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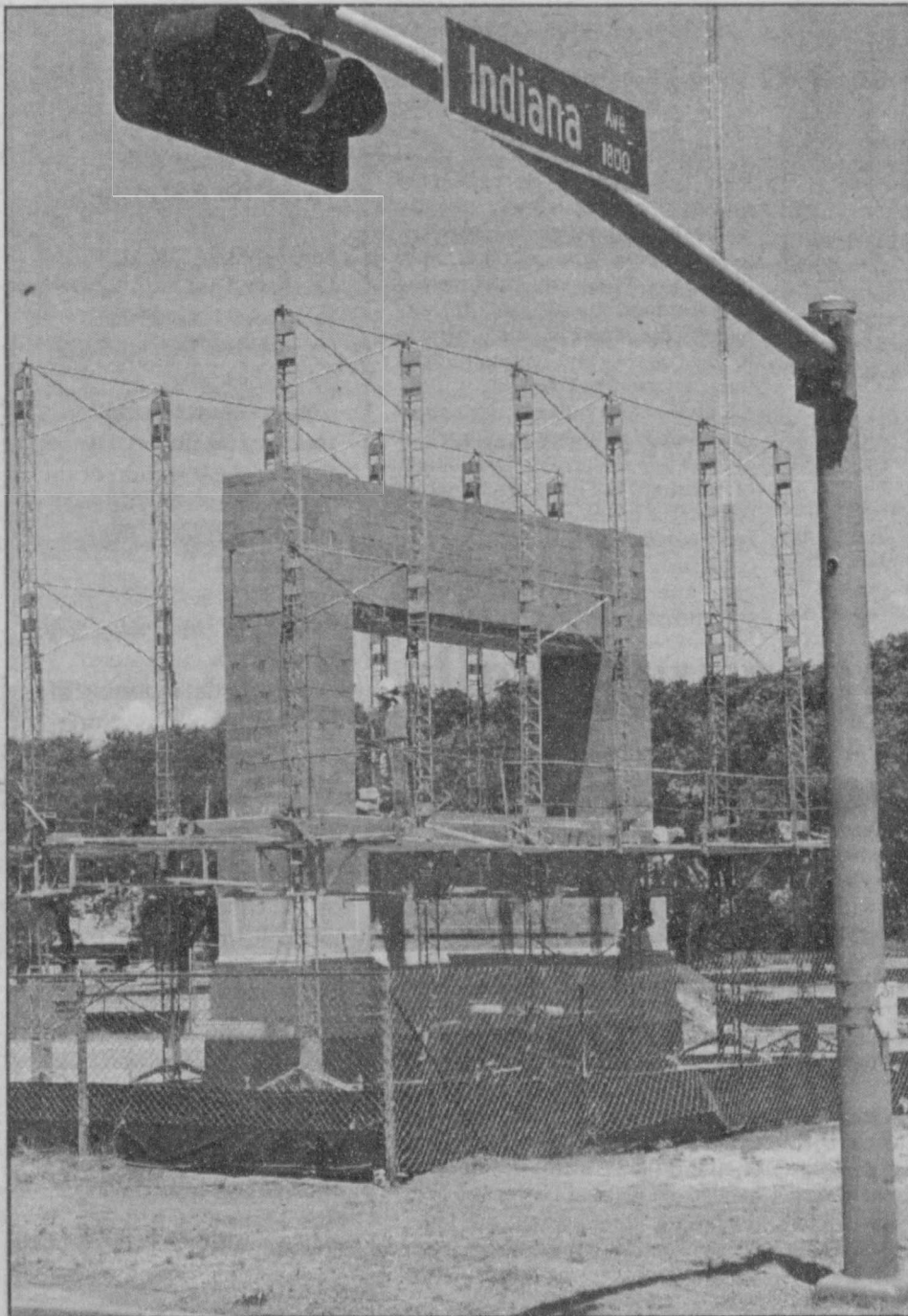
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The unfinished United Spirit Arena marquee sits at the northwest corner of Indiana Avenue and 19th Street. The marquee will provide information about Tech events and is scheduled to be completed before basketball season begins in the fall.

Marquee construction continues on Indiana

BY TIFFANY E. KINGSTON
STAFF WRITER

Motorists and passers-by at the intersection of 19th Street and Indiana Avenue will soon read about upcoming university and United Spirit Arena events on an electronic marquee.

Mike Ellicott, vice chancellor of Facilities Planning and Construction, said he expects the project to be finished by the end of August.

The marquee is part of the original agreement between Texas Tech and the arena, said Kent Meredith, general manager of the arena.

"I think this is a great new way to communicate with the community," he said. "This is simply another way to disseminate information."

Spirit Arena officials researched the traffic flow around Tech's campus, Meredith said. One of the busiest intersections, according to

City of Lubbock Web sites, is 19th Street and Indiana Avenue.

"19th and Indiana is a prominent place to advertise future events to the entire Lubbock community," Ellicott said.

Meredith said information the marquee presents to the community must be approved by Tech President David Schmidly.

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Knight's presence helps sell tickets

BY MATT MUENCH
STAFF WRITER

Fans who assume they can walk up to the ticket booth on game day and buy a Texas Tech men's basketball ticket may want to rethink their plans.

After four months of Bob Knight hype, the Red Raider basketball program is on the verge of selling out every seat for every game in the debut season for the new Red Raider coach.

Russell Warren, Tech's assistant athletic director for ticket operations, said all seats would likely be sold as season tickets when the season begins.

That means no tickets will be held for walk-up purchases if Tech continues to sell tickets like they have since Knight was hired March 23.

The United Spirit Arena lists a capacity of 15,050, and as of Thursday, 12,000 season tickets have been sold with less than four months remaining before opening tip-off Nov. 1 against William and Mary.

"Whenever you have a coaching change it brings excitement, and with Bob Knight it is a given the sales are going to increase," Warren said. "I really feel like when fall rolls around and Midnight Madness draws closer, we will sell out. I have no doubt."

The men's program is not the only Tech athletic team exceeding record ticket sales.

The Lady Raiders also are around the 12,000 season ticket figure, marking an increase of 6,000 from last season.

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First phase of Montford unit complete

■ Facility designed for healthcare of area inmates.

BY MELISSA GUEST
STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech Health Sciences Center recently announced the completion of the first phase of updates in treatment capabilities at the John T. Montford Regional Medical Facility.

The facility is designed to provide healthcare needs for area inmates.

The expansion began in January after two nurses were taken hostage by an inmate who was receiving care at University Medical Center.

The updated facility will now handle 95 percent of inmate care that was provided at UMC, said James Laible, vice president of HSC Health Care Systems and Hospital Relations.

Only life and death emergencies will be taken to the UMC, said Rich Willis, administrator for the facility.

"The big change is we're just going to provide more," he said. "The kind of quality shouldn't change, it's just a different location with care being

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Dr. William Gonzalez, medical director for Health Care Systems; Dr. David Smith, Health Sciences Center president and incoming interim chancellor; and Montford Unit Warden William Stevens discuss benefits of having an operating room within a correctional facility Wednesday during a guided tour of the unit for the media.

Program touts heritage, history

TIFFANY E. KINGSTON
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The National Ranching Heritage Center is taking local children back in time to learn about their history and the daily lives of long-forgotten pioneers.

Stephanie Gray, manager of educational programs at the Heritage Center, said the program offers eight classes focusing on ranching history.

Kids are immersed in a technological world, she said.

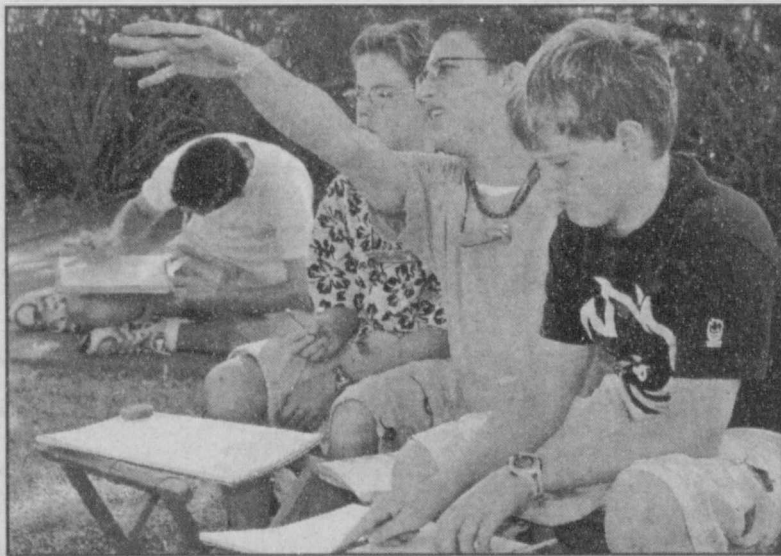
"We want our students to get a full picture of what life was like 100 years ago," she said. "It is important for us to communicate our heritage."

Micah Land, a graduate student in the College of Architecture from Wichita Falls, said he has enjoyed teaching his students about the architecture of the buildings at the Ranching Heritage Center.

"I taught delineation last fall," he said. "These kids are more focused than a lot of the freshmen I teach."

Classes are offered for one week during the summer and each class is an hour and a half long. Gray said they keep a morning schedule because it is too hot in the afternoon.

Mostly local artists and craftsmen teach the children. Land decided that



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Micah Land, a graduate student in the College of Architecture from Wichita Falls, teaches summer youth classes at the National Ranching Heritage Center. Land teaches functional drawing to students, using the homes of the Old West as a subject.

teaching younger students and enjoying the sights at the RHC is a relaxing time to spend his mornings for a week.

"It's been very rewarding, and it keeps the kids out of trouble," he said. "They are out here to draw and have fun while learning."

Gray, a former schoolteacher, said

she hopes the students will take back to their classrooms the education they receive from the program.

The individual classes are stationed at the historic buildings at the NRHC. Volunteer staff members frequently visit the classes dressed in costumes while they teach about the

Old West. During a traditional cooking class, students learn how to cook on an antique wood stove. A few of the other classes offered are leather craftsmanship, basket and textile weaving and cattle driving.

Each class costs \$15. The fee is used to purchase supplies for the entire week. Aside from the participation fee, the program also receives funding from corporate sponsors. Land provided each of his students with a sketchbook, drawing pencils, an eraser and a few other drawing necessities.

"This year we were able to afford large plastic frames," he said. "At the end of the week we will use the frames to display their best work."

Gray said she encourages more people to get their children involved next summer. She also said the Heritage Center offers different programs for the Lubbock and Tech communities every month of the year.

"One of the misconceptions of this place is that it's just a bunch of old buildings," she said. "It is a bunch of buildings, but it's also a bunch of stories. The people who work here are eager to tell those stories."

For details and a calendar of events visit the NRHC's Web site at www.ttu.edu/ranchingheritagecenter.

Truck issues prompt Senate to ignore veto talk

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Senate ignored a White House veto threat and voted Thursday to back tougher safety standards than President Bush wants for Mexican trucks entering the United States.

The bipartisan 70-30 vote blocked a Republican filibuster—procedural delays—aimed at forcing a weakening of the standards included in a transportation spending bill.

Supporters of the standards said the vote signaled that they could muster the 67 votes needed to override any veto by Bush. Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., said he hoped to complete the legislation by week's end.

But Sens. John McCain, R-Ariz., and Phil Gramm, R-Texas, promised to use additional parliamentary maneuvers to slow the bill unless Democrats agreed to try reaching a compromise.

"We're not going to have the administration run over," Gramm said

after the Senate adjourned for the evening.

"We're disappointed and we think it's wrong," said White House spokeswoman Claire Buchan. "The president is committed to safe highways and fair trade, and we're going to work with Congress to fulfill both goals."

But Sen. Patty Murray, D-Wash., a chief author of the standards, said she saw no need to bargain.

"There is nothing else to negotiate. We upheld the bill 70-30," she told reporters.

The restrictions were included in a \$60.1 billion transportation spending bill for the coming fiscal year that is filled with popular highway, airport and other projects for lawmakers' home states.

The vote was the latest rumble in the still-simmering fight over the 1993 North American Free Trade Agreement, which was aimed at opening up trade among the United

States, Mexico and Canada. As when former President Clinton helped push that treaty through Congress, Thursday's vote pitted the Teamsters union and highway safety advocates against the trucking industry and big business, and their lobbyists hovered outside the Senate chamber during the vote.

The Teamsters began airing radio ads in the Washington area this week asking listeners to "tell President Bush: Slow down, keep our highways safe."

Bush, who has emphasized free trade and better relations with Mexico, complained that the proposed requirements would clamp tougher standards on Mexican trucks than on Canadian vehicles entering the United States.

He urged senators to reject the standards, which include regular U.S. inspections of Mexican trucks and drivers, on-site audits of Mexican trucking companies, and more

inspectors and scales at the 27 U.S. border stations.

"It is wrong for the Congress to discriminate against Mexican trucks," Bush said.

Advocates of the Senate standards—led by Murray and Sen. Richard Shelby, R-Ala.—said the real issue was safety. Statistics have shown trucks from Mexico, with more lenient safety rules than the United States, are 50 percent more likely to fail U.S. inspections than American vehicles.

The Bush setback came despite an eleventh-hour effort by GOP leaders to round up 41 votes, the number needed to keep a filibuster going. In the end all 50 Democrats, one independent and 19 Republicans voted to end the delays, in effect backing the Senate standards.

That was a feather in Daschle's cap as he managed to prevail in his first effort as majority leader to stop a Republican filibuster.

TICKETS

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Last year the men's program finished last in the Big 12 Conference in ticket sales and sold less than 4,000 season tickets. The 9-19 squad averaged an announced paid crowd of 708.

United Spirit Arena has just 2,500 general admission seats left, all of which are in the upper deck. The lower deck sold out earlier this summer.

Warren said August is traditionally the best month for ticket sales, and

that he is expecting another huge show of interest come Aug 1., and again when students return to Lubbock for the fall.

"Right now we are at a real steady pace," he said. "August is a huge month and that is when the numbers really progress and climb."

The only time the arena has sold out in its two-year existence was in the first-ever game played there in 1999 when Knight was coaching the Indiana Hoosiers.

If the men's games sell out, Tech will net an increase of almost \$1 million in basketball revenue.

In the last two seasons combined, the squad accumulated only \$1.7 million.

If Tech accomplishes this, no walk-up sales at the box office will not be possible.

As for Tech students, Warren is leaving that up to the Student Government Association and SGA President John Steinmetz.

The athletic department has sold 12,500 all-sports packages with just 3,600 seats available per game for the students.

To try and see how Tech is going to handle it, Steinmetz will visit bas-

ketball powerhouse schools Duke and North Carolina in the near future to see how they handle similar situations.

Steinmetz possibly will also visit Louisiana State and Indiana.

"We are going to find out what the best solution for the students is," Steinmetz said. "This is a good problem and I am really excited. It is a good problem because we have so many students that want to see a game."

The Raiders will play 10 of their 13 non-conference games at home, including two exhibition contests Nov. 3 and 11.

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NORML guy wants marijuana legalized

By MELISSA GUEST
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The government says it is as dangerous as coffee. All Rick Day wants is for it to be as legal as alcohol and cigarettes, which is why the executive director of Texas' chapter of the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws (NORML), spoke to more than 50 students and citizens Wednesday about why marijuana laws should be changed.

The bottom line is, Day told them, "You have a right to get high."

However, Brandt Beal, president of Tech's chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD), disagrees.

Beal, a sophomore business major from Paris, said he attended the speech to make a stand against the legalization of marijuana.

"MADD deals with underage addiction prevention," Brandt said. "If passed, this would be a big blow to our campaign."

Brandt questioned Day on the likelihood that legalizing marijuana would increase traffic fatalities. Although there is no test that can readily determine whether a driver is under the influence of marijuana, Day contends that the risk would be worth it.

"The harm associated with current policy far outweighs the potential of traffic fatalities," Day said.

However, he said driving under the influence of any substance should be prohibited.

"It's not marijuana, but driving under the influence of marijuana that should be illegal," he said.

Studies have shown, Day said, that drivers are more

likely to stay at home or drive more cautiously when under the influence of marijuana.

"If anything, I would encourage people not to drink so much and to smoke a little more," Day said.

Local Libertarians attended the meeting, both giving and looking for support to end the drug war.

Brad Clardy, a member of the Lubbock Libertarian Party, said he thinks it is time to end the "insane" war on drugs.

"I'm hopeful by the turnout," he said. "I think the tide is turning and people are realizing that far more harm is done by the war on drugs than drugs. The war on drugs has been the altar upon which Americans seem to be willing to sacrifice all their civil liberties."

In addition to speaking on the civil liberties he believes are violated by the drug war,

Day commented on the costs associated with enforcing the war against marijuana.

Texas spends approximately \$2 billion a year to enforce marijuana laws. Last year, Day said, 55,000 people were arrested in Texas for possession of marijuana. Of those, 90 percent were misdemeanor charges, meaning the offender was in possession of four ounces or less. In addition, 52 percent of drug arrests in Texas are for possession of marijuana.

"It seems to me, if you're going to punish somebody, it should be for cocaine or speed or something you could hurt yourself with," Day said.

"It seems to me like if we're going to spend a bunch of money on something, that it should be on something that's going to fight crime instead of harassing regular citizens."

In addition, Day promoted

Fourth Amendment rights by passing out bumper stickers with the message, "I do not consent to a search of my person, my vehicle or my residence. So don't ask."

Day said young people should be aware of their rights because police often target them.

Although he promotes the reformation of marijuana laws, Day said he does not promote drug use by young people. Day explained that his position, along with NORML's, advocates the availability of marijuana to responsible adults.

Day said this is a similar argument that resulted in the decline of teenage pregnancy. Once parents and educators admitted that teenagers were having sex and started educating them about safe sex, instances of pregnancies dropped.

"When we stopped saying

just don't do it, and started saying don't do it, but if you do, please use a condom, the result was that teen birth rates plummeted because of education."

Day said the education transfers to the hypocrisy of a government, which legalizes both alcohol and tobacco, but not marijuana, which is far less dangerous.

"It's not a bad thing. If you can get people off of dangerous substances like alcohol and tobacco and get them on healthier habits like aerobics or marijuana or Gatorade, that's a good thing," Day said.

Those in office who refuse to listen to the information about marijuana should leave, he said.

"It should be made available to all people for use in any way they want; whether a decoration on a wall or to smoke it and get stoned."

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provided in a more secure vironment."

The expansion includes the addition of 20 medical/surgical beds, an Intensive Care Unit and an upgrade of the Emergency Care Unit and operating rooms. The majority of the \$938,000 cost went to update and furnish medical equipment throughout the center.

The completion of the second phase will include building an additional 44-bed unit and upgrading hospital systems. The completion of phase two is contingent upon bond funding that will be decided upon in November.

The goal is to expand the health care services to community hospital status. The unit serves more than 30,000 regional offenders.

HSC President and incoming Tech interim Chancellor Dr. David Smith

said the staff at the Montford facility did an unbelievable job considering the 90-day time constraints.

"It was a really quick sort of passing of the ball at the time and our folks didn't drop the ball," he said.

The UMC issued a 90-day contract cancellation notice to the HSC for hospital services to state correctional patients in January.

"Even though they are incarcerated, they need healthcare. The needs are there no matter how you cut it," Smith said.

William Stevens, warden of the Montford Unit, said at any given time there are 900 offenders matched to approximately 800 staff members within the center.

"We provide care and then again custody to the offenders," he said. "Offenders still have to visit the ER."

In addition to the updates within the facility, Stevens said the staff also is receiving additional training.

There are approximately 250 medi-

cal professionals on the permanent staff at the facility. Along with a rotating staff, they provide 24-hour coverage of the unit, said Willis.

"Our goal is to do as much in house as we can, out of the community; whether the community is in Lubbock or in other areas," he said.

The facility serves 23 other units in West Texas, providing specialized care. Willis said there are approximately 550 visits per month and inpatient beds average approximately 40 people per day.

The updated center holds surgery four days a week and provides clinics in specialty areas such as general and orthopedic surgery. Josie Strehlaw, director of nurses, said the staff at the center must be versatile.

"What makes our staff unique - with so many people specializing - is that our staff has to be able to do a little of everything. They have to multi-specialize."

■ MARQUEE

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Aside from athletic events, commencement ceremonies and concert information, Meredith said he hopes the marquee also will display scores and outcomes after athletic events for those unable to attend games. Campus emergencies might be displayed, such as instances of inclement weather, he said.

"We are still working with administration on developing a policy for information allowed on the marquee," Meredith said.

He said there are currently no plans to sell electronic advertising on the marquee. Funding for the project,

Meredith said, was acquired through a private donation from Covenant Medical Center and the arena construction budget.

Ellicott said the project costs \$326,000.

Growing pains are to be expected in the beginning, Meredith said. Birthdays and other personal events will not be allowed on the marquee. The purpose of the marquee is for the good of the university.

He said he hopes the new venue for information will catch the attention of people who do not respond to conventional advertising in newspaper and on radio and television.

The marquee's design duplicates the Spanish Renaissance influence in architecture seen on Tech's campus.

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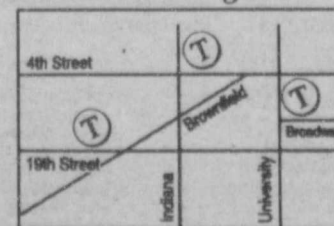
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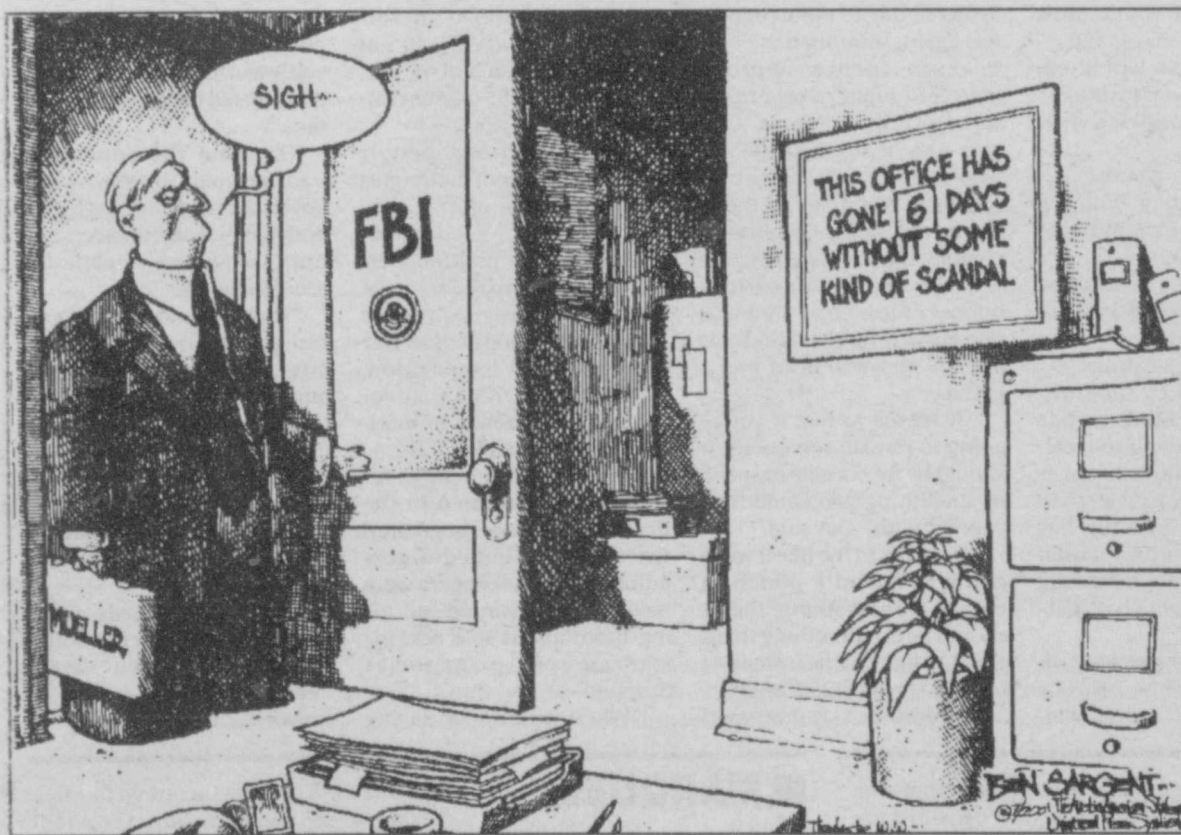
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Basketball leaving other sports in the dust

Bob Knight has already done what Texas Tech hoped he would do and he hasn't even coached a game in United Spirit Arena. He came, we saw and the



Matt Muench

the works. Knight shirts, hats and books are probably sold to students more than beer in the Hub City.

But most importantly, Tech Athletic Director Gerald Myers may finally believe what the ghost in the United Spirit Arena might have told him when he said, "If you bring him, people will come."

Tech basketball players next season will finally get to respect themselves a little more when they walk onto the floor and see a full array of seats. "Thank you, Bob Knight," should be the slogan of Tech basketball this season.

With less than four months until

the season opener Nov. 16 against William and Mary, the arena is almost sold out for the entire year. That means no walk-up ticket purchasing come game day.

Looks like scalping tickets may make its way back to the "House that Only Knight Fills," for the first time since he packed the stadium when he was coaching Indiana during the arena's first contest in 1999.

You see, it is so hard to market a team in Lubbock that you have to bring in a celebrity to bring in the fans and money. That is why Lubbock has the most uncommitted fans next to Dallas Cowboys buffs.

So how are the other Raider sports going to bring in the fans? Lady Raiders don't need new ideas. They have the best marketing plan — just win. It's hard to achieve full stadiums for tennis and soccer competitions. As for football, something needs to be done.

Jones SBC should be full every game if Tech wants to call itself a university with a respectable football program.

Student Government Association President John Steinmetz and Tech administrators are trying.

Steinmetz's mission is to make fans — mostly students — want to head to the stadium rather than a local bar or club. Plans of a student-

only tailgate party next to the soccer fields are in the making.

But I warn Steinmetz: That plan may be like spitting in the wind. Students may pass out from a certain liquid before game time and his plan could blow back at him. Also, Steinmetz said at every home game himself and Tech President David Schmidly plan to walk through the stands to look for student fans wearing another school's hat instead of a Tech cap.

The fan will be put on the stadium's monitor and be pretty much forced to trade the hat in for a new Tech hat. If the fan doesn't, boos from the stands will roar. I like that idea.

Here's a marketing idea: Give free admission to any fan that was a student the last time Tech won 10 games. The year was 1973.

Or give free souvenirs, other than the cliché towels and balloons fans always get. Free toilet paper with the UT and A&M logos would bring in people.

Then again, hire a celebrity like Jimmy Johnson or just go the Lady Raider route and actually win.

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[COLUMN]

What would we do without politicians?

When I lie in bed at night and say my prayers, I always remember to thank God for the wonderful men and



Brandon Formby

women of the U.S. Congress. I shiver thinking what the nation would be like without this fine governing body. Who else would spend our tax money on things like researching the rate at which ranch dressing molds when in a refrigerator at 62.39 degrees? Who else would spend approximately 15 minutes of an average workday trying to make laws after dredging through four-hour lunches at the taxpayer's expense?

And, most importantly, who else would sleep with all the interns in the world?

Currently, Sen. Joseph Lieberman, D-Conn., is working on a massive project, which is going to cure the United States of its problems. Under his leadership, this project will end world hunger, end the homeless situation, create world peace and generally make the world a better place for fuzzy bunnies and dew drops.

This little project is aimed at the entertainment industry and is an attempt to bring down the evil rating systems used by the movie, television, music and video game industries.

Many people argue that the government should stay out of the entertainment industry and let parents decide what their children watch, listen to and play.

But how can parents honestly monitor their children's behavior patterns when they are too busy being uninterested in their lives?

And why shouldn't the government have a say in this? After all, by doing this Lieberman is scoring points with constituents who want evil doers like rap artists, movie stars and video game makers to be censored.

These are those cool people who sit in their house all day and wait for some new issue to come along so

they can jump on the bandwagon and help — kind of like Kyle's mom on "South Park."

And by scoring points with these people, Lieberman helps his chances to get reelected, which is extremely good for congressional business.

If he gets reelected, then he can spearhead another project aimed to get him reelected, and then during that term he can find another project that will get him reelected.

Apparently, some people think the fact that each industry has its own ratings system makes it completely confusing to the 19 parents in America who actually do monitor what their children watch. Lieberman is trying to get the entire entertainment industry to use one ratings system.

When I was 12, the television listings would tell you just why, exactly, a program was rated the way it was with little code letters.

Whenever I was in the mood for a little butt kicking, I'd always tune to the programs which had a "V" for violence next to their titles.

If I felt my vocabulary could use a little boost, I'd switch over to a movie with the letter "L" for language in its list of warnings. Looking back, there were some pretty damn bad words on television. Even then.

And of course, whenever it was late at night and I felt like I needed an education in adult life, I would watch a movie that had a letter "N" in its warnings.

"N" was for nudity.

Personally, I'm just so glad that Lieberman is spending so much time, energy and tax payers' money on such an important, vital issue.

Could you imagine if all our elected representatives spent a majority of their time focusing on crazy, silly things like health care, social security and public education?

Who would we count on to tell us what to watch? Who would we depend on to spend all the money left from our big tax rebate?

And, of course, who would love all those poor little interns?

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Company capitalizes on wildfires

MISSOULA, Mont. (AP) — Plagued by wildfires? Fear not. The Proteus Fire Master stands ready to help — for \$6,000 a day.

With the clatter of steel treads and the whine of a 300-horsepower diesel engine, the 26-ton firefighting juggernaut climbs out of a steep gully on the "Proteus Proving Grounds," a chewed-up back lot near the Missoula airport.

Scott Peterson stands nearby, smiling with satisfaction. While the prospect of another long summer of flame fills many Westerners with dread, entrepreneurs such as Peterson smell opportunity in the smoky air.

The Proteus can crawl through the burning forest to scrape out bare-earth corridors with its 6-foot-wide bulldozer blade. Its hydraulic boom can topple a 2-foot-thick pine, then slice it up in seconds with a grapple and retractable chainsaw. Hoses squirt water in all directions, fed by a 3,000-gallon tank that can be refilled on the run by a helicopter.

Peterson's company, the Rough Terrain Technologies Group, rushed out a Proteus prototype last summer to help battle blazes on the Bitterroot National Forest. Encouraged by Forest Service officials, Peterson built three more of the contraptions for \$350,000 apiece.

He calls the \$6,000 daily rental fee a bargain.

"We figure we can replace 35 people with one Proteus," he says. "It's more efficient, it's safer, and it

gets the water to where it's needed."

If Peterson's gamble pays off, he won't be the only one to profit from wildfire.

Last year's fires, the worst in half a century, charred 8.4-million acres nationwide and cost the federal government \$1.4 billion to fight.

Congress approved an extra \$1.6 billion to beef up budgets this year for fire research, suppression and prevention and the thinning of forests to reduce dangerous fuel accumulations.

All that money is giving a boost to the rural West's "fire economy," a little-known but thriving field of commerce in which residents are enriched by the very forces of nature that threaten to destroy them.

Consider the Bitterroot Valley, just south of Missoula in southwestern Montana, where 365,000 acres burned last year, including nearly 20 percent of the Bitterroot National Forest. More than 1,500 people were evacuated, and 70 homes were destroyed. Smoke hung in the valley for six weeks, hiding the mountains and turning the midday sun blood red.

Most people here will tell you the fires were awful. At the same time, the government was spending \$74 million to fight the Bitterroot fires, and a good portion of that money trickled into the local economy.

Benefitting from the fires is still a sensitive subject here.

"It isn't discussed," says Dixie Dies, public information officer at the Bitterroot Forest headquarters in

Hamilton. "There was so much hurt, people don't want to talk about who did well."

But many did do well.

Sweet Pea Sewer and Septic collected \$60 a day for each portable toilet it rented to the Forest Service. At the height of the fires, the small company doubled its work force to maintain about 400 toilets in fire camps in Montana and Idaho.

"People go, 'Oh, you're taking advantage of the fires.' But someone has to provide services, and we worked our butts off doing it," says co-owner Susan Bashor. "You get exhausted. You don't see your kids. You drive through the fires and you think of neighbors who have lost their homes. It was very emotional for all of us."

Housewife Jennifer Sain put the kids in daycare and rented her GMC Suburban to the Forest Service for \$80 a day, then hired herself out at \$11.63 an hour to drive it, ferrying fire officials and reporters around the forest. She says she made \$10,000 in two months.

Some of her government-wary ranching relatives didn't appreciate her working for the Forest Service, she says. But economics prevailed.

"I wouldn't have done it if it wasn't good money," Sain says.

When Ed Lesky, a retired personnel manager, was forced from his home by smoke, he stayed with friends who were firefighters.

New York schoolteacher's sex change accepted by district, students, parents

EASTCHESTER, N.Y. (AP) — When last seen by students at Eastchester High School, art teacher Randey Gordon was a man. When they return to class in September, that will no longer be the case.

"Mr. Gordon isn't Mr. Gordon anymore," said the 52-year-old teacher who underwent a sex-change operation last month. "But it's still me. The parents and the kids who knew me as a man, they'll accept me. The person hasn't changed. I'm the same crazy, humorous person I was before."

Many people who undergo sex changes — there are an estimated 1,000 annually in the United States — decide to start a new life with a new identity.

But Gordon, who has taught in the New York City suburb for 10 years, is one of a small number of transsexual teachers across the country who are returning to the classroom.

"I love my job," Gordon said. "I shouldn't have to give that up. The fact is that diversity is something the world needs to understand and respect and I'm doing this for others."

A similar case is unfolding in Northbrook, Ill., where a female high school science teacher will return to classes this fall as a man. In Lake Forest, Ill., an English teacher became a woman in the summer of 1998 and "the transition was very smooth," Assistant Principal Jay Hoffmann said.

It doesn't always work that way. Dana Rivers, a teacher in Sacramento, Calif., was fired in 1999 after becoming a woman. The school board said parents complained Rivers had talked to students about the decision. Rivers denied that and sued; she received a \$150,000 settlement and resigned.

Gordon has the support of local and state teachers unions. Darryl

Figueroa, spokeswoman for the National Education Association, the nation's largest teachers union, said, "Our position would be that (a sex change) doesn't affect classroom performance — and as long as it doesn't we would tend to support the teacher."

To prepare for Gordon's return to the 600-student high school, the district invited students and parents to what turned out to be a lively meeting that covered everything from privacy rights to bathroom use.

"There was a lot of confusion and people had questions," Superintendent Bob Siebert said. "Most people were supportive. We told them everything we could about what had happened and we assured them that Randey was going to have to be responsible, like any other teacher, about what she says to the students. We also told them Randey had rights that have to be protected."

Ellie Giotas, who has a daughter at the high school, has doubts.

"They're trying to justify something in the name of freedom, in the name of the law," Giotas said. "I would tell this guy, 'Why don't you get the hell out and start your new life somewhere else? Why do you have to impose this on us, on our children?'"

Still, some students seem untroubled.

"He's not a killer, he's not a child molester," senior Zack Sciarabba told *The Journal News of White Plains*. "He's a person who wants to live his life. He was a great guy and there's no doubt he'll be a great woman."

Gordon, the divorced parent of a 21-year-old son, told the superintendent last August about plans for the sex-change surgery. They eventually agreed on a year's leave, with pay, "so everybody could get used to the situation," Siebert said.

King defends his civil rights leadership

ATLANTA (AP) — Martin Luther King III said Thursday he has the support of most of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference board, even though the board chairman last month criticized his leadership of the civil rights organization founded by his father.

At a news conference, King declined to talk about the specific complaints brought against him by SCLC board chairman Claud Young.

"I'm very disappointed that our chairman chose to air the issues of internal SCLC workings before the nation," King said. "That is not the place to air issues."

The SCLC board chairman had told King he would lose his job as president unless he did a better job. But Young himself implied in an interview Wednesday that King's job was no longer in danger.

Young told the *Montgomery* (Ala.) *Advertiser* in Thursday's editions that the rift, which he called "an in-house incident," had been resolved.

"We are very much pleased with the way the president is performing, especially with preparing for the national convention in Montgomery," Young said. The convention begins Aug. 4.

But in a June 25 memo, Young called King "insubordinate, obstinate" and said he has not raised money for the nonprofit civil rights

organization during his three-year tenure.

In late June, the organization placed King on administrative leave, but reinstated him about a week later.

Critics complain that King is too often absent and has not fulfilled hopes that he would restore the SCLC to its civil-rights-era prominence. King has less than a third the staff his father did, and contributions have fallen considerably.

King supporters say SCLC board members, many of whom are comfortable, middle-class blacks, have allowed the organization to atrophy. Many of the 50 board members have

held their posts since King's father was in charge.

"Some of the old guard refuses to relate to or work with the younger generation," state Rep. Tyrone Brooks said. "They get on the board and they stay there, they sit there, they just do nothing. They should be fighting against poverty, breaking down barriers, not attacking Marty King."

On Wednesday, King released a statement cataloging his accomplishments as president. He mentioned opposing the Confederate battle emblem and starting several new chapters.

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JURY IN MURDER TRIAL BEGINS DELIBERATING PUNISHMENT

DALLAS (AP) — A Dallas County jury began deliberations Thursday on punishment for a man convicted of capital murder in the 1993 attack on a newlywed couple at Eastfield College.

Alvin Braziel Jr. was convicted Wednesday and prosecutors are seeking the death penalty.

According to prosecutors, Braziel fatally shot Douglas White, 27, in the chest as he and his wife walked on a jogging trail that circled Eastfield College on Sept. 21, 1993. Braziel then raped White's 24-year-old wife. The couple had married 11 days earlier.

A DNA test performed on Braziel while in jail for an unrelated crime, linked him to the murders.

SEXUAL ORIENTATION LAWS APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL

HOUSTON (AP) — A nondiscrimination law to protect gay city employees has been revived seven years after it was overturned by voters in referendum.

Houston City Council members passed the law on Wednesday, which protects employees on the basis of sexual orientation, race, gender, age and other factors.

About 20 people in the audience burst into applause after the vote.

"It is something that is long overdue and years in the making," said Councilwoman Annise Parker, a lesbian who was instrumental in getting the law passed.

CONGRESS REPRIMANDS THE PENTAGON FOR OVER SPENDING

WASHINGTON (AP) — Almost like a broken record, the Pentagon was called on the carpet in another money matter Thursday, members of Congress declared themselves furious, and military officials said they would do better.

"The bottom line is that over time this effort has failed," said Greg Kutz of the General Accounting Office, the investigative arm of Congress.

Military officials have made "only incremental" improvements in how they do business despite dozens of GAO studies a year documenting Pentagon waste and mismanagement.

Despite a decade-old law designed specifically to foil such actions, the Pentagon used accounting tricks to spend \$615 million last year that it was not supposed to, the GAO found.

BREAST CANCER STAMP RAISES \$21.5 MILLION FOR RESEARCH

WASHINGTON (AP) — A special fund-raising postage stamp for breast cancer has brought in \$21.5 million for research with a year left to circulate.

Under legislation passed by Congress, the breast cancer stamp will remain on sale until the summer of 2002.

The stamp, called a semipostal, sells for 40 cents and the amount of money received in excess of the 34-cent postage rate is donated to research into breast cancer.

So far some 312.7 million of the stamps have been sold.

ARCHAEOLOGISTS DISCOVER MAUSOLEUM NEAR THE DEAD SEA

QUMRAN, West Bank (AP) — Archaeologists digging close to the site where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found have discovered a mausoleum and a nearby coffin that may have held the bodies of important leaders from the early days of Christianity.

While the researchers say the new find is highly intriguing, they may never know who is buried at the site.

The mausoleum and the coffin were found in the barren hills overlooking the Dead Sea, only a few hundreds yards from caves where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found in 1947.

FORMER BEATLE McCARTNEY ENGAGED TO MARRY ACTIVIST

LONDON (AP) — Sir Paul McCartney, the former Beatle who lost his first wife to cancer three years ago, is engaged to be married to Heather Mills, an activist for the disabled.

McCartney, 59, proposed on Monday during a trip to Britain's Lake District, his spokesman said Thursday.

The two plan to marry some time next year.

The 33-year-old Mills is a former swimwear model whose left leg was amputated below the knee after she was run down by a police motorcyclist in 1993.

The spokesman also said McCartney bought the sapphire and diamond engagement ring he presented to Mills in India earlier this year.

Standing tall



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Jeff Livingston, Texas Tech's manager for engineering and technical operations, stands in front of the Mesonet tower at Reese Technology Center. The tower can measure wind speed, rain fall and soil temperature.

Mariah Carey hospitalized for exhaustion

NEW YORK (AP) — Singer Mariah Carey has checked herself into a hospital for "extreme exhaustion," her spokeswoman said Thursday.

Cindi Berger would not say what Carey's symptoms were or where she was.

Berger said Carey's busy schedule contributed to her illness and hospitalization Wednesday night.

"She's been working around the clock," Berger told *The Associated Press*.

In a separate statement, Berger said: "Carey has been hospitalized for extreme exhaustion after completing two movies, 'Glitter' and 'Wise Girls,' and simultaneously writing, recording and producing her album, the soundtrack 'Glitter.'"

Corpus Christi custody case ends in father's favor

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — A Nueces County jury has granted Paul Marinkovich permanent custody of his son Gabriel, possibly bringing an end to a half-decade international custody battle.

Gabriel's mother, Sindi Graber Linden and Marinkovich have been battling over custody of Gabriel since about 1996 when Linden, formerly of Corpus Christi, took Gabriel and her daughter to Europe to escape Marinkovich.

The three lived under assumed names in Sweden, Scotland and Spain for four years while Marinkovich and authorities searched for them. Linden was arrested on international kidnapping charges in Scotland in March 2000.

U.S. District Judge Janis Graham Jack has dismissed the charges against Linden, providing she abides by the outcome of the trial.

Brent Chesney, one of Graber's two attorneys, said the fact that Linden had fled to Europe, as well as 94th District Judge Jack Hunter's decision not to allow testimony of allegations of abuse against Marinkovich, hurt Linden's chances.

During closing arguments, Marinkovich's attorneys focused on Linden's flight through Europe, during which time she eluded authorities until her arrest in March 2000.

Linden has said in the past she was trying to protect Gabriel from Marinkovich, whom she accuses of abusing her 12-year-old daughter,

Gabriel's half-sister. But Marinkovich has said the 32-year-old Linden brainwashed Gabriel, and that mental health professionals have repeatedly discredited her allegations of abuse. The jury has not been allowed to hear allegations of abuse.

Before fleeing to Europe, Linden lived in Corpus Christi for four years with physical custody of Gabriel. She said she left after the custody order was made temporary instead of permanent as she had hoped.

Linden has complained that Marinkovich made it difficult for her to see Gabriel or talk to him on the phone since she returned to the United States. She went eight months without visiting Gabriel at Marinkovich's home in Simi Valley, Calif., after the person assigned to monitor the visits quit and attorneys had difficulty finding a new one.

Linden claimed the monitor quit because of harassment from Marinkovich. Linden has said she left to protect Gabriel from Marinkovich.

Chesney said in Thursday's editions of the Corpus Christi Caller-Times that the next step will be to work out a visitation arrangement for Linden, who objects to the supervised visitations Marinkovich wants.

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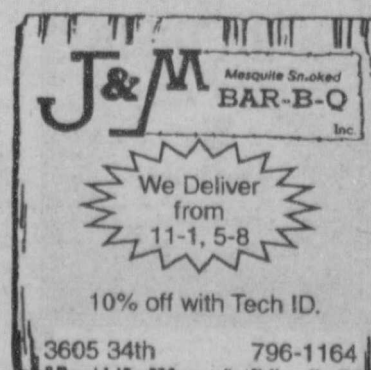
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Tech unveils Lady Raiders' schedule

■ **More competitive non-conference games may provide several challenges.**

By **MATT MUENCH**
STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech senior post Tanisha Ellison looked at the recently released non-conference Lady Raider schedule and did not pick one team she really wants to beat.

Sure the powerhouse schools, Duke and Rutgers come to mind.

But not one team logo gets her pumped to really want to win — all 11 do.

"I want to beat them all," she said.

And the way the young squad looked last year, Ellison said it is a possibility.

"Right now, I am not going to look

too far ahead," the 6-foot-1-inch Houston native said. "We have a talented team and we just want to take every game one game at a time."

One game at a time may be right because Tech Coach Marsha Sharp's squad will do battle with four non-conference teams ranked in last season's final *Associated Press* Poll, with two of the games on the road.

"When I first looked at this schedule I was excited and shocked," Ellison said. "I mean this is the toughest schedule I have seen since I have been here."

The Ladies opens their campaign Nov. 11 at the State Farm Tip-Off Classic in Durham, N.C., where four of the nation's best squads will play their season openers.

Duke is Tech's opponent while Big 12 Champion Oklahoma and national champion runner-up Purdue will face off in the other contest.

Sharp said Duke, who finished last season ranked No. 5 by *the AP*, is one

of many teams that will test Tech before Big 12 competition begins.

Although they may offer quite a bit of competition, Sharp looks at the opponents as big opportunities for her team.

"I think this is the best non-conference schedule we have had since we joined the Big 12," Sharp said. "We have a lot of opportunities to play some quality teams and we have some great home games that will give our fans a good chance to see some quality opponents."

Tech continues on the road for three more games against Pac-10 schools Oregon State and Oregon before concluding the road trip at New Mexico.

This is the first time since 1997 that the squad has started the season away from Lubbock.

Tech guard Candi White said she has not seen the schedule, she has only heard about it.

And the first four games on the



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Lady Raider head coach Marsha Sharp, along with several players, sits on the Texas Tech sideline and watches as the game unfolds during a contest last season at United Spirit Arena.

road is what she said will be difficult.

—a chance to for the team to mature.

But like Sharp, White said the tough opponents are an opportunity

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But memories of less happy times still abound.

The Texan, about to claim his third consecutive title in the world's toughest cycling race, also is the survivor of advanced testicular cancer that left him forever aware of life's frailty.

"I'm still a cancer survivor. I al-

ways will be one," he said Thursday outside the chateau where he was staying with his U.S. Postal Service team.

It's a fact that has gotten less attention this year than during his previous Tour triumphs, much to Armstrong's annoyance.

"It's unfortunate for me and it upsets me that over time they will talk about the comeback from cancer less and less," he said. "The first year everybody talked about it. The next year they talked about it less and less, and

this year we haven't heard about it one time. That's a shame."

No longer an outsider, as he was in 1999, or the least-favorite favorite, as he was last year, Armstrong is now the dominant figure in road cycling. His performance in this year's Tour overwhelmed his rivals, taking the spotlight from his cancer-survival background.

But Armstrong continues to undergo regular checkups. These will fall off from twice a year to just once as of October, when he will mark the

five-year anniversary of his cancer diagnosis.

"It's a landmark for the patient," said the U.S. Postal rider. "But it's not as if I make five years and then say I'm not worried about it or not scared about it."

"You hear a lot of stories about people who make it 10, 15, 20 years and then it comes back. So I'll never turn my back."

For now Armstrong isn't worried about reported potential cancer risks due to excessive exercise.

DB Curtis named to Thorpe 'Watch List'

After already receiving numerous preseason accolades, Texas Tech senior strong safety Kevin Curtis was recently given two more.

On Wednesday Curtis was named to the Thorpe Award "Watch List," and Thursday the media tabbed the 6-foot-3-inch, 223-pound Lubbock native as a first-team All-Big 12 defensive back.

The media also picked the Red Raiders to finish fourth in the Big 12 South, behind national champion Oklahoma, Texas and Texas A&M.

Nebraska was chosen as the favorite in the North Division, followed by Kansas State, Colorado, Iowa State, Missouri and Kansas.

The Thorpe Award is presented annually to the nation's top defensive back.

Other players included with Curtis on the watch list are Quentin Jammer (Texas), Roy Williams (Oklahoma), Pig Prather (Mississippi State) and Lito Sheppard (Florida).

Tech Tennis star nets postgraduate funds

Texas Tech men's tennis senior Borut Martincevic was recently awarded an NCAA postgraduate scholarship that will provide financial assistance for part-time or full-time study at the university of professional school of his choice, the NCAA announced last week.

Martincevic, a native of Maribor, Slovenia, has been on the squad since 1998 and accumulated a record of 28-31 in singles action during his career.

Martincevic was the top graduating senior among Tech student athletes in 2001.

He was the recipient of the Highest Merit Award at the annual Athletic Academic Awards Banquet and named to the Big 12 Commissioner's Honor Roll from Fall 1997 through Spring 2001.

He was named to the dean's list five times and the president's list twice while also being named to the Academic All-Big 12 First Team during his tenure as an undergraduate.

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"It will be a good opportunity to play some tough games," White said. "It will mature us because we will play in tough situations to help us prepare for the Big 12. It will be a lot better than just killing a team by 20 or 40 points."

Tech's first contest in the United Spirit Arena in 2001 is against North Texas on Dec. 2. They will continue the home stand for their next two contests against Rice and Southern Mississippi.

Tech returns to the road for a two-game swing against St. Peters and Rutgers.

Rutgers finished last season ranked No. 11 by the AP.

Tech is back at home on Dec. 29 to face Vanderbilt before conference play begins.

Colorado and Louisiana State will play at the United Spirit Arena that same night.

Vanderbilt, who wrapped up last season with a No. 10 ranking, is the last ranked opponent Tech faces before five Big 12 opponents hit the calendar — all of whom finished 2000-01 in the AP's Top 25.

Ahead of the No. 13 Lady Raiders in the Big 12 is No. 7 Oklahoma and No. 12 Iowa State.

Last season, Tech dropped both contests against the Sooners, while the Cyclones took two of three from Tech, including a win in the Big 12 tournament.

Sharp said when the scheduling process begins it is important to be careful how many tough, quality teams are scheduled. She said when March rolls around, the NCAA committee considers key wins more important than who constitutes a team's losses.

"If you don't win enough games you can't get in the tournament," Sharp said. "We play a tough Big 12 schedule and hopefully our non-conference schedule will help prepare us for that."

Tech's Big 12 schedule was released Wednesday.

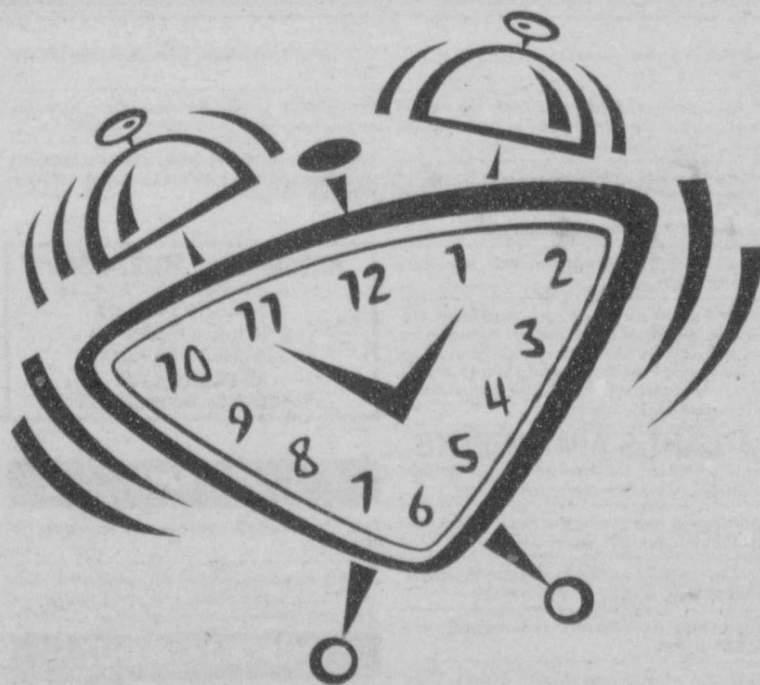
The Lady Raiders open the conference at home against rebuilding Kansas on Jan. 2 and close with the defending conference-champion Sooners Feb. 27 in Norman, Okla.

Sandwiched between conference games, Tech will take a break from Big 12 play and host the Big 12/Big 10 Challenge on Feb. 17.

Tech collides with Wisconsin while Oklahoma battles Illinois in the other coldest.

White said after a heavy load of competition this season, Tech should be ready when March Madness begins.

"I don't think we could play a tougher schedule," she said. "If that doesn't get us ready, I don't know what will."



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