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STATE
Sen. Hutchison not interested in VP position

DALLAS (AP) — Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, suggested by some Republicans as a potential vice presidential candidate, said Sunday she's not interested in the job.

Hutchison appeared on ABC TV's "This Week," and host George Stephanopoulos played a video clip of former GOP presidential candidate Steve Forbes calling the Texas Republican the front-runner to be likely nominee Sen. John McCain's running mate.

"I don't want to be vice president," Hutchison said. She said McCain "has a lot of options" for a running mate.

NATION
Nader announces third-party campaign

WASHINGTON (AP) — Ralph Nader on Sunday announced a fresh bid for the White House, criticizing the top contenders as too close to big business and dismissing the possibility that his third-party candidacy could tip the election to Republicans.

The longtime consumer advocate is still loathed by many Democrats who accuse him of costing Al Gore the 2000 election.

WORLD
8 Turkish troops killed in Iraq

CUKURCA, Turkey (AP) — A Turkish helicopter crashed in Iraq and eight soldiers were killed during a cross-border ground operation against Kurdish rebels, who planted booby traps on the bodies of their slain comrades, Turkey's military said Sunday.

The guerrillas said they shot down a Turkish military helicopter near the Turkish-Iraqi border.

DEATH TOLL
3968
U.S. military deaths in Iraq since fighting began
SOURCE: Associated Press, confirmed by the Department of Defense

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Cuba's parliament names Raul president

By ANITA SNOW
ASSOCIATED PRESS

HAVANA (AP) — Cuba's parliament named Raul Castro president on Sunday, ending nearly 50 years of rule by his brother Fidel but leaving the island's communist system unshaken.

In a surprise move, officials bypassed younger candidates to name a 77-year-old revolutionary leader, Jose Ramon Machado, to Cuba's No. 2 spot — apparently assuring

the old guard that no significant political changes will be made soon.

Raul also proposed he would consult with the ailing, 81-year-old Fidel on all major decisions of state, and parliament approved the proposal.

Sunday's vote came five days after Fidel said he was retiring, capping a career in which he frustrated efforts by 10 U.S. presidents to oust him.

Though the succession was not likely to bring a major shift in the communist government policies that have put Cuba at odds with the

United States, many Cubans were hoping it would open the door to modest economic reforms that might improve their daily lives.

In his first speech as president, Raul Castro suggested that the Communist Party as a whole would take over the role long held by Fidel Castro, who formally remains its leader.

The new president said the nation's sole legal party "is the directing and superior force of society and the state."

"This conviction has particular importance when because the founding and forging generation of the revolution is disappearing," Raul Castro added.

The U.S. has said the change from one Castro to another would not be significant, calling it a "transfer of authority and power from dictator to dictator light."

Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said Sunday Cubans have a right "to choose their leaders in democratic elections" and urged the government

"to begin a process of peaceful, democratic change by releasing all political prisoners, respecting human rights, and creating a clear pathway towards free and fair elections."

Her statement, issued shortly before parliament met, called the developments a "significant moment in Cuba's history."

Cuba's parliament chose a new 31-member ruling body known as the Council of State to lead the country.

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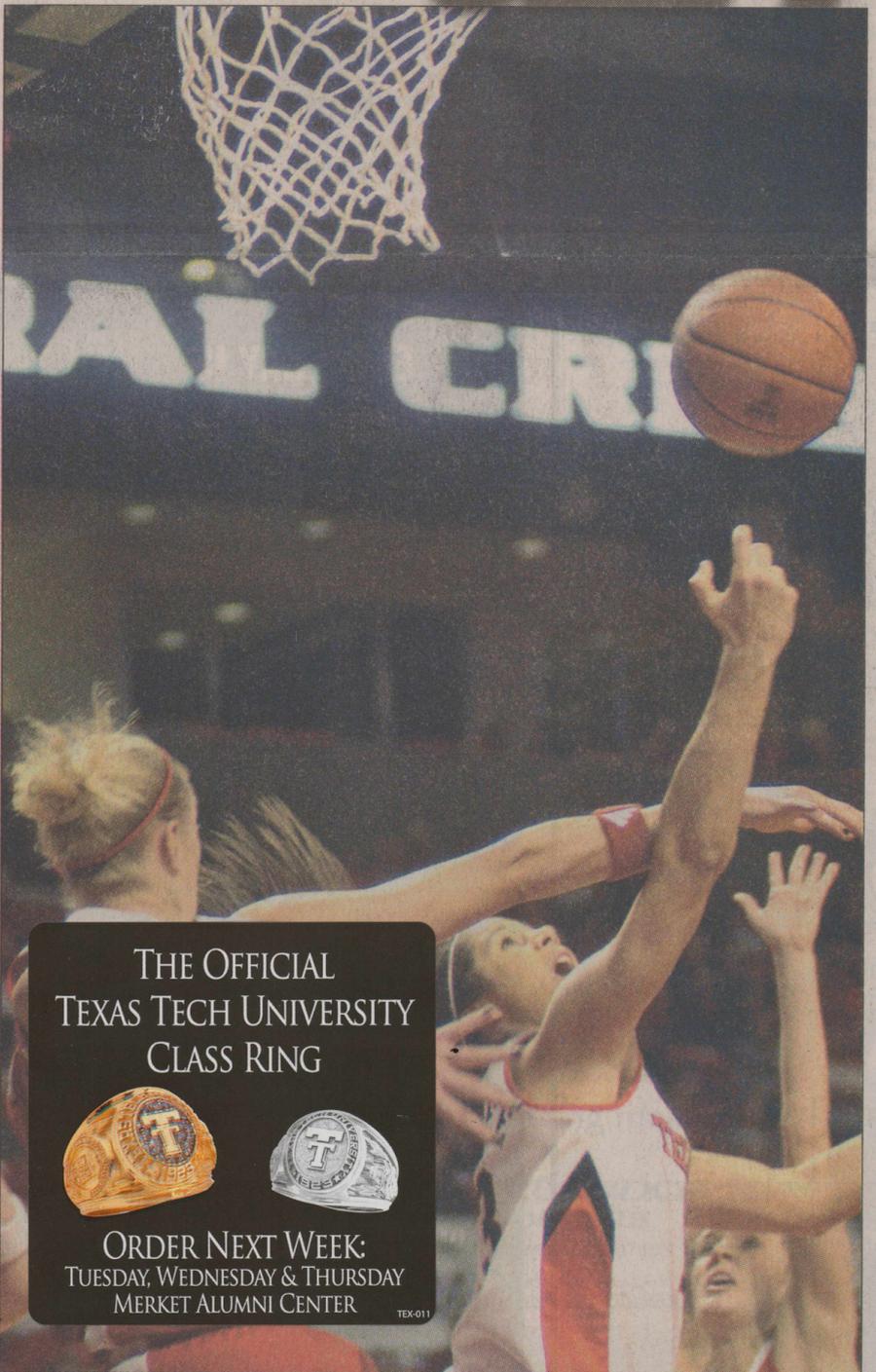


PHOTO BY KERRY LENTZ/The Daily Toreador

TEXAS TECH GUARD Jordan Murphree draws contact while shooting in Sunday's 65-56 win over Nebraska.

Lady Raiders beat Nebraska 65-56, win second straight game

By ADAM COLEMAN
STAFF WRITER

The only thing better for the Lady Raiders than earning their first win in February is earning another one. Texas Tech defeated Nebraska 65-56 Sunday, starting a two-game winning streak after losing the previous five. "We were able to put 40 minutes together," Tech coach Kristy Curry said. "I loved everything about our team today. It's definitely one of our better games. I think I've said all along we would be better in February than we were in January or in

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Cost of textbooks rises with inflation

By LILIANA GONZALEZ
STAFF WRITER

Nowadays, high gas prices are not the only thing college students are worried about because of the increased prices of textbooks.

For the past 20 years, college textbook prices have increased at twice the rate of inflation but have followed close behind tuition increases, according to the U.S. Government Accountability Office.

Textbook prices have increased an average of 6 percent per year, according to the GAO, and prices nearly have tripled from December 1986 to December 2004, while tuition fees increased by 240 percent. During this period, overall inflation was 72 percent.

The increasing price of textbooks at college bookstores has forced many students to buy online, and some bookstores have adjusted to the new selling method.

Michael Oliver, manager of the Double T Bookstore on University Avenue, said the bookstore has made the adjustment to sell books online on sites such as Amazon.

He said the online market has not affected them much because of the change to sell online, and because of the convenience of being located across from Texas Tech.

"Being close to campus helps," Oliver said. "When you order things online, it takes a while. For convenience, students rather pay \$10 more than wait."

According to the National Association of College Stores, textbooks are less expensive overseas because some American publishers have sold these titles to wholesalers or retailers abroad at a cheaper price than those sold in the U.S. college bookstores and other retailers. This has put foreign wholesalers and distributors in direct competition with the nation's bookstores.

According to the NACS, the College Board reported for the 2005-06 academic year that the cost of books and supplies ranged from \$801 to \$904, depending on the institution the student attended.

Becky Grubbs, a sophomore human development and family

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Shiites targeted by bombers, gunmen as holy day nears

By KIM GAMEL
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BAGHDAD (AP) — A suicide bomber blew himself up among Shiite pilgrims taking a break Sunday during their days-long march to a shrine for a major religious gathering. The blast killed at least 40 people and wounded 60, making it one of the deadliest this year.

It was the second attack of the day against pilgrims traveling to the holy city of Karbala, 50 miles south of Baghdad. Hours earlier, extremists attacked another group with guns and grenades in the predominantly Sunni Baghdad neighborhood of Dora, killing three and wounding 36, police said.

The suicide bomber targeted travelers near Iskandariyah, as authorities have fortified the capital and Karbala to keep away extremists. Those are the main areas where rituals are performed to commemorate the end of the 40-day mourning period for Imam Hussein, one of Shiite Islam's most revered figures.

Major Shiite commemorations have frequently been targeted in the past by suspected Sunni insurgents led by al-Qaida in Iraq in their drive to stoke sectarian violence. The attacks have prompted U.S. and Iraqi forces to increase the number of checkpoints, and impose car bans and other measures in major Shiite cities to protect the worshippers.

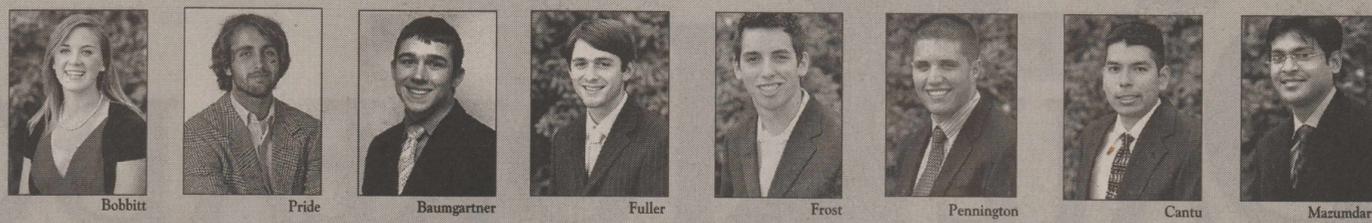
Recent commemorations — including the Ashoura festival in mid-January to mark Imam Hussein's death — have passed without major bloodshed amid an overall decline in violence across Iraq.

Student Government Candidates Q&A

By **MAGGIE KIELY**
STAFF WRITER

In an attempt to better inform the student body about their candidacies, Texas Tech Student Government Association executive officer candidates responded to questions through e-mail.

Elections begin Tuesday, with voting opening at 9 a.m. and closing Wednesday at 7 p.m. Students can vote at www.sga.ttu.edu.



Lee Bobbitt, junior political science major from San Antonio
Organizations involved in: Kappa Kappa Gamma, Feature Twirler for the Goin' Band

Philip Pride, senior Latin American and Iberian Studies, history and philosophy major from Alice
Organizations involved in: KTXT radio, Texas Tech grass roots environmental organization.

James Baumgartner, senior mechanical engineering major from San Antonio
Organizations involved in: Delta Tau Delta, American Society of Mechanical Engineers

Dailey Fuller, junior accounting and advertising major from Wylie
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Math-terminds gather for conference



DR. ADAM SIKORA from SUNY Buffalo makes a speech at the Texas Geometry and Topology Conference at the chemistry building, Saturday afternoon.

By JON VANDERLAAN
STAFF WRITER

Several of the smartest minds in math gathered this weekend as Texas Tech hosted the 39th Texas Geometry and Topology Conference.

The conference, sponsored by the National Science Foundation and the Department of Mathematics and Statistics at Tech, showcased researchers from eight different universities — including Princeton, Dartmouth and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology — lecturing about their personal research.

Jeffrey Lee, one of the local organizers of the conference and a professor at Tech, said this is a fairly high-profile conference and will provide Tech with some positive reputation.

"There's a basic resonance when mathematicians get together that you just can't get in any other way,

even with the Internet, that inspires and increases research output," Lee said. "Once you get more research output, you get more reputation, and graduate students would be interested in graduating from a school that has a better reputation."

Lance Drager, another local organizer of the conference and professor at Tech, said the lectures consisted of speakers presenting their research and theories, allowing for questions and comments from colleagues.

Drager said that while undergraduate students would not understand the majority of what was being discussed by the researchers, the conference would help Tech students get a better education from the Department of Mathematics and Statistics.

"It makes us a lot more visible," Drager said. "It certainly increases the quality of education they get by making the math department better

and making it easier to get good faculty people."

Ruth Gornet, a former professor at Tech who helped organize the first of these conferences here, said the conference is something professors will be able to take with them and be able to show through their teaching.

"You've got the world's experts consulting with each other, and we can consult with them, which then our enthusiasm for the subject obviously filters down to our teaching," said Gornet, a professor at the University of Texas at Arlington.

The conference was founded in 1989 and occurs twice each year.

Other universities that have supported and organized the conference include the University of Texas, Texas A&M University, Rice University, the University of Houston and Texas Christian University.

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Kosovo marks its first full week of independence, 1,000 Serbs protest

PRISTINA, Kosovo (AP) — Kosovo marked its first week of independence in quiet celebration Sunday, as angry Serbs protested in the fledgling nation's tense north and in capitals across Europe.

The Russian envoy to NATO, meanwhile, unleashed a torrent of criticism on countries that recognized Kosovo's split from ally Serbia, including the United States.

Up to 1,000 people protested peacefully in the ethnically divided northern town of Kosovska Mitrovica. Protesters at the demonstration — the smallest in seven days of rallies — listened to a Serbian rock band playing on a stage decorated with a poster of Russian President Vladimir Putin and a sign reading: "Russia Help!"

Russia has staunchly supported Serbia's resistance and has declared Kosovo's independence illegal. Putin's likely successor — First Deputy Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev — planned to visit the Serbian capital Belgrade on Monday.

The past two days of muted protests in Kosovska Mitrovica followed Thursday's rioting in Belgrade, where demonstrators stormed the U.S. Embassy and set part of it ablaze.

The U.S. ambassador in Belgrade demanded Serb leaders ensure there would be no future violence against diplomatic missions. "I'm very angry at what happened. It had better not happen again," Ambassador Cameron Munter told The Associated Press Sunday.

Ethnic Albanians in Kosovo remained jubilant with their new status.

"People keep celebrating every night," Artan Dedushaj said. "This is something that all Albanians have waited centuries for — and changes will come soon."

In the capital, Pristina, people gathered around a graffiti-covered sculpture of letters spelling out "NEWBORN." One person had scribbled in English: "We love you Kosovo!"

The vast majority of Kosovo's population is ethnic Albanian. Serbs represent just 10 percent of the region's 2 million people, but they view Kosovo as the cradle of their culture and of their Orthodox Christian faith.

The territory had remained a part of Serbia even though it has been administered by the U.N. and NATO since 1999, when NATO airstrikes ended former Yugoslav leader Slobodan Milosevic's crackdown on ethnic Albanian separatists, which killed 10,000 people.

Thousands of Serbs held demonstrations in European capitals Sunday.

In Vienna, Austria, more than 5,000 protesters waved pro-Serbia banners, and a few burned, spit or stomped on American flags. Later, demonstrators across the city smashed bottles and the windows of a cafe. Two police officers were injured and four people were arrested, officials said.

Cuba

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The council's president serves as the head of state and government.

The vote ended Castro's 49 years as head of the communist state in America's backyard. He retains his post as a lawmaker and as head of the Communist Party. But his power in government has eroded since July 31, 2006, when he announced he had undergone emergency intestinal surgery and was provisionally ceding his powers to Raul.

The younger Castro has headed Cuba's caretaker government in the 19 months since then, and Fidel Castro has not appeared in public.

In his final essay as president, Castro wrote that preparations for the parliament meeting "left me exhausted," and he said he did not regret his decision to step down.

"I slept better than ever," he wrote in the commentary published on Friday. "My conscience was clear and I promised myself a vacation."

In Old Havana, Maria Martinez, a 67-year-old retiree, watched the announcement on a Chinese-made television in her dark living room.

"He's a trustworthy man," she said. "He won't make mistakes."

"All we really want is peace and tranquility," she added.

Her 33-year-old neighbor, Raul

Rodriguez, let out a long sigh and nodded as the announcement of Raul Castro's election was made.

"He's hard, he's tough," said Rodriguez, who wore an NYPD baseball cap sent by a relative in the U.S.

Cabinet secretary Carlos Lage, who many had expected would move up into the first vice president slot, maintained his spot as one of five other vice presidents on the Council of State.

The other four vice presidents included Juan Almeida Bosque, 80, a historic revolutionary leader; Interior Minister Abelardo Colomoe Ibarra, 68; Esteban Lazo Hernandez, 63, a longtime Communist Party leader, and Gen. Julio Casas Regueiro, 71, who was Raul Castro's No. 2 at the Defense Ministry.

The council secretary remained Dr. Jose M. Miyar Barrueco, 75, physician and historic revolutionary leader, and longtime aide to Fidel Castro and Council of State.

Fidel was among the 614 members of parliament elected on Jan. 20 but his seat was empty at Sunday's gathering. As the names of the new National Assembly's members were read aloud, mention of the absent Castro drew a standing ovation. Parliament gave another standing ovation to Raul. The session closed with shouts of "Viva Fidel!"

In Venezuela, President Hugo Chavez reaffirmed his economic and political support of Cuba when he took a telephone call from Raul Castro after the session. Chavez also sent a message to his ally Fidel, whom he visited numerous times during his illness.

"Fidel, comrade," Chavez said, "I send you a hug. You continue to be El Comandante."

Earlier Sunday, Chavez scoffed at the idea of a transition in Cuba, saying "the transition occurred 49 years ago," from U.S.-dominated capitalism to socialism.

Gates says military action alone won't solve Turkey's problems with Iraq rebels

CANBERRA, Australia (AP) — Turkey's military assault into northern Iraq will not solve the terrorist problem there, Defense Secretary Robert Gates said Sunday, calling for greater political and economic initiatives by the Turks to win over supporters of the Kurdish rebels.

Speaking as the Turkish military continued its first major ground incursion into Iraq since 2003, Gates said it will take a broader approach, similar to U.S. and coalition efforts in Iraq and Afghanistan, to erode support for the rebel Kurdistan Workers' Party, or PKK, in northern Iraq. And he called on the Turks to bring a quick end to the incursion.

"I think all our experience in Iraq and Afghanistan shows us that while dealing with a terrorist problem does require security operations, it also requires eco-

nomics and political initiatives," Gates told reporters. He said a consistent message from the U.S. to the Turkish government is that military efforts must be supplemented by other political and economic outreach to Kurds.

"After a certain point people become inured to military attacks," he said, "and if you don't blend them with these kinds of nonmilitary initiatives, then at a certain point the military efforts become less and less effective."

Gates, who is wrapping up a three-day visit to Australia, said the U.S. has continued to provide the Turks with intelligence for its military operations. And, noting that Turkey warned the U.S.-backed Iraqi government of the incursion, he said such communication and coordination must continue.

Textbooks

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studies major from Carrollton, said she probably will start buying books online next semester.

"The first time I bought books, I ended up spending \$500, and I was shocked," Grubbs said. "I thought it was going to be like \$150 to \$200. I had a scholarship for \$500 from my high school for graduating early."

She said she still buys books at the bookstore because it is convenient, but she knows people who do it online for less.

"It seems really silly that you buy a paperback book for \$150, and you sell it back, and they give you like \$35, even if they are in good condition," Grubbs said. "Even used textbooks are really expensive; they are like \$10 less."

Buying a new book and exchanging an edition for the following semester is another thing she said bothers her, as well as not needing the book for class.

"Overall, a lot of times the books you pay so much for," Grubbs said, "you don't even need them."

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OPINIONS

I've got to fight for my right to complain

Like many of my peers, friends, colleagues, associates and classmates, I would judge my overall experience at Texas Tech so far to be somewhere between "satisfying" and "very satisfying" on the satisfaction scale.

Jonathan Hanson



And though I've had my share of quips and disagreements about some of the decisions made by the Student Government Association or student body, I've never felt as though I've had the right to complain because I have not voted in a single election since arriving on campus — and I'm aware of the irony of a non-voting political science major.

In the coming days, the university will have SGA elections to choose a new student government, and it is the responsibility — one I've neglected for too long — of every student on campus to vote and make the decisions of this establishment best reflect not only the student body as a whole, but the spirit, integrity and character of it as well.

As a non-voting Red Raider,

I understand many of the reasons behind the traditionally low voter turnout. My first few years here, I had little — or no — understanding of the major issues that were dealt with by the candidates of any election from Homecoming Queen to SGA president.

And, as a single undergraduate on a campus of well more than 20,000, it not only feels acceptable but also comfortable to care little about candidates you've never met, talking about issues you've never heard of, on subjects that don't directly affect you, in an election you don't plan to vote in.

Unfortunately for us non-voters, these people have immensely influential positions, giving them

a great deal of authority at Tech, with the possible exception of the Homecoming Queen, who, while a lovely symbol of our school's spirit and honor, has very little impact on our daily lives.

I learned this the hard way.

Last year, my bus route — the ol' West Fourth Street — was axed. Had I not happened to glance at the front page of a discarded newspaper, ironically while sitting on the bus, I probably wouldn't have found out about it until it was too late to do anything.

With no car, a bad hitchhiker's thumb and no way to get to campus, I was looking at the major inconvenience of having to change apartment complexes. And, as an extra kick in the teeth, I found out the bus route had been an issue in the last SGA election.

Needless to say, the candidate who campaigned to save the bus route — Philip Pride — didn't win.

To be honest, I really have no

idea what separates voters from non-voters on campus. That is to say, of the 10 percent of students who vote, I'm not sure why they do so or whether they vote with a clear understanding of the issues.

If I had to guess, I'd say it was a combination of students' genuine concern with the problems facing Tech, friends, fraternity brothers and sorority sisters of the candidate and people who wandered into the voting room or clicked on the Web site by mistake.

Yet, probably the biggest deterrent to student voting is the catch-22 that is the college experience. Since most of us will be here only four or five years, by the time the

triumphs and/or blunders of one student government come to fruition — or come back to haunt us (see: leisure pool) — we all will have moved on to bigger and better things.

There is a definite disconnect between a student's vote and the perceived impact that vote will have on his or her day-to-day routine. But if we continue to ignore our own accountability in the decisions made by our elected leaders, then we have no right to complain when the choices they make are disagreeable to us.

As for my bus situation, I was lucky, and everything turned out for the best. My apartment complex bought a private shuttle that goes

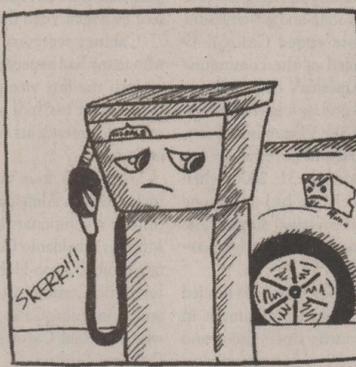
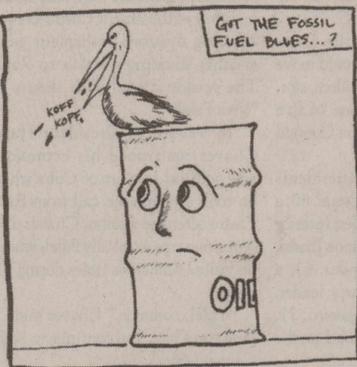
to and from campus, and while it is a bit of a walk to the C-1 parking lot, the drivers are excellent and friendly, the ride is shorter, and the seats are cushioned.

If we choose not to vote, then we are condemning ourselves to the will of others rather than promoting the strength of the majority. Because, whatever the outcome of an election, the process of voting is one of our most sacred foundations, and if you neglect to vote, you have little place in disputing or protesting the actions of those who did.

Voting is not only the struggle to make your voice heard, it is demonstrative of your right to object to those with whom you disagree, and by not voting, you effectively are forfeiting that right.

And you've got to fight for your right to complain.

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Texas decision may pose threat to study of science

By **CODY COBB**
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(U-WIRE) WACO — Inside the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills science standards is a provision that requires students to "analyze, review, and critique scientific explanations, including hypotheses and theories, as to their strengths and weaknesses using scientific evidence and information."

This entirely sensible requirement is in danger from anti-evolutionists on the Texas State Board of Education.

Not content to keep their faith and misgivings with science to themselves, the creationists in charge of Texas students' education have adopted a new strategy. What is their proposed solution to eradicate evolution from the classroom? More evolution! Well, not exactly.

They want to teach an attenuated, scientifically flawed and troubled theory of evolution, and they will try to sneak their bogus objections and fabricated controversies into the curriculum by hiding behind the "strengths and weaknesses" clause.

To understand why they're using this approach, it's useful to look at the

history of creationism. Back in the early 20th century, creationists had an easier time arguing their case. Merely asserting the incompatibility of science and a literal interpretation of the Bible was enough to keep Darwin out of the classroom.

In 1968, the Supreme Court ruled anti-evolution laws unconstitutional. In 1975, a similar ruling required "equal time" between evolution and creationism in the classroom. To survive, the creationists had to evolve: they stripped overt biblical references from their writings, changed "God" to "Creator" and rebranded themselves

Creation Scientists. Their scientific conclusions preceded their biblical views so, they argued, Creation Science can be taught in the classroom.

The Supreme Court ended this ruse in 1987 with *Edwards v. Aguillard*, which correctly identified the religious nature of Creation Science and its inherent violation of the establishment clause.

Around this time, a funny thing happened. A manuscript called "Biology and Origins" received a face-lift. Newly retitled "Of Pandas and People," the pre-Edwards terminology



of "intelligent creator" and "creation" inside were replaced with "intelligent agency" and "intelligent design," leaving the context unchanged.

This new species of creationism was coined Intelligent Design, but it suffered a humiliating defeat in 2005 when a federal judge ruled the concept was inherently religious and therefore unsuitable for the classroom. This pressure spurred the growth of a new survival strategy.

Now, instead of teaching the Bible, science derived from the Bible, or science compatible only with the Bible or all the same arguments with fancy new names, today's creationists have adopted a superficially reasonable position: teach the controversy.

Nothing has changed but the name. The paradigm of creationism has been the same in every guise:

evolution cannot possibly explain X, therefore (synonym for God) did it.

The 'teach the controversy' plan's only novelty is the omission of the final clause, but the goal is the same. After undermining science in the schools, creationists will have no trouble convincing people, "All that stuff science can't explain? God did it."

And that's the present danger we face. The existing standards require students to analyze, review and critique scientific explanations.

The current state board wants to alter the state's science standards to allow non-scientific critiques of evolution into the classroom.

Their methods and motives are clear. For Texas Christians who respect science and the constitution, now is the time to be outraged.

In the grand scheme, voting does not matter

Elections are approaching rapidly, and I have decided to just sit them out. My mother and father severely will be disappointed in me, but I don't care. My brothers and sisters will stop talking to me, but I just can't go through with it again this year.

I am tired of putting forth a minimal effort to make a significant difference in my life and the lives of others. I am just plum exhausted from thinking about politics and making the world a better place. So this election season, I am taking the high road and ignoring my right to vote. Yes, P. Diddy, I am going to die. But aren't we all?

Before I receive loads of angry letters and e-mails, I would like to explain myself. In regards to the upcoming student government elections, I just don't see the point. It's not like anything we vote on can actually make a difference in the university.

Take the leisure pool initiative from last year as an example. Many students did not vote either for or against the legislation, and many were disappointed with the final outcome.

This legislation is a bad example anyway, because the pool only is costing around \$10 million. And it's not like this issue still is affecting Tech students with any kind of fee increase that the Student Senate passed.

Putting major pieces of legislation aside, it doesn't really even matter who is elected to the Student Senate. All the people running are basically the same, right? And it isn't like those in the Student Senate write important legislations like the leisure pool initiative we voted on. Also, the Senate doesn't really have the power to make major changes like with what happens to our bus routes off campus.

The national elections are even more pointless to vote in than student government. There are so many people voting that a handful of votes can't make that big a difference. Just look at what happened in the 2000 presidential elections.

Melissa Medley



It isn't like a few votes really made a difference there. And the current primaries, especially the Democratic ones, are already pretty closed up with the nominations. So voting on March 4 can't really be that big a deal.

I think I will take this new frame of mind to an entirely new level and never vote again. My opinion doesn't matter that much because I am a college student, and therefore, I am without the proper education and opinions to actually vote. All the candidates are exactly the same anyway — especially this year.

All politicians are just white guys in suits in the end. In terms of legislation, that I have voted on ever has affected me directly. It's not like the government has control over my money, protection or education. I just have stopped worrying about it all.

Now I just will live my life in a carefree, "no concerns about it" way. I no longer will share my opinion about anything because there is nothing I can change with it. No voice ever really made that big of a change in America. I think my time would be better spent by doing my hair or nails instead of researching issues and candidates and then driving all over town to go vote.

Besides, if voting really did make a difference, where would American society be? Issues would improve and people would get jobs, unless they worked in the media.

The people who report only bad things might have to find other — more interesting — stories to write about or risk job loss. And most importantly, if I voted, and the candidates and issues I voted for came through, what would I complain about?

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Students bring talent to 'Showtime at the Apollo'

By BRIDGET DE STEFANO
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With the same hilarious acts and mystifying flair that made its television counterpart a staple of modern American culture, the Texas Tech version of "Showtime at the Apollo" displayed a wide variety of raw talent Friday night.

The talent show, hosted by the Black Student Association in honor of Black History Month, began at 7:20 p.m. in room 169 of the Human Sciences building. The crowd was filled with parents, children and students of all ages who came to show their support and to have some fun.

Black Student Association President Monica Williamson, a junior history and communication studies major from Dallas, opened the show by thanking the audience for their attendance.

"We are hosting this show to pay homage to Black History Month," Williamson said.

The talent show host, Alfred Ford, a BSA member and junior electrical engineering major from Houston, got on the microphone to give a few ice-breakers and song renditions of his own. He encouraged the audience to get involved and to vocalize their opinion of each act by booing or applauding, a staple of the 'Showtime at

the Apollo' experience.

The second performance was a stand-up comedy act from Sheante Ferguson, a sophomore from Dallas, and De'Mon Johnson, a junior biology major from Corpus Christi. The soon-to-be winners told jokes about competing for girls and representing their hometowns, while using voices and noises for emphasis.

They joked that many students lie about where they are really from by simply saying "Dallas," when they clearly are not residents of "the big

"We are hosting this show to pay homage to Black History Month."

— MONICA WILLIAMSON
BLACK STUDENT ASSOC. PRESIDENT

D." The audience was falling over laughing and cheering for Ferguson and Johnson as they gave an 'Apollo-like' comedic performance.

The first half of the show also included singing, rapping and slide-show presentations of famous Apollo performers such as Lauryn Hill and Steve Harvey.

Marcus Lang, a junior song writing major from Lubbock, dedicated his song to his mother, who was in the audience cheering him on. The crowd screamed and applauded as Lang hit the high notes, displaying his vocal talents.

During the intermission, Ford reacted to the diversity of the crowd, which featured a large constituent of young children eagerly sitting in the front row and cheering each act as it came on.

"It's good to have the kids come to a college setting and interact with higher learning," Ford said.

The second half of the show had a few rappers perform and ended with a dance routine by the 'Dancers with Soul,' a new group at Tech.

In the final minutes of the show, Ford and his assistant called all the performers to the stage to announce the winner. The performers who received the loudest applause from the audience would win \$150 cash prize. It is an Apollo tradition to let the audience determine the top performer.

It was a close competition, but the crowd decided the winning prize should go to the comedy duo of Ferguson and Johnson.

The comedians were given the prize, and they split the cash immediately.

Ferguson was thrilled about the win and said he plans to spend the money on new clothes.

Johnson, a BSA member, said he is "going to Disney World" with his money.

The BSA donated \$100 of its earnings to the Boys and Girls Club of Lubbock and collected many canned foods for a local food bank.

"I was very pleased with the turnout and that we were able to give more than 10 percent to the Boys and Girls Club," Williamson said.

The organization's members were impressed by the raw talent of the performers and the crowd participation. The show embodied the theme and traditions of 'Showtime at Apollo,' with its entertaining acts, positive messages and generous donations.

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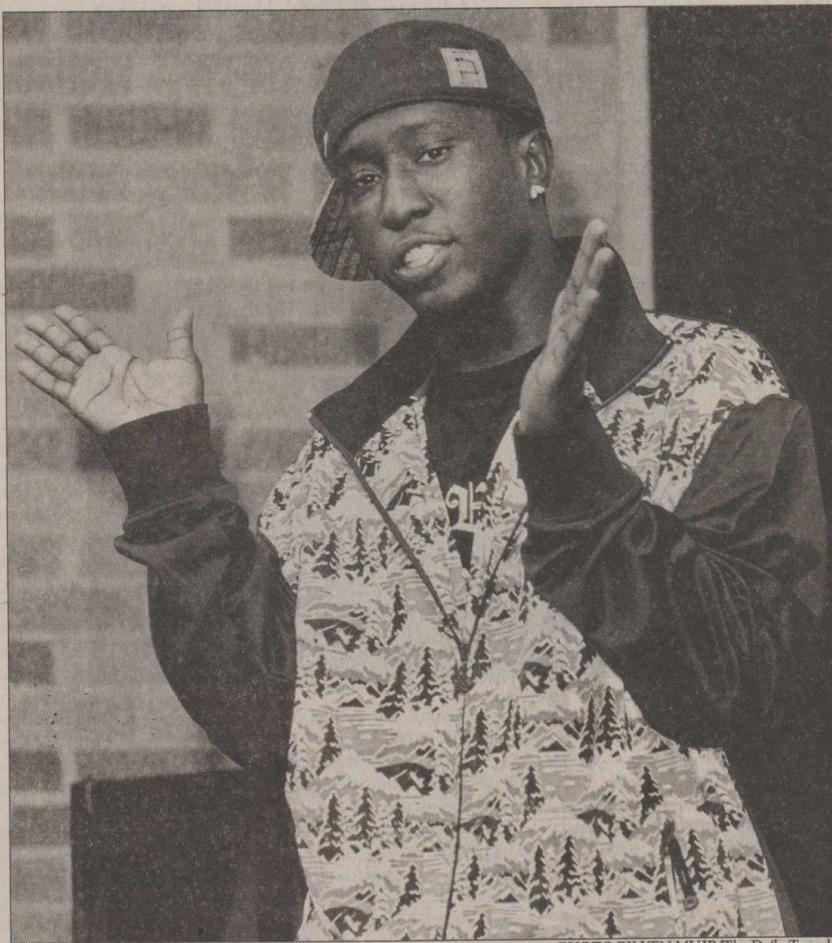


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DE'MON JOHNSON, A junior biology major from Corpus Christi, does a stand-up comedy act at the "Showtime at the Apollo" talent show Friday evening in the Human Sciences building.

'Harry and the Potters' rock out with their wands out

By JENNIE ROSE HALPERIN
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(U-WIRE) NEW YORK — Sitting in a Brooklyn coffee shop, Paul DeGeorge of Harry and the Potters is remarkably unlike his magical, hyper onstage persona, which has struck a chord — cast a spell, even — on adult and adolescent fans alike.

"[The band] was just a silly little idea I had," DeGeorge said. "What if we wrote songs about these books kids were so nuts about? Could we maybe play rock shows in libraries? ... It was a side project that became a main

project for a while. It's been great fun."

The band, whose music is aimed mostly at children and young adults, consists of Paul and his brother Joe. They began performing together six years ago — when Joe was 14 and Paul was just out of college — in the Boston suburbs, writing songs in

their basement about Harry Potter. Soon, they had won the hearts of ardent Boston book lovers with their energetic shows at local libraries.

DeGeorge feels strongly about playing libraries: "All you need is the sound system and the band—they've got the space, it's an all-ages show. ... You don't need

to deal with the booking agents, and they're able to reach a much larger demographic." Though the brothers are almost 10 years apart, their quirky charm fills a gap for fans, children, and parents. "That was the idea—that we would play to young kids, but keep it clever so that old folks are engaged too," said DeGeorge.

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'Kickin' it' with Cellus and The Loose Grip

Original music or covers: It's easy to find bands who will play one or the other and do it well. Rarely though, can you find a group that does both spectacularly. This past Saturday night in the back room at Jake's Sports Café, that's just what Cellus and The Loose Grip gave the audience.

The night was sure to be stellar when it started off with "Whipping Post." Even people who found a lack of respectfulness in doing cover songs could not stop dancing and singing along with Marcellus Roberts as he powerfully claimed, "Good Lord, I feel like I'm dying!"

The Allman Brothers Band cover noticeably has been one of the more popular songs Cellus and The Loose Grip has played for a couple of years now, which says a lot about the talent of this band — if

you know anything at all about the talent of the Allman Brothers. Even before the song ended, the crowd was cheering and begging for more.

"Are y'all feeling good out there tonight?" asked Roberts, a true entertainer who spoke to the crowd with ease. The crowd of nearly 400 responded with "hell yeah" and a multitude of other catcalls, and it was obvious the band felt good, too, as the band members fed off the energy from their fans.

It was refreshing to see a group of people play and cover all dimensions on the stage. Roberts and Blake Atwell, a lead guitarist who makes a habit of playing with his shoes off, in particular did an outstanding job of putting effort behind every movement they made on stage, from head to toe.

Chelsea Roe



Atwell, who has become known for the facial expressions that only add to the electricity behind his flaming fingers, kept the crowd intrigued all night, and whispers were heard from



The chemistry in the rhythm section between bassist Joel Smith and drummer Mike Bernal seems to be getting more and more explosive every time they come home, and Saturday night was no exception — these guys are good. Back-up vocalist and rhythm guitarist Josh Brandenburg seemed a stronger support than ever before.

It is the ease in which the band is timed, the way they always seem to know which direction the others are going and how to get there to support them that has always been what is so impressive about The Loose Grip. These guys are real soul brothers.

Cellus and The Loose Grip released its EP "The Life and Times of Sir Gufferey" in 2007. Since the move, The Loose Grip has been touring and working on new music, which — excitingly enough — it played on Saturday night.

The general consensus between fans who have been following the band for quite some time was that whatever it is those guys are doing in Austin, they should keep on doing it.

Roberts could have kept telling us about having "just enough for the city I'm leaving" all night long, and people would have fallen in love with Cellus and The Loose Grip even more.

■ **Chelsea Roe** *The DT's* music critic. E-mail her at chelsea.l.roe@ttu.edu.

all corners, asking, "Who is that guy, and where did he come from?"

Well, Lubbock residents take pride, because he came from right here on your own doorstep.

It was only shortly over a year ago that Cellus and The Loose Grip decided to bottle up its woes and go down to Austin, where the band members made the move to playing in a city and venues more acceptable to their blues rock style. Though friends, family and fans alike sorely miss them, the move to Austin set them exactly where they belong.

"We brought the sexy back," laughed Roberts on stage as they led into the "baby making" music that has come to be associated with the blues and thus making even romance seem rockin'.

'Vantage' enjoys view from top of box office

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The political thriller "Vantage Point" secured the top spot at the weekend box office, earning an estimated \$24 million in ticket sales, according to studio estimates Sunday.

The previous No. 1 movie, 20th Century Fox's "Jumper," dropped to second with \$12.7 million, raising its domestic total to \$56.2 million in two weeks. Paramount's family fantasy "The Spiderwick Chronicles" was a close third with \$12.6 million. Disney's dance saga "Step Up 2 The Streets" and Warner Bros.' romantic comedy "Fool's Gold" rounded out the top five.

"Vantage Point," a Sony Pictures action-drama about a presidential assassination seen from the viewpoints of different characters, included a star-studded ensemble cast that featured Dennis Quaid and Matthew Fox as Secret Service agents.

"Audiences really love it when they get a summer-style

popcorn movie at a time of the year when they don't expect it," said Paul Dergarabedian, president of box office tracker Media By Numbers.

The studio said "Vantage Point" appealed to a broad audience — 52 percent of moviegoers were male and half were under age 30.

"It's fresh with lots of twists and turns. Audiences become very invested in it," said Rory Bruer, Sony president of distribution.

The only other new release to crack the top 10 was the Jack Black comedy "Be Kind Rewind," which took in \$4.1 million and was tied at No. 7 with "Juno." The Fox Searchlight pregnancy comedy has rung up \$130 million since opening 12 weeks ago.

Paramount Vantage's oil saga "There Will Be Blood" moved up two slots to No. 10 with \$2.6 million for a total of \$35 million in nine weeks.

The weekend's other two debuts, Lionsgate's "Witless Protection" and MGM's "Charlie

Bartlett," came in at Nos. 13 and 14, respectively.

Box office revenues were down for the second straight week. The top 12 movies grossed \$90 million, down 23 percent from last weekend and 10 percent from the same weekend in 2007.

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at U.S. and Canadian theaters, according to Media By Numbers LLC. Final figures will be released Monday.

1. "Vantage Point," \$24 million.
2. "Jumper," \$12.7 million.
3. "Spiderwick Chronicles," \$12.6 million.
4. "Step Up 2 the Streets," \$9.8 million.
5. "Fool's Gold," \$6.3 million.
6. "Definitely, Maybe," \$5.2 million.
7. "Juno," \$4.1 million.
8. "Be Kind Rewind," \$4.1 million.
9. "Welcome Home Roscoe Jenkins," \$4 million.
10. "There Will Be Blood," \$2.6 million.

Angelina displays a pregnant belly on the Spirit Awards red carpet

LOS ANGELES (AP) — If the bump on her belly is any indication, Angelina Jolie really is pregnant.

The actress created a stir at Saturday night's Spirit Awards when she showed up with partner Brad Pitt on her arm and a noticeably pregnant bulge.

Jolie ignored reporters' questions on the awards show carpet, but People magazine reported on its Web site that a source close to the couple confirmed that she

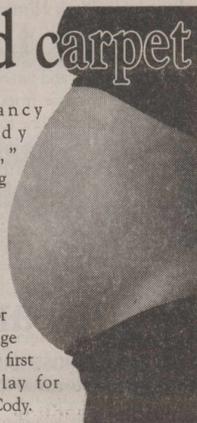
and Pitt are "thrilled to be adding to their brood."

Pitt's publicist, Cindy Guagenti, declined comment to The Associated Press.

Jolie and Pitt are parents of a 1-year-old daughter, Shiloh, and three children adopted from Cambodia, Ethiopia and Vietnam. Their adopted children are Maddox, 6; Pax, 4; and Zahara, 3.

Jolie's appearance helped give a theme to Saturday's Spirit Awards, where the big winner was the teen

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Combs wins Golden Gloves competition

By KEVIN CULLEN
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Kayla Combs won her fight against 125-pound Texas state champion Alexandria Cardenas Saturday by unanimous decision in Lubbock's annual Texas State Regional Golden Gloves competition.

Combs, a petroleum engineering major at Texas Tech from Bloomfield, N.M., said Cardenas was a tough opponent, and she noticed the difference in weight between them during the fight.

"I knew she was a lot heavier than me once I got in there," she said. "I thought she was an excellent fighter, very tough. She's probably one of the hardest-hitting girls I've fought in a long time."

Combs' strategy going into the fight was to use the size difference to her advantage, said Edward Hernandez, Combs' trainer.

"The fight plan was to move, use the jab, and move, use the jab, and move and just score — out-score points," he said. "Because she was giving up so much weight, we didn't want to have to fight going toe-to-toe and get in a slug-fest. Her opponent was pretty strong. She was not as fast as Kayla, but I felt like she was a little bit stronger than Kayla was. Kayla carried out the gameplan, she kept this girl turning — kept her out of reach with the jab and out-scored her. Kayla could hit her three times to that girl's one. That was the difference in the scoring. That was her advantage — her speed."

Combs was forced to adjust her game plan in the second round because of the strength of Cardenas, Hernandez said.

"Because (Cardenas) was so



PHOTO BY RUBEN CASTILLO/The Daily Toreador

KAYLA COMBS TAKES a swing Saturday night at the annual Texas State Regional Golden Glove competition at the City Bank Coliseum to steal the title from her opponent, State Champion Alexandra Cardenas.

strong with her right hand, we wanted to move away from her right hand, which would mean Kayla needed to go to her own right to get away from that girl's right hand when she throws it," he said. "By going to your right, you eliminate her power hand, and that's the only adjustment we really had to make."

Hernandez said the fight had no real effect on Combs' advancement to the National Golden Gloves competition in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., this summer.

"She will be competing this summer in Florida for the national women's Golden Gloves championship," he said. "It's hard to get Kayla any competition (in Lubbock) any more. This actually was not an elimination bout; she automatically advances on the account that she was un-opposed (in the 119-pound weight class). In order to get some work in, and actual competition — tournament-style fighting — we went ahead and gave up those six pounds just so she would have some competition."

Combs had many fans in attendance at the City Bank Coliseum, something she said she fed off of throughout the fight.

"It was pretty great," Combs said. "There were a lot of people there that I didn't expect to be there. It was great having them there."

Combs next fight will be March 8 through 16 in Colorado Springs, Colo., at the U.S. Olympic Training Center with a chance to earn a spot on the U.S. Women's National team. She said she plans to use the time between fights to improve certain areas that the National team is looking for.

"I want to pick up my running a little bit more," Combs said. "I'll probably do a little more sparring this next week, probably a little bit more one-on-one with my coaches, working on mitts. At Nationals, they are going to be looking for the quicker boxer, and I want to be a little bit faster, get a little bit more punches off than I did (Saturday) night. We will probably be working on that — my speed some more."

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Lady Raiders

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or in December. This basketball team's improving, and they're getting better."

Tech (16-11, 4-9 in Big 12 Conference) got off to a quick start, with a 12-2 lead in the opening minutes of the game.

This lead was highlighted by Tech's Stancia Graham scoring six points to start and Jordan Murphree hitting two 3-point baskets to earn six points as well.

Graham finished the half with nine points and Murphree finished the half leading the Red Raiders with 11 points.

Production for Tech quickly changed hands. What helped the Lady Raiders the most was Dominic Seals' second half surge.

After scoring two points in the first half, Seals bounced back by earning 19 points in the second half, finishing with 21 points and seven rebounds.

"I was in foul trouble," Seals said. "All I could do was encourage my team and keep playing hard and just keep playing smart. I knew I had to come in the second half and play better than I did in the first half. My first half was horrible."

The Cornhuskers' Kelsey Griffin earned a double-double with 15 points and 14 rebounds.

Nebraska (18-9, 7-6) had nine

turnovers in the first nine minutes of the game, finishing with 20 turnovers as a program still winless against Tech on the road.

Griffin said she hoped the Cornhuskers could win one time in Lubbock, as this will be her last visit to the United Spirit Arena.

"I didn't know that, but I know the two years that I've played we haven't," she said. "I wish I would've come out at least with a win in my career, but I think their fans do a great job. I think every time I've been here, there's been great fan support, which is great to see for women's basketball."

Late in the first half, Nebraska switched to a full-court press, forcing the Lady Raiders to call a time out at the 4:22 mark.

The Cornhuskers attempted to press again in the beginning of the second half, but the Lady Raiders soon adjusted to this for the rest of the game.

Both teams were ineffective from beyond the arc as Tech shot 25 percent by the end of the first half and Nebraska shot 20 percent.

These percentages remained the same as both teams went away from relying on the 3-point shot.

The Lady Raiders started the second half on a roll, earning six quick points to extend their lead to 38-31.

Seals started the second half on a tear, earning seven quick points.

Turnovers soon became Nebraska's worst enemy. The Cornhuskers had 17 turnovers with 11:17 still left in

the game.

Griffin had one field goal in the second half.

At the 10:17 mark, Seals matched Murphree's 13 points.

"We didn't intend to single (Seals) the whole game, but that's the way it ended up playing out," Nebraska coach Connie Yori said. "She's very athletic. She's got such long arms. She finishes so well because of her length."

Maddy Brown gave the Lady Raiders their largest lead of the game at that time after a 3-pointer, making it 51-39 at the 9:39 mark.

It was soon topped by forward Ashlee Roberson's bucket, which gave Tech a 55-41 lead over the Cornhuskers.

Seals and her second half surge was all the Lady Raiders needed.

Murphree said the win over Nebraska could start the spark the Lady Raiders have been looking for.

"It's a real good feeling and hopefully we'll get some more," she said. "We knew we had to go 2-0 this week, and that helped us out in conference. I think there's a four-way tie for eighth place, so that helped us out a lot, getting up there and being in the fight."

Tech's Keisha Walker took an injury to the eye on a play at 16:13 in the second half after a Graham foul. Walker walked off the court slowly, seeming to be in pain. She later went to the locker room to be examined after heading to be bench. She would not return to the game. Curry said Walker will be evaluated further Monday.

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Rockets' Jackson hopes to excel in reunion with former coach

HOUSTON (AP) — Bobby Jackson believes he was at his best in the five seasons he played for coach Rick Adelman.

The point guard hopes he can return to form after the trade that sent him to Houston and reunited him with Adelman.

Jackson was introduced Sunday in Houston after the trade Thursday that sent him to the

Rockets from New Orleans for Mike James and Bonzi Wells.

"I think over the years where I played my best basketball was with Rick, and I'm happy to be back in his system, around a group of great guys on a winning team that is pushing for the playoffs," Jackson said. "I'm looking forward to coming in and playing hard and doing the things I've been doing throughout my career."

Jackson spent five seasons with Adelman in Sacramento when the Kings experienced their greatest success. Jackson averaged a career-high 15.2 points a game in the 2002-03 season, which marked the team's fifth straight playoff appearance.

He'll move into Houston's backup point guard spot behind starter Rafer Alston.

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Tech wins back-to-back conference games for first time this season

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Former Texas Tech coach Bob Knight saw his son, Pat Knight, accomplish a goal Bob Knight did not achieve this season before his resignation: win two-straight Big 12 Conference games.

The Red Raiders' (15-11, 6-6 in

Big 12 play) Martin Zeno and Alan Voskuil scored 23 and 21 points, respectively, to lead Tech to a 76-64 win over Iowa State Saturday at the United Spirit Arena.

The win not only marked the first time the Red Raiders won back-to-back conference games, but it is Tech's first winning streak since the final three games before conference play.

"It's big," Tech coach Pat Knight said. "It gives these kids confidence to win back-to-back, especially winning a big game like we did on the road and come back and win again. You lose this game, it kinda eliminates the game you won on the road. Now we added to it. We had that chance after we beat Kansas State and came up short against Oklahoma. These kids stepped up. It's the first time that we've won two in a row in the conference, and that's all we talked about after the Colorado game: 'Let's see if we can win two in a row.'"

Tech started the game

in the hole, thanks to Iowa State's duo of Jiri Hubalek and Bryan Petersen.

Hubalek had all of Iowa State's eight points when the Cyclones jumped out to an early 8-2 lead.

Hubalek kept the Cyclones (14-13, 4-8) ahead of the Red Raiders for most of the half. He had a double-double with 13 points and 11 rebounds by the end of the first half. He finished the game with 17 points and 15 rebounds. Peterson finished the game with 14 points.

"It was an ugly win, but we'll take it. I'm not going to complain. When you win, you gotta enjoy them..."

— PAT KNIGHT
TEXAS TECH
BASKETBALL COACH

Tech forward Trevor Cook helped the Red Raiders stay in the game by contributing 11 points and eight rebounds in the game, two rebounds short of helping Tech go a second-straight game with a player earning a double-double.

After having a 33-31 lead at the half, with the Cyclones' key player off to a good start, ISU coach Greg McDermott said there were highs and lows with his team in this game.

"A loss is a loss," McDermott said. "In any game, whether you win or lose, you pull out some of the good things you did and communicate that with your team, and then you pull out what you should've done better. That's our job as a coaching staff, and that's what we'll do."

Voskuil's 3-pointer as time ex-

pired in the first half seemed to be all the momentum he needed to earn at least 20 for a second-straight game.

The Red Raiders saw their largest leads of the game in the second half. Voskuil hit a shot from beyond the arc to give Tech a 57-50 lead, which was the largest before the final score.

Zeno scored 14 of his 23 points in the second half, boosting Tech toward the win.

After a 3-pointer by John Roberson at the 4:24 mark in the first half, Tech had its first and only lead of the game at 24-23. The second half was a different story as the Red Raiders kept Iowa State from regaining the lead for the rest of the game.

The Red Raiders ran into trouble from the free-throw line early, hitting 4-of-9 by the end of the half. Tech soon took advantage of Iowa State's foul trouble, hitting 20-of-27 free throw shots to finish the game.

The Cyclones' foul troubles was highlighted by their second leading scorer Wesley Johnson earning four fouls. The foul trouble prevented Johnson from contributing to the Cyclone offense, as he finished with two points.

"Wesley's a huge part of our team and what we're trying to do," Hubalek said. "It affects us offensively and defensively as well."

Although Iowa State continued to answer Tech's comeback consistently, the Red Raiders still found themselves ahead in the closing minutes of the game.

With the Red Raiders up 70-64, Tech's Esmir Rizivic had a block that turned into a turnover for the Cyclones. It was followed by a Rizivic dunk on the fastbreak, essentially putting a cap on the game for the Red Raiders.

This game was not perfect for the Red Raiders.

Pat Knight said this was not a good looking win, but it is a win he would take any day.

"It was an ugly win, but we'll take it," he said. "I'm not going to complain. When you win, you gotta enjoy them, even if they're ugly."

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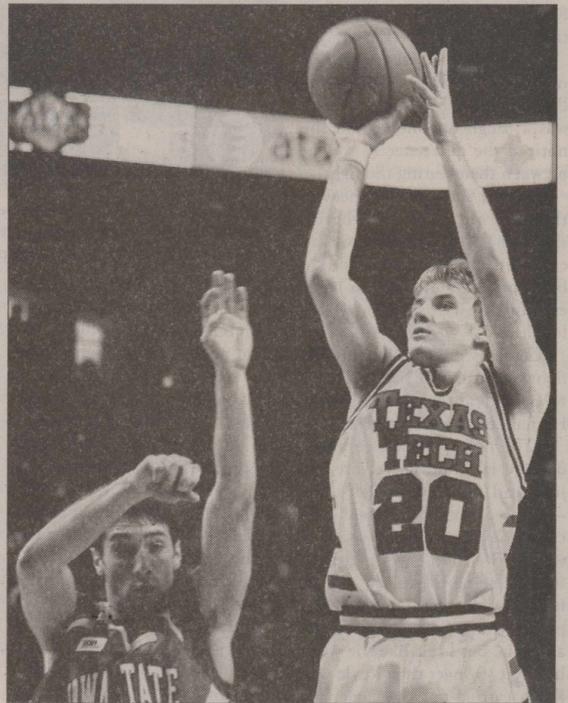


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TEXAS TECH'S ALAN VOSKUIL shoots over an Iowa State defender Saturday during the game in the United Spirit Arena. Voskuil added 21 points to help Tech win 76-64.

Rangers' manager wants to protect Bradley from being tossed from games

SURPRISE, Ariz. (AP) — Texas Rangers manager Ron Washington expects to have his legs tested trying to keep newly acquired right fielder Milton Bradley in ballgames this season.

Bradley has had a few run-ins with umpires over the years.

"I'm not going to take his fire away from him," Washington said. "If he feels he has reason to get upset about something, I just need to try to get there before they throw him out."

Washington said Bradley's intensity "is pretty off the charts. He wants to win. He's a gamer. He's fitting in very well."

The more immediate question for the Rangers is whether Bradley will be on the field for Opening Day.

Bradley, 29, signed a one-year, \$5 million contract with the Rangers in December. He is coming off off-season surgery to repair a torn anterior

cruciate ligament and meniscus in his right knee.

Early indications have been positive, although Washington said the Rangers' staff has had to curtail some of Bradley's workouts for his own good.

"We had to slow him down," Washington said. "He's trying to do what everyone else has been doing. He doesn't have to make the team. He's already made the team. He's swinging the bat better every day."

Over the past three days, Bradley has been working one-on-one with first base coach Gary Pettis in workouts designed to limit lateral movement.

"It's always a tough challenge for any player that wants to get out there to have something holding them back," Pettis said.

Bradley currently is not speaking to the media.



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TEXAS TECH'S JOHN ROBERSION goes up for two over Iowa State guard Bryan Petersen Saturday afternoon during the game in the United Spirit Arena.



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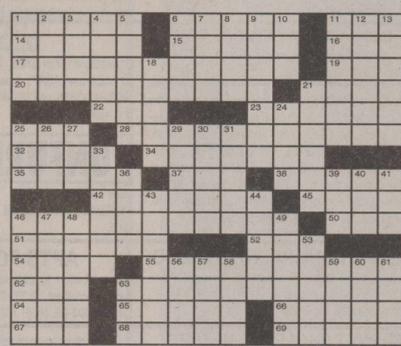
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By Josiah Beward
Scranton, PA

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