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STATENEWS —

Texas teen dies in Oklahoma accident Sunday

(AP) — A Denison teen-ager died when the vehicle he was driving ran off U.S. Highway 69 in Oklahoma and rolled twice early Sunday morning near Calera.

Judd Hunt, 17, was ejected from the vehicle. He died from massive head injuries on the way to Texoma Medical Center in Denison, said the Oklahoma Highway Patrol. A passenger, Chris Brown, 18, of Denison, was treated for minor injuries and released from Texoma Medical Center. The patrol said the accident occurred at 5 a.m. Sunday.

Seat belts were not in use, authorities said.

NATIONALNEWS —

Man pulling parade float runs over mother

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. (AP) — A man towing a Christmas parade float full of children accidentally pulled it over his 74-year-old mother, killing her.

Police said Lela Brandon was standing between her son's pickup truck and the float Saturday when the parade briefly stopped.

Brandon was talking with a relative on the float and her son, whose name was not released, did not see her there when the parade resumed, Officer Hank Perry said.

Brandon, who died at a hospital following the accident, was the owner of a day care center that sponsored the float.

WORLDNEWS —

Heavy rains continue, 69 dead in central Vietnam

HANOI, Vietnam (AP) — Rescuers scrambled to get food and life vests to inundated areas in central Vietnam after a new round of flooding left 69 people dead, government officials said Sunday.

Four days of heavy rain has unleashed 5 1/2 feet of water on some parts of the region, which is still struggling to recover from massive flooding in November.

"These are people just starting to get their lives back together, and now, two weeks later, it's been washed away again," said John Geoghegan, head of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies.

The military has responded with emergency assistance, deploying more than 5,000 soldiers based in the region to help. On Sunday, helicopters made a total of 10 airdrops of food and supplies to stranded flood survivors.

Weather forecasters were predicting more rainfall over the next several days, and officials expected casualties to rise.

The National Committee for Flood and Storm Control put the initial damage estimate at \$14.3 million.

Some 200,000 families were in need of emergency food and water, the committee said. About 194,000 houses and 71,630 acres of newly planted rice fields had been damaged or destroyed.

The region was devastated by flooding last month that killed 592 people and caused \$235 million worth of damage. Geoghegan said the relief agency's international appeal for \$4.4 million will likely be raised.

Central Vietnam is home to 7.5 million people. One of the country's poorest regions, it is prone to natural disasters.

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Report says two bonfire victims were drunk

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — Revelations that two of 12 people killed in the Texas A&M University bonfire collapse were legally drunk have triggered Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission officials to start their own investigation.

Toxicology reports released Friday show the blood-alcohol level of Jerry Don Self, 20, of Arlington, was .161 — twice the legal limit. The blood-alcohol level of Jeremy Richard Frampton, 22, of Turlock, Calif., was .316 — almost four times the legal limit.

Under state law, the definition of intoxication is .08 and higher.

But school officials stress that no evidence has come out to suggest that student misconduct was a factor in the Nov. 18 collapse, which injured 27 people.

Bob Wiatt, director of security at A&M, said "A few students drinking could not have caused that accident. That would have had to have been a massive show of

TABC to conduct toxicology report, source investigation on bonfire victims

force to cause those logs to topple the way they did."

Wiatt, in Saturday's *Bryan-College Station Eagle* and *The Dallas Morning News*, said so far none of the students who have been interviewed as part of the investigation has indicated that bonfire workers were drinking or were intoxicated.

Tests show that eight other students who died had no alcohol in their systems; a former student had a small amount; and the results on a 12th student were not available late Friday.

Leo E. Linbeck, a Houston construction executive who is leading a five-member investigative committee, said the toxicology reports will be added to the data already under review.

"Nobody knows right now what caused the bonfire to come down, but every single bit of information will be thoroughly examined," he said.

The committee met for the first time Friday.

Among other things, the committee is looking into how students were selected and trained to work on bonfire, who in the A&M administration was responsible for ensuring safety on the site and whether structural designs were used to build towering structure.

Randy Field, a Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission agent in the Bryan field office, said his office plans to request the toxicology reports and start a so-called source investigation.

Agents will trace the alcohol back to the

source to determine whether any state laws were violated. Source investigations are standard in accident cases where alcohol has been consumed.

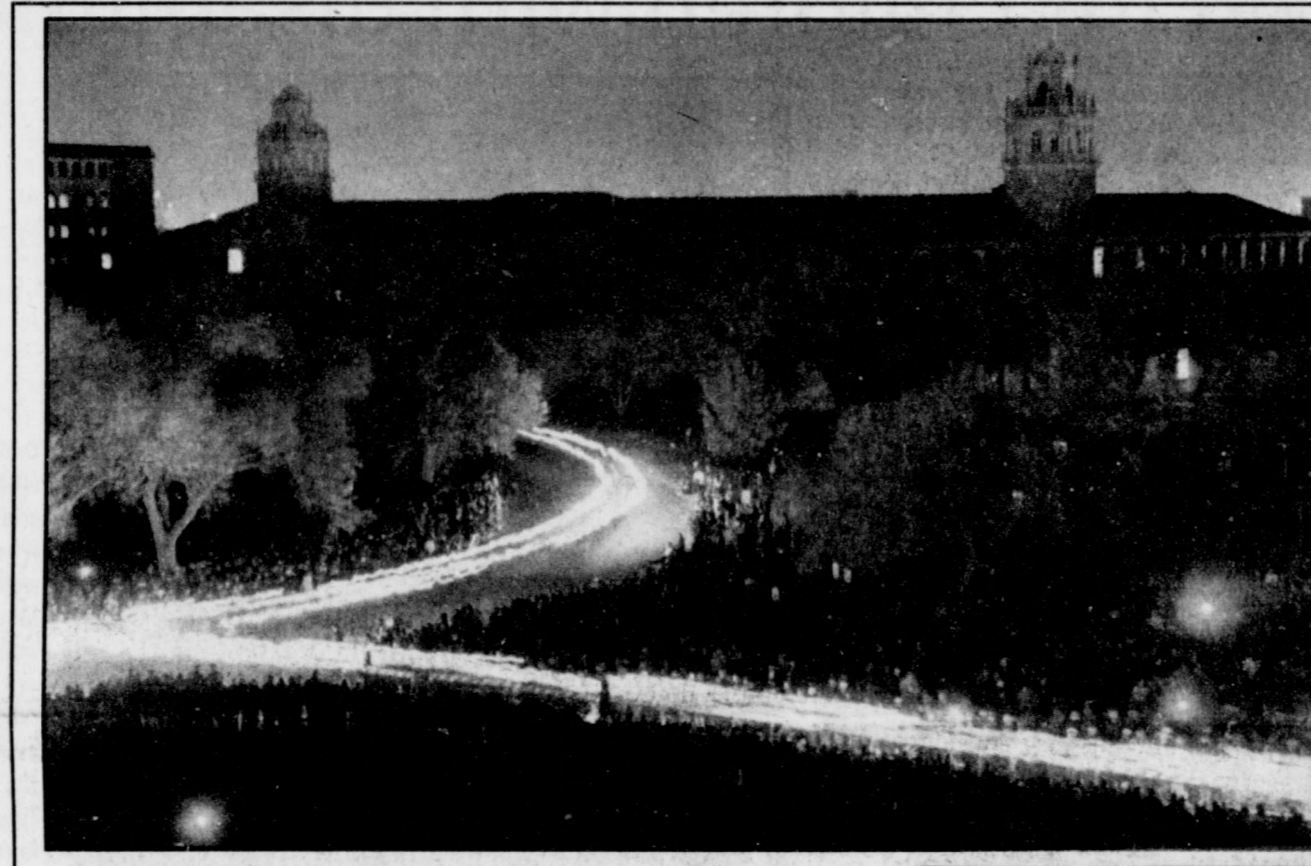
The chairman of the three-member alcoholic beverage commission is Allan Shivers Jr., who also a member of the commission investigating the accident.

"This has been a great tragedy and, unfortunately, this issue might come up in the course of our investigation. We just don't know yet," Shivers told the *Eagle*.

Alcohol-related arrests long have been associated with the lighting of the bonfire, rather than the weeks leading up to the event, said Wiatt.

But in the past decade, law enforcement agencies cracked down on drinkers and student leaders urged other not to shatter the tradition with drinking, he said.

Those who worked on bonfire signed pledge cards promising they would not drink and get on the stack.



The Saddle Tramps make their traditional walk around Memorial Circle carrying flares toward the Geosciences building. The procession began the 41st annual Carol of Lights ceremony last Friday. Greg Kreller/The University Daily

Lights Up

41st annual Carol of Lights attracts thousands, some for the first time

by Laura Hensley
TechLife Editor

The moment was growing near. Complete darkness enveloped the thousands of bodies packed around Memorial Circle and a hint of snow blew in the air.

Within a second, darkness broke, and a soft glow radiated from each building. Tiny lights neatly outlined each building, and the moment passed.

The 41st annual celebration of Carol of Lights officially kicked off the holiday season at Texas Tech on Friday.

The event was sponsored by the Residence Hall Association.

From now until the first of the new year, more than 25,000 red, orange and white lights will burn each night on campus. The unique celebration, which draws thousands of people each year to campus, went well, said Ryan Klemmer president of the Residence Hall Association at Tech.

"I think it went excellent," Klemmer said. "Everything went off without a hitch, and it was as great as ever."

Klemmer said about 20,000 people gathered on campus for the celebration. He said each year it seems to grow larger and at-

tract more people.

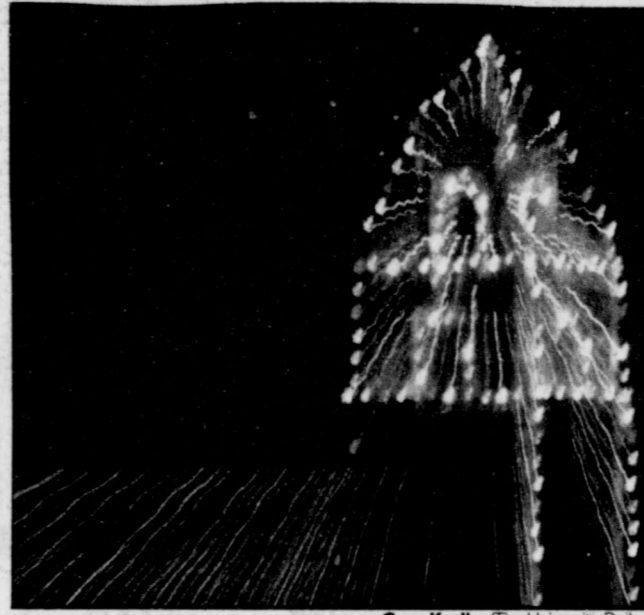
"I think this is one of the best Tech traditions," he said. "It's unique because it is not only for Tech but also for the community."

For some Tech students, this was their first time to experience Carol of Lights. For Rachel Mims, a freshman art and sciences undecided major from Arlington, the event served as a substitute for being at home with family.

"I really enjoyed it. I didn't expect that many people to be there," Mims said. "It was a very homely kind of feeling, since we don't get a chance to decorate the Christmas tree at home with our families. We kind of get to have that feeling with the rest of the campus."

For another first-time-Carol-of-Lights goer, Megan Wells, a freshman pre-occupational therapy major from Sulphur Springs, said the event was spectacular.

"It was so neat. All of the lights just came on at once. It was a feeling of awe," she said. "It reminded me of when I was



Lights illuminate the Administration building during Friday's Carol of Lights ceremony. Greg Kreller/The University Daily

little when we would go and drive around to look at Christmas lights."

A number of student organizations participated in the event.

The Saddle Tramps, along with the Masked Rider, began the event with a colorful parade around Memorial Circle.

The University Choir, the University Singers and the University Chorus performed numerous traditional holiday songs. Tech music professor, William Hartwell, sang his traditional carol, "O' Holy Night" for the 18th year.

Other organizations that contributed to the event included Alpha Phi Omega, Chi Rho and the Women's Service Organization.

No signal from lander in latest attempt

NASA has yet to hear from \$165-million project after three days of silence

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — NASA antennas listened in vain Sunday for a signal from the Mars Polar Lander and tense mission officials said after three days of silence, time was running out in the effort to contact the craft.

"Clearly the team is getting more frustrated, certainly, and more tense about all of this," said operations manger Richard Cook.

The \$165 million lander was supposed to have signaled immediately after Friday afternoon's touchdown about 500 miles from the Martian south pole.

Failure of the Mars Polar Lander would be a double blow to NASA's JPL, still smarting from the September loss of its sibling spacecraft, the Mars Climate Orbiter.

Mission managers worked on eliminating simple failure scenarios one by one. But they conceded if contact has not been established before mid-week, it was increasingly unlikely to have success with more complex failures scenarios.

"When you start stacking — if this thing has to fail and

then this thing has to fail and then this thing has to fail to get into this circumstance — then you're definitely in extra time," Cook said. "We're not there yet. I think we will be, come Tuesday morning."

Sunday's first communications window opened at 10:50 a.m. PST and closed 10 minutes later without any transmission from the surface of the Red Planet.

The lander, if working properly, was supposed to have switched radios to relay a signal through NASA's orbiting Mars Global Surveyor. But the mapping spacecraft only sent its own data and none from the lander.

Sunday's only other communications opportunity, using the original radio, was scheduled for 9:40 p.m. PST to 11:55 p.m. PST.

Lack of any signals since shortly before Friday's scheduled landing left mission officials with hope only that the little craft survived the touchdown and, on its own, was taking steps to establish contact.

Mars Polar Lander could have gotten into trouble simply by setting down in difficult terrain.

"Landing on Mars is very hard — and it's the part where you're landing that's really hard," said Cook. "It doesn't take much to have problems."

Two tiny probes designed to fall separately from orbit and plunge into the surface also failed to send signals. Sarah Gavit, the project manager for the probes, said that if they did not make contact by late Sunday night it would be unlikely to believe communication would ever be established with them.

Controllers continued to operate on the assumption that the landing was successful because the spacecraft was in excellent condition just prior to entry and analysis showed its trajectory was good.

Engineers have theorized that the craft set down in a position that has kept its dish antenna from pointing at Earth, or that it settled into a soft surface.

Students' writing suffering since inception of Internet

by Cory Chandler
Staff Writer

The Internet has changed the way people shop, conduct research and interact.

E-mail and instant messaging have become two methods of communication between friends, family and co-workers.

However, a rising concern from educators across the country is that such forms of correspondence are having an effect on students. Some university professors said they feel the unstructured, chatty style of e-mail discussions has hurt the quality of writing of incoming students. They said they feel students are more willing to just dump their thoughts onto paper. On the other hand, other professors are excited about the interest in writing that e-mail has revived.

Fred Kemp, an associate professor of English at Texas Tech, recently won the Spencer A. Wells Award for inno-

vative teaching because of his new online teaching program, TOPIC.

Kemp said he is not worried that students' writing skills are degenerating. He said the invention of the telephone was much more destructive to the written word than the Internet.

"Time magazine recently called e-mail a new form of letter for this generation," he said.

The fact people are writing more is a good thing in the long run, Kemp said, because the fluency of their e-mail writing helps them think in those terms. He said this helps them when writing for more formal situations.

"It's like oral conversations," he said. "In some situations you can say whatever you want to, but in other situations you have to watch your words."

One major criticism of Internet communication is that students have developed a tendency to use a con-

versational tone in their papers and are less willing to proofread their works.

In a Nov. 29 edition of *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, Roslyn Bernstein, a professor of English and journalism at Baruch College at the City University of New York, said students are often unwilling to revisit words that already have scrolled off their screen.

Many professors also feel the ease of writing with a word processor has altered the process of composition.

Leslie Perlman, associate dean of undergraduate education at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, said in *The Chronicle* the process has become more elastic. He said when using a pen or typewriter, writers usually had to think out a sentence before committing it to paper because making revisions could get messy. He said on a computer, students can start writing and rearrange things later.

Kemp said professors that resist the changes computers have brought were taught under a different set of circumstances.

"There is no doubt that writing is becoming less formal," he said.

Kemp said students are not used to carefully-considered prose because it is no longer necessary.

"If you're writing with a quill pen, you can't make mistakes," he said. "Professors like to hear back to a golden age that maybe never was there."

Carolyn Rude, director of technical communication at Tech, said trying to connect writing habits to Internet use is an oversimplified answer, and the issue is too complex for one answer. Grammar and spelling standards in e-mail have risen though, Rude said.

"It used to be that I saw all kinds of misspellings," she said. "The messages I've gotten recently almost have business standards."

Tech department working to clean up hog industry

by Ashley Johnson
Staff Writer

Researchers at Texas Tech's College of Agriculture and Natural Resources are developing a way to rid the stench of the hog industry in the Hub City.

The university's animal science department is working to raise pigs in a sustainable pork production system that will enhance the success for not only the industry but the surrounding community.

The animals originally were raised in confined and sheltered areas that maximized health risks with consumers and workers.

Now, the pigs are raised outside with no more than seven sows per acre in order to produce the highest number of pigs per acre at a low cost and still remain friendly to the environment and the animal. The research operation, located near Idalou, has a total of 108 acres.

John McGlone, director of the Tech's Pork Industry Institute, said the low population density will eliminate the odor by allowing the native vegetation to grow on the land.

"When grass can grow during operations, the site will not produce the offensive odor or a runoff of manure," he said.

McGlone also said the biggest complaint, including the bad smell, is the pollution the animals produce that ends up in rivers, streams and lakes.

"As opposed to being raised inside, the sows have a much wider area to live, therefore the wastes are not as concentrated," he said. "This minimizes the risk of ground water contamination."

Along with an increase in the quality of pork produced, consumers might expect to pay a little more. Retailers consider the animal's meat, community and environmental welfare when purchasing pork, and the new method provides additional insurance the meat is top quality, McGlone said.

Another concern of the hog industry is the welfare of the animals.

McGlone said the new living conditions eliminate contagious illnesses among the pigs, also improving the taste and quality of the pork.

Horse therapy offered for children with disabilities

by Ashley Johnson
Staff Writer

Texas Tech's Department of Animal Science and University Medical Center have teamed up to help disabled children perform therapy — not on their own two legs, but on four others.

The therapy, called hippotherapy, allows children to ride on horseback while doing physical therapy. Students in Tech's animal science program, along with UMC therapists, help children with conditions ranging from speech disorders to cerebral palsy.

Depending on the severity of the handicap, children undergo one-hour sessions on horseback several times a week. While the child is on the horse, three Tech students walk beside the horse to make sure the child is safe, and therapists from UMC walk behind the horse to verbally guide the child through the session.

Todd Cepica, director of physical medicine and rehabilitation at UMC, said hippotherapy allows a new level of progression of therapy that cannot be accomplished in a clinic.

"There is a bonding between the child and the horse that cannot exist during traditional therapy," he said.

"The kids are having fun while they are working, and that, in itself, is a step ahead."

Cepica said children with cerebral palsy often attend this type of therapy to improve their movement abilities.

"It is a challenge for these children to maintain balance, so the horse helps to provide a sense of centering with the child," he said. "The motion of the horse stimulates walking which also helps to give the child a better feel for it."

Children will continue the therapy until progression is no longer evident or to prevent them from regressing.

"A lot of times the child plateaus, so we continue to work with them on a lesser basis," Cepica said.

The therapeutic riding program is the first graduate program offered to animal science students, which is certified by the North American Riding for the Handicapped Association.

Jennifer VanBuskirk, a therapeutic riding graduate student from Corpus Christi, said the master's degree opens new doors for her. She was the first student to enroll in the program.

"Hopefully, this will help me open my own therapeutic center after I graduate and continue to let me work



Tech students and UMC therapists work with disabled children during a hippotherapy session at the Tech Livestock Arena. Courtesy Photo

with horses as a profession," she said.

To help the therapy program, three horses were donated by Willow Hargett and Artie and Lisa

Ahier. Brownie, Rick and Tomatillo were the horses donated in memory of Mike Archenhold.

Heidi Brady, assistant professor in the Department of Animal Science, said Hargett and the Ahiers donated the horses in response to an ad placed by the animal science department for horses.

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Grammar test to continue for mass comm students

by Ryan Burns
Contributing Writer

Texas Tech students who will enroll in writing-intensive courses in the mass communications department can expect to take a grammar, spelling and punctuation test sometime during the spring semester.

Mass communications faculty began administering the test in the fall semester.

The score students receive on the test may possibly be incorporated as a percentage of their grade in each writing-intensive course.

Each student accepted to the School of Mass Communications prior to the 1999-2000 academic school year are not required to pass the test to continue in their course of study.

Freshman and transfer students classified under the 1999-2000 catalog and every catalog thereafter are required to take the test, which will be incorporated as a percentage in their first writing-intensive course.

The test consists of 100 randomly-

chosen questions. There are 34 spelling, 33 grammar and 33 punctuation questions. The questions came from a similar test given by the University of Texas.

Some teachers count the exam as 15 percent of the students' grade for their initial writing-intensive courses.

However, the weight of the test toward a student's grade is determined by each individual teacher.

Teachers like Freda McVay, a lecturer in journalism, said they are more likely to incorporate the grade as part of the average in each writing-intensive course.

Instructors within the college said the test is necessary to determine if the incoming students possess the necessary grammar skills.

"Students were coming into communication classes without a strong background in basic skills," said Rhonda Gibson, assistant professor of journalism. "We've been talking about it for over a year, but this has been an issue for quite a while."

The students need to have the

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Matt Kruse

Tech broadcast journalism major

skills before they enter their writing-intensive classes, Gibson said.

Students have the opportunity to take the test twice each semester before preregistration. A student can take the test up to four times before entering their initial writing-intensive course.

"After four attempts, a student will be a year behind, so the school advises them in other possible majors so that individual can graduate in a timely manner," said Jerry Hudson, director of the School of Mass Communications.

The University of Texas has used

the test for many years, and the University of Houston and Abilene Christian University also use similar testing in their schools.

Students have mixed opinions about the test. Some think it is tough because it adds an extra requirement for students to continue in their studies. Others think the test is a necessity for mass communications majors.

"I think it is a good idea for weeding out the people who really don't belong in the communications field," said Matt Kruse, a sophomore broadcast journalism major from Franktown, Colo.

Gino Pulgini, a junior advertising

major from Kingwood, does not agree that students should have to take the test.

"It's just not fair," Pulgini said. "If we have to take it, why doesn't everyone else in the university take it simply to get into English? Those classes are writing intensive. It would just make sense."

Teachers realize some students are unhappy with the testing. However, most students already possess the skills to pass the test.

"I'm sure there are students out there who wish it wasn't happening," said Robert Wernsman, the administrator of the test and instructor in the School of Mass Communications. "The students in intensive-writing classes should have sufficient skills (when they enter college)."

Even if a student does not fare well the first time, they are given a second chance.

"We've had students concerned when they didn't do well the first time," Wernsman said.

"They were unaware of the extensiveness of the test. Most students who take it a second time typically improve."

The test is offered in response to requests from individuals in professional fields because those who were applying for jobs did not have a sufficient knowledge of grammar and punctuation, McVay said.

"These professionals often have applicants take similar tests entering the interview process," she said.

While some teachers will incorporate the grade, others do not think it is a good idea for certain classes.

"It is good for other teachers to make a class-by-class decision," said Susan Leonard, a visiting professor of journalism, on whether or not to incorporate the test as part of the class grade.

In some lower-level classes, it is probably a good idea to include the grammar, spelling and punctuation test as part of the class grade, Leonard said.

"I am not planning on incorporating it," Leonard said. "I feel that by the time students have gotten to advanced reporting, they have taken two other news writing classes, as well as English. It is important to emphasize other skills journalists need to have."

Mass grave discovery near Juarez resembles 1998 disappearances

CIUDAD JUAREZ, Mexico (AP) — The discovery of a mass grave near the U.S. border has stirred speculation that six bodies found there so far could be related to the disappearance of a half-dozen men in 1998.

The FBI and Mexican police are not revealing many details about their investigation at a ranch near Ciudad Juarez, where authorities believe victims of the powerful Juarez cocaine cartel were secretly buried.

But the discovery of the grave at Rancho la Campana, 10 miles southwest of Ciudad Juarez and across from El Paso has prompted activists and residents to recall numerous unsolved kidnappings cases.

Six men were kidnapped in 1998 from a downtown Ciudad Juarez restaurant and nearby bar that was allegedly owned by deceased drug lord Rafael Munoz Talavera — who was battling other drug traffickers for control of the Juarez cocaine cartel.

Jaime Hervella, director of the El Paso, Texas-based Association of Friends and Relatives of the Disappeared, said there could be a link between the grave site and the 1998 kidnappings.

"It could well be them. But we don't know enough about the methods, who was buried first, how they died, to say," said Hervella.

There were other mass kidnappings in Ciudad Juarez in 1994 and 1997 that also could be related to the remains found at Rancho la Campana.

FBI agents began asking relatives of the estimated 100 people missing since 1994 to supply information such as dental records in hopes of identifying the remains.

No new bodies have been found in the past three days of digging at the ranch.

Mexico's Attorney General's office issued new details Sunday related to the remains, saying that at the time of death, two of the six men appeared to be about 35 years old, while the other four were older than 50.

All six bodies were found with duct tape wrapped around them, the Attorney General's office said in a news release.

In addition, the body of one of the six men was found with three IDs, all with the same name. Officials would not release the name that appeared, on them until the identity could be determined through other means. Another body was found with a white handkerchief stitched with the letter "P."

One of the men apparently died after being shot in the head. The cause of death for the five others was

still to be determined, the release said, adding that it was probable they were suffocated.

It may be hard to identify the bodies given the habits of Amado Carrillo Fuentes, the drug lord suspected of ordering kidnappings and killings in Ciudad Juarez, before he himself died in 1997.

Carrillo Fuentes reportedly sought to dispose of the remains by having them buried with "a dose of milk": quick lime or other chemicals that would hasten decomposition.

Carrillo Fuentes, the "Lord of the Skies" who flew passenger jets stuffed with tons of cocaine across the U.S. border, had other bizarre habits, as did those who later used the ranch.

"They had ponies here," said 57-year-old farmer Anostacio Espina, pointing down at the ranch from his shack overlooking the property. "They would bring children in on weekends for pony rides" in a corral just yards from the mass grave, he said.

And customers of an adjoining target-shooting club said the ranch, at its height in the mid-1990s, had not just ponies, but the kind of menagerie that some drug lords have been known to keep: wild deer, llamas, and thoroughbred horses.

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Suppose this page had no diversity; that is to say, if the ink and the paper were both the same color, you wouldn't be able to read this article or know what it has to say about diversity. Let's concede then that for visual purposes diversity has its place.

Let's push the no-diversity envelope a little closer to the edge. Imagine a Texas Tech campus where every building, every tree, every blade of grass, everything was the same color as the air—imagine that it all smelled, felt, sounded, and even tasted like the air. Whoooooaaa, that envelope just slid over the edge! Without diversity we wouldn't be able to comprehend our own environment.

Appreciating human diversity is an entirely different issue. It requires that we step beyond what our five senses tell us and use our ability to think. Though we all receive the unique gift of individuality upon conception, sometimes we have to think hard just to comprehend how another human being could be as special, as unique, and as complex as we are. Some people call this phenomenon racial tolerance. It

has been described as the act of accepting another individual or group's right to exist and to be different from us.

Look at the diversity of design on our campus. In that diversity is a lesson taught to us by the Spanish architectural flair found in many of our buildings. That flair is called our architectural culture and sometimes when others see our architectural culture, they assume they know all they need to know about Texas Tech. It's the same thing that happens when we see individuals whose ethnic cultures are different from ours; we often formulate our opinions about who they are and what they represent just by looking at them. Though our appearances and our cultures do reveal a great deal about us, they don't even begin to say who we really are. People are not covered with bricks like the buildings at Texas Tech, but with skin, and sometimes just remembering that beneath that skin is a thinking, feeling, complex soul who is absolutely every bit as human as we are; can require a lot of tolerance.

Because we live in a physically diverse world, you have been able to read the black ink on this white paper. Whether or not you decide to let these words stand as one person's opinion is a different matter, one that requires tolerance—and for that, I thank you.

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E-trading boosts B2B trends

This week, I will discuss the B2B business model and how it ties in with recent stock trends.

B2B is a fairly new trend set on the idea of businesses providing services for businesses. The focus of these markets still is ultimately the consumer, yet the focus of the companies is to meet the needs of its clientele in their corporate operations, which, in this case, would be facilitating businesses in a constantly-evolving demand and market share.

To this date, the dominator of B2B electronic commerce solutions is Ariba Inc. (ARBA). In recent news, Ariba announced a 2-for-1 stock split, which means the shares your are holding doubles but the value price of them are half of what you had. Ariba is an electronic commerce solutions provider. To put it simply, they automate the process of transactions on the Internet. Based on the growth of the online economy, this is an immense potential value play—taking into account the impact this will have on competing firms and the way they conduct business. Food for thought is that the e-commerce sector is predicted to be around a \$1.3-trillion market by 2003. Keep in mind this model is not exclusive to fiscal transaction. ImageX.com (IMGX) is another B2B company focusing on Internet printing. Their op-

erations consist of customized Web pages for their clientele. After the client has created the template, it is sent to the offices of IMGX for professional printing. All of this is done confidentially and cost effectively online—essential attributes needed by almost any business. IMGX was previously mentioned in another of my articles and has since matured in value.

B2B ideals can be implemented from financial to marketing to e-commerce, making the possibilities practically infinite. A company I am looking forward to researching is a diamond company. This company plans to purchase diamond facilities and a thousand carats of uncut African diamonds. They then plan to ship them to Los Angeles and have them cut and inspected. The B2B comes into the picture as the company who will then sell the diamonds through an online Web page to bidding retailers—just another example of the possibilities of this B2B method. If interested, the company is Global Exchange Corp.

Now with the attention given to this trend, tech stocks that conform to this model are in high profile in investors eyes as well as a growing number of tech-oriented funds and institutional investing. We are all looking for the next stock to boost our portfolios.

Here's my market watch thought this week.

I was reviewing market activity and recent initial public offering filings, and this company caught my eye. It's called Web Methods. This company is an open solutions provider for businesses and does everything from linking buyers with suppliers to providing real-time connectivity to other B2B marketplaces. They

B2B ideals can be implemented from financial to marketing to e-commerce, making the possibilities practically infinite.

even offer services to help increase a company's return on investments by extending the functions of their services to the branching divisions. They do this regardless of existing technology infrastructure. In other words, they get past the incompatibility problem that businesses face with integrating new technology to old. Their clientele includes Ariba, Virgin.net, Mysap.com, Oracle, DHL Worldwide, Citibank, Cisco and the GovNSA. I await its arrival to NASDAQ to analyze its potential value further.

Stock watch: WIN—wide-band orthogonal frequency division multiplexing technology (possible buyout); VSAT—provider of Demand Assigned Multiple Access (DAMA) used in advanced military networks; APNT—e-commerce professional services. Be sure to note this is not a recommendation. All investors should use their own judgments in buying securities.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Low turnout

To the editor: I was under the impression that the students of Texas Tech would flock back to basketball after the new arena was opened and students were given the best seats in the house. After the North Texas game, I am seriously questioning that thought. I realize that finals are upon students and they are very busy. But when less than 1,000 students show up for the second game in the United Spirit Arena, that is incredibly disappointing. I sure hope you can find a way to be there so we can all help Tech become a national powerhouse. You missed a great game.

Gary Housauer
Class of 1999
Dallas

Try harder

To the editor: As a two-time Tech alum who has withheld, thus far, from publicly criticizing anything football-related at Tech, I've got to speak up now while there still is time.

Our athletic director, Gerald Myers, whom I hold in high regard as a loyal and accomplished Texan, seems, however, to be blowing the search for Spike's replacement. His short list apparently includes assistant coaches from Clemson, Oklahoma and New Mexico State. What madness is this? How did these folks get on any list? I'm sure they are all fine individuals, but none of their programs have been consistently at the top, lately. That I'm aware of. Furthermore, according to the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal, Myers

said he researched several other candidates, including Florida State offensive coordinator Mark Richt and Georgia Tech offensive coordinator Ralph Friedgen, both of whom told the A-J they would be interested. Myers has not talked to either of them, though, and said he doesn't plan to in the future. Beg your pardon? The Clemson contact notwithstanding, there is life (and coaches) outside of the 300-mile radius centered at Lubbock.

A few years ago, there was a car rental company, Avis, that ran an ad saying something to the effect of, "at Avis we're not No. 1, so we try harder." The Tech football program needs to get rid of the Avis complex (the part about being second best, not about trying harder). The Tech family is going to have to live with this hiring decision for at least the next few years, and it needs to be a good one. Mr. Myers, this is no time to think small.

And now to the issue of the search firm—how much did that cost? If the Florida State coach indeed is interested and would come to Tech, then Florida State already has done your search for you—they don't make hiring mistakes for the position of offensive coordinator. Texas gets Mack Brown after doing superb (not just good) at a major university. Ditto for Colorado's new coach. And Nebraska hires their assistant coach of about 30 years after Tom Osborne recommended him. What in the world are we doing? It doesn't take a football genius to see that this process is in meltdown, in my opinion. I'm just on the athletic periphery.

I've never even written The UD before, but I wanted to provide some food for thought for the Tech community. I urge you to take the small amount of time to voice your thoughts, even if you disagree with me, so that more campus-wide input is received before the new coach is hired.

Lee Ferris
Class of 1990
Lubbock

What you didn't know

To the editor: In Thursday's edition of The UD, columnist Andrew Schoppe argues that the late Cardinal Alojzije Stepinac of Croatia should not be condemned for his indirect support of the Nazi party. What Mr. Schoppe failed to mention is that the Archbishop of Zagreb Alojzije Stepinac played a sinister role in the "ethnic cleansing" of the Orthodox Christian Serbian population in World War II Croatia. During WWII, the Croatian government encouraged and promoted the "ethnic cleansing" of the minority Orthodox Christian Serbs and Jewish population. Anywhere from 100,000 to 700,000 Orthodox Christian Serbs lost their lives because they were not a Roman Catholic Croat. Likewise, more than 200,000 Orthodox Christian Serbs were forced to "convert" to Roman Catholicism under the penalty of death. With the Nazi's retreat at the end of WWII, the Croatian government stashed gold and other valuables confiscated from Orthodox Serbs, Jews and other minorities in the Catholic Church where Archbishop Stepinac worked in. Although you can rest assured that Archbishop Stepinac never personally participated in these blatant disregard for humanity, he never once stood up against them. Neither Archbishop Stepinac nor the Catholic Church publicly denounced the massacres of the Orthodox Serbs and Jews in Croatia. Mr. Schoppe argues that Cardinal Stepinac ought to be honored for his efforts in saving hundreds of Jews. If this is true, then Cardinal Stepinac ought to be held accountable for his silence which permitted hundreds of thousands of Orthodox Christian Serbs in Croatia to perish all in the name of ethnic and religious purity.

Jenny Murray
senior
history

Twelve days of a Tech Christmas

As a big fan of Carol of Lights, I must say I enjoyed the ceremony Friday. There's just one thing they should have done differently. Why didn't they sing a carol about Tech itself? You know, like the Twelve Days of Christmas—Tech Style.

On the first day of Christmas, Texas Tech gave to me ... a chancellor named John T.

On the second day of Christmas, Texas Tech gave to me ... two retiring administrators and a chancellor named John T.

On the third day of Christmas, Texas Tech gave to me ... three football arrests, two retiring administrators and a chancellor named John T.

On the fourth day of Christmas, Texas Tech gave to me ... four new Lady Raider stars, three football arrests, two retiring administrators and a chancellor named John T.

On the fifth day of Christmas, Texas Tech gave to me ... five Jones Stadium renovations, four new Lady Raider stars, three football arrests, two retiring administrators and a chancellor named John T.

On the sixth day of Christmas, Texas Tech gave to me ... six censored UD's and five Jones Stadium renovations, four new Lady Raider stars, three football arrests, two retiring administrators and a chancellor named John T.

On the seventh day of Christmas, Texas Tech gave to me ... seven English thefts, six censored UD's, five Jones Stadium renovations, four new Lady Raider stars, three football arrests, two retiring administrators and a chancellor named John T.

On the eighth day of Christmas, Texas Tech gave to me ... eight parking fees, seven English thefts, six censored UD's, five Jones Stadium renovations, four new Lady Raider stars, three football arrests, two retiring administrators and a chancellor named John T.

On the ninth day of Christmas, Texas Tech gave to me ... nine torn-down goal posts, eight parking fees, seven English thefts, six censored UD's, five Jones Stadium renovations, four new Lady Raider stars, three football arrests, two retiring administrators and a chancellor named John T.

On the tenth day of Christmas, Texas Tech gave to me ... 10 nooses for Spike, nine torn-down goal posts, eight parking fees, seven English thefts, six censored UD's, five Jones Stadium renovations, four new Lady Raider stars, three football arrests, two retiring administrators and a chancellor named John T.

On the 11th day of Christmas, Texas Tech gave to me ... 11 bookstore lawsuits, 10 nooses for Spike, nine torn-down goal posts, eight parking fees, seven English thefts, six censored UD's, five Jones Stadium renovations, four new Lady Raider stars, three football arrests, two retiring administrators and a chancellor named John T.

On the 12th day of Christmas, Texas Tech gave to me ... a 12-month-late arena, 11 bookstore lawsuits, 10 nooses for Spike, nine torn-down goal posts, eight parking fees, seven English thefts, six censored UD's, five Jones Stadium renovations, four new Lady Raider stars, three football arrests, two retiring administrators and a chancellor named John T.

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Courtesy Photo/Kid Rock

Big city hick combines styles at show

by Sebastian Kitchen
Staff Writer

His name is Kid Rock, and he wants everybody to know that. Kid Rock never let Lubbock fans forget who they came to see Saturday night. The packed-in crowd watched, sang along and swooned as Kid Rock and Powerman 5000 performed.

Powerman 5000 and Kid Rock have both been performing for about 10 years, but recently have shot into superstardom. Kid Rock opened up his set with the hit "Bawitdaba" and then took fans on a roller-coaster ride through different styles of music. He performed hard rock, southern rock, rap, and even slowed down the night a couple of times with some electrified country sounds.

Rock opened the show as three scantily-clad females danced, while

concert review

he rose up to the stage wearing a floor-length white fur coat.

Like his music or not, Kid Rock puts on a hell of a show. He wanted the thousands of packed-in and unruly crowd to have a great time. That is his first priority.

And entertain he did. Despite a shower of water bottles being thrown through the air before Kid Rock took the stage, the crowd seemed to be into the music.

Kid Rock jumped, yelled and ran through his set picking up guitars, rapping, singing and talking trash about critics.

The night's only disappointment was that Kid Rock's sidekick, Joe C., was not there. But he does not perform on most of Kid Rock's tour

dates. The little guy could not offer his humorous antics and short, crude raps.

Kid Rock performed his country bit songs between a cover of "Honey Boy Can Survive" by Hank Williams Jr. and Grand Funk Railroad's "American Band."

He wanted everyone who came to see him to know he was as musically talented as he was entertaining. He can mix, play drums, keyboard and guitar. He may not be Tommy Lee or Keith Richards, but he knows that. And he does not care. He enjoys himself anyway.

Kid Rock performed his more up-tempo hit "I Am The Bullgod" and his laid-back track "Cowboy."

He followed that track with the smooth, smoking track "Wasting Time."

Surprisingly, he did perform "Only

God Knows Why," influenced from Hank Williams Jr., from his album *Devil Without A Cause*. The album has been certified five times platinum — not bad for a punk kid from outside Detroit.

Powerman 5000 opened up its set with "Supernova Goes Pop." Powerman showed its years of road experience. The band worked through its metal set. The band was tight throughout but hit well with the songs "When Worlds Collide" and "Car Crash."

Powerman remained hard throughout while Kid Rock took plenty of time to slow down the show with country and blues.

No matter the tempo, the show hit in all cylinders. There were no misses with either band. If there was, no one caught on with all the theatrics.

Students ignite spark at AIDS center

by Angela Loston
Staff Writer

At an AIDS seminar two years ago, two men, one with AIDS and one without the disease, spoke about the harsh realities of the epidemic. At the end of the seminar, one of the speakers took a sip of water from the other speaker's glass who was living with AIDS.

After taking the drink from his friend's glass, the man said he was comfortable with drinking after his friend since he knew he would not contract the debilitating disease.

Tisha Moyer, who attended the event, said she was very moved by hearing those comforting words.

"I was really impressed that he wasn't afraid," Moyer said.

The powerful words from the speaker have continued to stick with Moyer today.

Moyer, a senior social work major from Houston, has decided to help those who are affected by AIDS and HIV by becoming an intern at the South Plains AIDS Resource Center (SPARC).

"There's not a lot of awareness of the magnitude of the HIV and AIDS virus," Moyer said. "The community is not as educated about AIDS. I really wanted to educate the community, as well as myself, about AIDS."

For one day, a group of Texas Tech students decided to join Moyer by volunteering at the center.

Saturday, about 30 students helped and supervised some of the activities for a holiday social for clients at the center.

Angie Dunlap, assistant director of Campus Activities and Involvement, said the activity was part of Tech's Project Impact program.

"I think that just having to meet

those people will help eliminate some stereotypes about people who are afflicted by HIV," Dunlap said.

As an intern at the center, Moyer said she works on a case-load assignment. On each case, Moyer said she meets with her clients and tries to provide them with financial assistance for housing and utility expenses.

In addition to financial aid, Moyer said she tries to give her clients some form of support.

At times, Moyer said she visits her clients at home. Moyer said she also works with education teams that provide local residents with information on AIDS and HIV awareness and prevention.

While working with youth at a local juvenile center, Moyer said she found that they were not aware of how AIDS and HIV are contracted.

"It's increasing everyday that

youth are getting HIV," Moyer said. "I think a lot of that has to do with the community not educating them."

Prior to volunteering at the center, Moyer said she had never encountered people who were diagnosed with the AIDS or HIV virus.

"I realize that they are just the same as us," Moyer said. "It was just someone who needed my help."

As an intern at the center, Moyer has found her work challenging and at times she has felt like giving up hope. But even with her job seeming overwhelming, she still finds it rewarding.

By gaining experience from working at the center, Moyer said she has now developed a desire to educate others about AIDS for a professional career.

"I want to make a difference in this area," she said. "It sometimes aggra-



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Tisha Moyer, a senior social work major from Houston, speaks with an AIDS patient at the South Plains AIDS Research Center.

vates me when things don't turn out the way that I want them to, but I have to realize that making change

takes time and continued effort. I also have to realize that it's a brand new day and I'm ready to try again."

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Raiders losing time with head coach hiring process

What a week in Texas Tech sports. The men and women basketball squads are going through their annual blow-out spree — how boring.

The volleyball squad finished their disappointing season two weekends ago, and the football team was clinging on to hopes of playing in the post-season.

However, there is something newsworthy coming out of the Tech athletic department these days. Something about hiring a new coach.

The football search is heading into its final days and Tech Athletic Director Gerald Myers said the squad should have a new coach sometime in the middle of this week.

Why has the hiring process taken so long? I know state law requires the position to be posted for 10 working days, but the Red Raiders are losing precious recruiting time.

What kind of blue-chip recruit would come to a school that doesn't even have a coach?

I think the problem is Tech officials are trying to make the vacant position look better than it really is. That way, interested coaches will look past the city of Lubbock and the barely up-to-par

football facilities. But then again, Myers has a tough job.

The new coach will never live up to Dykes' standards in the eyes of most people.

Even if Myers hired Tom Landry or Marsha Sharp, someone in this city would throw a fit.

Spike Dykes coached the Red Raiders for 13 years. He was "Mr. Lubbock" for most citizens. In fact, more people in the Hub City had an "I like Spike" bumper sticker on their car than inspection stickers.

But like all things, I have my own solution. If I was in charge of hiring the new coach, I'd let them know what to expect. My job opening advertisement would look something like this:

The Texas Tech athletic department has a head football coach position available for a creative, motivated, team player, with a desire to assist the public.

We prefer the position to be short-term, as our prior coach seemed to wear out his welcome. In that case, we will not accept any applications from those born in Lubbock or whose parents went to Texas Tech.

We also prefer to hire a minority because it would be a great publicity stunt for the university.

Excellent written and verbal skills are not a must, but we do require that all applicants be trained in "West Texas slang" because it seems to please the surrounding media and

public.

During interviews, the coach must not talk about internal affairs, but instead, ramble on about the good things that happened in the past.

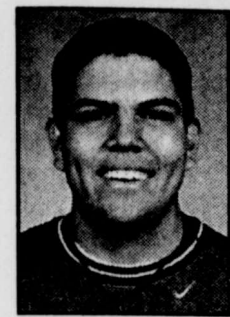
We are looking for an applicant who is proficient in offensive and defensive game plans, and who actually has a part in designing them.

We want someone who will call smart plays and use his talented players to their utmost ability. The hired coach would have permission to bring in his own coaching staff, but the offensive or defensive coordinator may not be part of their immediate family.

The coach also must be aware of his player's actions off the football field, especially in the area of drug distribution. Most importantly, we would like all applicants to have a must-win attitude. Any candidate who is pleased with a 6-5 record and a non-BCS bowl game, can apply at Baylor University. A two-loss season will result in immediate termination.

No references are needed because if you meet the criteria, you are automatically hired. Anyone want to apply?

Patrick Gonzales is a senior journalism major from Slaton. He is not qualified to coach the Raiders.



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Staff Writer

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Baseball, ESPN set to go to trial

NEW YORK (AP) — Unable to resolve their dispute over the placement of late-season Sunday night baseball games, ESPN and major league baseball go to court today to begin jury selection.

The trial between the two long-time partners begins after months of talks, which continued through the weekend.

The conflict began nearly two years ago when ESPN agreed to pay \$600 million a year for the rights to Sunday night football games. That deal necessitated moving three Sunday night baseball games in September — which had been broadcast on ESPN since 1990 — to ESPN2, which is available in about 11 million fewer homes.

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Men's basketball claims four straight

by Jeff Keller
Staff Writer

Forward Mario Layne and guard Rayford Young combined for 40 of Texas Tech's 67 points as the Red Raiders men's basketball squad battled its way to its fourth-straight victory with a 67-54 win against Louisiana-Lafayette on Saturday at the United Spirit Arena.

Tech overcame a 9-for-25 shooting performance in the first half to avenge last year's loss to the Ragin' Cajuns.

Tech was coming off a win against North Texas in which they shot almost 62 percent from 3-point range, but against the Ragin' Cajuns, the Red Raiders went 1-for-10 from beyond the arc.

Forward Jayson Mitchell gave some of the credit to the Ragin' Cajun defense for Tech's struggles from the 3-point line.

"Those guys played some really good defense," Mitchell said. "The shoot around didn't go as well as it should have before the game, and it kind of showed up in our shooting performance."

The first half had both squads struggling in the shooting category as Louisiana-Lafayette managed only a 25 percent shooting performance and went into the break trailing 26-22.

The game was tied at 12-all in the first half when Tech coach James

Dickey was called for a technical foul for disputing a charging call made on forward Ronald Hobbs.

Dickey said he was partially arguing the call, but he also wanted to get his team fired up.

"It was two-fold," Dickey said of the technical foul. "One, I thought, obviously, that it was a miss-call. But two, I wanted to try and spark our players. I was probably more frustrated with our team than I was with anything."

With less than two minutes left before halftime, Layne got the ball on a break-away and outmaneuvered two would-be Ragin' Cajun defenders and sent the crowd to its feet with a reverse-slam dunk.

Tech outscored Louisiana-Lafayette the rest of the way to take its four-point lead at halftime. The Red Raiders went on a 19-5 run to start the second half to take a

45-27 lead.

Layne, who finished the contest with 19 points, accounted for nine of the points during the run and said having more experience this year has helped both him and the team to improve.

"I think that our team has had a year together now, and we've kind of gelled a little bit more," Layne said. "With Stan (Bonewitz) gone, it's dawned on me that I've got to step up and play."

Tech built the lead to 65-46, but the Ragin' Cajuns tallied eight of the game's last 10 points to close the final gap to 13 points.

Forward Brodney Kennard had a solid all-around game, collecting seven points, nine rebounds, three assists, three blocks and two steals.

Kennard said he was pleased with his individual effort and the team's effort in the second half and attributed the team's second-half performance to the actions of Dickey.

"I really can't say what the problem was in the first half—I just know we didn't come out like we were supposed to,"



Greg Kreller/The University Daily
Tech forward Mario Layne puts up a shot against the Ragin' Cajuns. Layne scored 19 points in Tech's 67-54 victory.

Kennard said. "But coach got the technical, and then when we came in at halftime, he kind of got onto us a little bit. When we came out in the second half, we were just ready to play."

After two home games, the Red Raiders will take to the road to play two more contests.

Mitchell said the team's winning streak will help them to play with

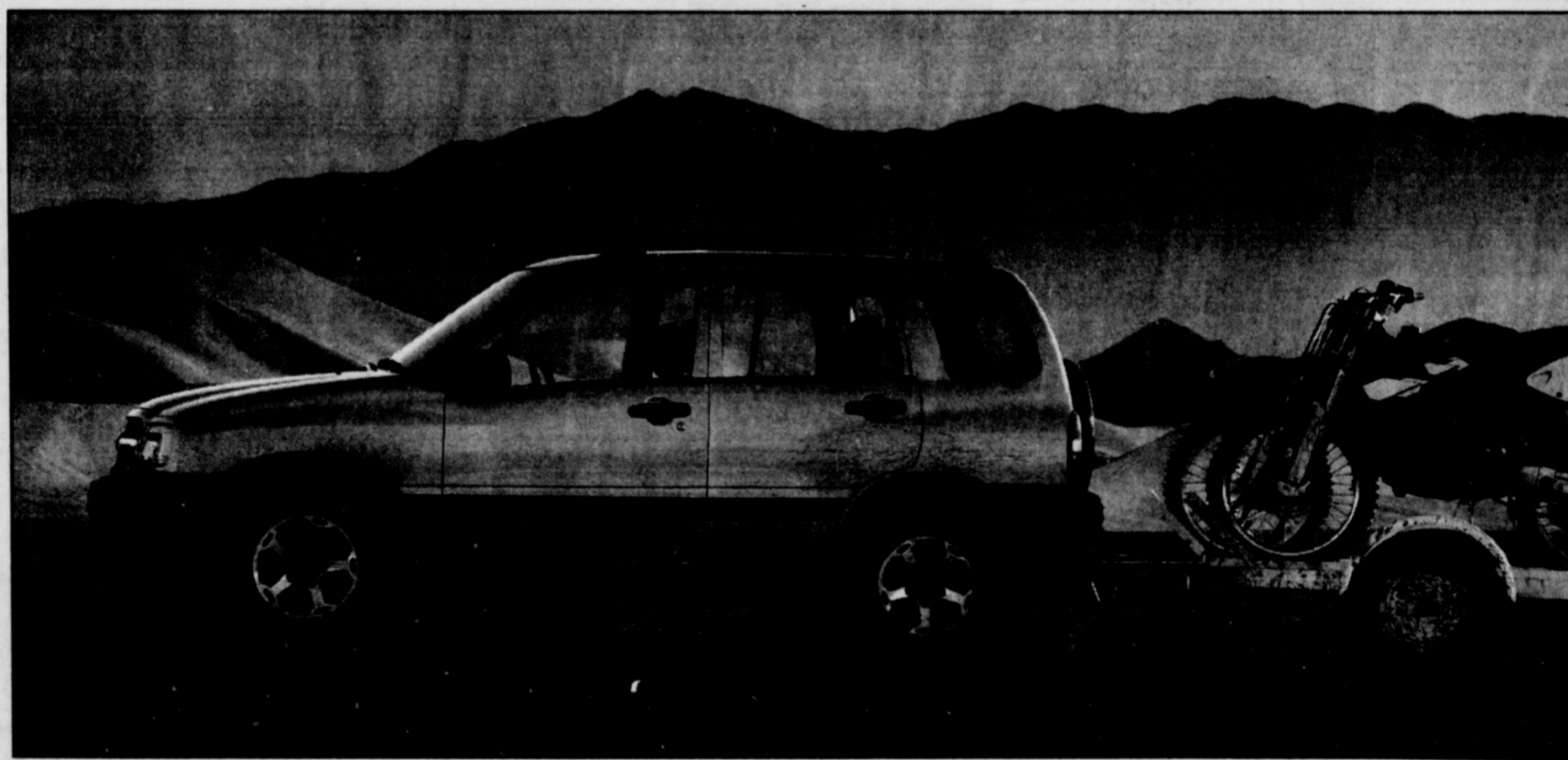
confidence on the road. "It's always good to gain momentum," Mitchell said. "Especially after we won two at home after winning two on the road. Now we're going back on the road."

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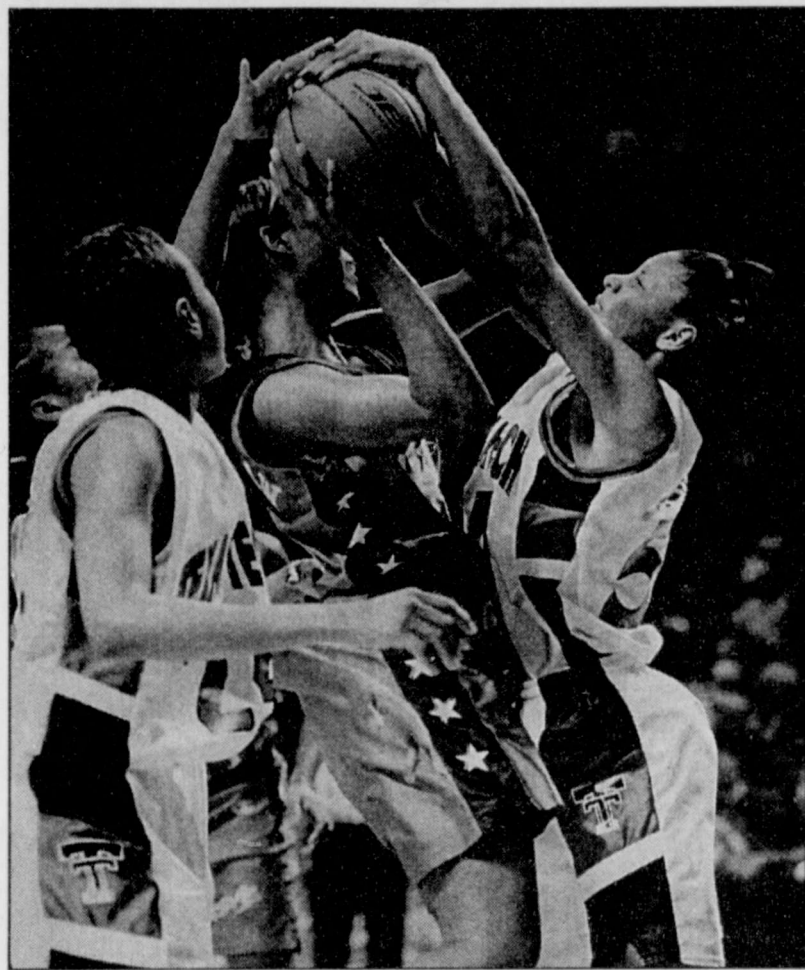
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Lady Raiders split weekend series at home



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Tech forward Plenette Pierson and guard Katrisa O'Neal double team a National team player in Sunday's contest at the United Spirit Arena. The National Team won 88-39, despite a second-half comeback effort from the Lady Raiders.

Women's squad disposes of SMU, 63-47; suffers loss to U.S. National team, 88-39

by Amy Curry
Staff Writer

The Texas Tech Lady Raiders extended their winning streak to five games this weekend as they defeated SMU, 63-47, in front of 11,816 fans Saturday at the United Spirit Arena. But in an exhibition contest Sunday, the Tech squad was given its first taste of defeat when the USA National team handed them a eye-opening 88-39 loss.

In Saturday's clash with SMU, senior guard Melinda Schmucker-Pharies helped the Lady Raiders jump to an early lead as she scored their first five points of the game. Schmucker-Pharies hit a jumper to put Tech on the board, but SMU was quick to answer back.

With the score tied at two, 40 seconds into the game, that was as close as the SMU squad would get. It was all Tech from then on out. The Lady Raiders never lost control of the lead and led by 13 points going into the



locker room at the half.

In the second half of action, Tech only widened the scoring gap. SMU made an attempt at a scoring run and pulled within seven, but the Lady Raiders' defense was quick to shut it down.

Tech showed no mercy late in the game as it pulled further ahead of SMU to extend the lead to 18 points. The Lady Raiders went in to take the 63-47 win.

"We played well, and it does a lot for our confidence," said junior guard Katrisa O'Neal. "We still have a lot to work on, but we're just going to keep getting better with each game."

"Whatever your weaknesses are, great teams will exploit them."

Marsha Sharp

Tech women's basketball coach

Dickerson added 11. Senior forward Aleah Johnson had 10.

Just 24 hours after picking up a confidence-boosting victory, Tech suffered their first loss of the season in an extremely physical bout with the National team.

Tech coach Marsha Sharp said this year's USA squad is better than the team the Lady Raiders played in 1996 because they're bigger, stronger and have had the WNBA to develop its players.

Sharp also said despite the scoring deficit at the end of the game, it was a very valuable experience for her team.

"Whatever your weaknesses are, great teams will exploit them," she said.

And that's exactly what the girls in red, white and blue did. The National team held a 32-point lead at the half.

Dickerson said it was somewhat demoralizing losing by such a huge margin but at least it was to a really talented group of players. She said it was quite an adjustment to compete against players of the National team's caliber.

"It was tough to try to play with them because they have a lot of talent," she said. "But there aren't a lot of nights I'm going to play against players like that."

Texas A&M defeats VCU

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — Virginia Commonwealth built a 17-point lead in the first 10 minutes, but Texas A&M changed its defensive scheme and dominated the second half to win 75-59 Sunday.

The Aggies (2-2), who won their second consecutive game after opening the season with two straight losses, switched from a man-to-man to a pressuring zone in the second half and outscored the Rams 46-22.

After shooting 41 percent from the floor and 55 percent from three-point range in the first half, Virginia Commonwealth (3-2) was limited to just 25 percent shooting from the field in the second half.

Bo Jones scored 21 points to lead the Rams, playing their first road game of the season.

But Jones scored just 6 points in the second half against A&M's retooled defense.

A&M also dominated at the free throw line, scoring 31 points to VCU's 12, and outrebounded the Rams 47-37.

Freshmen Bernard King led A&M with 17 points, followed by Jamaal Gilchrist with 16.

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North Carolina wins NCAA women's soccer championship for 15th time

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — North Carolina won the NCAA women's soccer championship Sunday for the 15th time in 18 years, beating Notre Dame 2-0.

Meredith Florance scored in the 56th minute to break a scoreless tie and Beth Shepard scored in the 80th minute for North Carolina, which lost 1-0 to Florida in last year's final.

Notre Dame (21-4-1), which won the title in 1995, finished second for the third time.

North Carolina (24-2-0) improved to 61-3 in NCAA tournament play, and finished the year with an 18-game winning streak. The Tar Heels have allowed 12 goals this season, just two in the second half, and have 19 shutouts, including 14 by freshman goalkeeper Jenni Braman.

The contest drew an NCAA women's soccer final record crowd of 14,410.

Notre Dame's best chance to

score in the second half came in the 64th minute when Jenny Heft got off a shot from the top of the box that Braman was able to stop. Heft also shot wide with just over five minutes to play.

North Carolina, with a stifling defense and attacking offense, dominated play in a scoreless first half, outshooting the Irish 8-1, but the Notre Dame defense was up to the task, getting a body on most outside shots. Beene had three saves.

The Tar Heels' best chance came in the 33rd minute, when McDonald crossed a ball in front of the net, and sophomore forward Anne Remy got off a hard shot from 18 yards out that Beene was able to handle. Beene also stopped shots by Remy and Kluegel from the top of the box.

Jenny Streiffer took the only Notre Dame shot of the half in the 42nd minute. The ball sailed over the net.

Tech football squad fails to earn bowl bid

The Spike Dykes era now is officially over.

For only the second time in its last seven years, the Texas Tech football squad will not play in a postseason bowl game.

The Red Raiders finished the season with bowl eligibility after posting a 6-5 record but were among seven Big 12 Conference squads also trying to earn a bid.

The conference reserves only six bowl games, and earlier this week, bowl officials announced Tech would be the odd man out.

Going into last weekend, Tech's only chance to receive a bowl bid was if Kansas State could earn a spot in a BCS bowl, along with the Big 12 Champion.

If the Big 12 could send two teams

to the BCS bowls, then it would have freed up a spot for the remaining squads, including Tech.

However, BCS officials announced their bowl matchups Sunday, and Nebraska was the only Big 12 squad selected for a BCS bowl, thus destroying Tech's postseason chances.

Dykes, who retired from coaching Nov. 20 after the Red Raiders' 38-28 victory against Oklahoma, said his final game would be in a bowl game if Tech was able to land a spot.

His last bowl game appearance was last season, when the Red Raiders lost to Mississippi, 35-18, in the Independence Bowl.

Neither Dykes nor Tech Athletic Director Gerald Myers were available for comment.

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