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Cap placed on number of campus parking spots

By Michael Castellon/
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Texas Tech Traffic and Parking officials are anticipating a loss of almost 1,000 commuter parking spaces at the university next fall, a loss that will likely require a cap on the number of commuter parking permits sold to students.

"The people that will hurt from this are going to be the people who try to buy their commuter parking permits late," said Director of Traffic and Parking Buddy Knox. "We're recommending people buy those permits early in the year."

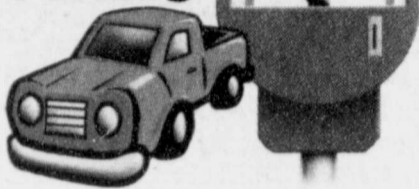
Officials anticipate 969 parking spaces to be lost as the result of construction along the Brownfield Highway as construction on the Marsha Sharp Freeway continues.

The affected lots will include C7, C8 and C9.

The cap on the number of commuter permits next year has not yet been determined. Officials estimate about 10,000 valid commuter per-

mits are in circulation at any given time for about 6,500 commuter spaces.

Traffic & Parking



To offset the loss of spaces, Knox said satellite parking permits will be offered at a reduced fee to enable campus drivers to park in satellite lots west of University Medical Center and south of the International Cultural Center. The lots will be serviced by Citibus shuttles, which will run to and from campus.

"We anticipate a commute from the sat-

ellite lots adding only about five minutes to students' commutes, and when the construction is finished out there, we're thinking its going to be only one minute extra for that commute," Knox said.

Satellite parking permits will be sold for \$75, which are valid for nine months, while commuter permits will cost \$117, Knox said.

The university's premier satellite lot, dubbed S1 or Park and Ride, will take students from University Medical Center to campus and is scheduled to be completed this fall.

"We will not close C7, C8 or C9 until S1 is online," Knox said. "The lot itself is com-

pleted; we're just finalizing construction on the access road."

Because the university's satellite lots are funded with federal dollars, Knox said officials are not allowed to sell them for a profit. The revenue generated by the sale of satellite parking permits will enable the university to break even on the loss of the commuter spaces.

"What we're still trying to do is keep prices low to accommodate the students," Knox said. "When we lose the 969 commuter spaces we're actually plussing up when you consider the parking available in the satellite lots, it's just a matter of convenience."

DEDICATION DAY



DAVID JOHNSON/The University Daily

DAVID, A 10-YEAR-OLD, was honored by Texas Tech senior basketball players Andre Emmett, Robert Tomaszek and Mikey Marshall and Tech basketball coach Bob Knight after Tech's Senior Day victory against Iowa State in the United Spirit Arena. The team befriended the youth after Wednesday's victory against Missouri. He was brought into the locker room after the win against Missouri and the team told him Saturday's game against Iowa State would be dedicated to him.

Sports

Football players lift anticipation during 'Night of Champions'

By David Wiechmann/The University Daily

The strength of the Red Raider football program was on display Saturday at the inaugural Night of Champions.

Hundreds of fans came to the Athletic Training Center to see the players demonstrate what they do in the offseason to prepare for a 12-game schedule. The event consisted of drills football strength and conditioning coach Bennie Wylie uses in an attempt to make the Raiders faster, stronger and better athletes.

It was an event Wylie said was a huge success and showed how much people care about Texas Tech football.

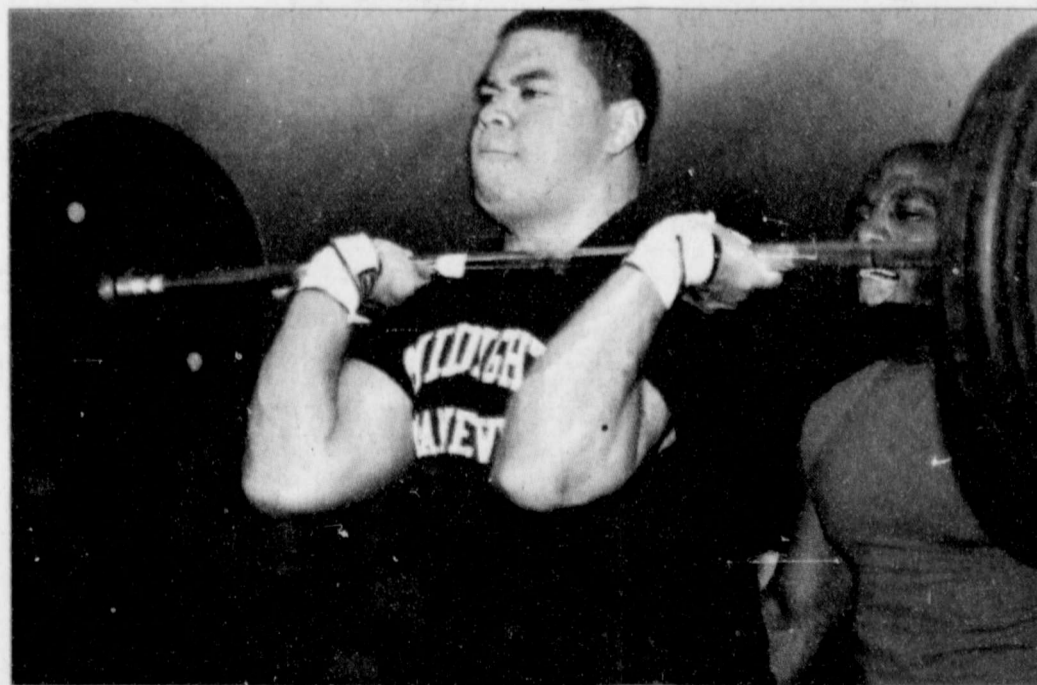
"We had a great turnout," he said. "This is why I love this city and love this place. To have a turnout like this for our first annual event like this is amazing. It shows how much these people support Red Raider football and Texas Tech."

Fans got to see the athletes compete in tire flipping, boxing and a variety of other nontraditional football exercises. Wylie educated fans about why the exercises pertained to football and what type of results were expected from doing those certain drills.

It was a night of heavy lifting too, as some players participated in weight lifting to see who was the strongest Red Raider.

Offensive lineman E.J. Whitley said the lifting was an exciting portion of the event, and the Night of Champions gave fans a taste of what is to come.

"This was big for the fans," he said. "A lot of people think football takes the spring off, and we



TRAVIS GLOTT/The University Daily

SLONE HAVILI, A junior human sciences major and Tech linebacker on the Salt Lake City, participates in the power clean portion of the "Night of Champions," a strength competition in the Athletic Training Center on Saturday night.

"I got all my energy from the crowd," he said. "I didn't think this many people would come out, but they did, and they pumped us up, and we had fun."

The top weight lifter was offensive lineman Manny Ramirez, who lifted 525 pounds in the bench press.

"I enjoyed it," he said. "I wasn't expecting the fans to come out and support us like they did, and

Cornerback Chad Johnson lifted 315 pounds in the bench press, 135 pounds more than his body weight, and said Night of Champions was a huge success because it was fun-filled and the fans created the atmosphere he and his teammates wanted.

"I enjoyed it," he said. "I wasn't expecting the fans to come out and support us like they did, and

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Voting

Early voting numbers increase on campus

By Sally Gunter/The University Daily

Despite a 447 percent increase in voter turnout for the Texas Tech campus early voting site, Student Government Association External Vice President Colton Bachelor said he expected a higher turnout.

"I am glad there was an increase," he said. "I wouldn't be 100 percent satisfied until all the students are to vote. We are headed in the right direction, but there is still room for more progress."

During the early voting for the 2000 presidential primaries 30 people cast their votes at the on campus site. The first day of the 2004 presidential primaries brought 35 voters to the Tech poll, and the numbers continued to increase during the week.

On Wednesday, 41 people voted at the Tech site, and 31 voted on Thurs-

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Student Affairs

Spring break brings car safety concerns for students

By Andrew Bell/The University Daily

With spring break approaching, many Texas Tech students will have to leave their cars and homes behind when they leave Lubbock.

Various police departments throughout town have provided some suggestions for students to ensure their belongings are secure when they are gone next week.

Maj. Gordon Hoffman of the Tech Police Department said more than two-thirds of car thefts take place at night. According to the National Crime Convention Council, half of car thefts occur in residential areas.

However, Hoffman said the number of car thefts that actually take place on campus is small. For students who will be leaving their cars on campus, they should worry more about what is inside the car than the actual vehicle.

"In regards to car theft, students should protect their valuables," he said. For the students who will leave their car in Lubbock for the break,

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TEAR JERKER



DAVID JOHNSON/The University Daily

TECH SENIOR FORWARD Mikey Marshall makes a sad face as Ronald Ross pretends to wipe a tear from Marshall's cheek during Tech coach Bob Knight's speech about the team's three seniors after Tech's victory against Iowa State on Saturday in the United Spirit Arena. The game was the last home game for Marshall, forward Andre Emmett and center Robert Tomaszek.

Stewart convicted of obstruction, conspiracy

NEW YORK (AP) — Martha Stewart was convicted Friday of obstructing justice and lying to the government about a superbly timed stock sale — a devastating verdict that probably means prison for the woman who epitomizes meticulous homemaking and gracious living.

Stewart was found guilty of conspiracy, making false statements and obstruction of justice. The charges carry up to 20 years in prison at sentencing June 17, but she will most certainly get much less than that under federal sentencing guidelines.

Her ex-stockbroker, Peter Bacanovic, 41, was convicted of conspiracy, perjury, making a false statement and obstruction of justice, but

was acquitted of making a false document.

"Maybe it's a victory for the little guys who lose money in the market because of these kinds of transactions," said juror Chappell Hartridge.

Stewart grimaced upon hearing the verdict, and her eyes widened slightly. Her daughter, Alexis Stewart, was in tears.

Stewart left the courtroom with a somber expression, and she did not speak to anyone at the defense table before going to a holding room away from the media. She and Bacanovic must report to a probation office within a week for processing.

Stewart spent most of her last hour before the verdict checking her watch

and twirling a pen in her fingers. She later released a statement promising an appeal.

"I am obviously distressed by the jury's verdict but I continue to take comfort in knowing that I have done nothing wrong," Stewart said in a statement on her Web site.

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The Rundown



Ban on sale of bonfire memorabilia lifted

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — Texas A&M president Robert Gates has lifted a moratorium on the sale of university-licensed bonfire memorabilia, but vendors must include a memorial ribbon in remembrance of the victims of the deadly 1999 bonfire collapse.

"We cannot allow the spirit of Aggie unity that bonfire symbolized to be forgotten," Gates said Friday. "I'm lifting the moratorium in the hope the memorial image of Bonfire will help keep always fresh in the minds of Aggies the spirit of unity this tradition represents."

Merchandise including T-shirts, caps, coffee cups and miniature replicas will soon be available again at A&M's campus gift shop and other places which sell items with the A&M trademark, the Houston Chronicle reported in its Sunday editions.

Bonfire — a 90-year-old tradition in which thousands of logs were stacked and then ignited on the eve of A&M's football game with the University of Texas — was suspended after the 59-foot tower toppled in November 1999, killing 12 and injuring 27.

Many alumni and students have called for renewing the tradition, but Gates said state and school attorneys have requested that any decision await resolution of lawsuits over the tragedy.

Water taxi capsizes, four believed dead

BALTIMORE (AP) — A water taxi with 25 people aboard capsized Saturday in Baltimore's Inner Harbor after a violent gust of wind struck the boat, leaving passengers frantically clinging to the overturned pontoon in frigid waters. Four people are believed to have died.

Rescuers said they saw up to a dozen passengers climbing across the bottom of the 36-foot pontoon after winds gusting up to 50 mph flipped the boat over. The water temperature was in the low 40s.

"It was like the twilight zone. It was eerie how the weather just overtook the vessel," said Command Master Chief Melvin Johnson, who was among a group of Naval reservists training nearby when the boat overturned.

Petty Officer Edward Mendez said he watched the gusts toss the vessel "like a little toy boat getting blown out of control."

The sudden storm caught the boat set off to cross the harbor from Fort McHenry to Fells Point, Baltimore Fire Chief William Goodwin said.

Johnson said reservists immediately began throwing on life jackets and raced to boats to help.

By the time they reached the boat, it had been blown about two miles into the Patapsco River near the marine terminal in Dundalk, Goodwin said.

Two dead in Moscow apartment explosion

MOSCOW (AP) — An explosion tore through a Moscow apartment building before dawn Sunday, injuring at least two people and forcing evacuation of the 14-story building. Authorities said it appeared to have been caused by a gas leak.

The blast struck at about 4:20 a.m., destroying several apartments in the dilapidated concrete building on Chertanovskaya Street in southern Moscow.

Two people were hospitalized with injuries from the blast, said Valery Buzovkin, a police spokesman at the scene. The ITAR-Tass news agency reported eight people hospitalized.

Mayor Yuri Luzhkov, who visited the scene, said it was "99 percent certain" the explosion was caused by natural gas, ITAR-Tass reported. The news agency quoted one rescuer as saying a pipe connecting to a gas stove in an apartment where the explosion occurred had been blown off.

Buzovkin said prosecutors opened a criminal investigation into the destruction of property through carelessness.

Sofia Alimova, who lives on the building's 10th floor, said the blast was centered in a one-room apartment occupied by a couple.

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Cepica meets with students, faculty in dean process

By Robin Briscoe/
The University Daily

When a search committee began looking for a new College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources dean, it encouraged applicants from other colleges to apply. The stronger the application pool, the better, said Marvin Cepica, interim dean of the college.

The committee has been narrowing the field of 15 applicants down to four since October. They have put

three of those candidates to the testing of a two-day selection process. Cepica was grilled on Thursday and Friday.

Cepica accepted the interim position when Dean John Abernathy stepped down from his position last year. But it is not just his experience he said that could lead the college to the next step.

"A good manager isn't necessarily a good leader, but a good leader must be a good manager," Cepica said at a presentation Friday.

"You can never progress with 'me,' but instead it must be 'we,'" he said.

He said his values could help move the college forward.

Cepica said the college has improved since he became interim dean, and he looks forward to doing more.

Cepica held presentations with undergraduate and graduate students, as well as faculty and staff. His two days also were spent in many interviews, including with the search committee and Provost William Marcy.

Marcy will make the final decision but is planning to take all feedback

from the presentations into consideration as well, said Special Assistant to the Provost Carolyn Kennedy.

Cepica said teaching excellence and research have been making Texas Tech the university of choice and the go-to university. He wants to commit to that trend further through his leadership values of honesty, integrity, fairness, listening, communication and trust.

While he has taught at Tech for the last two and a half decades, he also has memories of Tech from his college years. He received both his bachelor's and master's degrees in agricultural education from Tech in 1966 and 1967, respectively.

He earned his doctoral degree from Oklahoma State University in 1977.

He started out as an instructor of high school vocational agricultural in 1967 and has been moving up since. An assistant professor position reunited him with the Red Raiders in 1977.

As well as progression in the educating ranks, he has served as associate dean and director of academic and

student affairs. He also has served as executive associate dean.

Cepica has been involved with more than 35 committees and councils. He also participates at a state and national level with activities, professional associations, and organizations and has earned many honors in some of these areas.

He has authored or co-authored eight books and manuals and has been published in over 40 articles or invited papers.

Cepica said "early appreciation of hard work and agriculture," inspired his determination to earn a degree in agricultural education.

The remaining dean candidate is visiting the campus today and Tuesday as University of Arkansas professor Mark Cochran comes into town.

Texas A&M professor Frank Gilstrap and Tech Chairman of Animal Sciences and Food Technology Kevin Pond, have already gone through the process.

The provost hopes to have a new dean chosen and ready to assume position by this summer, Kennedy said.

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Safety

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Hoffman said there are three tips to follow to prevent theft from occurring.

First, if a student chooses to park on campus, park in a well-lit area, Hoffman said.

Student Government Association President Jeremy Brown said the parking garage located at 18th Street and Flint Avenue will be available for students who decide to keep their vehicle on campus. During any other kind of school break, the parking garage will be open to the students of Tech.

Second, students should not leave any personal valuables visible, Hoffman said.

"Typically, these people are looking for stereo equipment," he said.

If possible, students should lock any valuables in the trunk of their vehicle. Hoffman said if that option is not possible, than a student should consider traveling with the items.

Since most car thefts on campus involve stereo equipment, Hoffman said his final suggestion is to remove the detachable face of a CD player, if possible. This would also include radar detectors or any other valuables that may be removed from the vehicle.

Although the Tech police will maintain a 24-hour patrol of the parking lots, the police cannot be everywhere at once. Hoffman said students might consider other options to deter a thief from breaking into or stealing their cars.

If a student owns one, a steering wheel lock is visible from the outside of the vehicle and may deter a thief from stealing a car. Also, Hoffman

said, a car alarm is one of the best ways to protect a vehicle while out of town.

"Most of these thugs are scared away by the noise because they don't want to get caught," he said.

Students who will be flying out of Lubbock might have to leave their car at the airport. Capt. Joe Lopez of the Lubbock International Airport Police said there is constant surveillance of the parking lots.

As a result of Sept. 11, 2001, new laws and regulations have been enacted. From these regulations, most of the security at the airport is in the terminal. However, police and personnel will be conducting drive-throughs of the parking lot up to six times a day.

Although a car can be important to a student, a student's home and the valuables inside are what students would like to return to after spring break.

A corporal for the Lubbock Police Department said students should turn their porch light on before leaving town. Since many of the burglaries in Lubbock take place in the neighborhoods east of the campus, the students who live in that region should take particular care of their home and belongings.

However, students who live anywhere throughout Lubbock should take caution before leaving for the break.

If possible, students should ask their neighbors if they could watch their homes while out of town, the corporal said.

Although it could be adequate to have the neighbor check up on the residence, the corporal said he suggests that the neighbor could do more to ensure the safety of the home.

One example is to have the neighbor turn on a different light in the



HEATHER DOUGHERTY/The University Daily

STUDENTS WHO LEAVE their cars at Tech during spring break should take extra precautions to keep them safe.

house each night. The corporal said this gives the appearance that someone is in the home and it could deter someone from breaking in. However,

a student should only give this responsibility to a trusted neighbor.

"Make sure you know your neighbors," he said.

Voting

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day.

The number jumped on Friday, the last day for early voting, to 57.

James Kitten, county commissioner for precinct 2, said the numbers must increase to continue to have the polling site on campus.

"The voting has been to me very low out there," he said. "Why? I don't know."

While Kitten said he is glad the turnout increased this year, it is still low — too low to even assign a percentage when compared to the number of Tech students, he said.

"It's good to hear it's going up," he said. "People need to exercise their right instead of just complaining."

While early voting is finished, the

Texas primary is Tuesday. To vote in it, Lubbock residents are required to vote in their county precincts. To find where to vote in each precinct, voters can call the Lubbock voter registration office at (806) 775-1339.

The Democratic Party primary for precincts 49 and 50 will be in the new edition of the Student Union building. It will be the only voting site on campus Tuesday.

There are exciting national and local trends in which the voting rate of younger people is very positive, said Jim Brunjes, chief financial officer for the Tech system.

"There are many issues in Lubbock students are interested in," he said. "(People) take notice when lots of students register."

The on campus voting poll is ideal, Brunjes said, because when people come to the Student Union

to eat lunch or transact business, they also can cast their votes.

"Because it is so easy and convenient I encourage everyone to vote at the UC when they can, or we could lose the convenience," he said.

To participate in an election, students must register 30 days in advance. Brunjes said this is the most important step, and he would like to see more students registering in Lubbock County.

"I think you have to exercise your interest first, which is done by registering, and secondly you have to vote," Brunjes said. "I would like to expect students would actually vote, but they won't if they don't register."

Registering in Lubbock is important to some Tech students, as more than 20 filed an application at the Student Union poll during early voting.

Doug Sanders, a junior advertising major from Grand Prairie, was one of these.

"I wanted to do it for a long time," he said. "Before big topics come up is a good time to put it in the mail."

The increase in voter turnout was because of a real sense of pride in smaller cities across the nation, Sanders said.

"There are a lot of things we need to get done," he said. "A lot of people care what goes on in the city and we do try to take part in it."

Lubbock has a lot to offer, but no one gets out there and takes advantage of the opportunities, Sanders said.

"The complaining is always growing," he said. "It is so much easier to complain and not do anything. You can complain all you want, but if you don't (register), you're a hypocrite."

Strength

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it was a lot of fun. It was good for us to show the fans how we're preparing for next season."

Night of Champions gave the team a chance to show their fans the hard work that goes into being a Red Raider and seeing them in a different light.

Wylie said he thinks the fans got a taste of what it takes to be a Red Raider and may have had some questions answered at the same time.

"Now the fans have a hands on idea of how hard we work," Wylie said. "They got to see these guys work hard. They had the chance to come out and see

who is pound for pound the strongest guy on the team."

Wylie said linebacker Brock Stratton is the strongest, with a total lift of 1,500 pounds. A total lift is the bench press, squat and clean added together.

With high attendance and the excitement surrounding the event Whitley said Night of Champions was a good way to start the anticipation for the upcoming season.

He is already looking forward to next year's Night of Champions, but most importantly he knows this got the ball rolling for next season.

"It's almost time for spring ball," he said. "We'll get our youngsters out here, and then summer hits, and it's time to work even harder, and before you know it it's time for the season. I can't wait."

Congressional races overshadow presidential primary

AUSTIN (AP) — With the Democratic presidential nominee assured, the Texas primary drama turns to what many Lone Star State voters are infinitely familiar with — new congressional districts.

Candidates for Congress in Tuesday's primary are squaring off in Republican-drawn districts that received federal court approval in January and could give the GOP a commanding advantage in the state's 32-member congressional delegation.

Republican legislators pushed through the new districts last year, despite two out-of-state boycotts by Democrats.

Also before the voters are a race for Texas Railroad Commission and contests for the Texas Supreme Court, Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, State Board of Education and Texas Legislature.

"As Texans and Americans, we should remember that democracy is dependent on a single act — the act of voting. There are plenty of reasons to go to the polls on March 9th," Texas Secretary of State Geoff Connor said.

Ten candidates for the Democratic presidential nomination appear on the ballot, but John Kerry is the only major candidate still in the race.

John Edwards dropped out after Kerry's victories last week on Super Tuesday, diminishing the significance of this week's primaries in Texas, Florida, Louisiana and Mississippi in selecting the eventual nominee.

President Bush is the only Republi-

can presidential candidate on the ballot. There is also an "uncommitted" option for GOP voters.

Bush is spending time in his home state before Tuesday's election. After a weekend at his ranch in Crawford, he was attending a rodeo and a fundraiser in Houston on Monday.

Early voting for the primary ran for two weeks and concluded Friday. Connor said the rate of early voting varied across the state.

He predicted a total of nearly 1.7 million people, or 14 percent of the state's 12.26 million registered voters, will cast ballots.

In congressional primary races, two

incumbent Democrats are fighting to stay in office in districts that cover parts of the Texas-Mexico border.

U.S. Rep. Lloyd Doggett, a five-term Democrat from Austin, is running against former district judge Leticia Hinojosa of Hidalgo County in District 25. The majority-Latino district is a narrow strip spanning 350 miles from Travis County to Hidalgo County.

Doggett's support is strong in Austin, where his previous district was concentrated. So he's been campaigning and spending heavily in the Rio Grande Valley, gathering high-profile endorsements along the way. Hinojosa, who is Mexican-American, grew up in the

southern part of the district and promotes herself as the hometown candidate.

The winning Democrat faces either Republican Rebecca Armendariz Klein, former chair of the Texas Public Utility Commission, or minister Regner Capener.

U.S. Rep. Ciro Rodriguez, chairman of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus, is being challenged by former Texas Secretary of State Henry Cuellar of Laredo in neighboring District 28. Cuellar almost beat Republican Rep. Henry Bonilla of San Antonio in 2002.

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MYSTIC STARS

By Lasha Senluk

IF YOUR BIRTHDAY IS THIS WEEK ... Expect business alliances or recent workplace partnerships to be abandoned. Between April 7 and June 20, career promises or shared ventures with authority figures may prove unreliable. Don't, however, be dissuaded. Planetary alignments also indicate a powerful financial opportunity will arrive before the end of September.

Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20) Loved ones may carefully discuss yesterday's plans or family goals. Unexpected social alliances and changed schedules may be questioned. Past feelings, needs or group actions require a clear description, don't disappoint.

Aries (March 21-April 20) Sentimental attractions are highlighted. Watch for a steady increase in romantic proposals. Some Aries natives may also experience a fairly dramatic public disagreement between an old lover and a new friend. Stay calm.

Taurus (April 21-May 20) Watch for loved ones to introduce new home expectations or group ideas. Changed schedules and revised priorities are accentuated. Expect strong opinions and fast decisions. After midweek, workplace mistakes will be revealed.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) Emotional awareness and physical vitality are changing. Expect deepening romantic commitments and a series of new business choices. Many Geminis will experience a powerful wave of career ambitions and complex social decisions. Trust the inner voice.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) Old friends or work officials may propose unique career ventures. Home-related businesses, financial partnerships and fast social changes are accentuated. Expect unusual meetings, joint ventures and controversial messages over the next 12 days.

Leo (July 22-Aug. 22) Ongoing obligations and traditional family roles may prove bothersome. Expect loved ones to be unusually sensitive to new information, minor criticisms or last-minute changes. Remain patient and watch for small clues.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Romantic or social promises may be challenged. Watch for subtle comments to trigger important discussions. Previously silent lovers or friends will gently test your dedication. Don't be unnerved. Powerful emotions and vital long-term decisions may be involved.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Humor, witty compliments and unusual social requests may captivate attention. Loved ones may feel unusually drawn to foreign cultures, educational experiences or games of chance. Use this time to expand social or intellectual activities. Restlessness and minor group tensions will soon fade.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Intimacy between friends and romantic trust will soon deepen. Watch for a previously vague relationship to begin an active or passionate phase. Long-term love affairs will either expand or be newly defined. Expect complex family requests, bold opinions and minor social tensions.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Work and financial plans may change several times. Expect usually predictable colleagues to be scattered or poorly organized. Graciously ignore all such vulnerability. Social politics and diplomacy may prove vital for lasting success.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 20) Yesterday's disappointments will vanish. Expect potential lovers to no longer hesitate or show disinterest. Past social habits and emotional facts are unproductive. Aciose relative may wish to renegotiate financial obligations. Remain determined. This is not the right time to bring creative solutions to short-term money problems.

Aquarius (Jan. 21-Feb. 19) Older friends and relatives may express doubts or misgivings. Areas strongly affected are creative business projects, spending habits or planned social events. Avoid detailed discussions and wait for calmer attitudes.

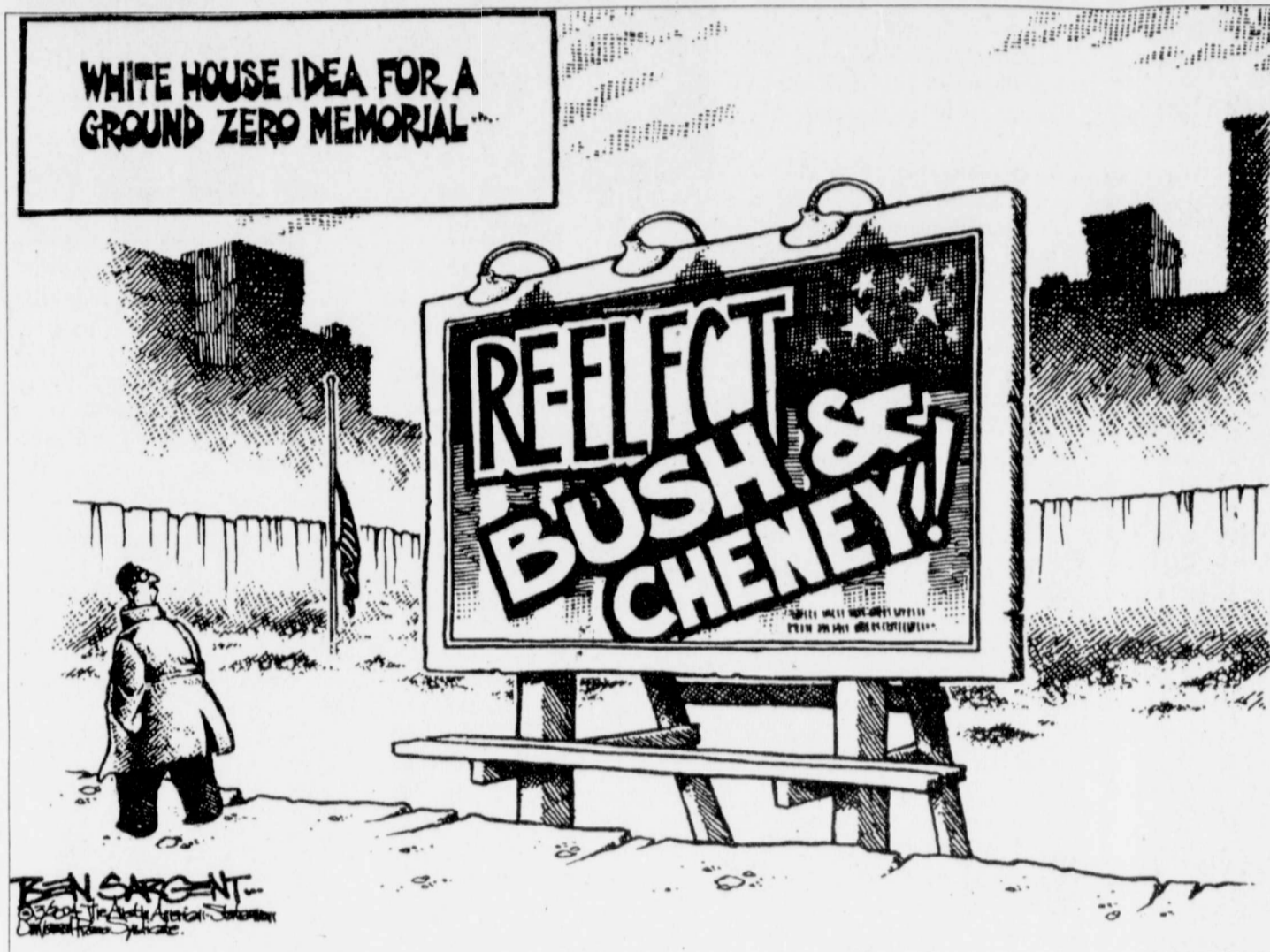
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Once you vote in a party's primary you become a member of that party for the next two years or until you vote in another primary. So if you're sick of your party, now is the time to switch sides.

Primaries are not elections. They are more like elections for elections. Primaries choose who runs for an office. It wouldn't do to have four Republicans, three Democrats and six Libertarians running for railroad commissioner. It sounds like too much of a joke.

No, the reason we have primaries is to limit the number of people who can run. It cuts down confusion not to mention campaign costs and election ballot costs. It just simplifies the election process.

The other important thing about primaries is they are the ticket into party conventions. To be elected to go to a national convention you have to have proof of party affiliation.

This is your stamped voting certificate you receive when you vote in the primary. If you want a life in politics, this is a great place to hang out. But, remember, you have to vote in a primary to be eligible.

This year at the county level primaries will be held for the positions of commissioners and constables. All other offices are running uncontested. Commissioners are the governing body of the county.

Their responsibilities include county road maintenance, setting tax rates, supervising and holding general and special elections, and setting salaries for county employees. Constables are enforcement officers of the justice of the peace.

At the state level, primaries will be held for railroad commissioner, Supreme Court justice and several Court of Criminal Appeals judges and Court of Appeal justices.

The railroad commissioner's main responsibility is the regulation of the oil and gas industries. Oh, and railroad safety also is under his jurisdiction. Texas elects all of its judicial officers, rather than having them appointed. They deal with both civil and criminal matters.

If you are extremely interested in this topic I suggest you

Sarah Looten



take POLS 3351 The Judicial Process. It is very informative. Without going into any detail, you should know these people serve a great purpose and play an important part in our lives, especially if you do anything illegal and get caught.

At the national level, primaries will be held for the president of the United States. Republicans can vote for George W. Bush or no one. Democrats will be choosing from John Kerry, Dennis Kucinich and Al Sharpton.

If you do not know the responsibilities and perks of the presidency, you should probably stay in your cave and not bother anyone.

It is important you at least be marginally informed about what and whom you are voting for. The League of Women Voters puts out a very informative voting guide that you can take with you to the polls.

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With the recent surge in registered voters on our campus, many of you are able to vote here in town. Please do so. Your precinct is listed on your voter registration card.

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Regents wrong in admissions policy

The recent decision by the Board of Regents to begin considering race and ethnicity as a factor in the admissions decision is an erroneous and misguided policy.

First, some background.

Tech's Admissions Office, on its Web site, states "The Texas Tech University system will change its admissions policy for the entering class of 2005 to include race and ethnicity as one of many factors in 'an individualized and holistic' admission process."

The Board of Regents at Texas Tech is pleased that the U.S. Supreme Court has clarified this issue for all institutions across the country and believes the Grutter decision will provide the flexibility appropriate to achieve our goals for diversity endorsed in our System Strategic Plan."

The statement continues by explaining "A category for 'Diversity of Experience' will be added to the review process. Diversity of experience may include, but will not be limited to, study abroad, knowledge of other cultures, proficiency in other languages, race/ethnicity and experience with college preparatory programs."

The Grutter decision refers to the 2003 case, *Grutter v. Bollinger*, where the Supreme Court approved the University of Michigan Law School's "commitment to diversity with special reference to the inclusion of African-American, Hispanic, and Native-American students, who otherwise might not be represented in the student body in meaningful numbers."

Whether the Supreme Court has, by this case, "clarified this issue for all institutions across the country" is a debatable statement. If, in fact, the correct interpretation of the Grutter decision is minority students should be given special treatment in the admissions process, many people, myself included, would conclude the Supremes got this one wrong.

The bottom line is this policy will provide special treatment, and give a special advantage, to students from certain ethnic backgrounds, while withholding those advantages from others of other ethnic backgrounds who may be equally deserving.

Here are some of the reasons why I think this policy is misguided.

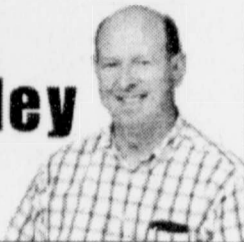
First, to give special advantage on the basis of race is blatantly unconstitutional. It violates, in many ways, both the letter and the spirit of American law and American ethos.

I am aware, of course, that some ethnic groups, most notably blacks, have been disadvantaged in the past. But the question is whether providing unconstitutional special treatment in the present will in any way undo or rectify that past mistreatment.

Further, how are university admissions officers supposed to be able to decide who gets special treatment based on perceived past disadvantage? There are a great many minority students who do not have good schools.

But there are also many white students who suffer from the same problem. It is not just a matter of rich versus poor. The District of Columbia spends more money per student than any other U.S. state, but they also have the worst schools in the country. Who has the wisdom to decide a black student from, say, Vernon, Texas, deserves special advantage in the TTU admissions process, while a white student

Tim Hadley



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from D.C. does not?

Second, the current race-based advantage policy is not inclusive of all non-white races and ethnic groups. Notably missing from the list of preferred groups is Asian-Americans, probably because for the most part Asian students have excelled in American schools. Thus, the policy makers are in the position of making totally arbitrary decisions about which minorities deserve extra help.

In the TTU Strategic Plan, one of the regents' visions for Texas is it should be "a state where each resident accepts responsibility for his or her behavior." It is difficult to reconcile that attitude, which is appropriate and valid, with a policy that offers special treatment and advantage to some who may have, as a direct result of their behavior, not attained a record of achievement that warrants admission to a top state university like Texas Tech.

Third, it is insulting to promote a policy that, in effect, says to minority students they are not good enough to be admitted on their own merits and by virtue of their achievement.

A number of black scholars, like Thomas Sowell, Walter Williams and others, have written extensively on this subject. They believe it is wrong to implant in the mind of any student, regardless of race or ethnic origin, the idea that he or she cannot succeed without "special help." It is self-defeating and demeaning.

My disagreement with this policy does not mean I am opposed to the positive values diversity brings to a university community. It is difficult to speak about these issues without being labeled as a bigot, or worse.

But those who know me know I am not prejudiced, close-minded or xenophobic. In fact, I'm open-minded and very willing to consider other points of view. However, until I hear arguments in favor of this policy that make sense to me, I remain convinced the regents' decision is mistaken.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Looten's column offensive, ignorant

I am deeply offended by Ms. Looten's ignorant and mendacious column attacking Israel.

First, the Arab people were formally offered their own state on four separate occasions: in 1937 with the Peel Commission, with the partition in 1947, after the 1967 war and in the 2000 Camp David talks. The fence would disappear by the ending of the killings.

Second, Palestine was part of the Roman, Byzantine Empire, and Turkish Empire, the League and the UN mandates. It was never Arab land!!! Most of the so-called "native people of this lands" (sic.) migrated in after the Zionists. Third, she irresponsibly misuses the concept of terror. It means the targeting of noncombatants, soft targets.

I dare her to show any instance of Is-

rael ever deliberately targeting civilians!!! The Israeli hits targeted leaders of organizations that have declared war against them. In the 39 weeks of the "Road Map" some 140 Israelis have been murdered, 743 maimed in 970 attacks, all on civilian targets.

Jews are not allowed to defend themselves? The fence works. No successful attacks have occurred through the fenced portions of the border.

She said Israel attacks its neighboring states. I ask that she name one instance of such an attack that was not provoked by a military assault on Israelis. Her position seems to be that the killing of Jews should not be impeded. Shame!

— Lawrence Mayer, professor,
Department of Political Science

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Raiders romp Harvard, Air Force

By Joey Kirk/The University Daily

With 11 runs in six innings to seal the victory for the Texas Tech baseball team over Air Force Sunday, junior pitcher Michael McGowan said it made his job a little easier at the mound.

"It makes it easy to pitch when the hitters put that many runs on the board," he said. "I get a chance to relax and probably get away with more than usual."

In the shutout victory McGowan gave up five hits in five innings pitched, striking out five batters and walking one on 63 pitches for his first start of the season.

McGowan said the win feels good coming off an injury that required him to sit out for the first part of the season.

"It's been a long three months," he said. "I hope to find myself in the rotation now with today's game, but we'll see what happens."

After putting up 67 runs in four games against Air Force and Harvard over the weekend, the Red Raiders agreed to end a high-scoring game in progress Sunday against the Falcons.

In the seventh inning, the Red Raiders failed to give Air Force a single run, shutting them out on a run-rule and a victory for Tech, 11-0.

Head coach Larry Hays said the series proved to be Tech's best from the pitching aspect of baseball as well as at the plate.

"It is the first time this season that we've had three solid games pitched," he said. "We were worried about McGowan's health, but he did a good job. We also came to it in the offense as well."

Junior pitcher Tanner McElroy came in in the sixth inning to relieve McGowan, racking up four strikeouts and allowing only two hits. Hays said it is a testament to how Tech is improving.

"McElroy did good today," he said. "We're getting closer to where we need to be in pitching."

Only allowing 18 runs on 33 hits against the two teams, Hays said the Raiders are having higher thoughts about future games and the rotation in the pitching staff.

"We're getting hopeful. We saw guys this weekend that could cover 27 innings or more," he said. "We have to get them in the mix, especially at this stage of the season."

Friday, Tech earned its first win against Air Force, 8-4, with junior first baseman Josh Brady hitting a home run to lead the Raiders in victory.

Harvard and Tech faced a double-header against each other Saturday, proving the Raiders more powerful with five players knocking balls over the wall. Junior centerfielder Michael Mask hit three homers in game one, along with junior Cooper Fouts blasting one out of the park, to give Tech the 18-6 victory over the Crimson.

Mask said he was pleased with his own batting, but even more pleased with the overall performance of his team.

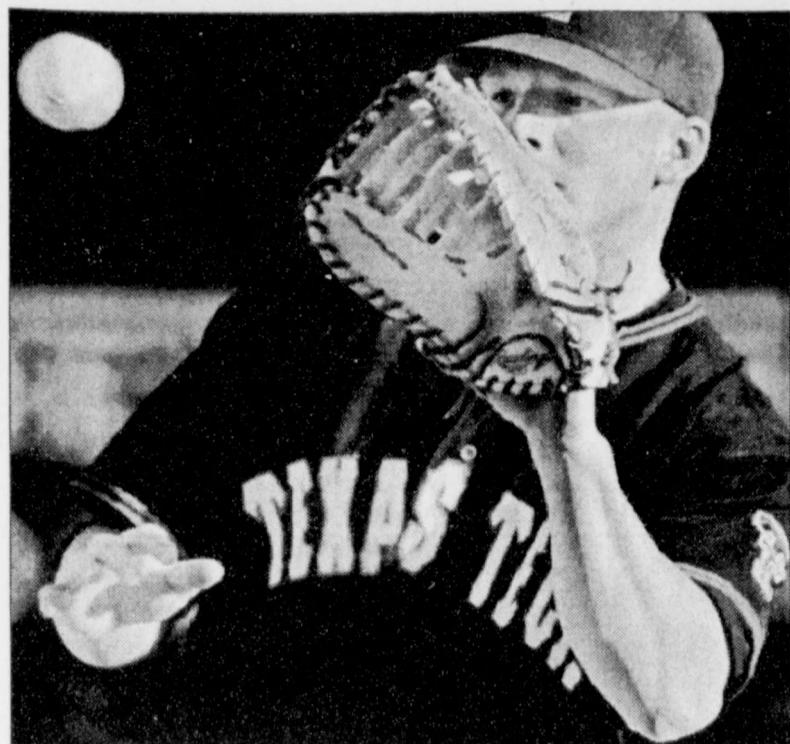
"We hit the ball good, but we also threw well," he said. "I think we did especially well, with 67 runs. It's a lot more than you can ask for."

In the second game, the Raiders put up 24 hits, giving them 30 runs to Harvard's eight. Brady, junior utility player Matthew Coco and junior rightfielder Madison Edwards each had a homerun to help Tech's efforts.

With another Coco home run Sunday against Air Force and junior shortstop Cameron Blair's three-run homer, Tech is only eight home runs away from tying last season's total number.

Blair said although the Raiders played in four games this weekend, they were ready for anything thrown their way.

"It was a lot of games in one week-



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FIRST BASEMAN JOSH Brady catches the ball for a putout during the Raiders' 18-6 win over Harvard on Saturday afternoon. Tech will travel to Round Rock to play in the Dell Diamond Classic this weekend.

end. We made no mistakes and luckily, I got one out of the park today," he said. "We were just more focused, mentally prepared, and we came out playing smarter at the plate."

Friday to play in the Dell Diamond Classic. Tech will face Illinois at 11 a.m. Friday for the first of three games. The second game is against Notre Dame at 11 a.m. Saturday and the last game is at 2 p.m. Sunday against Texas State.

The Raiders travel to Round Rock

Francis, Symons getting noticed in preparation for NFL Draft

By David Wiechmann/The University Daily

The NFL draft is approaching fast, and two Red Raiders took time out of their schedules to make an appearance at the Night of Champions on Saturday night. Wide receiver Carlos Francis and quarterback B.J. Symons both said things are looking up for them when it comes to moving to professional football.

Francis wowed coaches, trainers, players and the media with his work-out at the NFL Combine last month. He was among the fastest receivers there by running the 40 in the lower end of 4.3 seconds. His showing put him on the front page of NFL.com's draft coverage.

"Yeah, I saw that," he said. "I'm trying my best. I did some good things at the combine. I think I turned some heads."

Francis is not a prototypical receiver standing at just 5-11. His speed is what has separated him in the past, and he said his vertical jump at the combine is really what made him catch people's eye and not just the football.

"Height is an added quality," he said. "I know I'm not tall, but I do have God-given abilities, and I have to take advantage of them. I was blessed with speed, and I think my vertical really helped. I proved I can go up there with the rest of those guys."

Symons did not work out at the combine because he is still rehabbing his knee after reconstructive surgery in January. He said he is working on strengthening the muscles around the knee and then plans to begin working out in approximately four weeks.

The portion of the combine Symons did participate in was the interview process, which he said he believes he did well in.

"I got a feel for who's interested in me," he said. "In the interview they just wanted to know why I feel I can compete at the next level, and they asked me a lot about (Tech's offensive) system; and I think I showed good knowledge of the game."

The intricate pass patterns and high number of receivers on the field every play for Tech causes defenses to play a variety of coverage packages with their secondary and linebackers. Symons believes that separates him from the other quarterbacks in the draft.

"I've seen more coverages than any quarterback in the country. So, I think what I have seen has prepared me for the next level," he said.

Fans and those close to Tech football know Francis for his personality, and he said that helped him with the interviews as well. His charisma and straight-forwardness turned heads too, not just his speed.

"I've been doing interviews for a while now, and I think I speak well in front of people," he said. "They just

want you to tell the truth and see if you're man enough to be honest. I've got a clean history so I didn't have anything to hide from them, and I wasn't afraid to go in there and be a man. If your boss is going to rely on you, he's going to want to trust you on every level."

Playing professional football has been a dream of Symons' and Francis' since they were young boys. Now, they are taking the steps necessary to reach that dream. They are, however, baby steps because Francis said he will not fully believe his dream is coming true until it does on draft day, April 24-25.

"I have one belief system, and that is God and Jesus Christ the Savior," he said. "He's something I can feel, but I can't see. The NFL is a dream of mine that I can see, but I can't feel it yet. I'm not going to believe it until I see it. I'm not going to believe it until it's actually here."

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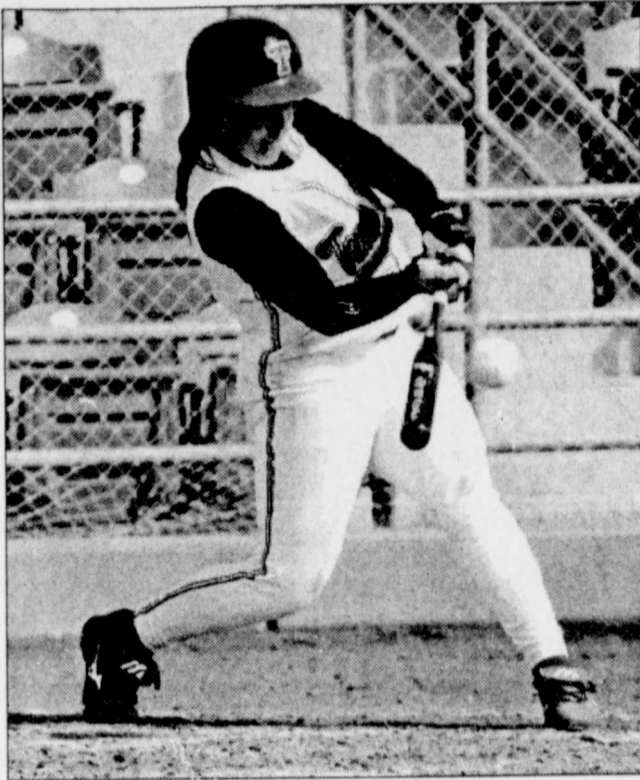
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Home field advantage working for Raiders

BRITNEY STOLLE DRIVES the ball for a hit during Tech's 11-10 win against Columbia on Sunday. Tech went 5-1 during the Lady Raider Classic.

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The University Daily



By Adam Boedecker/
The University Daily

Some may say Lubbock is not the most beautiful city in the world, but for the Texas Tech softball team it is paradise.

The Red Raiders (11-16) improved their home record to 7-1 with five wins in the Mutual of Omaha Lady Raider Classic during the weekend.

Catcher and designated player Elyssa Sigala said the team has added comfort when they play in "The Rock."

"It was wonderful (playing at home)," she said. "We played really, really well. It's just the comfort of being at home. We had fans out to support us. I was really excited to play; I've been excited to play all week."

Sigala's excitement carried over to the diamond as she staked her claim for the Big 12 Player of the Week Award with her performance.

She extended her hitting streak to 11 games, going .529 from the plate with two doubles, three home runs, eight RBIs and six runs scored in the six-game tournament.

The numbers brought her team-leading season totals to a .389 batting average, seven doubles, six homers, 20 RBIs and 14 runs scored.

"I'm in a zone right now, and I need to stay in the zone," she said. "I don't look at my batting average and my homers, it's a new at-bat every time. If I stay focused I'll be successful, anyone who stays focused will."

Tech head coach Bobby Reeves had a strong opinion about Sigala's

chances for the Big 12 award.

"I'll tell you what, if she ain't there's something horribly wrong with some people," he said. "Anyone that bats

.529 for the weekend with three homers and eight RBIs - that's All-American status right there."

Tech went 2-0 on Sunday defeating Columbia 11-10 in nine innings in the morning game.

Sigala was 1-for-4 with a homerun and two RBIs, while left fielder Kelly Rhyne went 3-for-6 with two RBIs.

Erin Crawford (5-5) was the winning pitcher after coming in to pitch three shutout innings in relief.

The afternoon game against the

New Mexico Lobos was the best the Raiders have played all season, Reeves said.

"The first game in the morning was ugly," he said. "But we came back and played the best I've seen us play with offense and defense. We're putting the ball in play and hitting the ball. We're not getting so deep in the count that we have a hard time being successful. When you're aggressive early on, good things happen."

Crawford paced the 4-1 victory. She gave up seven hits, one earned run with four strikeouts.

Crawford said her 3-0 performance on the weekend was indicative of not only her, but her teammates as well.

"I think it had to do a lot with the whole team's performance," she said. "Honestly, even with the people that didn't get to play it was a huge team effort. I can feel them all back there backing me up, it's got a lot to do with trusting my defense."

"We played really well. It's just the comfort of being at home."

— ELYSSA SIGALA
Texas Tech Softball Player

Tech defeats Kansas State despite relocation of match

By Joey Kirk/The University Daily

Texas Tech women's tennis players have yet to play matches on their own courts this season. They have been in Lubbock to play, but McLeod Tennis Center did not play host to Abilene Christian on Wednesday or Big 12 op-

ponent Kansas State on Saturday.

Because of inclement weather Friday night, the Red Raiders match against the No. 65-ranked Wildcats was moved to the Lubbock Country Club. The indoors proved to be in Tech's favor, beating the Wildcats 4-3.

Head coach Cari Groce said al-

though Tech is used to playing in certain West Texas conditions, the KSU coach pleaded to move it indoors.

"Evidently, their coach is not keen on playing outdoors in the wind," she said. "We practice in the wind, and at the same time, we have to adjust to it."

Beating a ranked team and becoming 1-1 in the Big 12, Groce said the Raiders are improving daily and could see a reward for their success.

"The win was huge. We're on our way to becoming a nationally ranked program," she said. "That would put our name on the map, and we'll continue to make a name for ourselves."

In singles, the Raiders and Wildcats split, both with three wins. In the first spot, senior Irina Tereschenko was beaten in straight sets to give KSU's Maria Rosenberg the win.

Sophomore Tara Browning and freshman Lakann Wagley were also defeated by their opponents. In the No. 2 position, senior Kendall Brooks took the first win against the Wildcats defeating Jessica Samosa. At the bottom of the lineup, Tech's No. 5 player, sophomore Katja Kovacic beat KSU's Judith Diaz in a two-set match, and the final Tech player, freshman Iva Gyurgina beat the Wildcats' Aveen Alkhatib.

Groce said several players are stepping up and playing to their potential. "We know certain players, like Brooks and Kovacic, will play big for us," she said. "At this stage in the season, we are getting a good feel of who those players are."

As for doubles matches, the Raiders took two of the three matches against KSU to give them the fourth point and their first Big 12 win of the season.

The No. 1 duo of Brooks and Tereschenko was defeated by KSU's Rosenberg and Paulina Castillejos. Browning and Kovacic had success against the No. 2 Wildcat team of Simosa and Diaz. Wagley and freshman Hristiyana Gocheva finished with a win against Hayley McIver and Alkhatib of KSU in the No. 3 position.

Groce said the Raiders are ready for anything that comes their way.

"They want to compete, and they don't care who it is," she said. "They're anxious to compete, and they've said they love the thrill of competition."

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BEST FOOD & RESTAURANT CATEGORY

1. Chicken Fried Steak
2. French Fries
3. Steak
4. Barbecue
5. Hamburger
6. Pizza
7. Buffet
8. Mexican Food
9. Italian Food
10. Oriental Food
11. Margarita
12. Cold Beer
13. Happy Hour
14. Fast Food
15. All-Night Restaurant
16. All-You-Can Eat deal
17. Favorite Restaurant
18. Friendliest Service
19. Supermarket

BEST SIGHTS & SOUNDS CATEGORY

1. Place to buy CD's & cassettes
2. Local TV News Team
3. Local TV Sportscaster
4. Local TV Weathercaster
5. TV Show
6. TV commercial
7. Local Radio Personality
8. Local Radio Morning Show
9. TV Station
10. Radio Station
11. Movie
12. Movie Theater
13. Video Rental Store
14. Local Band
15. Local C&W Band
16. Soap Opera
17. Internet Website

BEST SHOPPING CATEGORY

1. Sporting Goods Store
2. Women's Shoes Store
3. Men's Shoes Store
4. Department Store
5. Jewelry Store
6. Western Wear Store
7. Discount Store
8. Consumer Electronic Store
9. Convenience Store
10. Bookstore
11. Clothing Bargains
12. Tire Store
13. Women's Traditional Clothing Store
14. Women's Casual Clothing Store
15. Men's Traditional Clothing Store
16. Men's Casual Clothing Store
17. Shopping Center/Mall
18. Internet Provider
19. Best place to buy jeans
20. Best Tattoo Shop
21. Best Travel Agency

BEST PLACES CATEGORY

1. Place to study
2. Place to take a date
3. Place to work
4. Night Club
5. Bar
6. Business at the Strip
7. Cleaners
8. Carwash
9. Car Repair
10. Haircut
11. Tanning Salon
12. Apartment Complex/Housing Community
13. Place to buy flowers
14. Church
15. Bank
16. Pharmacy
17. Romantic Dinner
18. Health Club
19. Hangout
20. Coffee Shop

BEST OF TEXAS TECH CATEGORY

1. Residence Hall
2. Tech Tradition
3. Men's Sport
4. Women's Sport
5. Professor/Instructor
6. Student Organization
7. Class
8. Major
9. Most helpful Department
10. Coach
11. Tech Landmark
12. UD Columnist

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- 1 Texas A&M student
- 6 Hollow tooth
- 10 Big pile
- 14 Contaminate
- 15 Choir part
- 16 Agatha contemporary
- 17 TV twosome
- 20 Fuel from dogs
- 21 R/R stop
- 22 Show host
- 23 Tiny quantity
- 25 Jai _____
- 27 TV twosome
- 33 Please mightily
- 34 Outer edges
- 35 Commit perjury
- 37 Hereditary unit
- 38 David of "Just Shoot Me"
- 40 Dove of Moreno
- 41 Silly Caesar
- 42 PC junk mail
- 43 Chicago team
- 44 TV twosome
- 48 Hard and fast rules
- 49 Liberal _____
- 50 Org. of songwriters
- 53 Vent opener?
- 54 Ride thermals
- 58 TV twosome
- 62 Strike an attitude
- 63 Potent start?
- 64 Band leader
- 65 Hightailed it
- 66 Information
- 67 Rock full of crystals

DOWN

- 1 At the peak of
- 2 Peer
- 3 Sphinx location
- 4 Start
- 5 Antibes summer
- 6 Gambling card game
- 7 "M*A*S*H" star
- 8 Utmost degree
- 9 Tibetan gazelle
- 10 Religious recluse
- 11 _____ the Red
- 12 Out of the wind
- 13 Fountain of Dixieland
- 18 Dog in "The Thin Man"
- 19 Stands on hind legs
- 24 Single
- 25 Surrounded by
- 26 Type of duck?
- 27 Laws, briefly
- 28 Derived from oil
- 29 Shields film - Nevada
- 30 Composition for the stage
- 31 Of a pelvic bone
- 32 British saltpeper
- 36 No sweat
- 38 Disgorge
- 39 T eats
- 40 Give confidence
- 42 Breaks suddenly
- 43 Three-letter sandwich
- 45 Stared fixedly
- 46 C.S. Lewis location
- 47 The _____ Scott Case
- 50 Little snakes
- 51 Halt
- 52 Detective's concern
- 53 Huff and puff
- 55 Bologna eight substance
- 56 Corrosive
- 57 Korean leader
- 59 Down for the count, briefly
- 60 Singer Sumac
- 61 Crane

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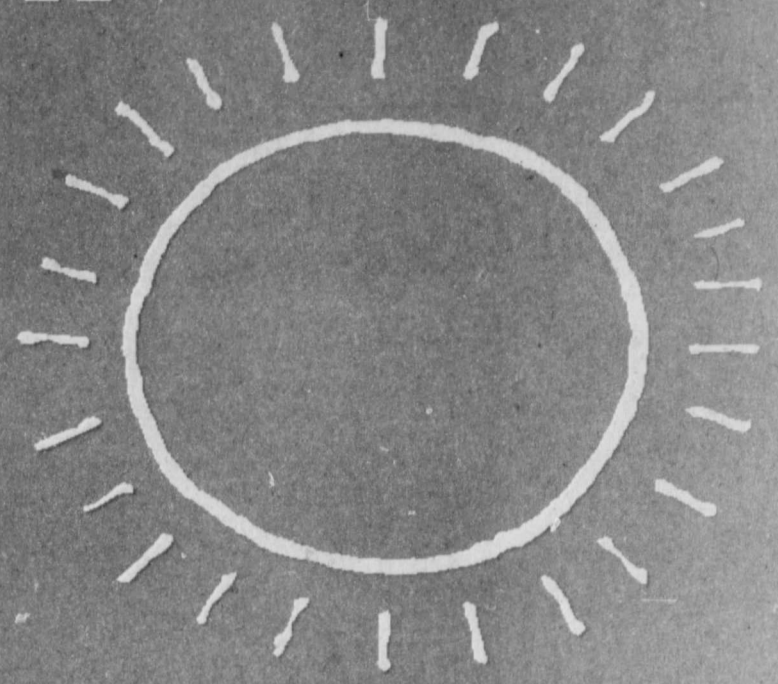
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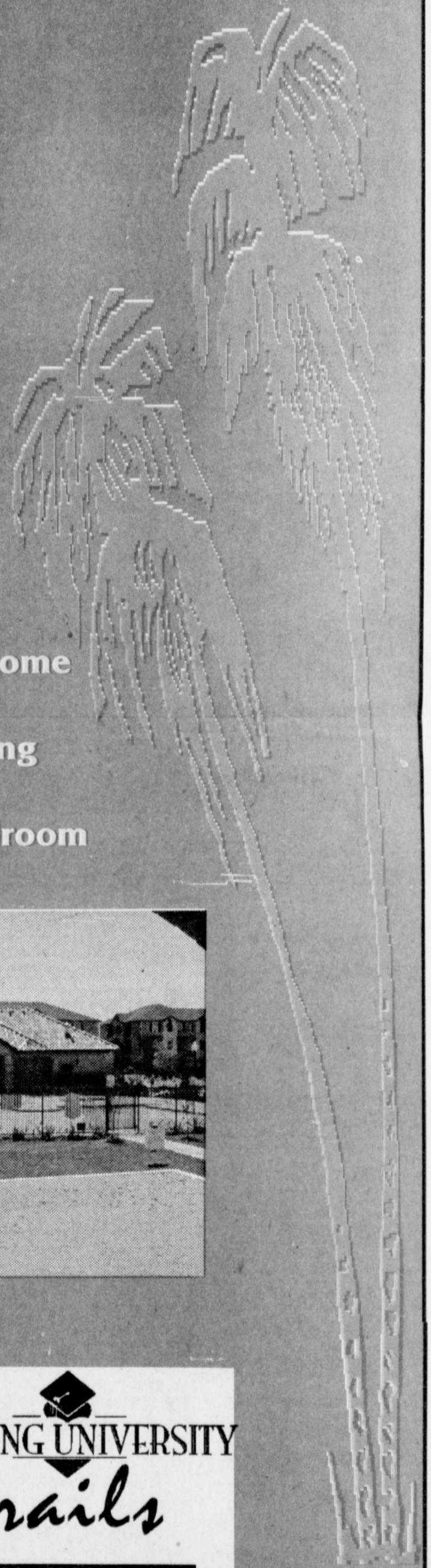
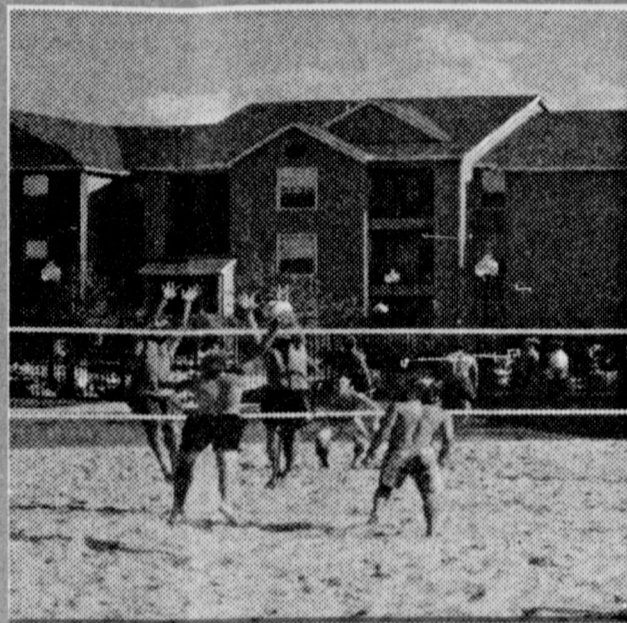
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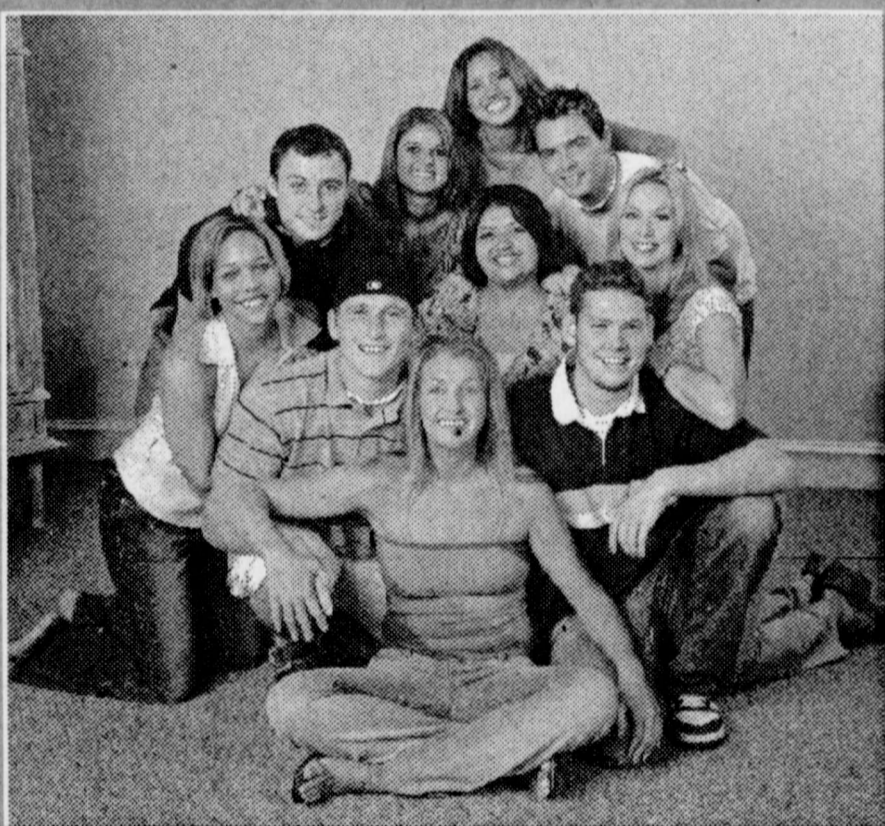


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