and gas' big players with deep pockets and technical know-how.

Comcast offers to buy Disney for \$54 billion

NEW YORK (AP) — In a stunning move, cable TV giant Comcast Corp. proposed early Wednesday to buy Walt Disney Co., the iconic media and entertainment powerhouse, for stock valued at about \$54 billion. It said Disney chief Michael Eisner had rebuffed its request for talks.

The nation's biggest cable systems operator said it would also assume \$11.9 billion in Disney debt.

Calls to Disney representatives Zenia Mucha, Michelle Bergman and John Spelich were not immediately returned early Wednesday. Roy Disney also did not immediately return a call seeking comment.

Comcast's proposal was made even as Eisner is fending off criticism from former board members Roy E. Disney, the nephew of Disney founder Walt Disney, and Stanley E. Gold about his performance as Disney's chief executive.

"This is a unique opportunity for all shareholders of Comcast and Disney to create a new leader of the entertainment and communications industry," said Comcast president and chief executive Brian L. Roberts said in a statement.

Comcast also released a letter sent to Eisner indicating that Eisner had personally rejected Roberts' offer to enter into discussions about a merger earlier in the week.

The letter from Roberts called it "unfortunate" that Eisner was not willing to enter into discussions. "Given this, the only way for us to proceed is to make a public proposal directly to you and your board," the letter stated.

Under the merger, Comcast said it would issue 0.78 of a share of its stock for each Disney share, and Disney shareholders would retain 42 percent of the combined company.

The deal would give Disney shareholders a premium of more than \$5 billion, based on Tuesday closing stock prices.

Philadelphia-based Comcast merged with AT&T Broadband last November, and the company noted that merger in its sales pitch Wednesday.

Comcast has more than 21 million total cable television subscribers in 35 states and the District of Columbia. In October, the company reported net income of \$3.18 billion.

Red Cross confident it will see Hussein

GENEVA (AP) — The Red Cross has visited imprisoned officials of Saddam Hussein's toppled regime and expressed confidence Wednesday that U.S. authorities will allow it to see the former Iraqi dictator "sooner rather than later."

"We have no problem of access to other people so far," she said. As for Saddam Hussein, she added, "We believe that we will be able to see him sooner rather than later."

She said the visit to Saddam should happen fairly "automatically" because the ICRC, which is entitled to see POWs under the Geneva Conventions on the conduct of war, has so far had access to all coalition locations for holding POWs and civilian internees.

The agency still doesn't know where Saddam is being held and will know for sure only when its delegates have seen him, Doumani said.

"Where the Americans are saying that he's somewhere in Iraq, as far as I understand, but we cannot confirm that or deny it," Doumani said.

The ICRC moved many of its international staff out of Iraq following the Oct. 27 bomb attack on its Baghdad headquarters. But it has representatives who continue to visit Iraqi detainees, whether they are ordinary soldiers or among the 55 most-wanted whose faces appear in a deck of cards issued by U.S. authorities. The coalition says it has captured 44 of the 55.

"I cannot tell you by name whom we have seen and whom we haven't and if we have skipped somebody," Doumani said.

She said there is nothing in the Geneva Conventions that would prohibit Saddam's being tried by a coalition tribunal.

"It can also be by an ad hoc international tribunal that can be established by a resolution of the Security Council," she said.

"We could envision that it could happen (that the Iraqis try Saddam) once authority is transferred to the Iraqis in June and military tribunals are established again," Doumani said.

But the ICRC doesn't get into who conducts the trial as long as it is a military tribunal of a sovereign country that is party to the Geneva Conventions. Iraq joined the conventions in 1956 but it has been suspended while under coalition control.

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Honors College debates war, campaign issues



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GARY BELL, DEAN of the Honors College, discusses the 2004 presidential race with interested students at a debate Wednesday night. The Honors College hosted the debate to open up the floor for student concerns and questions about the campaign.

By Robin Briscoe/The University Daily

Students could take over Lubbock. At least that was the message Honors College Dean Gary Bell shared Tuesday night at the Honors College first political debate.

He said if even 10 percent of Texas Tech students registered to vote things could happen for them. Both Republican and Democratic parties debated to help students understand the issues.

The purpose of the debate was for everyone to get informed, said Kristin DeBusk, a senior history and technical communication major from Hays, Kan.

"Find an issue that turns you on—then you can make a difference," professor of political science Clarke Cochran said. "There are obstacles, but it can be done."

Students should engage who they are.

Bell and Cochran discussed with students the importance of voting. Cochran explained to students that it's as easy as getting a voter card. He said students could register to vote either in Lub-

bock or their hometowns.

Politics do impact the students, Bell said, giving the example of tax cuts making tuition costs increase. Students need to have an understanding of the issues, he said, adding that getting involved does matter.

Two candidates debated for their respective party about the war in Iraq, economics, health care and same-sex marriages.

Cochran represented the Democratic Party, and Bell represented the Republican Party.

They debated the war in Iraq, the economy, health-care and same-sex marriage.

Bell told students that Iraq and same-sex marriage would be the biggest issues in the upcoming election.

The Democratic Party began the debate with the war in Iraq. Cochran debated that America is no more secure because of the war, but in fact America is less secure.

It is a fraud, he said. There are no weapons of mass destruction and the Republican Party has

yet to find a justification for the war. He added that no connection with al-Qaida has been found.

The Republican side countered the Democratic Party's accusation with examples of how the war has helped the United States. Bell said because of this action, Liberia is planning to disband its weapons, and there is similar talk from Iran.

Cochran disagreed. "North Korea was a much bigger threat," he said.

Bell said the Iraq war has been one of the most successful wars. There have been fewer casualties than any other war, and American forces were able to take Iraq in a short period of time.

The college decided to host a debate in light of the election year and democratic primaries to try and get students aware of the issues, DeBusk said. The level of interest would dictate future debates.

"It's not just a lecture," DeBusk said. "The students are willing to contradict."

Faculty

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Sen. Johnathan Marks instead set forth a resolution that was approved in support of Smith and Tech President Jon Whitmore.

"The Faculty Senate has expressed its support for Chancellor Smith and President Whitmore," the resolution said.

Marks said he believes Smith has been challenged from above and below, and it could be detrimental to Tech's reputation and accreditation.

"We just need to support the university," Marks said. "I believe this puts the governance of the university and the accreditation of the university under some peril. I feel Smith has been challenged from below, and more importantly from above. If it's true that the Board (of Regents) has taken such an active role I believe it's a serious matter for our accreditation."

Marks said his resolution was left broad and simple for a reason.

"It's just a single resolution," he said. "I include Whitmore, so there's no suggestion that we're in any way criticizing him, which might be inferred if we left him out."

Smith, who was in Washington, D.C., said he could not comment on the actions of the Senate meet-

ing because he was out of town and did not know anything that happened, but he did say he respects the quality of Tech's faculty.

"I will say I have respect for the quality of the faculty," he said. "There's no question that one of the reasons we're (in Washington, D.C.) is to get more support for the faculty and give them more resources that they need and give them the ability to respond more to students' needs."

Watts said she seconded Nathan's motion to foster a discussion, which she felt was a good one. She said Knight's recent behavior has damaged Tech's reputation as a university.

"The university's reputation is at stake," Watts said. "It makes me very angry that the world is watching us over a confrontation between a foul-mouthed coach and the leader of the university. The impression I'm left with is that

(Knight) is running the university, and that angers me. I don't know what's more important than the university's reputation."

Sen. Gerald Dolter supported Marks' resolution of support but did not agree with Watts about Tech's reputation being damaged.

"As a student at Indiana University, I don't know if I should say this or not, but I've been on the receiving end of coach Knight's tirades," Dolter said. "He has a problem with anger management; we all know that but I don't know that I totally agree that our reputation is on the line."

Dolter added there have been other negative reports from Tech that have not damaged the university's reputation.

"Texas Tech is renowned in many areas," he said. "But Dr. Thomas Butler has brought us attention as well. We all have our own areas of expertise, and I think

we should all be really proud of what we accomplish around here."

Dolter said condemning Knight may not be productive.

"I don't know what we're inviting if we censure coach (Knight)," he said. "Not that I'm afraid of what coach Knight might do, but I'd also like to add that the basketball program since Coach Knight has taken over is now clearing a \$2 million profit. We're not dipping into academic funds to pay for basketball anymore, and I'm sure coach Knight is partly responsible for that. I'm not sure what censuring coach Knight would accomplish for us, but supporting the chancellor is a good thing."

Sen. Lewis Held said he sup-

ported Marks' resolution in support of Smith and Whitmore but said the Senate should steer clear of the Knight issue.

"Basically, if it's faded there's no need to re-ignite it," he said. "If we were to participate in it, we would

be taking sides. This would essentially undermine the purpose of the Senate, which is calm and careful deliberations about academic matters. If we revived it, we'd run the risk of turning the Senate into a circus unnecessarily."

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A day filled with never-ending nonsense *Love, marriage and all that other girly stuff*

Ah, yes, St. Valentine's Day is approaching. It's time for the lover's holiday — how cute. Sorry if I sound a little negative, but I have never exactly been a fan of this holiday. And like most of the men out there I don't like the color pink, either. Regardless, I figured I would take the time this year to go over a few of things most people think about when it comes to this hyped-up holiday.

Chivalry

I have heard a few ladies say they would like a man who is chivalrous. In the Middle Ages, men would swoon and pine over a woman for long periods of time by singing songs, writing poetry and just about anything else they could think of to win the love and affection of a lady.

I seriously doubt there are a majority of women out there who would really like a guy to go through all of this just for a first date. I have nothing wrong with writing a poem. Well actually I do, because I'm not good at writing them. Plus, I can't sing. It sounds similar to squirrels getting their tails ripped off and not in the cool, Robert Plant (Led Zep's singer for the layman) kind of way.

But let's not talk about me. Back to chivalry — I believe women would not appreciate all of the songs and poems and whatever else. Ladies, I have a sneaking suspicion you would get tired of it and just throw that guy away like you throw away old shoes, clothes, fads and boyfriends.

So, how about we make a deal. The only thing you ladies really want is a guy who is sweet, willing to have "talks," will always open the door for you and pays 85 percent of the time. If I find him, then I'll let you know.

Relationships

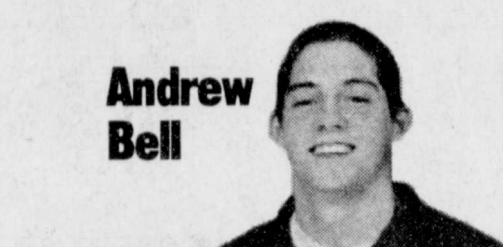
Yeah ... right ... OK ... well, I could skip this one, but I have one little thing to say. Are you in a relationship right now? Chances are in 15 months or less your relationship will have bombed. If not, then I won't care anyway because, by then, I will be long gone from here.

Love

Love — what a concept. Apparently, you meet someone, hang out and get to know each other. Then, one day you get a feeling in the pit of your stomach and you realize the person sitting across from you is amazing. Gee, that sounds swell.

Scientific fact: The feeling you get from love is the equivalent of eating a large amount of chocolate. So, you have two options:

- No. 1 Spend time, money and effort for an extended period time with one person until you get that feeling, or ...
- No. 2 Eat one Hershey Kiss every three minutes while watching "Gangs of New York." If you aren't



Andrew Bell

The last time I tried to celebrate this holiday, I gave some Cadbury eggs and a rose to a girl I really liked. Then immediately afterward, she bluntly informed me she was seeing someone else.

throwing up by the end of the movie, then congratulations. Now you know what love feels like.

Marriage

This subject sure as hell isn't on my five-year plan. If you are in college and you have a significant other, then I'm proud of you. It might sound a little sappy, but that is a beautiful thing when you have already found someone you are going to spend the rest of your life with. If you are in a relationship and you are thinking about marriage, then refer back to the relationship segment.

St. Valentine's Day

Ah ... back to the lover's holiday. You might be wondering why I don't like this particular day of the year. The last time I tried to celebrate this holiday, I gave some Cadbury eggs and a rose to a girl I really liked. Then immediately afterward, she bluntly informed me she was seeing someone else. Needless to say, I haven't celebrated the holiday of love since. I would tell all of the people of Texas Tech to have a Happy St. Valentine's Day, but I won't. I resent the fact that a whole lot of people will be having "fun" (wink, nod) on Saturday, while I am playing video games or watching "Sleepless in Seattle" by myself.

If you do go out, then enjoy. If not, then know you're not the only one. Cupid's arrow my ass.

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My Top 10 things I cannot live without *Beer, beef and of course Bob Knight*

It's the second week of February, and you have been bombarded with so much lovey-dovey you've gone color blind. Everything is pink and red, and all you want to do is forget the day of love is two days away.

This day of cupid, cards and candy is so important to this society for some ridiculous reason. Even if you do not have a significant other to spend your love fest with, take some time to think of all the things you can't live without, instead of just that one person you can't live without.

Following is my top 10 things I can't live without and why. See, while everyone else is focusing on the one thing in their life they either have or don't have, I'm thinking about 10. People or not, the items on my list should feel special just for being my valentines this year. These are the things I truly love:

No. 10: **Steak.** In a time when everyone is thinking about romantic things and exploring their more sensitive side, I'd like to take some time to get up close and personal with some quality meat — a ribeye, T-bone or filet mignon rolled in cracked peppercorns are truly what make the mouth water. Nothing says Valentine's Day like a piece of meat.

No. 9: **My car.** All the ladies come knocking on my door to go for a ride in my Contour; it's the most fly ride in the neighborhood. Deemed "Magic Car" for the Ford Contour's

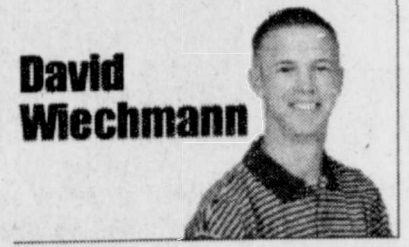
ability to be rammed by a bus and have the dent appear on the other side in the movie "Arlington Road" my Contour is my confidence booster. It is what gets me through my day because I know it will be waiting for me in the parking lot at the end of the day. It has never let me down, except the time it decided the grab the gate and rip its mirror off. Other than that, Magic Car has been good to me, and I never had to buy it chocolate.

No. 8: **Sports.** You would think this would be higher on the list, but because of what is yet to come sports finds itself at No. 8. If sports were not in my world, I don't know how I would function. The competitive edge would disappear in my life, and I would have to find something to fill the hours of my day to entertain me. I probably would consider taking up knitting if there were no sports, or at least I might have to consider finding a girlfriend.

No. 7: **ESPN.** Right behind sports are the people who bring them to me 24-hours a day. How could I not love "SportsCenter," "Baseball Tonight," "NFL Primetime," "PTI" and "Playmakers?" Thank you ESPN. You make the world a better place; you are what I love to wake up to in the morning.

No. 6: **My putter.** My Ping Answer 4 stainless steel putter does more than just put the ball in the hole for me. When I have a mad case of writer's block, I simply grab "Pattie" (Yes, I name my golf clubs.) and my troubles go away. She's a great thinking stick.

No. 5: **On the Porch with David & Jason.** It is "the



David Wiechmann

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place to go for Texas Tech sports commentary" so how could I live without it? Plus, it is my radio show (insert shameless plug here) that airs Thursday nights at 8 o'clock on KTXU 88.1 FM. To fully understand why I feel the way I do about my radio show you will have to listen to it. See you On the Porch.

No. 4: **Bob Knight.** Without Knight I would have missed out on thousands of conversations of people asking me, "What's Bob Knight like? Has he ripped your head off yet? Why do people love him so much?" Thanks, Bob. A few more people have asked me stupid questions because of you.

No. 3: **Beer.** This is self-explanatory. Do I need to elaborate? I didn't think so.

No. 2: **The UD.** This paper is my life, and because of that if I did not have it in my life I would not have a life. I would simply be a person who could not live without items 10 through three. Seriously, this paper has made me who I am today and created countless opportunities for me.

No. 1: **My sense of humor.** My roommate and I are in agreement that, "If we weren't funny, we would have killed our selves years ago."

This is a special holiday, but that doesn't mean you can't approach it with some laughter. Add a joke to your repertoire on your date this week because after all, most women say a sense of humor is the most attractive aspect of a man.

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Give me some good ole' Texas country music

I've had sort of a rough couple of past days. No need to worry though. It's nothing a couple of beers and good Texas country music won't fix.

I think we all know the healing powers of alcohol. There is nothing like a couple (four or five) good old glasses of depressants to make you feel a little better — or at least forget your worries for while. But Texas country makes you feel better without the mood-enhancing altering chemicals. That's the beauty of it. But it's not just the music. It's everything that goes along with it that make your day a little bit brighter.

Let's start with visuals. Driving is a fun thing to do. OK, you got me. Lubbock driving is not fun. It's a little dangerous, sort of tedious and very boring. It's just plain lame. But, nothing — I repeat nothing — in this world can brighten my drive like seeing one of my favorite band's sticker on the back of a pick-up. The more obscure the band, the happier I am. Pat Green stickers are a dime a dozen in this town, because he is the quintessential Texas country artist. People listen to him because all their friends do. (Pat Green fans, don't take offense — you know it's true. I listen



Sarah Looten

to him, too).

So, when I see a sticker for Kevin Fowler, the Groobees, Bruce Robinson or gasp — Townes Van Zandt, I fall in love. Yep. At that moment in time, there is only me and that lovely, wonderful person in front of me with exceptional music taste.

Then there is the actual music itself. It's not complicated.

It's not fancy. It's not about suburbia teen angst. It's not about how your parents' divorce ruined your junior high experience. It's real. It's what the fellow knows.

It's about how "you're always seventeen in your hometown" (Cross Canadian Ragweed). It's about being a 100 percent hell-bent Texan till you die (Kevin Fowler). It's about doing what Willie (Nelson) would do (Bruce Robison). It's about time travelin' in Texas (Cory Morrow). It's about "cheap bourbon whiskey and pearl snap shirts" (Jason Boland). It's about how "the road goes on forever and the party never ends" (Robert Earl

Keen Jr.). It's about wide-open spaces (The Groobees, not some chicks from Dixie). It's about dirty little hometown girls (Cooder Graw).

It's about the fraternity blues and learning the entire Greek alphabet so you can whip through that Son-of-alpha backwards in five seconds (Townes Van Zandt). It's about saying adios to all this concrete and getting some dirt road back street (Guy Clark). It's about making up "some Sangria wine, because it's organic and it comes from the vine. It's legal and it gets you so high" (Jerry Jeff Walker.) It's about getting tired of the noise and getting bored with the crowd. It's about wondering if they had so much to say would they talk so loud? (Jack Ingram).

It's about wanting to "go home with the armadillo, and country music from Amarillo with Abilene" (Gary P. Nunn). It's about the fact that anything could happen tonight (Charlie Robison.) Well to say it best it is all about "songs about Texas" (Pat Green). It's about things I understand and things I can relate to. It's about things I love.

And that's the important thing here. I grew up on a farm most of my life until I moved to the great big town of Panhandle — no sarcasm. Coming from a six-man school to an 2A school was a shock for this country gal. My parents are both Texans, and they lovingly raised me with home

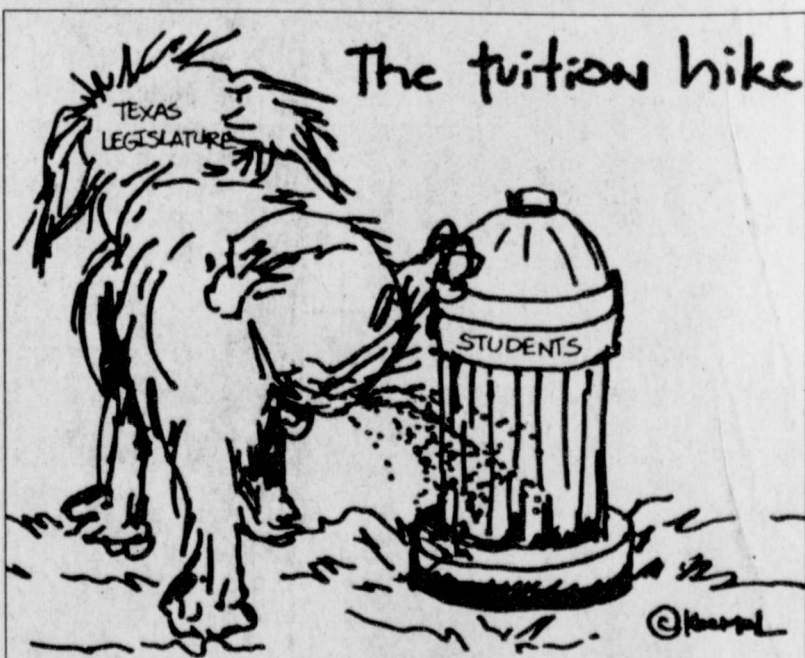
grown values — including pride for state. I couldn't have wished for a better up bringing. Sure there were ups and downs and good things and bad things, but I look back on it and I really have no room for complaints.

Texas country reminds me of all the good times. It reminds me of draggin' main street ... staying up till 4 a.m on the courthouse lawn ... small town rivalries and getting chased out of the neighboring town ... dirt roads and road trips ... hanging out in a pasture, drinking beer and chatting with a good friend ... a group of fellows driving two hours to come see me and my gal pals ... driving my tractor and working long days ... flat land and 20-mile views ... calf fries and parties in the pasture ... Friday night football games. It reminds me of my family and everything I love and cherish.

It reminds me that every truly cool person I know has their own version of these same experiences and they are all brought back with a few chords of good ole' Texas country.

"It was Boone's farm wine and wild turkey straight, pulling our trucks into the pasture gate" — The Great Divide.

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Piercing

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move Health Department will make a move toward modifying existing tattoo and other body modification standards.

Bridget Faulkenberry, the environmental health manager for the Lubbock Health Department, said she is working to bring together a meeting with the state inspections board, people from Texas Tech and owners of tattoo and piercing parlors.

"It's a very outdated ordinance," she said. "It doesn't even address piercing because in 1982, body piercing was not as popular as it is today."

She said input from this variety of people will be taken into consideration and then given back to the health department for further scrutiny before it is presented to the Lubbock City Council. Any change in an ordinance requires two readings by the

Council, Faulkenberry said.

"I think it's high time we update this ordinance," she said. "And it will benefit all tattoo and body piercing patrons."

There are some changes that relate to sanitation and the prevention of transmission of blood-borne pathogens, such as hepatitis, Faulkenberry said.

"We're going to require that spore tests be performed on autoclaves once a month," she said.

An autoclave is a machine that sanitizes needles and other equipment. Spore tests determine whether the autoclave is working properly.

Requiring spore testing every month is a good idea, Estep said, because requiring inspections often will ensure that autoclaves not only heat up to the correct temperatures but also that they work on the proper chemical level.

"The city, for what it's worth, can help bring local concerns to the state's

attention," he said.

The city ordinance pertaining to tattoos says the consenting age is 21, while the state ordinance says consenting age is 18. Faulkenberry said the health department is aiming to smooth out the discrepancy.

"That's confusing," she said. "We just want to go with 18."

A judge can order a minor to remove or cover up an existing tattoo if, for example, it is a gang-related marking, Faulkenberry said.

Estep said Inkfluence already abides by the state age limit, and when it comes to minors, he said he tries to make doubly sure parent consent is given. For a minor to get a tattoo or piercing, he or she must have written parental permission and proper identification, Estep said he requires parents be present as well.

"We currently exceed many of the standards set by the state," he said. "I'd be surprised if the city surpassed the state standards."

Wind

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pieces of debris, ranging from 25 pounds to 100 pounds.

Stress was placed on corners and windows, and pressure levels were exerted upon closed and open windows

and doors.

Each structure was fitted with instrumentation that allowed the calculation of internal and external pressures, as well as deformation (movement) and changes in insulating properties, according to WISE.

The team also measured wind speed and direction, temperature, relative

humidity, and barometric pressure.

"It's kind of nice to know a manufactured home will put with 80-, 90-, 100-mile winds for the sake of my wife and kids," TANG Master Sgt. Archie Darr said.

He added that his family lived in a manufactured home for nine years and should be moving back into one soon.

Profiling

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"I didn't get really any information from the LPD," he said. "They weren't too much help."

The lack of reports leads Radar to believe the officers involved in the incident made up the reasons for be-

ing suspicious of the house, he said.

The officers were white and Radar said the fact that he was the only white person at the house during the incident causes him to believe the officers committed racial profiling.

"In my eyes I think that had something to do with it," he said.

Freeo agreed.

"I think this is totally because of

race," he said. "It brings negative attention to our house. We're just college students."

The back and do nothing.

"We will talk to a lawyer to determine the necessary steps to pursue civil action," Freeo said. "These police officers acted totally inappropriate."

Washington

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energy. The university has already made significant groundwork in these areas.

Tech researchers are actively involved in such programs, including the Zumwalt National Program for Countermeasures to Biological and Chemical Threats and the Risk Based Approach for Improved Toxic Chemical Management for Integrated Environmental and Human Health Issues in the Department of Defense.

Tech officials are bringing similar initiatives to the table this week, including a project that examines dynamics of radioactive exposure in organisms.

The project uses the site of the Chernobyl disaster as a guide for the research.

Tech Health Sciences Center President Dr. M. Roy Mott was also on Capitol Hill promoting the Center's Rural Health initiatives and Center for Cardiovascular Disease and Stroke.

The two projects for HSC represent the meat of the center's proposal for about \$7 million in federal funding.

Wilson said as West Texas' population continues to age, the need for rural health initiatives will become more necessary.

"As our rural and minority populations grow so does the need for initiatives that accommodate those groups," he said.

U.S. Rep. Randy Neugebauer, R-Lubbock, met with Tech officials twice this week, expressed support for the university's initiatives, and congratulated the Tech camp for continued success in research and committed to promoting the university's budget proposal on Capitol Hill.

One obstacle Tech officials need to negotiate is a downturn in the national economy, which is hindering dispersal of federal funds to areas like higher education.

"It's important we continue to dialogue," Neugebauer told officials. "The economy was on the way down when President Bush came in to office, and problems like 9/11 and corporate America's accounting practices didn't help. For these reasons, it's time to address the deficit and from an appropriations standpoint we need to work a lot harder than we worked in 2003."

Neugebauer stressed the importance of federal leaders to push hard for the university.

"Part of my strategy for Texas Tech is bringing the (the federal) leadership out (to Lubbock)," he said. "I need to bring the leaders out to Lubbock and Texas Tech and show them what's going on out there. You're going to see me doing that more and more and all of us want to make sure we don't let that get slighted."

Authorities determine bin Laden's driver held at Guantanamo Bay

MIAMI (AP) — A Yemeni captive in isolation at the Guantanamo Bay prison acknowledges being Osama bin Laden's \$200-a-month driver in Afghanistan but denies being a member of al-Qaida, *The Miami Herald* reported Wednesday.

"He fully admits that he was an employee of Osama bin Laden" from 1997 until the U.S. attack on Afghanistan in 2001, Navy Lt. Cmdr. Charles Swift told the newspaper. "He worked for Osama bin Laden solely for the purpose of supporting himself and his family."

Swift, a lawyer, has been assigned to represent the captive, 34-year-old Salim Ahmed Salim Hamdan.

Pentagon policy has prohibited troops and civilians at the Navy base in Cuba from disclosing specifics about prisoners be-

ing held there. The Herald said Swift received special Pentagon clearances. Swift said he has met with Hamdan for about 25 hours using an Arabic translator — making him the first Guantanamo detainee publicly identified as having a link to bin Laden.

Swift said Pentagon rules prevented him from describing his client physically, saying how long he had been in the prison or whether Hamdan has cooperated with interrogators.

Hamdan began working for bin Laden in 1997 on his farm in the Afghan city of Kandahar, and drove a Toyota pickup truck, Swift said. His responsibilities included moving workers to the fields and the al-Qaida mastermind around Afghanistan.

Hamdan first went to Afghanistan in 1996, and had planned to travel to Tajikistan to join Muslims

fighting former Soviet communists, the lawyer said. He never made the trip but found the job with bin Laden that paid \$200 a month, a large salary in Afghanistan.

"In respect to the prospect of a trial by military commission, he denies that he's a terrorist, al-Qaida or a combatant in the international conflict in Afghanistan. He is a civilian worker who was caught up in the war," Swift said.

Air Force Col. Will Gunn, chief of the tribunal defense team, said this week he assigned Swift to represent the Yemeni after prosecutors named Hamdan as a candidate for plea negotiations.

None of the four terrorism suspects at Guantanamo who have been given lawyers has been charged with any crime. Gunn said the charges have not been identified but they would likely involve conspiracy.

Opponents of Internet tax been propose moratorium

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate opponents of a permanent ban on taxing Internet access proposed extending a moratorium two years, saying their plan would soothe state and local officials worried about losing a tax base to new technology.

The bill senators said Wednesday their bill would offer a temporary fix while Congress and federal regulators assess how to respond to the in-

creasing use of the Internet for phone service and downloading videos, TV shows and music.

States and local governments feared the permanent ban, which stalled in the Senate last year, would have restricted their ability to tax such services.

"It's a temporary solution. The other position is permanent confusion that could cost state and local governments billions and billions of dollars," said Sen.

Lamar Alexander, R-Tenn. Alexander was joined at a Capitol Hill news conference by Sens. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas; Tom Carper, D-Del.; and Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif.

Proponents of the permanent ban sought by the high-tech industry said local governments' claim they would lose their ability to tax telecommunications was unfounded.

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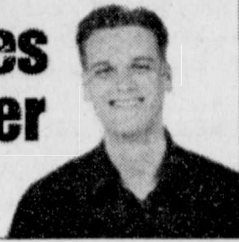
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'Miracle' does not break sports movie mold

Truth can be stranger than fiction, but the two can also be identical at times. In the case of "Miracle," which tells the true story of the U.S. hockey team's victory in the 1980 Olympics, it is merely content with being a uniform sports movie.

The film will definitely garner comparisons to "The Mighty Ducks" and underdog sports films similar to

James Eppler



it, and rightfully so. Regardless of the fact that "Miracle" tells a true story, it is still formulaic material.

Luckily, "Miracle" doesn't fall into the trap of taking a true story and turning into manipulative and shameless swill (yes, you, "Radio"). Even though viewers will already know the outcome of the film, director Gavin O'Connor manages to keep our suspense throughout. That's no small task for a historical event that is so well known.

Kurt Russell is excellent as Herb Brooks, the hockey coach from Minnesota who is given the difficult task of putting together the U.S. hockey team to go up against the favored Russians, along with other competitors.

Brooks holds the first day of try-outs and is able to assemble his team, even though the try-outs were to last a full week and the decision was to be shared by a committee. It's obvious from the get-go that he is the man in charge — this is his team. But he doesn't simply pick the players that are the most well known or have the most experience.

"We're not looking for the best players," Brooks says, "We're looking for the right ones."

Interestingly, however, the film does not choose to center its focus on the players themselves. Even though we find there is some history (and bad blood in some cases) between teammates, it only serves as a situation to be handled by Brooks, who is the film's main concern.

Russell plays Brooks with the conviction of a man who knows hard work and the pain and sickness that accompany it are necessary to achieve victory. The film is most interested in the character of Brooks and his level of dedication to his work.

For those who are not old enough to remember the 1980 Winter Olympics, "Miracle" is a good way to learn about this important event in American sports history. Hopefully, parents will take their children to see the film and be able to tell them how it affected our nation.

Unfortunately, the film doesn't choose to pay much attention to other events outside of the game. For an event that was so meaningful in our nation's history, it would have been so much more profound had it weaved other elements of history and American culture into the story. Gary Ross' "Seabiscuit" accomplished the task of intertwining history into the story, and it gave the film much more depth.

"Miracle" shows us brief clips over the opening credits of historical events over the previous ten years that led up to 1980, but then chooses to ignore it for the duration of the movie. There's not much mention of the Cold War or why victory against the Russians had such an impact over the country's morale.

The real Herb Brooks, who was involved with some of the film's production, died tragically in a car accident soon after the film had finished being shot. Because of his involve-

ment, we can infer that there is a certain amount of authenticity to what we are seeing.

"Miracle" has a wonderful story to tell, but doesn't explore it as deeply as it could have.

It's a good film, but not a great one.

There are many opportunities to cheer at the screen, and scenes of inspirational pep talking sports coaches will want to show their teams for years to come.

The fact the film is coming along when our country is experiencing turbulent times is significant, but instead of standing out from the crowd of sports movies, "Miracle" is happy to simply fall in line.

EPPLER'S RATING



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8:00	Berenstein Barney		Early Show	Paid Program		Grace/Fire Roseanne
9:00	Dragon Tales Arthur	Today Show	Paid Program	Judge Mathis	Regis & Kelly	Family Feud Family Feud
10:00	Seasame Street	Martha Stewart	Price Is Right	Hatchett Hatchett	View	Dharma/Greg Dharma/Greg
11:00	Mr. Rogers Teletubbies	Hwyd Square Jeopardy	Young & the Restless	Paid Program	Home Impr. Paid Program	Access Extra
12:00	Old House Watercolor	News Days of Our	News Beautiful	Jerry Springer	All My Children	Good Day Live
1:00	Needle Arts Dragon Tales	Live Passions	As the World Turns	Paid Program	One Life to Live	People's Court
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7:00	This Old House	Friends 'TV14	Survivor: All-Stars	WWE Smackdown	Extreme Makeover	Tru Calling 'PG
8:00	Ed Sullivan	Apprentice	C.S.I. 'TV14		Extreme Makeover	Fat Fiance
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Ballet Hispanico tangos into Allen Theatre

By Nikki Siegrist/
The University Daily

Latin dancing takes center stage when Ballet Hispanico comes to Texas Tech's Allen Theatre at 8 p.m. today.

It promises to be a night of passionate and vibrant dancing, said Janna Vise, coordinator for the Center for Campus Life.

"We wanted to bring Ballet Hispanico because it reaches a diverse population," she said. "It looks like something the students will enjoy."

The company is bringing to the stage, their own "Nightclub," as a picture of the history of Spanish dances through the years.

It opens set in a brothel in Buenos Aires, Argentina, focusing on the dance, the tango. It is choreographed by

Graciela Daniele and set to the music of Astor Piazzolla.

The next scene is set in Spanish Harlem in the 1950s highlighting the mambo and cha-cha. It is choreographed by Alexandre Magno and uses Latin songs by artists such as Tito Puente.

The final scene is set in a nightclub in New York City in the present day. This scene emphasizes the different Spanish dances and their progression into modern-day nightclubs.

The three scenes contain some images that may not be suitable for children, such as sex, violence toward women and drug use, but Vise said the production should be good for students on campus.

"I think they'll be fine," she said. "West Side Story was just done, and there is a rape scene in it."

Vise said she hopes this performance will bring an awareness of a different style of dance with different costumes.

The company is not made up of entirely Hispanic dancers; however, the director, Tina Ramirez, was born in Venezuela.

Kate Rowan, a senior art history and sculpture major from Houston, said students should not go to the production expecting ballet folklorico.

"It's a meshing of the Hispanic culture and theater stage dance," she said. "But it's a very interesting choice when you think of everything you can do with the tango."

Rowan said the New York City-based company should bring a new view to the Texas idea of Hispanic dancing so many people are used to.

"It sounds like they're trying to ro-

manticize a brothel," she said. "It is not what we're used to seeing as Hispanic. It's good exposure because we don't see Spanish Harlem in Texas."

The production is meant to show different situations which Hispanics dealt with through the years and what the viewer chooses to do about the situations is their choice, said the company's web site.

"You can address these issues, but it's how you address them," Rowan said. "Is it an educational thing and what is the motivation behind the dance?"

The performance is one she said she thinks will be entertaining and interesting to watch.

"This will be sexy as hell and fun, but artistically, it is interesting subject matter," Rowan said. "But maybe the audience will be able to relate to it."

Beau Garza, a junior music education major, said he wants to see the performance.

"It'll give a good perspective on how all these things came to be," he said. "Seeing the different time periods will be the most interesting thing to me."

He also said he hopes the production gives those who see it a better understanding of Spanish dancing, where it comes from and what the dances were like when they were created.

Rowan agreed and said she looks forward to see how the director and choreographer portray the different scenes.

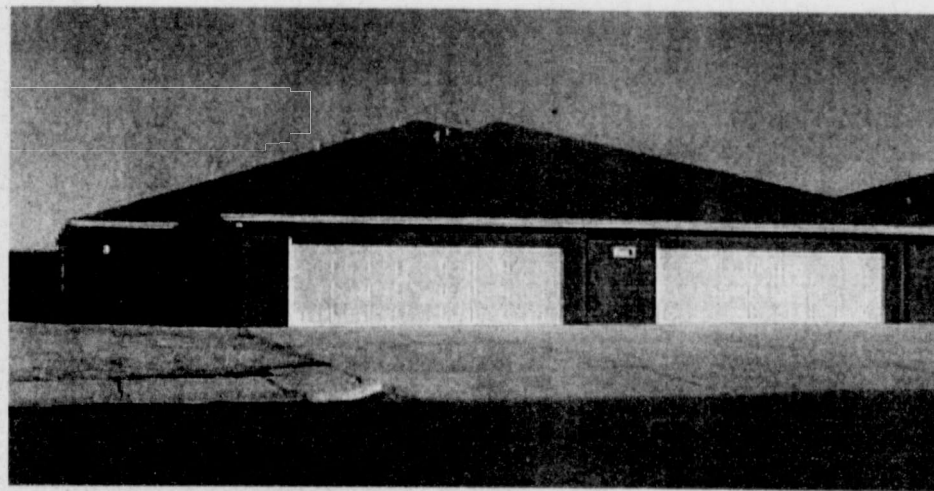
Students should attend also to see new kinds of choreography and what is popular in New York now.

"It's always good to see what other people are putting out there," Rowan said.

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Watchful eye must be cast on recruiting

Don't worry. My 15 seconds of page four fame were not enough to turn me away from sports commentary.

Although the cameo had its perks (the e-mails), the world of sports is too attractive to stray from.

Take for example the allegations of football recruit sex parties at Colorado. The Rocky Mountains have been alive lately with allegations of rape conspiracy against the Buffalo program.

And no, Kobe was not in Boulder, Colo., at the time. Just kidding. Three women have filed suit against CU claiming they were sexually assaulted at an off-campus party for recruits.

As soon as that story hit the wire in Boulder, the hunt for clues ensued, and subsequently a Colorado gentleman's club owner claimed Buffalo football players hired strippers for recruit parties.

Colorado coach Gary Barnett has claimed innocence and ignorance and has revoked the scholarships of four players who attended the parties.

The coach has said he had no knowledge of what recruits did on visits. The strip club owner had a better idea of what went on, but the owner of Hardbodies Entertainment Inc.

said he had an idea of the nature of recruit parties at Colorado State and Northern Colorado as well. He sent dancers there, too.

Actually, since his company has offices in Houston as well, he claimed he has supplied dancers for Rice University and the University of Houston, too.

As Ricky Ricardo would say, "you've got some splainin' to do."

This all comes as no surprise to this columnist. In fact, I've known Rice was in cahoots with strip clubs for some time. A close friend who played for the Owls shared that news before it was cool to be caught for scandalous recruiting tactics.

Is there a point to any of this? Possibly.

There has always been dirty recruiting. Just watch "Johnny Be Good," with Michael Anthony Hall — great movie.

But with the eyes of the media watchdog and the NCAA, not to mention nosy coaches like Tennessee's Philip Fulmer tattling on every team in their conference, under the table shenanigans have been harder to keep secret.

Plus, a stripper in a recruit's lap does not guarantee the player is going to



Kyle Clark

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there. If that were the case these teams in question would be all be playing in bowl games. And not just bowls played in Hawaii ... or San Francisco.

The real point is, while the nation will likely be bombarded with tales of recruiting excess for some number of weeks to come, there shouldn't be much shock.

These things have always happened. They just weren't talked about. College athletic programs once resembled the Mafia with underhanded stunts and airtight alibis.

As a society America should be pleased these underhanded dealings will be dealt with and thugs like the ones at CU are going to be punished.

Just remember. Athletic programs aren't getting worse; they're getting better because they are being forced to clean up.

The players, on the other hand, are getting worse.

Miami's top recruit just added misdemeanor assault to an arrest list 10 items long. Miami claims it didn't know.

Former Buckeye Maurice Clarett took benefits from an alleged high stakes, college football gambler. Now he's challenged the NFL's early entry rule and received clearance to enter the draft. The decision was the right one. Good riddance anyway.

Nebraska's best offensive lineman Richie Incognito assaulted three men during the weekend in Lincoln, Neb. Looks like his stay in an anger management center last summer was a brilliant success.

And Texas A&M kicker Todd

Pegram was arrested for evading arrest after he ran from College Station police when he was spotted drinking a beer in front of a bar. He's underage. Pegram isn't a ruffian like the others, but his stupidity should not be excused. Plus he's a horrible kicker, but Texas Tech fans should know that.

In the end the NCAA has to do something to force programs to force their players to clean up their acts.

Highlighting the actions of the program in general is good, but the actions of individuals are more troubling.

These players must be punished severely, even if it hurts the product of college football.

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Foreman ready for comeback

HUMBLE (AP) — George Foreman wants to come out of retirement looking good.

The 55-year-old former boxer and frequent pitchman looked dapper Wednesday in announcing a new line of clothes and a plan to return to the ring.

He sported a matching black-on-black ensemble — one of the items ranging from T-shirts to tuxedos to be marketed by Casual Male Big & Tall stores in his name — and was looking trim.

"I feel pretty good, but I'm not going to get into the ring unless I'm 225 pounds, and I haven't been that weight since 1978," said Foreman, who will be subject to a physical before being allowed to box. "I want to show doctors, 'This man is serious. This man is in shape.'

Bills interested in Henson, coming to workout

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. (AP) — Mike Mularkey wants more than one opinion in determining quarterback Drew Henson's ability and potential.

That's why the Buffalo Bills' new coach is asking his two top offensive assistants — coordinator Tom Clements and quarterbacks coach Sam Wyche — to join him in attending Henson's workout in Houston on Thursday.

"All I know is what I've heard

about him," Mularkey said. "That's why I'm probably going to ask Tom and Sam to go down there with me and do all the evaluating on him. They're the quarterback, I don't want to say gurus — but they know it better than I do."

Count the Bills among the curious when it comes to Henson, the former Michigan quarterback who wants back in football after ending a three-year pursuit of a baseball career when he reached

agreement a week ago to terminate his contract with the New York Yankees.

The workout is being hosted by the Houston Texans, who hold Henson's NFL rights after selecting him in the sixth round of last April's draft. With David Carr as their starter, the Texans hope to trade Henson.

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ESPN makes poor play in cancellation of 'Playmakers'

My soap opera has been taken off the air, and I don't know what to do about it. I could get depressed and eat an entire tub of ice cream, or I could buck up and find something better to do with my life now that ESPN buckled under the pressure from the NFL and cancelled "Playmakers."

David Wiechmann



Tagliabue and the rest of the NFL were angry about the show because everything on it was true!

A column I read in Friday's USA Today said this was a good thing, but I beg to differ. Just because the show did not blurt out curse words does not mean it was bad television. It had a disclaimer before it began each week, so those offended could change the station.

The writer Rudy Martzke said now that ESPN is no longer producing a television series it can get back to airing sporting events. Well, the last time I checked major sporting events were not happening on Tuesday nights from August to November. You know what that time period is called? NFL season.

Who cares if ESPN's attempts at making movies were not the most stellar jump into brand expansion? The television network made money on them, right? So, it wasn't all that unsuccessful.

NFL Commissioner Paul Tagliabue criticized the network for producing the show and even complained to the head of the conglomerate, Disney. The contract for Sunday night NFL games is almost up, and ESPN currently holds it. Since Tagliabue is unhappy

with the show, he would be more than likely to entertain offers from different networks. Before ESPN had the Sunday night broadcasts, TNT had them. Ted Turner has lots of money.

But so does ESPN, and they like their relationship with the NFL, which is why they buckled under the pressure.

Martzke wrote: "While it might create an uneasy precedent in caving to the NFL, ESPN made the right decision on Playmakers, a show that went beyond the bounds of believability in several areas."

This man must not watch the news or read a newspaper, and he works for one. Tagliabue and the rest

of the NFL were angry about the show because everything on it was true! The mob never wants the truth exposed, and ESPN brought it right to the top of the ratings in a fictitious television show.

Look at some of the subplots of the program. DH's friend murders someone at a nightclub and is questioned as a suspect. If that doesn't sound like Ray Lewis, I don't know what does. It's also similar to Rae Carruth, who killed his pregnant girlfriend.

Leon Taylor is the seasoned veteran hoping to keep his job since the team drafted DH to be its running back of the future. He is coming off of a serious knee injury and spends much of the season trying to prove his hip. I'm sure Priest Holmes felt the same way when he injured his hip, and the Kansas City Chiefs spent a first-round draft pick on running back Larry Johnson.

DH has a drug problem, or two or three. Former Texas Tech player Bam Morris was charged with multiple drug possessions and even with intent to distribute with wacky-tobacco in his trunk. Look at Nate Newton. He was part of a pot caravan and got busted.

Cleat chasers are prevalent in the show and in real life. Did you see all the women playing at Tom Brady while he gawped at Pebble Beach last weekend?

Domestic violence appears when Leon pushes his wife down a few steps in their home. How many times have you seen that reported on the news?

Playmakers often dove into the hot debate about homosexuality in professional sports, and received much criticism for it.

Martzke said some of the plot lines of the show offended part of its target audience. Well, are they offended when they see someone from their favorite team in handcuffs on SportsCenter? It happens every day with parallels between the plot and real life, so fans should have known what to expect.

If the fans were offended, why was Playmakers the third most popular program on the network?

ESPN did something right. It took what has been happening in the real world for decades and brought it to life on the tube for thousands to enjoy. It became the male soap opera and now it's gone. I'm waiting for Days of Our Lives to be cancelled for unbelievable plots because Stefano is coming back from the dead before too long.

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CU coach claims no involvement in scandal

BOULDER, Colo. (AP) — When Gary Barnett was hired to coach Colorado's football team five years ago, he was embraced as a disciplinarian who would end an era of loose recruiting practices and return the team to national prominence.

Now the coach is at the center of the school's biggest scandal in decades, perhaps ever.

Amid accusations that a boozy round of recruiting visits by high school prospects in 2001 ended in gang rape, Barnett faces a university investigation that was all but ordered by Colorado's governor.

The latest blow came this week when a striptease operator said he regularly sends lap-dancers to perform for Colorado athletes. The most recent performances were booked two weeks ago — well after the rape allegations became public and just days after Barnett promised to step down if it was shown his staff had anything to do with what he called "tawdry" behavior by student-athletes.

To top it off, a former athletics official said Barnett seemed reluctant to crack down on entertaining recruits because it could give an

advantage to other schools.

Barnett denies it all, telling The Associated Press he will be cleared by the investigation and disputes accusations in a federal lawsuit that the Boulder campus is a hostile place for women.

"I expect them to find that we have an exemplary program in every aspect," Barnett said.

The coach blames the players and students for the December 2001 party that led to the rape allegations and says he can't watch players and recruits 24 hours a day.

"No coach or any member of my staff had anything to do with that night," he said. "At no time did any coach take part in arranging, creating or encouraging a party of any sort. You just don't do that."

At 57, Barnett has led Colorado to a Big 12 Conference title and a BCS bowl game in his five seasons as head coach (his contract runs through 2006). When he took over from Rick Neuheisel in January 1999, his former players at Northwestern said Colorado was getting a new sheriff.

During the last two seasons, nine players were suspended for violations of team rules, including curfew and behavior standards.

Rice players deny stripclub owner's accusations of hiring

HOUSTON (AP) — Every Rice football player has denied knowledge of a stripper agency owner's contention that his entertainers were hired by students to dance at parties, possibly for recruits.

Rice coach Ken Hatfield, who gathered the players after word spread that a Denver-based businessman claimed students from Rice and Houston threw such parties, said his players promised him they had no involvement.

"There's no proof to show there were any football players involved in any of these allegations," Hatfield said Wednesday. He said members of all Rice athletic teams denied the statements by Steve Lower, presi-

dent and chief executive of Hardbodies Entertainment Inc.

Lower, in an interview with the Rocky Mountain News for Tuesday's editions, said Rice and Houston were among several schools where topless dancers were hired to work at football recruiting parties.

He softened his statement Wednesday in interviews with The Associated Press. He first characterized his clients as "players," then later only referred to them as "students."

Rice and Houston have denied knowledge of such parties, and Lower said his company never has done business with either school or its representatives.

Clarett to enter NFL draft after latest ruling in his favor

NEW YORK (AP) — Maurice Clarett is ready to enter the NFL draft, clearing another legal obstacle Wednesday when a federal judge rejected the league's request to suspend her ruling.

U.S. District Judge Shira Scheindlin concluded the Ohio State running back could face "very detrimental" harm if excluded from the

draft. She said the NFL would not be irreparably harmed if Clarett and other underclassmen are eligible.

"Maurice Clarett's goal to be in the draft," the player's lawyer, Alan Milstein, said after the decision.

NFL lawyer Gregg Levy said the league will ask the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals to stay Scheindlin's

ruling while it appeals.

Scheindlin ruled last week that an NFL rule barring eligibility to Clarett, and other young players from April's draft violates antitrust law.

"Contrary to the NFL's argument, most of the rules governing this case were established decades ago," she said.

"Indeed, the legal framework for that decision was laid in a long line of Supreme Court precedent," she added.

Scheindlin said "it would be perverse indeed" to grant a delay of her ruling.

"If a stay is granted, Clarett will miss the 2004 draft," she said. "He will not be eligible to play in the NFL until the 2005 draft, when he would have been eligible under the current rule. If the stay is granted, Clarett will have effectively lost his lawsuit."


The judge said the NFL's concern that younger players may over-train or resort to steroid use to better qualify for the draft "makes no sense." Players must announce they are entering the draft by March 1.


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Women take strong start to Colorado

By Joey Kirk/The University Daily

The temperatures in Colorado may be colder than those of Lubbock, but the Texas Tech women's tennis team plans to remain hot on the court when they travel up to the Rockies this weekend.

From flat land to tall mountains, the Red Raiders are set to take on two worthy opponents in Colorado State and Big 12 opponent Colorado. The Buffaloes are ranked No. 59 in the nation. Tech and Colorado State failed to make the top 75-team rankings.

Even so, Tech head coach Cari Groce said the Red Raiders remain confident going into competition.

"There are fighters on this team. They aren't afraid of the pressure," she said. "But we still have to have all the players stepping up. It can't just be one or two people every time."

Two weeks ago, the Red Raiders traveled to North Texas and came home with a win for the first match

of their 2004 campaign. Now they are looking to extend that.

Groce said several teams have a disadvantage compared to the top 16 NCAA teams, which were invited to play in the National Indoor Tournament.

"I wish we could have played a few more. Most teams are just now gearing up to go," she said. "Those who are at the top have about five games under their belt. But the rest of us are in the same boat."

This marks the second and third match of the season for the Raiders. After these matches, Tech will play four more road matches before heading back to Lubbock for their home opener on March 6 against Kansas State.

With the high number of road games, Groce said Tech should be tough enough to compete with the best teams in the nation.

"It sure is nice to get on the road, and we're always happy to see new places and play at others schools," she said. "I think playing on the road toughens you up. It makes you stronger. Especially when we roll into March and April and come back home."

After playing at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo. last semester for a preseason tournament, sophomore Tara Browning said she is excited to get a chance to go back. "I'm excited. I loved it," she said. "But we're not going for the views."

Each time Tech has faced Colorado, Browning said the matches have been close, and they are good opponents for the Raiders early in the season.

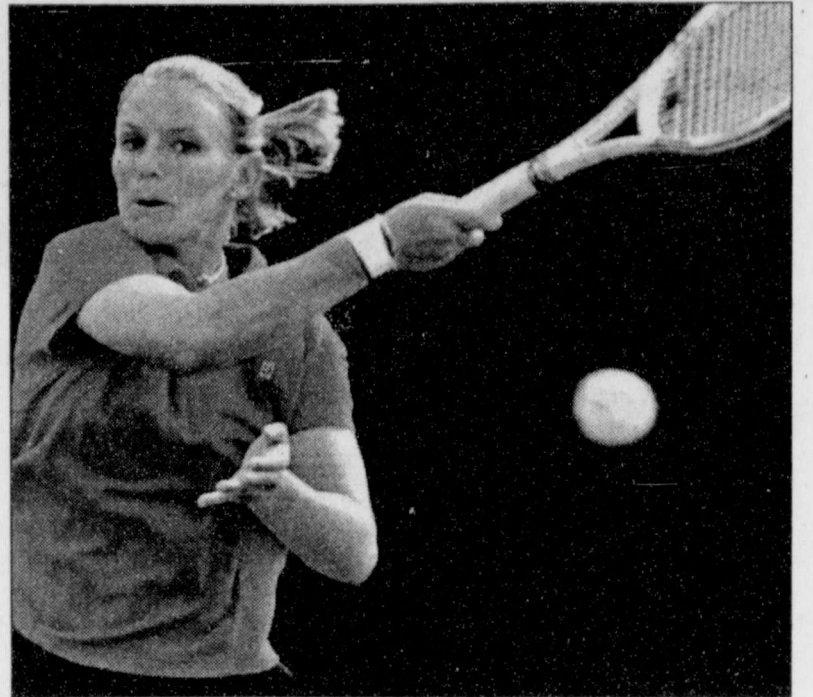
"It's good to get back into competition after a short break. We've worked our butts off and we're confident," she said. "It's also our first conference match so the true freshmen will realize that the Big 12 is really tough."

Freshman Lakann Wagley said the time of getting ready for the match is over, and it is time to compete.

"We've been preparing since we got done at North Texas," she said. "We have to adjust because this will be a bigger match than the one in Denton."

With both of the matches being held indoors, Wagley said she knows Tech will do well because they have experienced the venues.

"We've played at the Air Force Academy, and we know the courts," she said. "Since we played there, our confidence is a little higher."



FILE PHOTO/The University Daily

KENDALL BROOKS RETURNS the ball during a match last season. She and the rest of the Raiders will take on Colorado State and Colorado this weekend.

NASCAR fans welcome Bush to Daytona

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Here's a challenge: Try finding a Democrat in the NASCAR garage.

Richard Petty looked around and smiled.

"You'd be hard-pressed," said Petty, the winningest driver in Nextel Cup history and — oh, yeah — a hardcore Republican.

If President Bush was looking

for a friendly audience in this vitriolic election season, he sure picked the right place. Dubya is assured of getting a warm welcome — especially from those on the track — when he attends Sunday's Daytona 500.

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Raiders shutdown by Sooners in loss

NORMAN, Okla. (AP) — The throbbing pain in De'Angelo Alexander's sprained right ankle had him hobbling everywhere from the parking lot to the locker room.

Everywhere but on the court, that is. With No. 18 Texas Tech making a frantic second-half rally Wednesday night, Oklahoma's sophomore guard started worrying about a lot more than his sore ankle.

"It bothered me, but I had to look past it," Alexander said. "We were kind of going into a drought. My team needed me."

Alexander sparked a late 13-2 run with a couple of 3-pointers and freshman Lawrence McKenzie scored 15 points, helping Oklahoma bounce back from its lowest scoring output in nearly 50 years with a 63-48 victory.

The Sooners (15-5, 5-4 Big 12) looked nothing like the offensively

clueless squad that was routed 66-37 by Texas on Sunday, their lowest point total since 1955.

Oklahoma went 9-for-22 from 3-point range — a stark turnaround from its 1-of-21 showing in Austin — and scored just often enough to hold off the Red Raiders (17-6, 5-4) down the stretch.

"I was real proud of how our team bounced back," coach Kelvin Sampson said. "We just keep plugging and we'll be OK."

Alexander and Drew Lavender each scored 11 points for the Sooners, who have won 48 of their last 50 home games. The win — Oklahoma's first over a Top 25 team this year — moved the Sooners into a fourth-place tie in the Big 12 with Texas Tech.

The Red Raiders have lost four of their past five games after a 12-game winning streak.

Andre Emmett, the Big 12's lead-

ing scorer, led Texas Tech with 22 points. Devonne Giles was the only other Red Raider to score in double figures with 10 points.

It was Texas Tech's first game in Norman since last year's dispute over a slow-starting clock that allowed Oklahoma to win a pivotal Big 12 showdown. The loss infuriated Texas Tech coach Bob Knight and severely strained his relationship with Sampson.

In the final seconds of the win, Oklahoma's fans taunted the notoriously temperamental coach with chants of "Go home Bobby!"

At the game's end, Knight and

Sampson hurriedly shook hands and didn't speak to each other.

Oklahoma, unranked for the first time in 46 weeks, led 23-8 after 10 minutes and controlled much of the game's tempo from there.

"Oklahoma put us in a hole to start out the ballgame," Knight said. "Oklahoma really responded well to their game over the weekend. When we played well and got back into it, they really responded and rose to the occasion."

Still, the Sooners didn't exactly set the nets on fire.

Oklahoma, the worst-shooting team in the conference, went 2-of-20 from the field during one stretch that

allowed Tech to go on a 14-3 run that cut its lead to 34-33.

But Alexander hit consecutive 3s and McKenzie followed with two free throws and a 3-pointer to give the Sooners a 56-43 lead with 4:09 to play.

Alexander, who wasn't even expected to play after spraining his ankle in the loss to Texas, challenged his teammates before the game to forget about Sunday's humiliating loss.

Too many more lopsided defeats, he warned, and Oklahoma would have a hard time earning an at-large berth in the NCAA tournament.

"I actually told my teammates that I don't want to play in the NIT, honestly," Alexander said. "I want to play in the NCAA."

The only Sooner who went scoreless was, ironically, leading scorer Jason Detrick. Detrick missed all four of his field goal attempts.

It was Oklahoma's second straight win in which its leading scorer at the time didn't have a point. Lavender was shut out in the Sooners' 75-48 win over Iowa State on Feb. 4.

"We don't have a leading scorer," Sampson said. "The way our team plays has nothing to do with the stat sheet."

Oklahoma nearly matched its point total from Sunday's debacle in the first half.

The Sooners went into halftime with a 31-21 lead, mostly by forcing the Red Raiders into 16 turnovers and holding them to 31 percent shooting.

Texas Tech, which was held to a season low in points, had twice as many turnovers (16) as field goals (8) in the first half.

"Our guard play has not been good in terms of getting the ball to people that are open," Knight said. "We have to figure out something to take care of that."



Softball ready to bring runners home

By Adam Boedecker/
The University Daily

In Tech's five games during the weekend the Texas Tech softball team went 0-5 and left 40 runners on base, something coach Bobby Reeves said must change.

"We're getting people on base; we're just not getting the hits when we need them," he said. "We get a hit to win the game and it ends up being a line drive and someone catches it, it's just gone that way."

He said the team has just had a string of bad luck with scoring runs.

"You don't leave that many runners on base and win the game," he said. "You get people in scoring position and then we hit a foul ball

or hit a line drive and they'd double us off, it's just one of those freaky things. Our players have to get in the mind set that we want to be in that position to get that hit."

Tech travels to Tempe, Ariz., Friday for another five games against Dayton, Arizona State, Fresno State, Washington and Nevada — teams that Reeves said will present a tough challenge.

"Any time you're playing Arizona State and Washington, which are both PAC-10 teams, that's the best conference in the country and you have to be ready to play," he said. "It's gonna be a good atmosphere for everyone, and I hope we get out there with our heads up and take care of business."

Designated player Elyssa Sigala said the team is getting enough hits, they just need to come closer together.

"We just need to focus on stringing together our hits," she said. "We hit a lot last weekend, but we didn't string them together like we needed to. We'll start hitting and it will come around. I have confidence that we'll start stringing them together like we need to."

Pitcher Erin Crawford said the team is ready to come back after their start of five consecutive losses and prove themselves.

"As a team we're all ready to come back and we're all ready to come back stronger," she said. "And now that we're prepared we know what to expect from each other and the competition. We are ready to come back."

One concern for Tech early in the season has been the large amount of newcomers on the team and their inexperience in Big 12 competition.

Crawford said the team does

not see it as a problem.

"We do have a lot of young players," she said. "But they're here for a reason. They all do their jobs and they all do them well and all they give me is everything they've got, and I love it."

Sigala said she does not even see the young players as being freshmen anymore.


"We definitely have a hungry bunch of freshmen," she said. "That makes all of us hungry for it. We work 10 times harder every day now. In my eyes they're no longer freshmen. They have five games under their belts, and I have confidence in them. We're ready to play."

Sigala said the high-ranked teams Tech is facing this weekend does not intimidate her.

"If we play our game, we will beat the top teams," she said. "We will beat everybody there. That's just my opinion, but I have to have that opinion."

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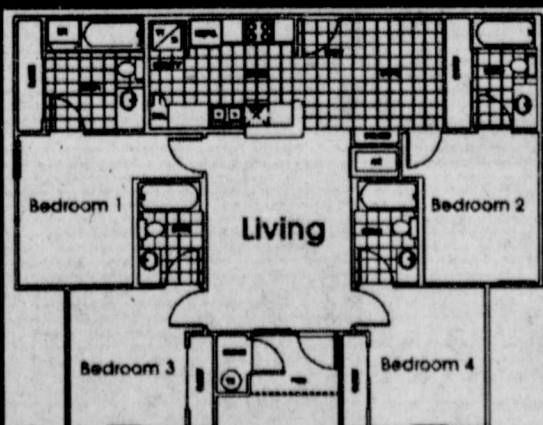
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