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STATE

Regulators seeking money from Southwest

DALLAS (AP) — Federal regulators said Thursday they will seek a civil penalty of \$10.2 million — the largest ever — against Southwest Airlines Co. for failing to inspect older planes for cracks and then flying them before inspections were done.

The FAA said Southwest operated nearly 60,000 flights in 2006 and 2007 using 46 planes that had not been inspected for possible fatigue-related cracking on the fuselage areas.

The airline flew another 1,451 flights with the same planes in March 2007, even after discovering that it had failed to conduct the required inspections, the FAA charged.

NATION

DNC urges do-over in Florida, Michigan

WASHINGTON (AP) — The former head of the Democratic National Committee doubted Thursday whether chairman Howard Dean would be able to get approval for a plan for do-over presidential nomination contests in Florida and Michigan.

"It'll be a hellacious battle," said Don Fowler, a former DNC chairman who sits on the party's rule-making committee.

WORLD

Russian arms dealer arrested

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP) — A Russian arms dealer accused of breaking U.N. arms embargoes by supplying weapons to African war zones was arrested Thursday in Bangkok.

Viktor Bout was arrested in the capital city on a warrant issued by a Thai court, said Police Lt. Gen. Pongpat Chayapan. The warrant stemmed from an earlier one issued by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, he said.

DEATH TOLL

3974

U.S. military deaths in Iraq since fighting began

SOURCE: Associated Press, confirmed by the Department of Defense

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Bombs kill 50 plus in Shiite neighborhood

By ANNA JOHNSON
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BAGHDAD (AP) — Two bombs went off within minutes of each other in a crowded shopping district in the capital Thursday, killing at least 53 people and wounding 130 — a reminder that deadly attacks are a daily threat even though violence is down.

There were no immediate claims of responsibility. But back-to-back bombings — designed to maximize carnage — became the hallmark of

attacks on civilians by al-Qaida in Iraq during the worst of the violence in Baghdad in 2006.

Like in previous such attacks, the tactic seeks to draw in the people with the first blast — especially security and medical workers — before a second bomb detonates.

Iraqis were enjoying a pleasant spring evening when a roadside bomb hidden under a vendor stall detonated in the primarily Shiite, middle-class Baghdad neighborhood of Karradah. Five minutes later, a suicide bomber wearing an explo-

sive belt detonated, Mohammed al-Rubaie, the head of the Karradah municipality, told the state-run Al-Iraqiya TV.

He said more than 50 civilians were killed and more than 100 injured. Many of the victims were teens or young adults, and four were women, police and officials at three hospitals said.

Interior Ministry officials and hospital officials said 53 people were killed and 130 were wounded. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because not authorized

to speak to media.

Hassan Abdullah, who owns a clothing shop in the area, said he was walking to the site of the first blast to see what happened when the second bomb went off.

"I saw a leg and a hand falling near me as I was walking. The whole place was a mess. Wounded people were crying for help, and people started to run away," said Abdullah, 25. "The aim of such attacks is the random killing of as many people as possible in order to terrorize Iraqi people."

A police officer said the blasts also damaged seven shops and four parked cars. Like the rest of those who provided information, he spoke on condition of anonymity because he wasn't authorized to release information.

Violence has dropped substantially in Baghdad over the last half-year with the boost in U.S. troops, a cease-fire by a powerful Shiite militia, and many Sunni fighters turning against al-Qaida in Iraq. But multiple killings are still a daily occurrence.

PUMP IT UP

Despite rising oil prices, some see opportunity



PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY KERRY LENTZ/The Daily Treador

LUBBOCK AREA DRIVERS are experiencing increasing gas prices as national gas prices average \$3.16 a gallon.

By GLENYS BOLLS AND ADAM YOUNG
THE DAILY TREADOR

With gas prices at more than \$3 per gallon at most stations in Lubbock and oil trading at more than \$100 per barrel, experts in the field consider the costs and profitability of higher oil prices.

Nationally, gas prices were approximately \$3.16 for regular unleaded as of Monday, an increase of more than 3 cents in a week and almost 66 cents in a year, according to the U.S. Energy Information Administration.

Thursday, the price per barrel of oil closed at \$105.47 after hovering around \$100 per barrel for more than a month.

Despite increased costs of gasoline, Charles Bolton, co-owner of Bolton Oil company in Lubbock, said his company's gas stations are not experiencing less demand in gas from drivers.

"We can't see a decrease in demand at this point," Bolton said. "Our sales are as good as they were before the fire in Big Spring." Last month, an Alon-USA oil refinery in Big Spring received extensive damage after an explosion and fire, according to an Alon-USA press release.

"We all thought it was going to be huge," said Russ Carlson, external vice president of the Texas Tech Society of Petroleum Engineers and a senior petroleum engineering major from Conroe. "But, as some of our professors told us, that refinery only produces 67,000 to 77,000 barrels a day, so that's really not that much. Also, it only provides oil to West Texas, New Mexico and a few other places, so it's not as big as we originally thought."

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Obama, Clinton can't win without help from superdelegates

By STEPHEN OHLEMACHER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hillary Rodham Clinton won't catch Barack Obama in the race for Democratic delegates chosen in primaries and caucuses, even if she wins every remaining contest.

But Obama cannot win the nomination with just his pledged primary and caucus delegates either, according to an analysis by The Associated Press.

That sets the stage for a pitched battle for support among "superdelegates," the party and elected officials who automatically attend the convention and can support whomever they choose.

Two months into the voting, Obama can claim the most delegates chosen by voters.

Clinton can claim victories in most of the big states.

What should a superdelegate do? Unsurprisingly, the two campaigns have different takes on that question.

"It is very difficult to see any scenario that Hillary Clinton would get the nomination in a way that doesn't rip the party apart," said Wisconsin Gov. Jim Doyle, an Obama supporter. "I think that it would be a terrible mistake for the Democrats to not accept the will of the people who have turned out in primaries and caucuses."

Clinton spokesman Doug Hattaway said Obama's lead in pledged delegates is "hardly a mandate."

"Some superdelegates will go with (the) pledged delegate count, but many will go with the candidate they think can win," Hattaway said. "We have a very compelling case to make on that front, given that we're winning general election swing states, must-win states and must-win constituencies."

Clinton won three out of four primaries this week, giving her campaign a much-needed boost after a month of defeats.

But she picked up only 12 more delegates than Obama, leaving him with a 140-delegate lead among those won in primaries and caucuses. There are only 614 delegates available in the remaining contests, meaning Clinton would have to win about 62 percent of the them to overtake Obama, according to the AP analysis.

That's nearly impossible, given the way Democrats award delegates proportionally.

Gunman kills 8 at Jewish seminary in Jerusalem before he is slain

By ARON HELLER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

JERUSALEM (AP) — A gunman entered the library of a rabbinical seminary and opened fire on a crowded nighttime study session Thursday, killing eight people and wounding nine before he was slain, police and rescue workers said. It was the first major militant attack in Jerusalem in more than four years.

Hamas militants in the Gaza Strip praised the operation in a statement, and thousands of Palestinians took to the streets of Gaza to celebrate.

The day's violence, which also included a deadly ambush of an army patrol near Israel's border with Gaza, was likely to complicate attempts by Egypt to arrange a truce between Israel and Palestinian militants. The U.S. is backing the Egyptian effort.

Israeli government spokesman Mark Regev and moderate Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas condemned the shooting. But Regev said the Palestinian government must take steps against the extremists — not just denounce their attacks.

"Tonight's massacre in Jerusalem is a defining moment," he told The Associated Press. "It is clear that those people celebrating this bloodshed have shown themselves to be not only the enemies of Israel but of all of humanity."

Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, who only on Wednesday persuaded Abbas to return to peace talks with Israel, called the attack an "act of terror and depravity."

Israeli defense officials said the attacker came from east Jerusalem, the predominantly Palestinian section of the city. Jerusalem's Palestinians have Israeli ID cards that give them freedom of movement in Israel, unlike Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza.

Police spokesman Micky Rosenfeld said the attacker walked through the seminary's main gate and entered the library, where witnesses said some 80 people were gathered. He carried an assault rifle and pistol, and used both weapons in the attack. Rosenfeld said at least six empty bullet clips were found on the floor.

Two hours after the shooting, police found the body of the eighth victim. Rescue workers said nine people were wounded, three seriously.

David Simchon, head of the seminary, said the students had been preparing a celebration for the new month on the Jewish calendar, which includes the holiday of Purim. "We were planning to have a Purim party here tonight and instead we had a massacre," he told Channel 2 TV.

Yehuda Meshi Zahav, head of the Zaka rescue service, entered the library after the attack. "The whole building looked like a slaughterhouse. The floor was covered in blood. The students were in class at the time of the attack," he said. "The floors are littered with holy books covered in blood."

Witnesses described a terrifying scene during the shooting, with students jumping out windows to escape.

One of the students, Yitzhak Dadon, said he shot the attacker twice in the head. "I laid on the roof of the study hall, cocked my gun and waited for him."

LIVE ART



PHOTO BY RUBEN CASTILLO/The Daily Toreador

LOCAL ARTIST ISAAC Ceron participates at KTXT-FM's live art show Thursday night at Skooners bar at 1617 University Avenue.

SGA proposes new student organization budget

By MATT MCGOWAN
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The Texas Tech Student Senate's Budget and Finance Committee introduced a funding package Thursday evening that outlines proposed appropriations for 179 student organizations for the next fiscal year.

According to the Senate resolution, which student representatives will not ratify until later this semester, \$319,834 obtained through student fees could go to more than 150 student organizations at both the graduate and undergraduate level, for the fiscal year beginning Sept. 1, 2008, and ending Aug. 31, 2009.

The Meat Judging Team, according to the proposed budget, could receive the largest portion of the undergraduate funding, \$10,675, which is nearly 3.8 percent of the total \$281,693 designated for undergraduate organizations.

The second-highest amount, \$9,225, could go to Tech's Livestock Judging Team.

The third-largest portion of undergraduate funding, \$8,500, if ratified, will help fund the Visions of Light Gospel Choir. The least amount of undergraduate money, \$60, will go to the Bohemian Artist Society.

The largest portion of the \$38,141 proposed for graduate organizations, if passed, could go to Tech's Association of Biologists.

The least amount of graduate funding, according to the proposed resolution, will go to the Graduate English Society and the Association of Vietnamese Students

and Scholars, each of which were allocated \$360 in the proposal.

Though the possible funding will not decrease the existing budget of any organization, said Tiffany Kamuche, chairwoman of the Senate Budget and Finance Committee, few organizations received an increase in funding due to an estimated decrease in next year's enrollment numbers and a decrease in overall funding from the university.

Despite the decrease in funding, she said, the committee was able to refrain from cutting any organization's current funding. The money for maintaining all of the organizations' financial status quo came through excess funds provided through various application penalties.

The application penalties, Kamuche said, withhold a certain percentage of an organization's allotment if they fail to meet certain deadlines or make certain appointments with the committee. Funding withheld from these organizations was reallocated to others to ensure funding equal to that of last year.

"We tried to apply increases to organizations based on merit, which meant they had to apply for contingency the year before, because they didn't get enough," she said, referring to the additional funds organizations may request once the semester gets under way. "We took that into consideration, but we didn't increase (all of the) organizations. The organizations that did increase, they didn't increase a lot. We just tried to give them something to help them, but, at the position we were in, we couldn't increase every organization."

Organizations that would like to appeal their allotted funding under the proposed budget, Kamuche said, may make an appointment no later than March 17, or 24 hours before the Budget and Finance Committee meets with organizations at 6:30 p.m. on March 18 in the Student Government Association's conference room located on the third floor of the Student Union Building.

Suzette Matthews, the SGA's internal vice president, said the budget proposal, Senate Bill 43.05, will be proposed for a second time during the Senate's next meeting March 27. Representatives may vote to finalize the budget at its final session April 3.

Also passed at the Senate's meeting Thursday evening was a resolution to impeach Brett Schellenberg, a representative of the College of Mass Communications who failed to meet the association's attendance requirements.

The Senate failed to pass three other bills, however, which were proposed to impeach three other senators with questionable attendance.

The last impeachment, said James Baumgartner, chairman of the SGA's Rules and Administration Committee, occurred approximately one month ago.

Also passed by the SGA last night were two bills that constitutionally established a Freshman Leadership Association and Freshman Council to help freshman representatives, according to the resolution, "achieve a better understanding of the Student Government Association..."

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Non-student arrested after caught violating criminal trespass warning, two incidences of graffiti in restrooms reported

By JON VANDERLAAN
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Feb. 28

A non-student was issued a criminal trespass warning in the E-1 parking lot of the Health Sciences Center.

An officer investigated criminal mischief in which the roof of a vehicle was damaged in the Z6-B parking lot.

A non-student was arrested in the R-2 parking lot for driving with an invalid license and for an outstanding Kleberg County Sheriff Department warrant. The non-student was issued a criminal trespass warning.

An officer investigated an obscene graffiti drawing in the fourth floor men's restroom of the Medical Office Pavilion at the Health Sciences Center.

An officer investigated an accident in which a vehicle struck an unattended vehicle in the C-1 parking lot.

A faculty member reported being upset that some of his classes were canceled.

Two female students in Horn Residence Hall reported missing money from their residence hall room.

An officer responded to a medical call in the C-1 parking lot of the Health Sciences Center in which a female collapsed in the parking lot. She was transported to the University Medical Center Emergency room.

A student's vehicle was egged during the night in the Z4-P parking lot, causing damage to the door, hood and bumper.

Two officers investigated damaged ceiling tiles on the ninth floor of Weymouth Residence Hall.

A student was arrested for driving while intoxicated following a traffic stop on the 1800 block of Tech Parkway. A passenger also was arrested for public intoxication and possessing a fictitious or altered driver's license.

A student was arrested for public intoxication in the Z3-J parking lot and transported to the Lubbock County Jail.

Feb. 29

A non-student was detained in

the Z-1B parking lot after he was seen looking into vehicles. He was issued a criminal trespass warning.

Information was documented about a student in the College of Education who was becoming aggressive and does not follow procedures.

An officer investigated a traffic accident without injuries on the 1800 block of Texas Tech Parkway.

An officer investigated the theft of \$50 from the Student Wellness Center.

Graffiti was found in the east concourse men's restrooms and on the east patio area at the United Spirit Arena.

Two officers investigated a damaged doorknob to a room on the sixth floor of Murdough Residence Hall.

Two students were arrested for public intoxication in the Z4-M parking lot. The two students were transported to Lubbock County Jail.

An officer arrested a student for public intoxication in the Z4-M parking lot. The student was transported to the Lubbock County Jail.

The front windshield of a vehicle was damaged in the Z3-L parking lot and was investigated by an officer.

March 1

After receiving a criminal trespass warning Feb. 28, a non-student was arrested for criminal trespass in the D-1 parking lot of the Health Sciences Center. The non-student was transported to Lubbock County Jail.

An officer responded to a 911 — attempted suicide — call from Coleman Residence Hall. The student was transported to the UMC emergency room for treatment.

A student was arrested for driving while intoxicated and with an invalid license in the Z6-A parking lot. The student was transported to the Lubbock County Jail.

Two officers arrested a student for driving under the influence by a minor in the Z4-R parking lot.

Three males assaulted a resident of Sneed Residence Hall in a reported burglary of habitation. The victim identified all three suspects, and the suspects accused the victim of slashing their tires.

A student was arrested for public intoxication on the ninth floor of Weymouth Residence Hall and transported to the Lubbock County Jail.

March 4

A university vehicle was involved in an accident with no injuries in the Bledsoe/Gordon Residence Hall service drive.

A toilet paper holder on the ninth floor of Weymouth Residence Hall was set on fire.

A community adviser reported the odor of marijuana coming from a resident's room on the eighth floor of Weymouth Residence Hall. Two students were issued Lubbock County citations for possession of drug paraphernalia.

Two officers arrested a student for driving with an invalid license and an outstanding Lubbock County Sheriff's Department warrant for issuance of a bad check. The arrest was made after an observed traffic violation on the 2500 block of Main Street.

March 5

A metal letter A was reported stolen from the east side of Bledsoe Residence Hall.

An officer investigated a theft on the second floor of Sneed Residence Hall in which an Apple laptop computer and other miscellaneous items were reported stolen.

An officer investigated a theft on the third floor of the Human Sciences building. Two Dell desktop computers were reported stolen from the room.

An officer investigated a hit-and-run accident that occurred in the F-3 parking lot of the Health Sciences Center.

A staff member in the Agricultural Sciences building reported receiving harassing e-mails.

An officer issued a criminal trespass warning to a student for all dining and residence halls. This was the second time the student was warned.

A student reported she believed she saw the person who was stalking her when she attended Texas A&M University last year. The officer identified the individual, and they were not the same person.

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Senate passes bill to toughen inspections of overseas toys

WASHINGTON (AP) — Responding to record recalls of products that sickened children, the Senate passed legislation Thursday that would toughen inspections of toys and other playthings made outside the U.S.

The bill calls for a public database of consumer complaints, bolsters the Consumer Products Safety Commission to help it certify the safety of overseas products, bans lead in children's goods and sets new standards for safe toys.

It won approval by a 79-13 vote after four days of debate. The Bush administration and other critics said the database unfairly could taint manufacturers. But President Bush stopped short of threatening a veto.

Both the Senate and House ver-

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sions passed with veto-proof margins, increasing the chances a compromise would draw similar support.

"Even though (Bush) doesn't like it, I think he's going to have to take it," Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., told reporters during a conference call.

Congress has much to do before Bush has the chance to make that decision.

"The hard work starts" now, said Sen. Mark Pryor, D-Ark., with negotiators from each chamber working to reconcile their differences. He managed the bill with Sen. Amy Klobuchar, D-Minn.

The House's version, passed by a 407-0 vote in December, has many differences, including a lower cap for jury awards. Regarding the database, the House version proposes a study on how to create one.

The congressional debate was thick with emotion. The mothers of two boys sickened by toys tearfully urged Congress to speed the legislation to the president, saying many provisions would have helped her

children and prevent others from similar dangers.

For Colton Burkhardt's parents, it was a medallion from a gumball-type machine that cost just a quarter, but nearly took his life.

Colton, then 4, swallowed the trinket and almost died from the lead it contained. Four years and a battery of tests, surgeries and therapy later, the Redmond, Ore., boy still has elevated levels of lead in his body.

Colton's mother, Kara, visited the Senate this week to tell anyone who would listen about Colton's ordeal. But Colton fared better than another 4-year-old, Jarnell Graham of Minneapolis, who died from lead poisoning under similar circumstances.

It was their cases — and hundreds like them — that spurred the recalls last year of millions of Chinese-produced toys, from Barbie doll accessories to Thomas the Tank Engine. Congress, in turn, produced legislation that would overhaul the Consumer Products Safety Commission, responsible for ensuring that toys and other products pose no hazard.

\$510,000 grant assists Iraq nuclear disposal

By HANNAH BOEN
STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech Department of Biological Sciences faculty members are using a \$510,000 grant to assist Iraqi scientists in nuclear disposal.

The United States Department of State recently awarded the grant to three professors in Tech's Department of Biological Sciences, according to a university news release.

Carleton Phillips, Brenda Rodgers and Ron Chesser are using the grant to continue their work in nuclear disposal in Iraq, according to the release. The funds will further the dismantlement of former nuclear weapons facilities and assist the professors' research on residents of the communities surrounding the facilities.

Phillips, Rodgers and Chesser have spent much of their time in other parts of the world, furthering their knowledge of nuclear weapon facilities and educating others on their research.

Chesser said their work in Jordan, Vienna, Austria, and Baghdad, Iraq, is "truly an international network — it is a unique program that you won't find anywhere else."

The team is working on an ongoing program with the U.S. Department of State, he said. They became

associated with the department after a grant from the Texas Excellence Foundation in 2005 led them to Iraq to complete a characterization of a nuclear facility.

"First of all, we'll work with scientists in Iraq on characterizing radioactive contamination in their former nuclear facilities," he said.

Dismantling the former facilities, Chesser said, will take a joint effort of the Iraqi government and scientists.

Chesser works alongside Phillips, who has been to Iraq approximately 10 times while working on this project.

However, Chesser said Phillips had a presence in Iraq early on, assisting with the participation of the Iraqi government on the nuclear facilities.

Along with dismantling the nuclear facilities, the team also wants to assist Iraqis who may have been exposed to radiation, according to the release.

Rodgers said she assists Iraqi scientists in finding evidence of a correlation between health problems and living in proximity to the facilities.

Rodgers said she feels passionate about giving health assessments to those who live in villages near Iraq's nuclear facilities. Although she will

not travel to Iraq to collect the samples, the grant will allow her to continue to train technicians in Iraq to collect and process samples from communities in Iraq that potentially were affected by nuclear facilities.

Rodgers, whose work has been focused on radiation contamination since 1997, will host a training workshop this summer in Irbil, Jordan, to educate Iraqi scientists. The workshop, which she also hosted last summer, will take place at the Princess Haya Biotechnical Institute at the University of Jordan.

After Iraqi scientists collect samples, Rodgers said, the samples will be transported to Tech, where researchers "do the final analysis on campus; this assists the people we're investigating as to whether they've been exposed to uranium that could be dangerous to them."

Along with helping Iraqis get laboratory equipment and become educated, Rodgers said the Tech researchers believe in helping Iraq rebuild their scientific infrastructure.

"The scientific community there is greatly benefiting from training," she said. "In terms of advancement, what we're doing is pretty basic science. Even doing basic science with a country at war, though, is a pretty difficult process."

Oil

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Despite the damage, the refinery, which is a major supplier of gasoline to West Texas and New Mexico, is anticipated to be back in near-full production levels within two months, according to the release.

Lloyd Heinze, professor and chair of the Department of Petroleum Engineering at Tech, said he believes the refinery explosion had some effect on price of gasoline, "but that's a small piece of the pie. The bigger piece in the increase is what's being passed on because the dollar has gone down."

Heinze said the recent increase in oil prices has less to do with the refinery accident and more with the decreased value of the dollar in the last six months.

"We're not paying any more for oil, the dollar is going down," he said.

Because of the devaluation of the dollar, Heinze said OPEC is considering stopping trading oil based on the currency.

"It means that (American companies) are going to pay more for oil in dollars because OPEC decided they were not going to increase production to compensate for increasing oil prices," he said.

Regardless of the dollar's devaluation, Heinze said he anticipates the government will implement higher taxes in compensation for increased oil company profits, but that they will be passed on to the consumer.

"Anytime a tax is put on any kind of product," Heinze said, "ultimately, the consumer purchases that product and ends up paying the tax."

Last month, the House of Representatives approved \$18 billion in new taxes on the largest oil companies, with Democrats citing record oil prices and rising gasoline costs, according to the Associated Press.

Another factor contributing to increasing gas prices, Heinze said, is that the United States has not built a new refinery in more than 25 years, creating a bottleneck between oil and finished gasoline.

"There are so many different environmental laws and people don't want a refinery in their backyard or any other industrial complex ... and it's one of these things that we'll have to come to grips with as a society as we grow," he said. "We can't continue to operate in this 'not in my backyard.'"

Because China and India are growing in population and industrialization, they are providing competition for crude oil before it is transported to U.S. refineries.

"The 1 billion plus in China are now just starting to have motor scooters, mopeds and starting to travel by small cars and trucks," Heinze said. "It's going to be quite a competition."

Also, Heinze said a cold winter in the Northeast has increased the demand for home heating oil, raising the demand and price for oil-based fuels and products.

Carlson said people depend on petroleum more than they think they do.

"They see the price of gas going up, and they think that's all there is," Carlson said, "but petroleum is in everything we see

and do. It's in plastics, lubricants, oils."

Heinze said fossil fuels such as oil and natural gas produce more than two-thirds of the world's energy and believes "they're probably never going to occupy more than a third of the energy."

Fuel prices always will increase proportionally to their demand, he said, citing that food prices would increase with increased use of corn-based ethanol.

But it is in alternative forms of energy, particularly renewable energy such as wind and solar power, where Lindsay Reed, president of the Tech Renewable Energy Society and unit manager for computing services in the College of Human Sciences, sees a solution to increasing reliance on oil.

However, Reed said, the United States' success in converting to renewable energy depends on the attitudes of politicians and citizens.

"It's going to be a slow go unless we make it a national project like the moon landing," he said. "If we did that with renewable energy, then certainly in 20 years, we could probably replace most of the fossil fuel."

Though Reed said he believes wind energy and forms of ethanol are becoming more profitable, Heinze said oil still is the most cost-effective fuel for transportation.

"The reality check is that, even right now at \$100 per barrel ... it's still the cheapest form of transportation energy that's out there," Heinze said.

As a field many people perceive to be lucrative because of the high gas prices, Tech's Department of Petroleum Engineering is seeing an increase in student enrollment, as the department increased 100 students from fall 2006 to fall 2007.

Heinze said he believes for petroleum engineering students graduating and entering the job market this year, the job opportunities are outstanding.

Average compensation in the first year for students graduating with undergraduate degrees in petroleum engineering is approximately \$110,000, Heinze said, with an average \$85,000 starting salary and a \$25,000 sign on bonus.

"One-third of the enrollment increase for the entire university was just our department," he said.

And Heinze said he anticipates demand for petroleum engineering degrees continuing to increase, as more than 400 entering freshman have been accepted to the department this fall.

"Obviously we won't get a 100 percent yield of the freshmen," he said,

"but we're looking at a huge increase in enrollment."

Because the job market in the private sector of petroleum engineering is competitive, Heinze said, it is becoming increasingly difficult for universities to hire petroleum engineering faculty. He said Tech lost several faculty members to corporate jobs in the field in the past six years.

"Our bachelor's students make more money as they graduate from school than the university pays faculty," he said. "I'm sure all of our faculty, myself included, are very much aware of what their value is outside the university."

However, Heinze said he does not believe the university likely will be able to offer a monetary solution to keep or attract faculty members who are interested in private sector careers.

"Money talks, but unfortunately, I don't think the provost or the chancellor are in any position to compete with what engineers make on the private sector, no matter what their discipline," he said.

For students seeking an education in petroleum engineering, this lack of professors can prove problematic, said Daniel Hermann, president of the Society of Petroleum Engineers and a senior petroleum engineering major from Houston. Because the private sector jobs are so competitive, he said students will be less likely to seek careers as higher educators.

"That's probably the biggest problem in the industry right now," Hermann said. "We can't attract students to stay in the department long enough to get a Ph.D. It's definitely a problem. And, we can attract Ph.D.s, but they're not people who have been in the industry. They don't have a lot of real-world experience, so that doesn't really benefit the students."

Though increased oil prices makes the oil industry highly profitable for petroleum engineers, Bolton said such profits do not particularly carry over to gas stations.

With gasoline at approximately \$3 per gallon, he said many gas station owners have approximately a 2 percent profit margin, or about 7 cents a gallon.

However, Bolton said he does not believe increasing gas prices will make a significant impact on demand for the fuel. "Most of the people in our area, they're going to conserve what they can, but we've still got places to go," he said.

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STUDENTS WALK FROM class in the snow as the sun sets Thursday evening.



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Rolling on: Fantasy tabletop co-creator laid to rest

Since 1974, millions of people across the globe have taken part in an extremely enjoyable use of the imagination. After school or work, young and old alike will gather together with loved ones — sometimes even in costume — find a dark cellar, lock the doors and role-play.

Maybe I should be more specific about what I'm talking about.

I'm talking about "Dungeons & Dragons," and other role-playing games like it. Pen and paper, 10-sided dice... You know, the kind of role-playing you don't have to be attractive or intoxicated to take part in. Well, OK, some of you may prefer to be intoxicated, but

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the nerdier of us rather would have our minds free and clear when we enter the dark, dank chambers full of ogres, only to realize with horror that we forgot to cast our Magical Watchdog spell, and the only party member with a knife that does +3 damage to ogres is in the tavern getting drunk.

I mention the famous fantasy tabletop game because its co-creator, Gary Gygax, tragically died on Tuesday at the age of 69. He leaves behind him a legacy that has influenced and entertained millions of people. The "D&D" name alone is massive enough, including not only the extremely expansive worlds of the tabletop game, but also a variety of books, video games, a TV show and movies.

And the influence is more expansive than that. Traits of "D&D" can be found in the renowned text adventure "Zork," the "Ultima RPG" series, and a wide variety of fantasy novels. There also was a "D&D" inspired game released in 1991, "Neverwinter Nights," that was the first graphical Massively

Multiplayer Online RPG — it later would be remade by BioWare in 2002. So when you're playing "World of Warcraft" at 2 a.m. — when you should be studying — remember: "Dungeons & Dragons" helped shape the experience. And you can thank Gygax in part for that.



than its share of controversy over the years. The '80s in particular played host to religious and moral uproar when "D&D" was blamed for introducing people to witchcraft, Satan worship and inducing suicidal thoughts.

While it's certainly possible to see where the religious angle came from, claims such as these largely were unfounded.

In truth, the game flexed and strengthened the imaginations of many and provided a great social experience. While the number of tabletop role-players has dwindled in recent years, the traditions still live on, and people still play. From the casual players to the LARPer and convention goers, "D&D" still is played all over the place.

If you've got to leave this earth, that's quite the resume bullet point to leave behind. So here's to Gygax. The man always rolled 20s.

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Etiquette for modern men, women

Last fall, when my cousin was preparing to mail the invitations for her Christmas-time wedding, she incurred my grandmother's wrath for addressing the 200-plus envelopes with aid of a computer and printer.

In the 21st century, for most of us, this seems like a reasonable, time-saving way to maximize the efficiency of the invitation process, using a fresh ink cartridge and a little bit of mail-merge savvy. For my grandmother, though, born early in the previous century, this was a grave breach of etiquette — an affront to good manners of legendary proportions.

"It is customary," she announced, impatient, to any of our generation who would listen, "for the bride to address all of the invitations in her own hand."

My cousin, a sensible girl who knew addressing all of those envelopes in longhand might induce swelling so severe as to threaten the fit of her ring come wedding day, refused. Tension ensued between the generations throughout the autumn months.

For most of my adolescence, I found my grandmother's notions of propriety and convention to be, at best, quaint, or at worst, fussy to the point of annoyance. When my younger sister, Jenny, turned 12, for instance, Grandma descended upon our house like a tempest, determined that my sister learn the skills that would benefit her in marriage before it was too late.

My sister thus spent at least one tortured afternoon being instructed, against her will, in the finer points of ironing a shirt.

To date, I must note, my sister—aged 27—remains unmarried, so my grandmother's sense of imminence likely was a bit overstated. Nevertheless, Jenny's shirts tend to be creased pleasingly when occasion calls for it.

Her domestic terrorism against my 12-year-old sister aside, my grandmother's sense of manners and propriety does command my respect on many other levels.

Her formal education, for example, ended at the 12th grade, but her prose in correspondence is among the most eloquent and grammatical I ever have had the pleasure to read. This shames yours truly, Mr. So-Called Ph.D., who, as one careful reader pointed out, misused a past participle at one point in last week's column.

For my grandmother, good writing is a point of pride, a thing of value in itself, but also worth cultivat-

Michael Borshuk



ing for the pleasure it encourages, and the ease of communication it facilitates for the reader.

Etiquette is, after all, little more than a respect for conventions that privilege the comfort of others. What a refreshingly humane idea that is: that the well-being of others always should occupy a prioritized place in our minds. And such a concept needs to have an essential place in our daily lives for a democratic society to work, no? If we're not concerned for the well-being of others, then who in this free society can we be certain will be concerned for ours in turn?

Aspiring to be a modern gentleman, I've tried to be mindful of this advice when I smoke my favorite briars in mixed company.

These questions inspired me this semester to pick up G.R.M. Devereux's "Etiquette for Men," a reprint of a 1929 primer for the "modern gentleman," which an ironic friend of mine passed on as a gag gift last year.

Some of Devereux's mannerly imperatives proved useful immediately. I learned, for instance, that a gentleman always should remove his pipe from his mouth when speaking to a lady, presumably to ensure ease of conversation, without distraction from that gurgly sound aromatic tobaccos tend to make when they're not packed right.

Aspiring to be a modern gentleman, I've tried to be mindful of this advice when I smoke my favorite briars in mixed company. And ever mannerly, I've extended the kindness to men, too.

Other points on which Devereux insists were, admittedly, from my post-sexual revolution perspec-

tive, a little grating. Like making sure that a gentleman never asks a woman to dinner without ensuring that a suitable chaperone—her mother, an aunt, some self-declared high-moral librarian or would-be nun—is present.

That advice is, obviously, a holdover from a time when well-meaning men thought it best to protect women from their own libidos, I assume.

However, about the general premise of Devereux's etiquette guide—that is, that the refined man is he who keeps the interests and comfort of others always in his immediate regard—I can, of course, find no fault. Its logic, ripe with a pseudo-socialist generosity that warms my liberal heart, is sublime.

This means, I realize, one of two things about my formerly impudent relationship to my dear grandmother. Either I have, at last, matured into a munificent wisdom she's possessed for most of my life, fastidious as she is about maintaining conventions that ensure the comforts of others.

Or, less positively, I have turned a curmudgeonly corner and aged to a point at which I feel that, to cite Duke Ellington, "things ain't what they used to be," and only an increasingly fussy turn to old manners will redeem our ill-mannered contemporary society from barbaric ruin.

Whatever the reason, I feel compelled to urge all of us to consider etiquette—not just the conventions, but the philosophy behind it—more comprehensively as we run elbows with each other every day.

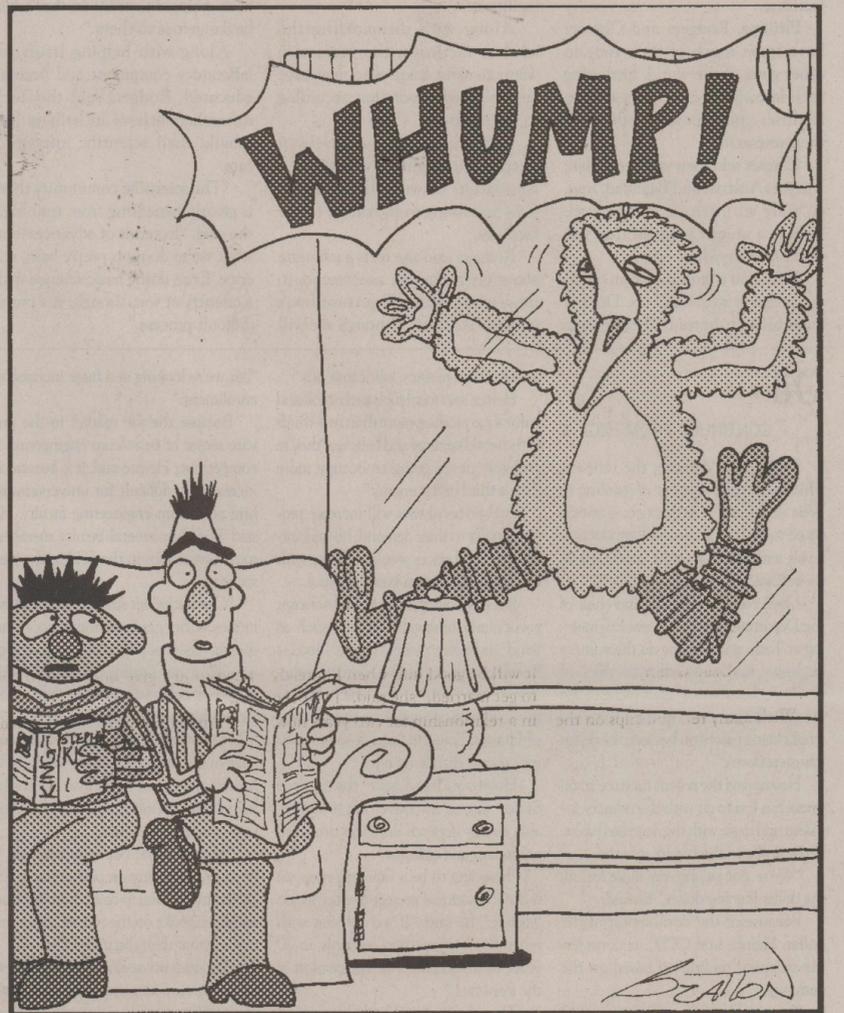
So, yes, I'm directing that imperative at you, young men around the corner from me, seen chipping golf balls off the roof and into neighbors' yards — and worse yet, at neighbors' windows — just a few short weeks ago.

And you too, friends of my next-door neighbors, who spent seven minutes honking your car horn obsessively the other day, rather than exiting the car and alerting my neighbors more courteously that you had arrived to pick them up.

Use your manners. Make etiquette your concern.

I promise to say "Thank you" when you do.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Your school has had a long-standing reputation of having the rowdiest, rudest and most classless fans around. However, after attending the A&M-Baylor game in Waco Wednesday night, I have come to see that there is something worse than going to Lubbock to see our Aggies play. The Baylor fans were by far the worst fans I have dealt with — including Tech, OU, Oklahoma State and t.u. So for what it's worth, many Aggies down here wish you guys the best of luck Saturday. Wreck 'em Tech. Mike Teague Texas A&M Class of 2010

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I would like to see one of the sports articles mention the following quote before we go support the basketball team during our home finale Saturday. "Don't get down about tonight,"

Baylor coach Scott Drew told the fans after the loss to A&M, "because we're going to kick butt in Lubbock." Sure this team and Pat Knight have had some tough losses, but we are also a prayer 3-pointer away from being unbeaten at home thus far and played Baylor close in Waco. I hope fellow students realize what an insult to our team and school such a comment represents and show up in force to support our players and coach during Senior Night.

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Doug Haines and Andy Eppler speak out on originality

The snow is falling, and time seems to be slowing down as we progress into the semester, but life around us does not stop. In fact — it is the perfect time of the year to let creativity fester and prepare for summer festivities.

Two local artists who repeatedly have given back to the community scene — Andy Eppler, 22, and Doug Haines, 33, — earned themselves prestigious invitations to open up Lubbock's centennial celebrations this past weekend at the City Bank Coliseum on stage in front of thousands of Lubbock residents.

Now, through Myspace's "Artist on Artist" program, these two begin a project to inform us what it has been like to invest in Lubbock's culture over the years they've been here, and they hope to stir up an interest in the original artists this city has yet to discover.

It has been a long tedious journey for these friends, but it had to start somewhere.

Eppler: "I guess the first thing you want to start with is when you came to Lubbock."

Haines: "Well when I first came to Lubbock I wasn't a musician."

Eppler: "Really? I didn't know that."

Haines: "Yeah, I was a huge music fan. I came to town and saw bands like the Texas Belairs and John Sprott, but there weren't a lot of shows coming through town. I didn't start playing until a year almost and took a couple of lessons from someone I found flipping through a phone book. Back then, I was a lead player, and I didn't

Chelsea Roe



play rhythm at all, but I had to accept the fact that I would never be a great lead player. I was writing a lot, so I started playing around with chords and writing songs with them. So I was just playing around town until I had the pleasure of meeting you, young Andrew."

Eppler: "We met through a booking agent that another friend of ours, we'll call him "Sam," hooked us up with. The first time we met, I was playing at some place I probably shouldn't have been playing at."

Haines: "Ironically, it used to be a gay bar in town."

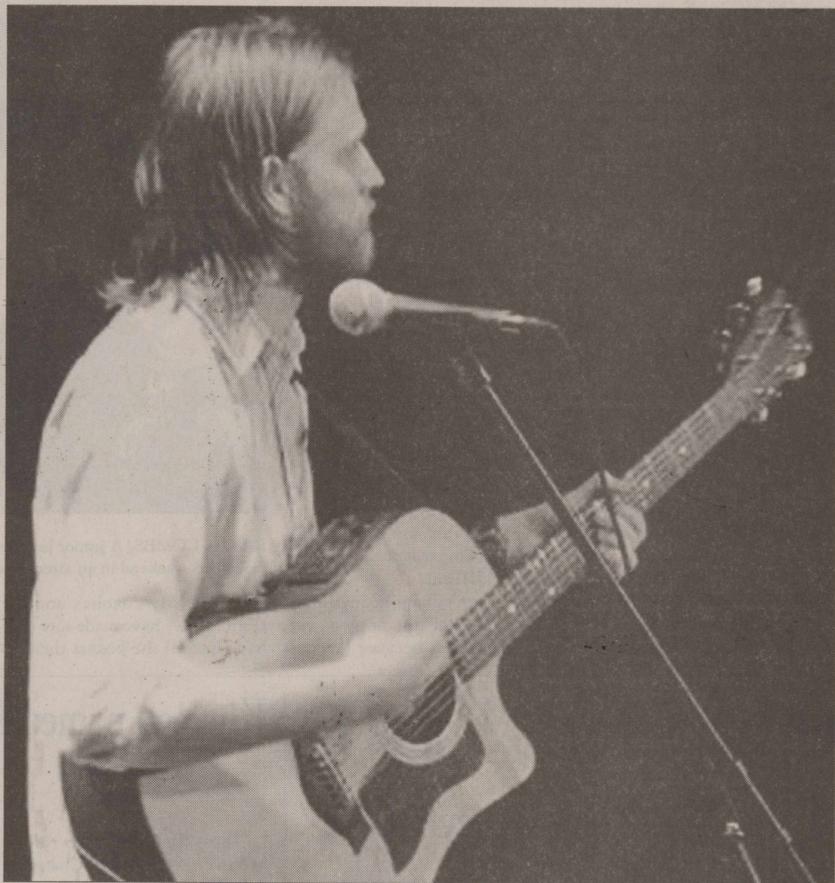
Eppler: "Icehouse!"

Haines: "Yeah the Texas Icehouse. It was a really funny place to see YOU for the first time."

Eppler: "I definitely didn't have four hours worth of stuff then."

Haines: "I remember you played 'C-Sharp Minor.'"

Eppler: "That song has been around since I was 16. There were about eight people total in the bar, and I was stoked 'cause it was my first time to get paid \$200 to play. A guy from the bar had told me to start coming out to open mikes, and I started playing open mike nights at Bash Riprock's and got hooked up with this gig, so I had finally gotten my big break playing



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ANDY EPPLER, A West Texas native, performs during a Lubbock concert. He, and fellow musician Doug Haines, discuss the transformation and influence of music in Lubbock culture through Myspace's "Artist on Artist" application.

at an actual bar — that I had to sneak into because I was too young."

Haines: "I remember telling you to stick through the originals, but I know it's going to be harder. It's like going uphill the whole time, but I've always felt that it's the way to go."

Eppler: "I remember when you told me that, too. And when I was introduced to you it was like ... and this is Dr. Skoob. He is God."

Haines: "Ha. I had people fooled."

Eppler: "Not too fooled. But I remember after that I would come out to one of your gigs every once in a while and you would come to mine. You were the only other person I knew at the time doing originals."

At this statement the realization that listening to Haines' advice was probably the best move Eppler could have made in his music career kicks in.

Sticking to each other's side and always supportive of each other's creativity; it is partially through both of their own flavors that Lubbock has developed its own unique taste these days.

Never giving into jumping on the cover-band bandwagon, both Haines and Eppler have influenced musicians and music lovers alike with their originality, giving a multitude of others around town someone to play for — even sharing band members such as Nic Schute on the trumpet or an occasional guest appearance from other friends.

I'm sure just as I do, both Eppler and Haines would have this to say: If you've got originals, the only way anyone is going to hear them is if you play them.

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Something for all ages: Marriage relationships that really work

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With many relationships on the rocks, celebrity annulments erasing the existence of 24-hour marriages and a skyrocketing divorce rate, a little love advice might be in order. For an audience of love-struck students, that's just what the doctor ordered.

The Texas Tech Council on Family Relations facilitated a program Wednesday to provide just that. "What I wish someone had told me about marriage" included a panel discussion conducted by four diverse couples, representing different stages of marriage across a lifespan.

Leah Martin, a senior human development and family studies major from Frankfurt, Germany, said she believes the program offered her some sound advice applicable to her own life.

"Since I'm getting older, I think it will be good info when I'm ready to get married," she said. "I've been in a relationship for two years now, so I hope it will help improve our communication skills and wherever that may take us."

The couples on the panel agreed that one major thing affects the functionality of their relationships.

"Communication is the key," Elsa Hernandez said as her husband, Patrick Hernandez, agreed. "Right down to the little things that you don't think even matter."

Elsa and Patrick Hernandez have been married for 10 years, and they have two children — ages 3 and 5 — but said they still have to work out kinks every day.

Andrew and Amanda Eason, who have been married eight months, said the communication still is an issue in their relationship.

"We're still working on our communication," Andrew said. "I'm too

abrupt sometimes, and sometimes I need to just give her space to cool off."

"And I hide my feelings," Amanda said, finishing Andrew's thought. "I don't always say what is on my mind."

Andrew Eason, a junior human development and family studies major from Allen, and Amanda Eason, a sophomore early childhood development major from Dallas, said

they had a personal statement to make at the event.

"I guess since we are so young," Amanda Eason said, "it's to tell people that it is possible to be married young and still be happy."

Andrew Eason said he was glad Tech offered the seminar to show students some good practices dealing with marriage.

"Dating or living together," Andrew Eason said, "is not a good

practice for marriage."

Martin said she believes she learned from the presentation and recommended the consideration of such ideas to others considering marriage.

"I think now, with the divorce rate so high, people should really be leery of what they are getting into," she said. "It's just good information."

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Fighter Combs heads to Colorado Springs for national tournament

By KEVIN CULLEN
STAFF WRITER

Kayla Combs travels to Colorado Springs, Colo., Saturday with a chance to earn a spot on the U.S. Women's National boxing team.

Fighters will be weighed in on Saturday, and fights will be determined by drawing. The preliminary rounds start Sunday evening and will last until the finals Thursday night.

Combs, a junior petroleum engineering major from Bloomfield, N.M., is ranked No. 3 in the nation in the 119-pound weight class and is coming off two fights in which she won the Texas state championship in her weight class and beat the Texas state champion in the 125-pound division.

Combs said she feels confident about her training going into the tournament.

"I feel really good going into this weekend," she said. "We picked up the training, and the whole team has been helping out, been pushing me. My coaches have worked mitts with me. For the last week, we have been trying to perfect the little things that I needed to work on. I think my speed is there. We worked on angles and different things that I can add in there that are going to help me pull out the National Championship."

Combs' trainer, Edward Hernandez, said Combs is ready and could not be more prepared.

"She has been working real hard," he said. "She stepped up her conditioning and her speed work, bag work and mitt work. Mentally, she is about as upbeat as you can get. Physically, we know she is in fine physical condition. I don't believe she could get in any better physical condition than what she is right now."

The scoring in Colorado will be different than what Combs is used to, as a computer scoring system will be used to score the bouts as opposed to the more common scoring system of judges reporting their scores on cards.

"I'm not a big fan of the computer scoring," Combs said. "That allows for — say the girl won the first round, it's really hard to catch back up on the computer scoring. Three judges have to hit the button within a second of each other for you to even get the point. So, most of the time, you might not get the best fighter, you're just getting someone who goes out there and throws and then will run for the next three rounds, and they can win the fight. That is what really makes me mad."

Combs said the scoring may affect the way she approaches her fights.

"I'm just going to go out there, and I'm going to pull out the first

round," she said. "You need to win the first round if you're going to win the fight. I'm going to go like I am going to stop the girl in the first round. After that, I guess we will see what happens."

Combs will see a familiar face in Colorado Springs in No. 1 ranked Teresa O'Toole of Northridge, Calif., who beat Combs by decision in the 2007 National Golden Gloves semifinals. Although the two may not get matched against each other in Colorado, Combs said she used her experience against O'Toole to prepare for her upcoming fights.

"I have the video of us fighting," she said. "I just watched it and seen she really doesn't come in to fight me. She likes to run a lot. That is because I think I have more power than her. I'm going to just take it as another fight. She is getting old, she is like 33, so I am counting on me being a little bit younger and being able to go a little bit harder than her."

Combs said she has not yet been affected by the nature of an event like this and the possibility of earning a spot on the U.S. National Team.

"I haven't changed anything," she said. "I'm not nervous yet. I think that is because I'm well



FILE PHOTO/The Daily Toreador
KAYLA COMBS, A junior petroleum engineering major from Bloomfield, N.M., will go to Colorado Springs, Colo. this weekend in an attempt to make the U.S. Women's National boxing team.

prepared. My coaches and my team — they have made sure they have had all the boxers there to

work out just so it can push me. My team has gotten me to this point, and all I have to do is go

up there and do what we have been doing everyday." kevin.cullen@ttu.edu

Tech men's tennis returns home to face 7th-straight ranked opponent

By ADAM COLEMAN
STAFF WRITER

After nine consecutive games on the road, the Texas Tech men's tennis team finally will return to Lubbock.

The competition will not get easier, as the Red Raiders will face their seventh-straight ranked opponent in No. 37 Denver at noon Saturday at the McLeod Tennis Complex.

"We lost to (Denver) last year at home," Tech coach Tim Siegel said. "It's really a tough test for our team because they've played a very tough schedule this year. They've done very well. They only have two losses. We haven't had a home match since Feb. 1. It's been five weeks. The big thing is, just try to get some crowd support because this is a really big match heading into next week's Blue-Gray (Invitational)."

Confidence is at a high for the No. 30 Red Raiders (11-1) after winning the H.E.B Invitational last weekend. Tech defeated three-straight ranked team in No. 70 Middle Tennessee State, No. 54 New Mexico and No. 58 Texas A&M-Corpus Christi, to clinch the championship.

Denver (10-2) is on a roll as well.

The Pioneers enter this weekend's match with losses to Middle Tennessee State and No. 28 Washington. Some of their high-profile wins came against New Mexico and No. 47 Iowa.

This match also features two of the top singles players in the nation with Tech's No. 35 Bojan Szumanski and Denver's No. 12 Adam Holmstrom.

Both players have not experienced much losing so far this season. This spring, Holmstrom is 10-0 as Denver's No. 1 singles player. Holmstrom has not lost since Nov. 3. Szumanski is 10-1 this spring, with his only loss coming to UNLV's Elliot Wronski. Since the loss, Szumanski claimed eight-straight singles matches, propelling him to his highest-ranking this spring.

Both Holmstrom and Szumanski are familiar with each other as well, as the two faced off last season in the 4-3 Denver win. Holmstrom earned the win over Szumanski in two sets, 6-3, 6-4.

"(Holmstrom) is a very good player," Siegel said. "To me, he's one of the five best players in the country. He has a big game. He's from Sweden.

Bojan lost to him last year. This is a tough, tough test for Bojan."

Holmstrom and Szumanski are a part of the Top 10 in doubles duos as well.

As Szumanski and Christian Rojmar sit as the No. 2 doubles team in the nation, behind them is Holmstrom and Niklas Persson as No. 9.

At the No. 6 spot for the Red Raiders, Michael Breler is off to a huge start with an 11-0 singles record.

Persson for Denver is 8-3 in singles play, but has lost his last three matches.

The return to Lubbock for the Red Raiders will be short-lived.

After the Denver match, Tech will head back on the road to compete in the Blue-Gray Invitational. When the Tech men return again, they will begin conference play against Texas A&M March 23.

Szumanski said no matter the length of the stay, it still feels great to come back home after a long road trip.

"Everybody's looking forward to finally playing here," he said. "We're looking forward to this match a lot. Last year, it was indoors. So we expect some advantage. We're going to be playing outside, so I think it's going to be our advantage. We're really looking forward to this big time." adam.coleman@ttu.edu

Kipyego named Big 12 top indoor female performer

By BRAD DUFF
STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech distance runner and five-time National Champion Sally Kipyego has been named the Big 12 Conference Indoor Female Performer of the Year.

The award is decided by all head track and field coaches in the Big 12. This is the second time in as many years Kipyego has received the award.

Kipyego defended her conference championships in the mile and 3,000M in the Big 12 Championships last weekend in Lincoln, Neb. Her mile time of 4 minutes 36.31 seconds is a Big 12 Championship record and school record, and it gives her an automatic spot at the NCAA Championships

March 14-15 in Fayetteville, Ark. In the 3,000M, Kipyego clocked an NCAA-provisional time of 9:17.01.

She tied with Kansas' Crystal Manning for the women's high point award as both collected 21.50 points.

On Jan. 26, Kipyego competed in the 3,000M in the Reebok Boston Indoor Games as the only collegiate athlete invited to run in the meet, male or female. She finished in fifth place with an NCAA automatic qualifying time 9:05.45.

Headlining the event was Ethiopian Tirunesh Dibaba, a three-time World Cross-Country Champion and two-time World Champion in the 5,000M. Dibaba also won the 2007 World Championship in the 10,000M, and received a bronze

medal in the 2004 Olympics in Athens in the 5,000M.

Although she will not be competing with Dibaba in 2008, Kipyego said she will not rule out the Olympics in 2012.

Kipyego is pursuing a pre-nursing degree that requires her to stay in Lubbock nearly year-round to finish her degree, she said.

If Kipyego does decide to train for the Olympics, she will have the support of coach Wes Kittley.

"It would be hard for her to make an Olympic team this year," Kittley said. "She has a tremendous opportunity in the future to possibly make the next one. She'll be done with her nursing, she'll be able to turn pro and focus more on running and not just academics." john.b.duff@ttu.edu

Emotional Favre rules out return to playing football

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) — Sitting by himself on an airplane ride up to Green Bay on Thursday morning, Brett Favre struggled to find a sincere and graceful way to say he was finished with football.

In the end, his tears told the story.

"It's been a great career for me, and it's over," Favre said, his voice cracking with emotion during a news conference at Lambeau Field two days after he announced his retirement. "As hard as that is for me to say, it's over."

Wearing an untucked collared shirt, blue jeans and several days' worth of stubble, Favre said he was

convinced he could still play on Sundays, but had lost his passion to practice and prepare the way he would need to lead the Packers to another Super Bowl.

Given that fact, he could draw only one conclusion: It was time to hang up his helmet.

"I have way too much pride," Favre said. "I expect a lot out of myself. And if I cannot do those things 100 percent, then I can't play."

After a farewell news conference that lasted just over an hour, Favre put his arm around his tearful wife, Deanna, and left the stage — presumably for good.

He takes with him a Super Bowl victory, virtually every quarterback record worth having and the widespread admiration of his peers and fans.

The 38-year-old Favre also leaves with graying hair and a deliberate gait — signs that the years were quietly taking a toll on the man who was celebrated for playing a serious and precise game with the carefree joy of a little boy.

He cried Thursday as he discussed his decision.

"I promised I wouldn't get emotional," he said. But as the tears

flowed, he added, "I've watched hundreds of players retire and you wonder what that would be like. You think you're prepared ..."

Favre thanked the Green Bay Packers for letting him play.

"I hope that with every penny they've spent on me, they know it was money well spent," he said. "It wasn't about the money or fame or records. I hear people talk about your accomplishments and things. It was never my accomplishments, it was our accomplishments."

Favre is the NFL's only three-time MVP, and leads the league with 442 touchdown passes, 61,655 yards passing and 160 career victories. He started 253 consecutive regular-season games, more than any other quarterback in history.

Favre also holds the more dubious mark of 288 interceptions — an indication of the wild streak that only made him more human to the fans who adored him.

The same was true of Favre's highly publicized struggles with an addiction to prescription painkillers, his support of his wife through a battle with breast cancer, and a memorable Monday night game against Oakland after he lost his father.

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

ACROSS

- 1 Monastery head
- 6 Def. mil. grp.
- 9 Unsuitable
- 14 Quantitative diagram
- 15 Of the ear: pref.
- 16 More pleasant
- 17 Diner patron
- 18 Full of: suff.
- 19 Composer
- 20 Grofe
- 21 Standard Oil family
- 23 Japanese Nobelist in literature
- 26 Rodeo ropes
- 27 Compass dir.
- 28 Sell-out letters
- 29 U.S. dance grp.
- 30 Singletons
- 32 Making a bend in
- 37 Beatles hit of 1965
- 41 Clockwork element
- 42 Actress Garr
- 43 Serving of corn
- 44 Tasty tuber
- 47 AL-NL honoree
- 48 In a faint
- 52 Redgrave and Williams
- 54 Swimmer's propulsion
- 56 Composer of "The Planets"
- 57 Sundial three
- 58 No-brainer
- 62 Medical condition: suff.
- 63 Studio letters
- 64 Liturgical vestment
- 65 Change a timer
- 66 Alfonso's queen
- 67 Room

DOWN

- 1 Grow older
- 2 Bikini piece
- 3 Night flyer
- 4 Musical drama
- 5 Pulsates
- 6 Liked from the start
- 7 Perplexed
- 8 Math fig.
- 9 Tire pump, for example
- 10 Aage ___ Bohr
- 11 Land measures
- 12 Ballplayer
- 13 Hank of hair
- 21 Vehicle on wheels
- 22 Nudger's joint
- 23 Big name in publishing
- 24 Yearly record
- 25 Tearful
- 29 Biblical boat
- 31 Stitch up
- 32 Quarter M
- 33 Baby fox
- 34 Agenda entries
- 35 Emperor before Trajan
- 36 Firm holds
- 38 Current controller
- 39 Form of bingo
- 40 Gas: pref.
- 44 City in the Cascades
- 45 Black cuckoo
- 46 Attractive places?
- 48 "My Name Is ___"
- 49 Doughy pastry
- 50 Droops
- 51 Ruby Dee's husband
- 52 Churchill's gesture
- 53 Cut corners
- 55 "The ___ of the Ancient Mariner"
- 59 Actress Long
- 60 New Deal grp.
- 61 "___ Haw"

By Ed Voile
Gillette, WY 3/7/08

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Tech-Illinois baseball series canceled

By **BEN MAKI**
SPORTS EDITOR

The Illinois baseball team canceled its four-game weekend series with Texas Tech late Thursday night.

According to a press release, the Illinois team was unable to make it to Lubbock, because weather conditions in Chicago prevented their flight to Tech.

This is the second team in three weeks to cancel a series with the Red Raiders (5-5). Northern Illinois canceled its four-game series that was scheduled for Feb. 22-24, because of a shooting on its Dekalb, Ill., campus in which the gunman killed five and himself.

Tech replaced that series with the UTSA Collegiate Baseball Classic, in which the Red Raiders beat Army and UTSA, but lost to then-No. 19 Louisiana-Lafayette and Oral Roberts.

Tech now will head to San Marcos to play two games against both Texas State and Northern Illinois.

"It's unfortunate that Illinois was unable to make the trip to Lubbock, but we are very fortunate that Texas State was able to accommodate us," said Blayne Beal, Tech sports information director. "Northern Illinois was forced to cancel its series earlier this year, and we are happy to be able to go ahead and play them."

Texas State (4-4) has played some close games this season, with five of them being decided by one run or less and three of those decisions went into extra innings.

Northern Illinois (2-3) finally will get to face off against the Red Raiders. The Huskies started their season

in Surprise, Ariz., playing games against Portland and Hawaii, losing both contests. They bounced back, taking two of three from Southern Illinois.

The schedule had not been finalized yet as of press time, but, according to the press release, Tech will play its first game of the series sometime Saturday.

Tech has three players with hit streaks of at least eight games in outfielders Taylor Ashby and Roger Kieschnick and infielder Joey Kenworthy, with Ashby recording a hit in all 10 games this season. Kieschnick has a hit in nine-straight and Kenworthy has an eight-game streak. Ashby said he believes his streak can be attributed to the experi-

ence he gained last year.

"I feel real comfortable, right," he said. "I'm just seeing the ball right now, and I'm relaxed. I don't know if it's my second college year or... I don't know, I'm just a lot more relaxed in the batter's box."

In the Central Arkansas series this week, the Red Raiders have had some big innings late in the game, producing a six-run fifth inning Tuesday and a five-run sixth inning Wednesday, helping Tech put the games away. At the time of both rallies, Tech led by one run.

"I think it's that we've seen the pitcher, kinda late in the game, and we're more comfortable and start ripping," Ashby said, "but it's always nice when it's a close game, everyone starts getting worried, and we have a big inning and break away, it's always nice for our pitching and our hitters."

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Prosecutor: Private eye helped clients 'discredit' famous rivals

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Former baseball player Matt Williams testified Thursday that he refused an offer from private investigator Anthony Pellicano to wiretap the phone of his second wife.

"It's an illegal act," Williams testified.

Williams was the first prosecution witness called in the wiretapping trial of Pellicano and four co-defendants.

Prosecutors said Pellicano, 63, was the architect of a thriving criminal enterprise that raked in more than \$2 million by spying on Hollywood's rich and famous then supplying the dirt to their rivals.

Clients "would pay a premium fee to discredit, and in some cases destroy, their adversaries," Assistant U.S. Attorney Kevin Lally said in his opening statement.

Among those allegedly targeted by the scheme were Sylvester Stallone and comedians Garry Shandling and Kevin Nealon.

Williams, whose 17-year baseball career was spent mostly with the San Francisco Giants and Arizona Diamondbacks, testified that he paid Pellicano \$25,000 in December 2001 to investigate his first wife because he was concerned about the safety of their three children.

Within a month, Williams and Pellicano talked about the possible monitoring of his then-wife, Michelle Johnson, who was living in Los Angeles, apart from her husband.

Prosecutors played a recorded conversation between the two men in which Pellicano suggests he could

"keep an eye" on Johnson by listening to her private conversations. Williams said he didn't know he was being recorded by Pellicano.

In the portion of the tape played, Williams didn't explicitly say he didn't want to wiretap the phone.

Instead, at one point Williams tells Pellicano: "I need to think about it."

Williams said Thursday he didn't know he was being recorded by Pellicano.

Williams, a five-time All-Star who retired in 2003, is among dozens of players named in December in the Mitchell Report as having used performance-enhancing drugs. He now works as a broadcaster for the Arizona Diamondbacks.

The recording is one of more than 70 audio recordings prosecutors intend to introduce as evidence against Pellicano, who is accused of wiretapping phones and bribing police and telephone workers to intercept conversations that could give his clients an advantage in legal disputes.

Lally called Pellicano a prolific snooper who also taped his own discussions with clients. He said a treasure trove of recordings seized during a 2000 FBI raid on Pellicano's office paint a "clear and crystal" picture of the detective's shady dealings.

In that sense, "he's the biggest government informant in this case," Lally said.

Pellicano, acting as his own attorney, spoke for only 10 minutes during his opening statement, contending he recorded and encrypted his own calls only as a way to create

Riley's 27 helps No. 20 Oklahoma State beat No. 8 Baylor, 72-68

WACO (AP) — Andrea Riley scored 27 points and Shaunte Smith added 17 as No. 20 Oklahoma State beat No. 8 Baylor 72-68 Thursday night to dash the Bears' chance of sharing the Big 12 regular season championship.

Maria Cordero added nine points for the Cowgirls (23-6, 11-5), seven of them coming in the final four minutes.

Angela Tisdale had 18 points for Baylor (24-5, 12-4), which could have tied Kansas State for

the regular season conference title. Jessica Morrow and Danielle Wilson had 11 each.

Oklahoma State took a 42-29 lead with 4:44 left in the first half on consecutive baskets — a jumper and a 3-pointer — by Riley, who scored 19 in the half. But the Bears went into halftime on a 7-2 spurt to close within 43-36.

After two quick baskets to open the second half put the Cowgirls up by 11, Baylor used a 10-2 run to cut the lead to 53-52 with 13:04

remaining. The Bears were trailing by five when Melissa Jones hit a layup on an inbound play.

During the play, Tisdale and Oklahoma State's Taylor Harde-man got tangled in the lane and Harde-man was hit with a technical foul for kicking at Tisdale, who then made two free throws to end the run.

Baylor failed to capitalize on that momentum, however, as Oklahoma State scored six consecutive points to go up 59-52 with 10:40 to play.

The Bears answered with three baskets of their own, cutting the lead to 59-58 at the 9:02 mark.

After two Cowgirl free throws, Baylor tied the game on Tisdale's three-point play with 6:40 to play. Smith hit two more free throws to put Oklahoma State up 63-61 and Baylor answered with a 3-pointer from Rachel Allison with 5:16 remaining.

Baylor then went scoreless for the next 3:36, allowing Oklahoma State to edge ahead.

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Duncan named finalist for Sullivan Award

By ADAM COLEMAN
STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech linebacker Brian Duncan is a finalist heading into the last days of voting for the 2007 Sullivan Award.

The award recognizes collegiate athletes around the nation who spend time giving back to their communities and participate in community service. The award committee looks at the candidates' community service acts over the course of 2007.

Fans can control who wins the Sullivan Award, as one-third of the tally comes from fans. To vote, fans can visit the Web site www.sports.usatoday.com. Voting ends March 10, and the winner will be announced April 1.

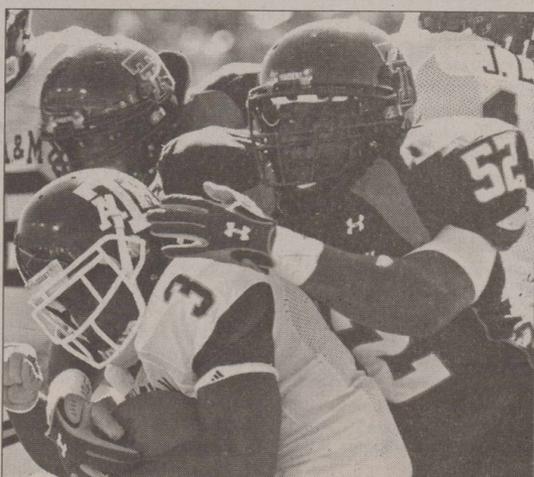
"It feels like I'm campaigning for myself, because we actually have to go to usatoday.com/sports and vote," Duncan said. "I'm feeling good about it. I'm having a good time. Regardless of what the outcome is, I'm still going to be excited just to be a part of it, because this is a prestigious award."

Duncan said he first heard about the honor on another special day in his life.

"I got a chance to find out about the award on my birthday, so that was an extra blessing for me," Duncan said. "To be able to be recognized as that type of person among the nation, it's just an honor. I feel that God is moving here at Texas Tech, and big things are about to happen."

Duncan is in the company of some of the top athletes in the country, including Heisman Trophy winner and Florida quarterback Tim Tebow. Duncan and Tebow are the only two football players who are finalists.

The award recognizes athletes from all NCAA sports. Jeff Lerg, an ice



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TEXAS TECH LINEBACKER Brian Duncan is a finalist for the 2007 Sullivan Award, which recognizes student athletes for their involvement in the community.

hockey player from Michigan State, also is a finalist, as well as gymnast Jonathan Horton, from Oklahoma.

"I just know Tim Tebow is a great man of God," Duncan said. "He's going to be doing his thing as well. He has the Heisman and stuff like that. Just to be in that category and be next to him, it's an honor, and I'm having a good time."

Duncan has done a wide range of community service activities.

He has visited hospitals and hosted an event on Red Raider Play Day for 300 elementary school students. Duncan coaches a fourth-grade basketball team at Tubbs Elementary in Lubbock. He also volunteered at the Lion's Club Pancake Festival Feb. 23, where all proceeds went to charity.

The linebacker also is good in the

classroom, as he carries a 3.15 grade point average as a business major.

Duncan emerged as one of the young defensive players to get significant playing time when Ruffin McNeill took over as defensive coordinator in the middle of the 2007 season. Duncan received his first start in 2007 against Northwestern Louisiana State, McNeill's first game with the coordinator title. Duncan compiled 44 tackles as a redshirt freshman, four of which were for a loss.

There are 11 total candidates up for the award. Past winners of the award consist of some of the top athletes in sports, including Peyton Manning in 1997, Carl Lewis in 1981 and Michelle Kwan in 2001.

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Men's basketball gears up for Baylor on Senior Day

By ADAM COLEMAN
STAFF WRITER

Martin Zeno, Charlie Burgess and Tyler Hoffmeister are preparing to take the court at home for the last time.

More hangs in the balance for the Red Raiders in their game against Baylor at 12:30 p.m. Saturday at the United Spirit Arena.

Tech (16-13, 7-8 in Big 12 Conference play) hopes to earn a .500 record in conference with a win over the Bears (20-9, 8-7), which Tech coach Pat Knight said is a success in the Big 12 Conference.

"They'll go through a lot of emotions," he said. "For a lot of guys, it's close to the end of your playing career. The emotions are going to be really mixed. It doesn't really hit home until kinda game time when you're warming up. It's hard to explain it. You go through some weird emotions. Then you wanna be a man about it and not get emotional. It'll really hit home finally when the season's over with. Hopefully we'll be in the post season."

With a .500 record on the line and Senior Night headlining the game, Hoffmeister said Saturday's game could be emotional.

Hoffmeister is different than the other Red Raider seniors; he won his spot on the Red Raider roster because of the television show "Knight School."

Hoffmeister said because of the show, his time as a Red Raider will be something he'll never forget.

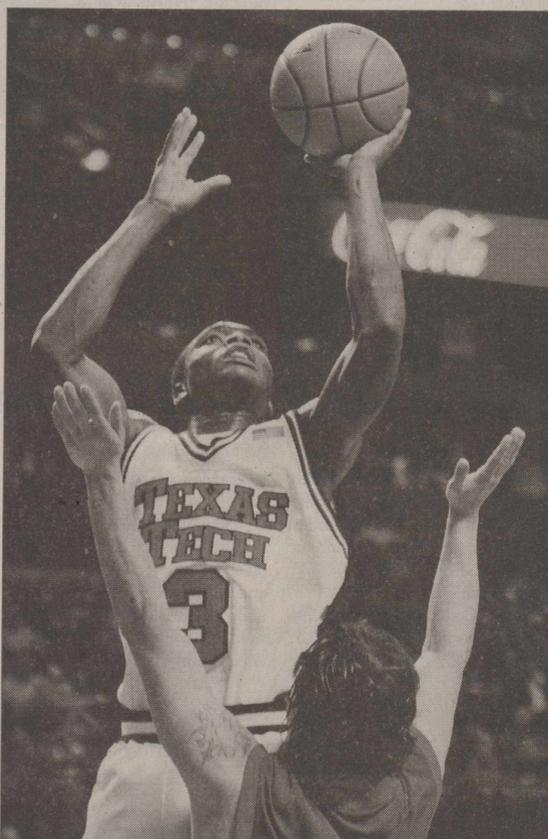
"The experience I was given was unlike a lot of students because I won my spot on the team through a TV show," he said. "Because of that, I got kind of the regular student approach, I guess for college, and now I'm a college athlete. It's just been a wonderful experience learning everything from coach (Bob) Knight and now Pat Knight. It's been a really good run, and I'm just gonna try and take everything I've learned here and use it later on in life."

Zeno enters Saturday's game with another title in addition to senior.

He was named to the All-District 9 First Team by the National Association of Basketball Coaches.

He also enters the game sixth on the all-time scoring list for the Red Raiders, scoring 1,879 points in his career. Zeno has missed nine games as a Red Raider, none of which were conference games.

"I had a Senior Day in high school," he said. "We'll just see how it goes. It'll probably hit me a couple of days along the line, after it's all said and done. You're just going to be focused



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TEXAS TECH GUARD Martin Zeno is one of three Red Raiders who will take the court at home for the last time. Guard Charlie Burgess and forward Tyler Hoffmeister are the other two graduating players.

on this game and doing what's best for this team."

Zeno is not the first Red Raider to be named to the team. He joins Andy Ellis, Andre Emmett, Ronald Ross and Jarriss Jackson in receiving the honor.

Burgess' road as a Red Raider is a special one as well. Burgess is a transfer from Howard College in Big Spring. Burgess soon made it as a Red Raider to become a two-year starter.

"Right now, we still got two more days," he said. "Today and tomorrow we get to practice and things like that. It (will) hit me hard tomorrow, once the buzzer goes off. I won't be able to play with them (anymore) at home. It'll be the last time I get to play for coach Pat Knight at home. Just gotta go out with a bang."

The Red Raiders will be looking to bounce back from a 58-point loss to No. 7 Kansas. The loss marked the worst loss in school history. This is the second time Tech had the worst loss in school history in one week. The other was a 44-point loss to Texas A&M Feb. 27.

As a result, Knight gave the team

Tuesday off, hoping it would erase their performance against Kansas and help them against Baylor Saturday.

Knight said even with the team's performances against Kansas and Texas A&M, there still is much to look forward to.

"I know we got beat badly in two games, but they gotta be proud of what they've done," he said. "If they can win this game Saturday, I told them 'we finish 8-8 in one of the top two leagues in the country. A lot of us, if they would have told us we could take 8-8 at the beginning of the season in this league, we would've taken it. That's what everyone really strives for. Whatever you get on top of that is a bonus. If these guys can get it together and somehow win on Saturday, that's a heck of an accomplishment for these guys to finish 8-8. We're probably out of the NCAA (Tournament) picture, now that puts you in a situation for the NIT (Tournament)."

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Tech softball heads to Stanford Classic

By ALEX YBARRA
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Now four weeks into the regular season, the Red Raider softball team has yet to play a game at home.

Inclement weather conditions pushed back the dugout and field construction at Rocky Johnson Field, and it was announced Monday that Tech's originally scheduled home opener against New Mexico would be postponed until a later date, Texas Tech Athletics Director Gerald Myers said.

Consequently, Tech (3-14) will not play at home until Texas A&M comes to Lubbock March 22 and March 23 for Tech's first Big 12 Conference game.

Tech's senior pitcher Sarah Losleben said the players were disappointed they could not get in a couple home games before going back on the road.

"We were all looking forward to playing at home and everything," she said. "Being on the road for four weeks straight is pretty tough, especially with these two weeks coming up back to back. The field is not ready, so we really couldn't do anything about it."

The Red Raiders are coming off their first winning weekend tournament, the Fullerton Worth Invitational, where they went 3-2.

Tech will continue its journey to a .500 record in the Stanford Classic beginning with Campbell (14-6) at noon and North Dakota State (14-4) at 6 p.m. today in Palo Alto, Calif.

Then Tech will face No. 9 Stanford (21-2) at 6 p.m. and College of Charleston (9-13) at 8 p.m. Saturday before finishing the tournament with the College of Charleston at 9 a.m. Sunday.

Wilson said playing teams such as Campbell and North Dakota State helps her players gain knowledge on teams from different areas.

"A good reason to play this tournament is you do get to play different teams from different regions of the country," she said. "North Dakota State, Campbell and College of Charleston are from regions we typically don't contend. It'll be

"I think it's a pretty even face off, especially now that we have those wins under us."

— SARAH LOSLEBEN
TEXAS TECH
SENIOR PITCHER

nice to see them."

Stanford already beat Tech 9-2 in the Fullerton Worth Invitational, and is 9-0 against the Red Raiders all time.

Before he took over for Stanford in 1996, coach John Rittman coached as an assistant to Wilson at Oregon, Minnesota and Washington as well as collaborating with her on the international level.

Stanford (21-2) has lost to Texas and No. 5 Florida this year. Catcher Rosey Neill leads the team with a

.413 batting average, eight home runs and 25 RBIs.

Tech's pitching should be prepared for a lot of contact against the Cardinal, who have 46 doubles, a triple and 26 home runs already this season, which equals 73 extra-base hits.

"They're very accomplished, offensively," Wilson said. "They're good hitters in that they don't miss a lot. They foul stuff off. They try to get a better pitch to work with, so they're tough in that aspect. I'll expect them to do very well this year."

In the circle for the Cardinal is the Pac-10 Conference's leader in wins, junior pitcher Missy Penna (13-2), who enters the game with a 1.11 ERA with 124 strikeouts.

"They have phenomenal hitters and pretty good pitching," Losleben said. "I think it's a pretty even face off, especially now that we have those wins under us. We've just been working real well together and staying positive."

Tech senior Devin Zaragoza said despite all the early season losses, the team's confidence never wavered, which she said she witnessed in previous seasons.

"In past years, you can tell when we were down," she said. "I don't want to say give up, but you could tell our attitude changed, and with this team this year, you wouldn't be able to tell if we were losing or winning; it was the same energy all around."

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PGA Tour player Tripp Isenhour faces criminal charges for killing hawk in tree with shot

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — PGA Tour player Tripp Isenhour was charged with killing a hawk on purpose with a golf shot because it was making noise as he videotaped a TV show.

Isenhour was with a film crew for "Shoot Like A Pro" on Dec. 12 at the Grand Cypress Golf course. The 39-year-old player, whose real name is John Henry Isenhour III, was charged Wednesday with cruelty to animals

and killing a migratory bird.

The charges carry a maximum penalty of 14 months in jail and \$1,500 in fines.

Isenhour apologized in a statement and said he was only trying to scare the hawk away.

According to court documents, Isenhour got upset when a red-shouldered hawk began making noise, forcing another take. He began hitting balls at the bird, then 300

yards away, but gave up. Isenhour started again when the hawk moved within about 75 yards, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission officer Brian Baine indicated in a report.

Isenhour allegedly said "I'll get him now," and aimed for the hawk.

"About the sixth ball came very near the bird's head, and (Isenhour) was very excited that it was so close," Baine wrote.

A few shots later, witnesses said he hit the hawk. The bird, protected as a migratory species, fell to the ground bleeding from both nostrils.

"As soon as this happened, I was mortified and extremely upset and continue to be upset," Isenhour said in a statement issued through his management company, SFX Golf. "I want to let everyone know there was neither any malice nor deliberate intent whatsoever to hit or harm the hawk. I was trying to simply scare it into flying away."

Isenhour said his family has adopted three cats from a local shelter.

"I am an animal lover," he said. "We ask that everyone accept my sincerest apology, and please be respectful of my family's privacy."

Isenhour has spent two full years on the PGA Tour, both times failing to keep his card. He has won four times on the Nationwide Tour, including twice in 2006.

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