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University Day to showcase Tech to prospective students

By April Tamplen and Justin Matthews/
Staff Reporters

The office of Admissions and Student Services is teaching prospective Texas Tech students to get their guns up today at the United Spirit Arena for the spring University Day.

The theme for this semester's University Day is "College Year 2002" and will take place at 8 a.m. in the concourse of the Spirit Arena.

Jay Killough, recruitment counselor and coordinator for University Day, said 3,000 prospective students and family members are attending the event.

"Parents and students from all over the country are coming to University Day to look potentially at Tech," he said. "We want to be a great host to them and show them what West Texas

hospitality."

Different tables are set up in the circular concourse room for visitors to pick up information on student services, academics and student organizations.

Marie Alford, assistant director of admissions, said the day is like a one-stop shopping center.

"Students can register and apply for Tech and pick up forms for Financial Aid, Housing and Dining and Traffic and Parking," she said. "There will be information sessions throughout the day from the departments that students are interested in."

Alford said the pompom squad, cheerleaders and admissions officials are scheduled to host a pep rally to show Tech spirit.

"Dr. Schmidly and John Steinmetz will come

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Two senators resign after debate over athletics fee

HOT TOPIC: Fortenberry, Strickland quit, walk out during Senate meeting.

By April Tamplen/Staff Reporter

Two Texas Tech student senators resigned Thursday at the Student Senate meeting as mixed emotions arose about the intercollegiate athletics fee.

Senator-at-Large Zeke Fortenberry and College of Arts and Sciences Kenneth Strickland resigned during the meeting.



Fortenberry

Fortenberry said the intercollegiate athletics fee went in front of the Rules and Administration Committee Monday for approval to be presented in front of the Senate but the committee denied the request.

"The reason the Rules and Administration Committee did not want us to present the athletic fee is because they thought it sent a bad message to the students," he said. "I am disappointed and disgusted that the Student Senate would not discuss a controversial issue like

this. What is the point of even being on the Senate?"

In the Senate meeting, the vote to discuss the intercollegiate athletic fee was shut down by a vote of 30-10 by the Senate.

Senator Jason Sharp said he was glad the fee was not discussed because it brought up personal campaign agendas.

Heath Cheek, chairman of the Rules and Administration Committee, said the reason the athletics fee was not discussed was because it would be a handicap between the Student Government Association and the Administration.

"The SGA and student body need the admin-

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Candidates face off for SGA spot

By April Tamplen/
Staff Reporter

The two candidates running for external vice president in the upcoming Student Government Association elections said they plan on working with the Lubbock community to get a better image of Tech.

The candidates are Leigh Mauer and Bryan Vaughn.

Mauer, a junior history major from Waco, said she wants to unite the student body to promote ownership and a sense of pride for Tech.

"This year the external spirit committee decorated businesses for football spirit," she said. "I want to get more organizations involved and involve the smaller sports."

Mauer said she wants to start Tech Spotlight, a program that would have a weekly article in the *Lubbock Avalanche-Journal* that would promote Tech organizations.

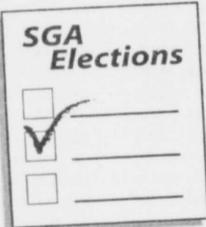
"It would give each organization a little bragging time," she said. "It would show the Lubbock community the service projects that student organizations participate in."

Mauer said she wants to start an Adopt an Acre program.

"Each organization could adopt a small section of the Tech campus," she said. "That organization would then get a plaque that showed they owned that section and it would bring a sense of ownership on the campus."

Mauer said she plans on implementing the Student Ad-hoc Committee, which is a committee that deals with Traf-

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FRANK VACULIN/
Graphics Artist

Kidnapped reporter now believed dead

By Richard Pyle/Associated Press

NEW YORK — Daniel Pearl, the *Wall Street Journal* reporter who was taken hostage a month ago by Islamic extremists in Pakistan, is now believed to be dead, the newspaper said Thursday.

"We now believe, based on reports from the U.S. State Department and police officials of the Pakistani province of Sindh, that Danny Pearl was killed by his captors. We are heartbroken at his death," Peter Kann, publisher of the *Journal*, said in a statement.

"Danny was an outstanding colleague, a great reporter, and a dear friend of many at home," Kann said.

Pearl was abducted in the port city of Karachi on Jan. 23 after arranging to interview the leader of a radical Muslim faction with purported ties to the al-Qaida terrorist network and terror suspect Richard C. Reid, arrested in December on a Paris-Miami flight he allegedly boarded with explosives in his shoes.

"His murder is an act of barbarism that makes a mockery of everything Danny's kidnappers claimed to believe in," Kann said. "They claimed to be Pakistani nationalists, but their actions must surely bring shame to all true Pakistani patriots."

The *Journal* statement, signed by Kann and Managing Editor Paul Steiger, said, "We will, in coming months, find ways, public and private, to celebrate the great work and good works Danny did. But today is a day to grieve."

"This loss is, of course, most painful for Danny's family, in this country and elsewhere. We ask our colleagues in the press to respect their privacy, and to permit them to grieve undisturbed."

Pearl reported from the United States, Europe and Asia in a 12-year career with the financial daily. Based in Bombay, India, for the past year as the *Journal's* bureau chief for South Asia, the 38-year-old Pearl was on assignment in Pakistan as part of its coverage of the war on terrorism in neighboring Afghanistan.



CRAIG SWANSON/Staff Photographer

STUDENT THE UNITED SPIRIT ARENA their hours before the game to gain entrance.

Court Jesters pump up fans at basketball games

By Mary Jane Short/Contributing Writer

Whether they're doing the wave, wearing red ribbons in their hair or playing the Texas Tech fanfare, the Court Jesters play a part in the Tech spirit at basketball games and other activities.

Keith Bearden, himself a former Court Jester, has directed the band since spring of 1981, when only one band played for only the men's basketball games.

The Court Jesters have since evolved into two separate bands, called the Red and Black bands, with 45 to 50 members each. One of the bands plays at every basketball game, including women's games. Teaching assistants direct the band at some of the games to get college experience in pep bands, Bearden said.

"We've built it around the best players being in there," Bearden said. "We don't have any rehearsal time and never have. It's not a class. The students volunteer for it."

Students must audition for the band, and Bearden said the material is music from the marching season.

"I listen for good tone quality, good precision and enthusi-

asm," Bearden said. "The kids who are good Court Jesters have to be fun-loving and spirited. They're good all-around kids and all good players. It's a very select group."

Although much of the music played by the Court Jesters from the marching band folder, it is not necessary for a Court Jester to have been in the marching band. Bearden admits, however, the students from marching band have a slight advantage because they have played before.

"We have some students who aren't in the Goin' Band," Bearden said. "Most of the kids in Court Jesters are interested in basketball."

Laura Worthy, a freshman piccolo player from Corpus Christi, said she has had a positive experience as a Court Jester. "It's really fun, and you're a part of something," she said. "I like getting to see Bobby Knight."

Jordan Meister, a freshman trumpet player from San Antonio, agreed with Worthy.

"Not only are we a work, we get the crowd going when we need to," he said. "I like watching Bobby Knight and getting

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Recognizing the RAIDERS

Students showed up with spirit, costumes, tents to support Tech men's basketball this season

By Whitney Wyatt/Staff Reporter

The General's Army arrived this basketball season filling the student section during home basketball games wearing red and black camouflage shirts with the words 'The General's Army' inscribed on them, referring to men's basketball coach Bob Knight.

Brad Allen, a public relations major from Pampa, said he bought his shirt while he camped out in line for the Jan. 26 game against Oklahoma.

Not only did Allen wear his camouflage shirt during the game, but he also wore a personalized helmet he made.

"I painted it myself," he said. "It has a Double-T on the front, 'General's Army' written on the back and a newly added signature by Dick Vitale."

Allen said his hope is for these shirts to symbolize spirited Tech fans as well as the Red Raiders.

"We have stuck in there," he said. "We are winning."

Allen, who said he believes Tech is underrated, held a sign which read "A.P. Better Recognize," with the A, B and C written in big letters, during an ABC Sports broadcast of a game.

His sign proved correct because the following Monday, Tech moved into the Associated Press Top 25 college basketball poll.

Although the Raiders are no longer within the top 25, they are 19-8 for the season and 8-5 in the Big 12 conference, which places them tied for third place with Texas and Oklahoma State.

The Raiders face Texas A&M at 12:45 p.m. Saturday at the United Spirit Arena.

As more Tech students become Red Raider basketball fans, Allen said he knows the Tech players appreciate the newfound support and spirit. He said the players gave fans high fives as they camped out before the Tech-Oklahoma game.

"The fans were great," Tech head coach Bob Knight said. "The students were lined up outside here this morning (Jan. 26) to get in, and right from the get-go, they were, I think, really not just supportive, but I get them, they were, really entertained."

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JAIME TOMAS AGUILAR/Photography Editor
COURT JESTERS PEPP BAND plays at the Lady Raiders game against Texas A&M Tuesday. The Court Jesters are comprised of two separate bands, called the Red and Black bands, with 45 to 50 members each. One of the bands plays at every basketball game.

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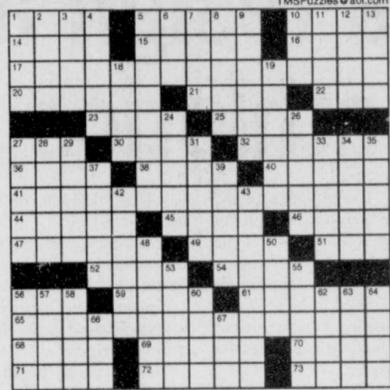
Quote of the Day

"Spears uses this film to promote her new song called 'I'm not a girl, not yet a woman.' Instead she proves she's not a singer, not yet an actress."

— JAMES EPPLER, *The UD* staff critic, on Britney Spears' new movie. Please see BRITNEY, page 7.

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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By Stanley B. Whitten
Highwood, IL

Thursday's Puzzle Solved

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The Rundown



LeAnn Rimes settles disputes with father

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — The father of singer LeAnn Rimes says he and his 19-year-old daughter have resolved their legal battle in time for him to walk her down the aisle at her upcoming wedding.

"It is difficult to express just how happy I am that all of the legal troubles between my daughter and I are over," Wilbur Rimes said in Thursday editions of *The Tennessean* newspaper. He didn't say how the dispute had been settled.

The singer, a Garland, Texas, native, now resides in Los Angeles.

LeAnn Rimes, whose hits include "Blue" and "How Do I Live," sued her father in 2000 alleging that he and former co-manager, Lyle Walker, milked her and her company out of more than \$7 million over five years. Wilbur Rimes then filed a countersuit against LeAnn Rimes Entertainment, Inc.

The singer's publicist had no comment on the father's statement.

The elder Rimes said Curb Records chairman Mike Curb, who signed LeAnn to her first contract when she was 12, helped settle the disagreement. Curb said Wednesday he was "very, very, very happy that it's all resolved."

Curb Records and the singer ended their own legal standoff in November.

American Express agrees to settlement

WASHINGTON (AP) — American Express Co. has agreed to a \$31 million settlement of a sex and age discrimination suit filed by 17 women who say they were unfairly denied promotions and pay.

Company spokeswoman Luz Marie Davis confirmed the agreement but denied the allegations. She said American Express is proud of its hiring and promotion record and settled the suit to avoid expensive litigation.

"We were very disappointed with the complaint because (the charges) are very contrary to who we are as a company," Davis, who represents the money management arm, said Thursday. "If these enhancements that we are going to be making make us an even better place to work, that's a win-win for everyone."

The plaintiffs believe the agreement is a landmark for the huge financial services company because it changes the way American Express hires and promotes employees, their attorney said.

"It was very emotional" when the women heard of the agreement, said their lawyer, Lawrence Schaefer. "These are people who took huge risks to step forward."

Int'l copyright law to take effect May 20

GENEVA (AP) — A treaty that brings world copyright law into the digital age by protecting musicians on the Internet will take effect May 20, the United Nations said Thursday.

Kamal Idris, director-general of the U.N.'s World Intellectual Property Organization, said the treaty would "offer more comprehensive protection for creators and creative enterprises in the digital environment."

The treaty is the first global accord to protect specifically the rights of recording artists and producers.

It is one of two agreements negotiated by 160 nations six years ago to protect against piracy on the Internet. Having received the necessary ratification from 30 countries, it will too come into force in three months.

The second treaty, which mirrors the other and protects authors on the Internet, crossed the 30-country threshold in December and comes into force March 6.

Both accords will "help to boost the future development of the Internet, and the culture and information industries because content producers and creators will be more confident that their interests are better guarded," said Idris.

The Olympics

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Love wild finishes? Then take heart: Apollo Anton Ohno still has two events left.

The 19-year-old American crossed the finish line second in short-track speedskating's 1,500 meters Wednesday night. But he won the gold when the skater ahead of him was disqualified for an illegal block, turning a victory lap by the perceived winner into a fit of anger.

"I just did my best, and I shined like a star," said Ohno, who on Saturday got up from a crash and stuck a skate over the finish line to win silver in the 1,000.

Ohno's performance capped a day of fabulous finishes and one that produced the most medals (five) and most golds (three) for Americans at a Winter Olympics. The U.S. medal count is up to 26, double the previous record. The team has nine golds, three more than ever.

The collection is sure to grow Thursday with the U.S. women's hockey team in the finals against Canada. Also, three of the top four women's figure skaters going into the free skate finale are Americans.

The U.S. women's curling team missed a chance for a bronze medal Thursday, losing 9-5 to Canada, the 1998 gold medalist.

In men's giant slalom, American Bode Miller was seventh after the first of two runs, but only 0.1 seconds behind the third-place finisher, putting him in good shape to become the first U.S. male medalist in the event.

"I can go faster than that," said Miller, who would try again later Thursday. The event leader was Stephan Eberharter, an Austrian who already has silver and bronze medals at these games.

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All sign-ups begin at 10am at the respective hall offices.

War hero receives award

By Jenny Klein/Staff Reporter

A crowd of family and friends gathered Tuesday afternoon to honor World War II veteran Rufus W. Grisham with the Distinguished Flying Cross.

State Rep. Larry Combest, R—Lubbock, presented the award to Grisham, a Lieutenant in the Army Air Corps with the medal for his heroic services in the war.

The ceremony was held in the Lubbock office in the George H. Mahon Federal Building.

Combest said it was an honor to present the award to Grisham, who has been a family friend for many years.

"I can't remember a day in my life I didn't know a Grisham," Combest said. "He was the same in 1954 as he is today."

Combest said this award is long overdue.

Though it's been 57 years, Combest said, Grisham finally received the honor he deserves.

"I don't believe you can over-elaborate the things have done during war time," he said. "I'm just thrilled to do this."

Grisham was a pilot in the 358th Bombardment Squadron, 96th Bombardment Group (Heavy) in Molesworth, England, Dec. 27, 1944.

He was a B-17 aircraft pilot who participated in the "Battle of the Bulge." Grisham's aircraft encountered intense anti-aircraft fire after completing a combat bombing mission over the marshalling yards at Euskirchen, Germany.

The enemy fire caused a complete power loss in one engine and a significant loss of power in two other engines. The anti-aircraft fire also blew out the left tire on the landing gear.

Grisham piloted the crippled aircraft to a safe landing, saving all eight crew members on board.

Combest said because Grisham distinguished himself as a fighter pilot in World War II, he needs to be awarded

the Distinguished Flying Cross, which was first given to Charles Lindbergh.

Grisham was honored with a medal and a certificate of service.

Grisham said he was pleased and honored to receive such an award, though he was not sure he deserved it.

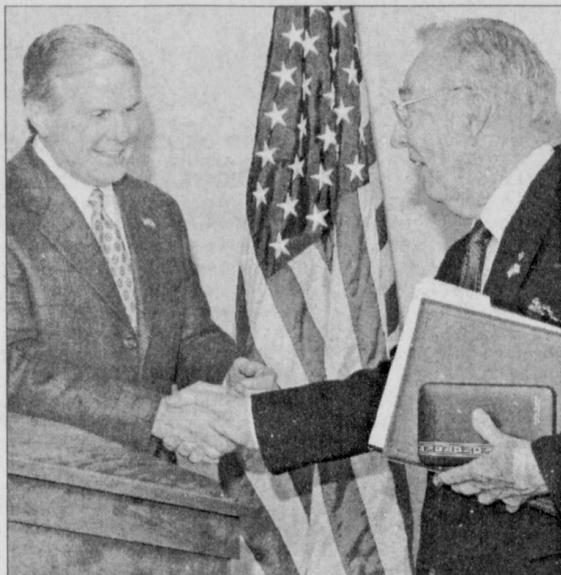
"I'm excited and thrilled and certainly pleased and humbled to receive this recognition," Grisham said.

He gave his thanks to Rep. Combest for his approval of the award after two years and one month of waiting.

Jay Ibarra, a staff assistant for Larry Combest, said the process of getting Grisham's application approved was tedious but well worth it.

"He did all the work. He kept the plane in the air and saved the lives of others. Everything else is simple for us," Ibarra said.

After someone submits an application, the Air Force office has to gather medical records and affidavits from fellow crewmembers and witnesses, Ibarra said.



DAVID JOHNSON/Staff Photographer
State Rep. Larry Combest, R—Lubbock, awards the Distinguished Flying Cross to Rufus W. Grisham. Grisham was involved in an aerial battle during World War II and piloted his crippled bomber to safety, saving his crew. The award was first given to Charles Lindbergh.

Final WTC burn victim leaves hospital

By Judy Glave/Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — An accountant who was burned over 50 percent of his body at the World Trade Center tearfully thanked his family on Thursday as he was released from a hospital.

Surrounded by family members, Donovan Cowan, 34, of Brooklyn, was the 12th, and final, trade center burn victim released from the New York-Presbyterian Weill Cornell Burn Center. He is transferring to a rehabilitation hospital.

"Just knowing that I had a family behind me that wanted me to survive gave me the will to do it," Cowan said as he wiped away tears and spoke of his recovery. "I knew a lot of people were relying on me."

He said he was working at Fiduciary Trust, on the 97th floor of 2 World Trade Center, when the first plane hit the neighboring 1 World Trade Center. He started to leave the building but then heard an announcement in his building that "everything was going to be all right."

"So I was just going to go back upstairs and call my mom and tell her that I was all right."

Cowan had gotten as high as the 84th floor when the second hijacked airliner hit his building.

"I consider myself lucky," Cowan said. "I heard so many of my friends died."

Cowan said he remembered everything about his walk down 84 stories. "I kept saying, 'Only 60 floors to go, only 50 floors to go,'" he said. "I didn't feel that much in pain at the time."

Mass Communications Week expands through the years

By Michael Mondragon/
Staff Reporter



The Texas Tech School of Mass Communications is preparing for its annual Mass Communications Week, which begins Monday.

"The week was not to dismiss classes but to bring classes together for speeches," journalism professor Freda McVay said. McVay is one of the supporters of the week-long event.

The representatives of Mass Communications begin preparing for the event as early as the first week of the fall semester. Traci Wright, public relations director of

the event, said.

Wright is one of 15 members of the organization responsible for the event.

Mass Communications Week began in 1963. However, back then, the event lasted one day and was called "the World of Advertising Seminar."

In 1972, the Mass Communications took over the seminar, changed the name to "Mass Communications Week" and expanded it to four days: advertising day, journalism day, telecommunications day and photography day.

The Mass Communications student

organizers are in charge of bringing guest speakers from each major area of study in Mass Communications to talk to students about the triumphs and trials of what goes on in the field after college, Wright said.

McVay said Mass Communications Week has always been student-run.

In 1973, a public relations day was added to the event.

McVay said Mass Communications Week has retained the same structure since

1973, keeping a balance of some years being great and some not so great.

This year's theme is called Mass Communications Week: "Behind the Scenes."

Wright says guest speakers are free to talk about whatever they want to but usually focus on what goes on behind each field of their career, Wright said.

Monday's keynote speaker is Corey Flintoff, National Public Radio personality.

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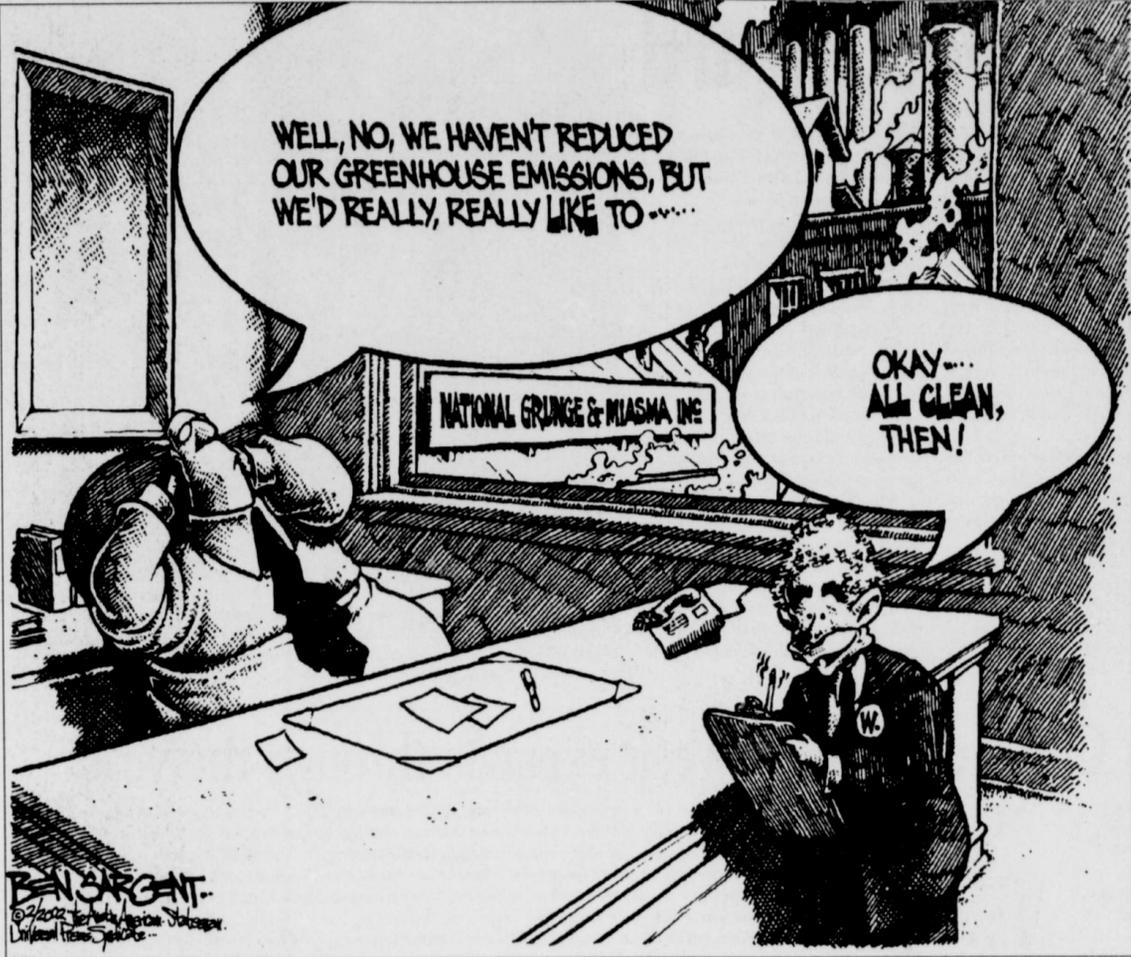
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No excuse for not having a vote

EDITORIAL

It is without doubt nearly every student at Texas Tech has an opinion on the proposed intercollegiate athletics fee.

The fee was conceived by the Student Services Fee Committee, which is made up of students representing the university, the law school, the graduate school and the Health Sciences Center, proposes to make changes to the money athletics is already receiving from the student body.

The University Daily editorial board does not support this fee. We believe giving even more money to athletics — for whatever reason — is a bad idea. The department cannot operate within its budget. Furthermore, students agreed to give the department \$6 million last spring to help out with Jones SBC Stadium construction. Last fall, the athletics department was realigned under the university. When Athletics Director Gerald Myers renegotiated his contract, part of his new job duties were to spend more time raising money for the department. When the United Spirit Arena was built, it was supposed to draw more money into the university. When Bob Knight was hired, his fame was supposed to do the same. The athletics department keeps asking for more and more money and keeps saying the reason is so they can build a better program and will not have to rely on students.

We have a state-of-the-art arena, will have a state-of-the-art stadium and Tech now has more national attention than ever before because of Knight's presence. What more is necessary for this department to run on its own? Why must students still help?

Currently, each student pays \$9.65 per credit hour per semester to student services fees. From this pool of money, which totals about \$6 million a year, a total of about \$825,000 is given to athletics with no strings attached. That averages about \$35 per student per year. Students wishing to attend home sporting events can spend \$89 on an all-sports pass, which gives them access to all home games of all athletic teams. Students living on campus

are automatically charged \$79 for this pass.

Under the proposal, each student would only pay \$9 per credit hour per semester to student services fees. None of that money would go toward athletics. Instead, each student would also be charged \$50 per semester (totaling \$100 per year) for the intercollegiate athletic fee. This would give athletics between \$2.3 million and \$2.4 million a year. As part of the fee, all students would be granted access to home sporting events. All-sports passes would no longer be sold. In addition, students would have the option of buying up to four half-price tickets to each home game.

President David Schmidly began a survey to poll the students about their opinion on this proposed fee. Yet, according to one student who was surveyed, only one question dealt with the fee and it gave the option of students paying \$100 for an all-sports pass or paying \$150 for an all-sports pass, obviously skewed to get students to agree to the proposed fee. How does this question get an accurate idea of students' opinions? It does not, and whoever worded the questions this way should be ashamed for using students as a pawn to further their goals.

The UD editorial board agrees students should pay a student services fee to help fund programs and services across campus. Currently, students help pay for the bus system, the library and the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center. Money every student pays also gets divided up between various student organizations each spring. While many students believe they should not have to pay for services they do not take advantage of, The UD sees this as a form of taxation — as a community, it is a student's duty

to help fund these programs, just as Americans' tax dollars help fund numerous programs.

Sporting events, however, are not a service provided to students. They are entertainment. Therefore, students have no obligation to fund athletics. Students should not bear the financial burden of Myers' inability to keep his department in the black. Nor should they bear the financial burden of keeping costs down for other students' choice of entertainment.

The UD editorial board would like this matter be put to a student vote. The only way to fairly decide this proposal's fate is to let the students decide it. Schmidly's survey should not be a factor, as it is not fair or open-minded. The Board of Regents is scheduled to vote on this matter at next week's Board meeting in Odessa. We believe this matter should not be put in front of the Regents.

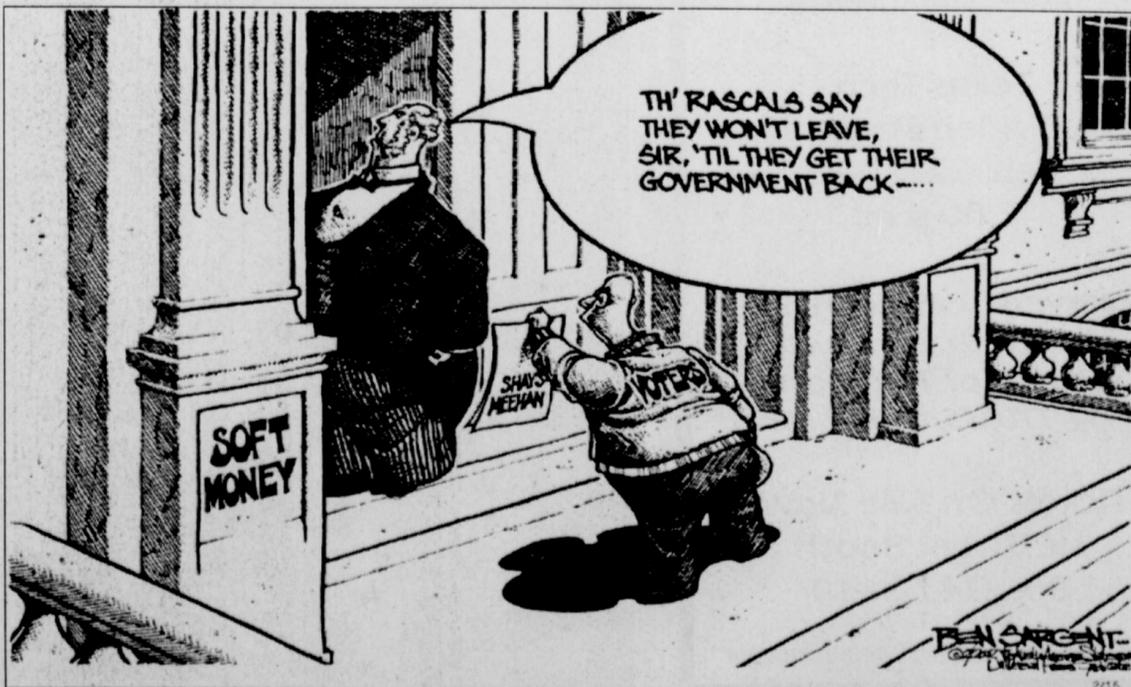
If it is, The UD believes President Schmidly, the Regents and Student Services Fee Committee Co-Chairmen John Steinmetz and Cortney Youens should give the student body a viable reason for why students were not allowed to decide this fee's fate themselves. The UD understands their concerns and motives behind this fee. We do not believe, however, that the student body's concerns have been listened to.

If this is a democracy where students pay for various services and help out the university as a community, the community should vote. That is the definition of a democracy, is it not?

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Believe it or not, Hub City has its highlights

COLUMN



RACHEL RICHMOND

At least once every few weeks, someone writes a column trashing Lubbock. Well, this is not one of them. Lubbock has taken enough abuse.

Honestly, this city is not all that bad. I'm from the Dallas area, so I am used to larger city life. I love everything about

Dallas, the crazy drivers on I-75, the thrill of finding the perfect parking spot on Greenville Avenue and the wild gothic scene down in Deep Ellum.

All that is hard to give up. But, I made my decision to come to Tech just by checking out Tech's web site.

I had never visited West Texas, nor had I much knowledge of the university itself. I applied to Tech and five other colleges — Tech was the first to respond, so I took a chance and became a Red Raider. After moving into the dorms, my family and I were driving to Wal-Mart to buy some stuff for my bare dorm room. We were stopped at the light on 4th Street and Quaker when a tumbleweed blew across the road. It hit me that I wasn't in Kansas anymore. I was out of my comfortable element and about to start a new chapter in my life — in a town with tumbleweeds, no less.

No, Lubbock was not my ideal town at first, but I have learned to like it. It's like mold—it just kind of grows on you. Sure, it often smells like cow poop and dirt becomes part of your daily diet just by living here. But, there is a lot more to this city than poop and dirt. Allow me to enlighten you on the perks of Lubbock.

First on the list of perks is the driving situation. Everything is within 15 minutes. Where else can you get to school, work, a bar or run errands all within 15-driving minutes from your home?

Also, the traffic engineers of Lubbock have so graciously provided us with wide lanes. Wide lanes are heaven sent to those bad drivers out there. The suicide lane is not bad either. It definitely makes left turns easier during the so-called "rush hour."

Speaking of "rush hour," there is never any traffic. Sure there are traffic reports, but come on. A three-car pile up is nothing to worry about. Try driving on 635 during rush hour and then you can complain about traffic.

Second on the list of perks is the wind. Yes, the wind. It might knock you down on your way to class, but you will always have that natural I-haven't-touched-my-hair, wind-blown look.

People pay lots of money to stylists just to obtain this look, and you get it for free! Lucky you! It definitely cuts down on the time getting ready for class in the morning. Just think — the wind allows more time for you to sleep. Also, hats and up-dos will always be in style here in Lubbock. That's a perk in itself.

Third on the list is the cost of living. The word that comes to mind is cheap. Houses are inexpensive here in beautiful Lubbock. I haven't paid rent above \$250.00 since I've been in this city. Also, the amount of available housing is plentiful. It is easy to find houses to accommodate students for a good price. It beats living in the dorms.

Number four has to be the dry weather. If your skin is not up to par, then living here should be an oasis. I don't think I've had a pimple since I've been in Lubbock. The weather is so dry all the time I haven't had any problems. It has cut down on the costs of powder too. I am shiny no more.

Why, if we work together, we could put Clearasil out of business! Also, if you have curly hair, this city and its dry weather is a dream come true. There will be no more frizz today, or any day, as long as you live in Lubbock!

Fifth on the list has got to be the closeness to vacation spots. If you haven't had the chance to check out Palo Duro canyon, you should. It is gorgeous. Take a mini vacation and go camping there for a weekend—it's only about an hour and a half away.

Also, New Mexico and Colorado are within a short driving distance as well. Take off and go skiing for a weekend. I would take advantage of this closeness to a wintry paradise while you are in Lubbock.

I believe you have to make the best of a situation while you are in it. So, look at the bright side of this city. It has as many good points as it does bad.

Sure, I don't want to make this my home for the rest of my life, but for the time being, I am proud to say that I am a part of the Lubbock community.

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Architecture college hosts speaker

By Preston Files/Staff Reporter

The Texas Tech College of Architecture will host Lawrence Speck, former dean of the University of Texas' school of architecture today.

Speck, the next scheduled speaker in the college's annual spring lecture series, will lecture on "A Broader View of Sustainability." The presentation will be held at 4:30 p.m. in the Architecture building gallery, courtyard level.

Darwin Harrison, field representative for Hardy Holzman Pfeiffer and Associates and member of the lecture series committee, said Speck's presentation will benefit students.

"Students will benefit by seeing someone who is able to accomplish difficult goals related to sustainability materials in the contents of larger-scale design and projects which is rarely presented," Harrison said.

Tyler Vigil, a senior architecture major from Abilene and a member of the lecture series committee, said Speck's focus on sustainability will be interesting.

"I think it is an excellent opportu-

nity to see examples of Speck putting into practice something that we learn and hear about in class."

Speck, a recipient of numerous national, state and local design awards, is a principal with Page Southerland Page, a large firm that works primarily commercial and institutional architectural projects. He is a Fellow of the American Institute of Architects and has been involved in high-profile architectural projects including the Barbara Jordan Passenger Terminal at the new Austin-Bergstrom International Airport, the award-winning Rough creek Lodge and Conference Center in Glen Rose and the Austin Convention Center.

Harrison said the Austin-Bergstrom International Airport is a model for good design.

"Speck is someone who is amazingly diverse in what he has accomplished and in his credentials," he said.

Speck's educational background includes a master's degree in architecture from Massachusetts Institute of Technology, a bachelor's of science degree in art and design and a bachelor's of science in management from MIT.

He is the author of numerous articles on design theory and history and the book "Landmarks of Texas Architecture." He also created a PBS documentary, "Building the American City/San Antonio."

Speck announced in November of 1999 he would resign as dean of Texas' architecture school because of conflicts with the circumstances that led to the resignation of the architects commissioned to design the Jack S. Blanton Museum of Art's new building on the Texas' campus in Austin.

Because of controversy in the design of the architectural firm of Herzog & de Meuron, based in Basel, Switzerland, Speck made a stand.

Harrison said the move created controversy in the architecture world.

"Speck is a model of standing up for an architecture design, visuals and ideas," he said.

The lecture series includes speakers, faculty and alumni.

Ten speakers are hosted by the series: one more lecture in February, two in March and three in April.

The lectures began with Ian

MacBurnie, assistant professor in the college. MacBurnie's lecture led the series Feb. 1. As an assistant professor of urban theory design in the College of Architecture, MacBurnie focused the subject of his lecture on "Diver-city."

Les Sheperd, a Tech graduate, spoke on embassy design Feb. 8. Sheperd is the deputy chief architect for the General Services Administration in Washington D.C.

Elizabeth Chu Richter, chief executive officer and design principal of Richter Architects and executive producer of the radio program "The Shape of Texas," lectured on "What is an architect to do?" Feb. 15.

The lectures are open to the public and are free of charge, she said.

David Heymann will present thoughts related to buildings and landscape including the design of the Crawford Ranch House for President George W. Bush Feb. 27.

The lecture series committee is comprised of Phillip Mead, Darwin Harrison, Michael Martin, Gary Lindsey, Urs Peter Flueckiger and Tyler Vigil, a senior architecture major from Abilene.

External

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fic and Parking.

"This committee helps the students feel they have input in what is going on," she said. "This committee would have input on things like the commuter stickers."

Vaughn, a junior finance, economics and pre-med major from Lubbock, said he believes the external vice president serves as a liaison between the city council, chamber of commerce and the state legislature.

"The external vice president deals with Safe Ride, Traffic and Parking and the Citibus account," he said. "Nowhere does it say the external vice president deals with school spirit."

Vaughn said he plans on building his platform around relationships between the city council, Marc McDougal and Kirk Gentry, the Coors distributor to disseminate information about the Safe Ride program in bars.

"We need to build relationships with the city council that does not exist right now," he said.

Vaughn said his No. 1 goal was voter registration because voter registration is the key to getting the student voice heard.

Raiders

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give a pep talk to the students," she said. "Students at Tech are encouraged to come and represent Tech through the student organizations; I think this day makes Tech look irresistible."

Deidra Hirt, a sophomore agriculture business major at Howard Junior College in Big Spring, said she plans to transfer to Tech in the fall.

"I hope to get a better understanding of the school itself at this college day thing," she said. "I especially hope to receive good advising and a campus tour, so I'll know my way."

Hirt said she is looking forward to learning about academics, student organizations and the different colleges.

"I wouldn't mind finding out some information on the SGA and stuff," she said.

Hirt said she is eager to transfer to Tech.

"I am excited; I am ready for something bigger. I've wanted to go to Tech since I was little," she said. "I wish that this fair was held a little earlier, like before Christmas break, because everything is due March 1, so it would help us get prepared a little better."

Fans

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Matthew Fraley, a senior psychology major from Abilene who started camping out at 7:45 p.m. on the Friday before the Saturday game, said alumni bought pizza for the students who camped out.

"We were here for 16 hours by the time the game started," he said. "Texas Tech is showing up for basketball, not just for Bob Knight, but for the team itself."

With increased spirit in Tech basketball, senior center Andy Ellis said he expected fans to be a little crazy this year, but he did not know they would be as dedicated as they are.

"I don't think I could have ever expected students to come out like they have," he said. "They are some of the best fans in the world."

Ellis said the more support the team receives, the better it makes the players feel.

"It makes us feel good to see fans going crazy over us," he said. "It pushes us to play our best."

Besides student sections filled with thousands of fans at games, he said he was impressed with the students who camped out early to get seats.

"You hear that at Duke," Ellis said. "It's what you see on TV. It's real cool that Tech students are doing that for us."

Not only did students camping out before the games excite senior guard Jesus Arenas, but he also said coming out for warm-ups to a packed student section gets him and his teammates pumped up.

"We need the other teams to know they will be heckled," he said. "We need to have that advantage when other teams come here."

Creating a solid basketball environment at Tech was also important to Bryan Vaughn, a junior finance and economics major from Lubbock, who has attended every home basketball game this year.

"I look forward to this college town turning into a basketball college town," he said. "Up there with Duke, Arizona and Kentucky."

Almost as exciting as the game, may be watching for Knight to heckle the referees. In turn, Tech students have taken hint and started heckling as referees.

"We were going for the old, blind-ref look," Ehmer said. "We add another factor to the game."

Ehmer said he and his friends are convinced they are a distraction for visiting teams.

If they alone are not enough of a distraction, he said the posters of women in bikinis, which they hold up while the visiting team is shooting free throws, are.

"Most guys like hot chicks," Ehmer said. "We try to get their attention with the posters."

While the posters may not work all the time, he said, they help distract the visiting players as much as possible.

"If nothing else, we let our team know they have some crazy lunatics supporting them," he said.

Although freshman guard Nathan Doudney describes Tech fans as some of the best in the country, he said before the season started he expected Tech to have more of a frenzy or fan-weather-type fans.

"Now that we're winning, they actually want to come out and watch us, instead of coach (Bob Knight)," he said.

Doudney said he is enjoying the supportive fans.

"Wearing a referee shirt and a wig is something I would do if I was not playing," he said. "I would be on the front row going crazy."

Jesters

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in the game for free is nice."

The Court Jesters also perform at other places than the basketball games. Bearden said the band receives requests to perform on almost a daily basis.

"I utilize the Court Jesters because they are already a formed group," Bearden said. "They have the music and they're used to playing those tunes."

The Court Jesters were also asked to play at the Alamo Bowl.

"At the Alamo Bowl they had three functions that required a 50-piece pep band," Bearden said. "Well, duh. We had the Court Jesters."

Bearden said those students were "switched and alternated" so the rest of the marching band did not have to participate in those functions.

Bearden said requests include University Day and the football banquet, among others.

"They get a lot of community ser-

vice, and they enjoy it," Bearden said. "We're honored that the community wants them to play, but sometimes the number of requests is overbearing. So we try to sort it out, make everybody happy."

Bearden guessed about half of the Court Jesters were music majors, and said that 80 to 90 percent who started as freshmen stay throughout their college career.

"It's fun," Bearden said. "You get to play a lot, see some great games, you get to yell and scream and act crazy, and it's all sanctioned by the school."

Mike Blass, an administrative assistant, spoke highly of the band and of Bearden.

"I can confidently say that we have the No. 1 pep basketball band in the country," Blass said. "Keith Bearden, at this point, is probably the No. 1 director because of his enthusiasm, pep and spirit."

Kori Fisk, a sophomore trombone player from College Park, Md., said one of her favorite memories of being a Court Jester was a riverboat gig on the San Antonio Riverwalk.

"There were so many crazy people on the river, and they were all yelling and chanting just for us," Fisk said.

Meeting

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istration support; they are what allow us to do everything," he said. "If we do something now that inflames the administration, they won't help us six months down the road."

Fortenberry said as a representative of the student body, he disagreed with the Senate's decision to not discuss the athletics fee. He said this was the reason for his resignation.

"This was a very immature move so why should I turn my shoulder on it?" he said. "I choose not to be a part of this."

Cheek said the Rules and Administration Committee also chose not to present the athletics fee to the Senate before results from the current ongoing student survey were in.

"It was not the right move to make at the right time," he said. "Sure the fee needs to be talked about, but this was not the way to do it. We as a committee are happy

about what we did."

Strickland said the reason Fortenberry and he wanted to present the athletic fees was to get it on record that they were against it.

"The Rules and Administration Committee killed this legislation because they said it was flawed," he said. "This was a full-force setback to the university."

Strickland said the Rules and Administration Committee turned down the discussion because they were afraid of breaking ties with the administration. "By not allowing the Senate to have a discussion, we are giving in to the administration," he said. "That defeats the purpose of why we are here, and that is why I resigned."

Strickland said he regrets that it had to come to this, but he believed this was the right decision.

"I enjoyed working with the Senate, but when I was elected I said I would stand by my promises," he said.

Fortenberry said he still plans to run for internal vice president. The internal vice president serves as president of the Student Senate.

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Student First committee to distribute surveys at Saturday's game

By Natalie Worthen/Staff Reporter

Student First, a Texas Tech committee that attempts to deal with student complaints, will draw names at halftime during the Tech vs. Texas A&M basketball game this Saturday to receive a basketball signed by head basketball coach, Bob Knight.

Student First is comprised of 15 students from each college at Texas Tech University and the Health Sciences

Center. Students attending the game will receive a questionnaire at the game to help improve the appeal of Tech and its facilities to the Tech community.

The student representatives of each college were chosen by the dean of each college.

Cortney Youens, a second-year medical student, co-chair of Student First and president of the HSC student senate, represents the School of Medicine to represent the college in the

Student First committee.

"Student First is a committee that was an idea of interim chancellor Dr. David Smith," Youens said. "He thought of Students First to make Tech the most student-friendly university in the nation."

The committee said they will distribute questionnaires containing approximately four to five questions, along with candy. The questionnaires are to be completed and placed in a box.

Youens said the committee members

brainstormed and talked to other students about qualities of Tech they liked and disliked.

"We took the praises and complaints and formed five different focus groups to address each one," Youens said. "We have three people per subcommittee. We have five subcommittees. The subcommittee providing the questionnaires at the game is the Communication Education Committee."

Youens said the CE committee is in

charge of addressing issues that the students might not know about.

The committee is planning other ways to gather student input.

"We have short-term and long-term goals," Youens said. "Right now one thing we have been working on with the city of Lubbock is billboard advertising. That's something we can hopefully accomplish by the end of the semester."

Eduardo Agaton, an MBA student

from Mexico City representing the graduate school, said Student First is a beneficial committee.

"The mission of the committee is to make the university more student friendly," Agaton said. "That's the real goal."

Dana Hermes, a senior math and computer science major from Arlington representing the college of engineering, said the response to Student First by the students overwhelmed her.

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 22						
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7:00	Bus. Report Body Etc.	Today Show	News	Sabrina Lightyear	Good Morning	K. Copeland Magic Bus
8:00	Callie Barney		Early Show	Tarzan Recess	America	Caroline Magic Bus
9:00	Dragon Tales Arthur	Today Show	Sally Jessy Raphael	Judge Mathis	Regis & Kelly	Crossing Over
10:00	Sesame Street	Martha Stewart	Price is Right	People's Court	View	Ananda Lewis
11:00	Mr. Rogers Teletubbies	Rosie O'Donnell	Young & the Restless	Hatchett Paid Program	Mad You Port Charles	Other Half
12:00	Woodshop QuiltDay	News Days of Our	News Beautiful	Jerry Springer	All My Children	Paid Program
1:00	Sew Nancy Clifford	Lives Passions	As the World Turns	Jenny Jones	One Life to Live	Matlock
2:00	Sagw Zaboombafo	Hyland Square	Guiding Light	Paid Program	General Hospital	Divorce Court
3:00	Arthur Cyberchase	Olympics Daytime	Mary Povich E.T.	Paid Program	Iyanla	Joe Brown Joe Brown
4:00	Beh. Lions R. Rainbow	Oprah Winfrey	For Women Judge Judy	7th Heaven	Tell/Truth Family Feud	Sabrina Home Impr.
5:00	Zoom Nightly Bus.	News NBC News	Jeopardy News	Street Smart Street Smart	News ABC News	King/Hill Simpsons
6:00	Newshour	News Extra	CBS News	Voyager	News W/ Fortune	Friends Raymond
7:00	Wash. Week Wall St. Wk.	Winter Olympics	48 Hours	Movie: Lethal	My Wife Accord g/ Jim	FOX Movie: "Lost In Space"
8:00	Now w/ Bill Moyers		CBS Movie: "Primal Fear"	Weapon 3	Drew Carey Whose Line	20/20
9:00	Freedman's Bingo Game			Cops		News
10:00	Nightly Bus.			Change/Heart Blind Date	News Nightline	Seinfeld
11:00		Winter Olympics	David Letterman	Blind Date Change/Heart	Incorrect Abbott	Cher's Show Me
12:00		All Night Winter	Craig Kilborn	Paid Program Shop @ Home	Access Paid Program	Spin City Coach

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 23						
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7:00	GED Connect.	Saturday Today		Paid Program Old House	Mary/Ashley Teachers Pet	Transformers Wild Force
8:00	Tots TV Book/Virtues		Bob/Builder Dora Explore	Bob Vila Jack Hanna	Recess	Digimon Gaidou
9:00	Green Gables Redwall	M. Stewart All About	Blue's Clues Little Bill	Paid Program Paid Program	L. McGuire Even Steven	Medabots Digimon
10:00	Dragonfly Cyberchase	Just Deal City Guys	New House Bankers	Pollard Satum Show	Lloyd/Space Supremo	Mon Coile Alienators
11:00	Animal Conn. V. Garden	Skate Inside	Basketball: Teams TBA	WWF Wrestling	Winnie House/House	Satum Paid Program
12:00	Kitchen Old House	City Guys Winter		Paid Program Basketball: Texas A&M @ Tech	Paid Program Paid Program	Nascar Busch 200
1:00	NY Workshop HomeLine	Olympics	Basketball: Teams TBA		Championship: World	Paid Program Movie:
2:00	Woodwright Antiques				Match Play	'Unliful Entry'
3:00	Roadshow Motorweek		Basketball: UCLA @ Stanford	Basketball: Baylor @ Oklahoma St.		Paid Program
4:00	Fine Art Memories	NBA		Stargate		Shoot Me Shoot Me
5:00	Book Show Right/Money	Basketball: Sacramento @ Dallas	Jeopardy 3rd Rock	Enterprise	3rd Rock W/Fortune	Friends Raymond
6:00	Lawrence Windmill	Winter Olympics	Touched by an Angel	Women's Basketball: Texas Tech vs. Nebraska	ABC Movie: "You Only Cops" Cops "PG"	Cops Cops
7:00	Ed Sullivan Show		District	Nebraska Movie: "Cutting Edge"	News	Seinfeld MAD TV
8:00	Songs of the		District	Nebraska Movie: "Cutting Edge"	News	Seinfeld MAD TV
9:00	Senior Year Amer. High		News 3rd Rock	Olympics Saturday	Movie: "First Blood"	Outer Limits
10:00						
11:00						
12:00						

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 24						
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7:00		Sunday Today	Franklin Oswald	Paid Program Paid Program	Christian In Search	Paid Program Paid Program
8:00	Kids Bookworm	TX Reporter 1st United	CBS Sunday Morning	Paid Program Paid Program	Feed/Child Prophecy	K. Copeland Eddie Trice
9:00	Bunch	Methodist Meet the	News Face/Nation	Weekenders	In Touch	FOX News Sunday
10:00	TX Parks Tony Brown	Press Pollard Ford	Robert Schuller	Tarzan Lightyear	Si Se Puede	South Crest Baptist
11:00	Healthweek Health	Basketball: LA Lakers @ New York	Basketball: Indiana @ Michigan St.	E.T.	This Week Sam & Cookie	Paid Program Nascar:
12:00	Dairy Wall St. Wk.	@ New York	Michigan St.	Hot Ticket Ebert/Roeper	Paid Program	Dura Lube 400
1:00	Rel./Ethics Trailside	Winter	Basketball: Georgetown @ Syracuse	Sheena	Golf: World Match Play	
2:00	Waterways McLaughlin	Olympic Closing	Basketball: Kansas @ Nebraska	Beastmaster	Champ'ship	
3:00	Small Bus. Comp. Chron.		Basketball: Kansas @ Nebraska	V.I.P.		Paid Program
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Lions Club hosts pancake festival

By Whitney Wyatt/Staff Reporter

Texas Tech students, along with local Lions Club members, will get a lesson about giving, as well as cooking, this weekend as they prepare pancakes to benefit the Lubbock community.

The Lubbock Lions Club will host its 50th Annual Pancake Festival from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday at the Lubbock Civic Center, located at 1501 6th St.

Larry Tester, Tech sorority and fraternity chairman for the Lubbock Lions Club, said more than 20 various sororities, fraternities and service organizations will volunteer.

Even though the Lubbock Lions Club, which is the largest in the nation, has 385 members, Tester said this event would not be possible without help from Tech's volunteers.

"It obviously takes lots and lots of people," he said. "Without them, we are out of business."

More than 500 fraternity, sorority or ser-

vice organization members volunteered last year. Tester said that many, if not more, would volunteer this year.

Tech volunteers will be mixing batter, cooking pancakes and sausages, pouring juice and coffee, busing tables and welcoming the expected 19,000 Lubbock citizens and Tech students who will be attending the pancake festival, he said.

Bill Townend, community service chairman for Phi Gamma Delta, said he, along with his fraternity brothers, are looking forward to volunteering during the pancake festival this year.

"We usually stay up all night and go (to the pancake festival) in the morning," said Townend, a junior finance major from Dallas.

Along with having fun cooking pancakes, he said he is pleased the Greek community participates in this event.

"It's a really great community service project that brings the Lubbock community together in a fun way," he said. "The Lub-

bock community publicizes the pancake festival a lot and our proud Greeks participate."

It is impressive so much money can be raised at one time, Townend said.

"It's a simple way to raise money and feed people at the same time," he said.

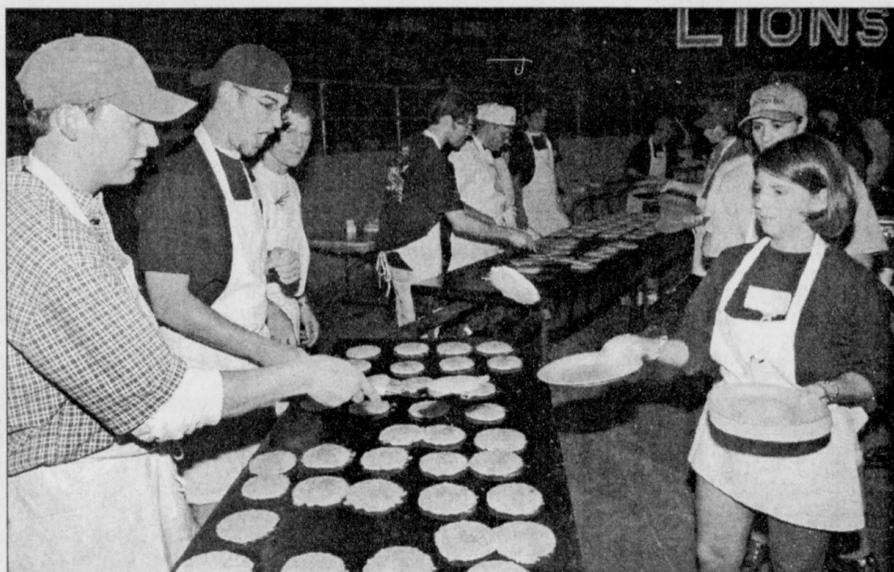
Tester said people would consume more than two tons of sausage and 60,000 pancakes during the pancake festival this year.

The Lubbock Lions Club is expecting to net \$75,000, which they will donate to local charities, he said.

"Every penny goes to charity," he said. "100 percent."

Tester said the money from the pancake festival will benefit the South Plains Food Bank, eyeglasses for school children in the Lubbock Independent School District, the Salvation Army, the Texas Boys Ranch and the Texas Lions Camp, a special camp for disabled children the Lions Club sponsors, among other local non-profit agencies.

Tickets are \$4 in advance or \$4.50 at the door.



SOME TEXAS TECH STUDENT organizations will participate in this year's annual Lions Club Pancake Festival. FILE PHOTO/The University Daily

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Britney Spears needs to stick to music, stay off the big screen

FILM REVIEW

By James Eppler/Staff Critic

One wonders what made Britney Spears think this movie was a good idea.

Apparently, she didn't see Mariah Carey's debut in "Glitter." But in all fairness, "Crossroads" isn't quite as awful as "Glitter." But it's close. Spears uses this film to promote her new song called "I'm not a girl, not yet a woman." Instead she proves she's not a singer, not yet an actress.

The first scene we see with Spears, she's dancing around in her room in her underwear. No complaints from this critic. But the film portrays Spears' character, Lucy, as the school valedictorian,

and her only friend is her lab partner in high school. Oh, and she's a virgin. Uh-huh. But what makes this so unbelievable is Lucy doesn't wear thick glasses and plaid dresses like the stereotypical geek girl. No, in fact she looks just like Spears on the cover of one of her albums. It doesn't wash.

Lucy had two best friends when she was young, Kit and Mimi. But now the girls have grown apart. Kit (Zoe Saldana) is now pregnant, and Mimi is engaged to a guy who goes to college in California. Lucy is determined to find her long-lost mother who left her and her father (Dan Akroyd) when she was three. Lucy also wants to lose her virginity to "someone special" by the end of the movie. So

now all three girls have a reason to travel cross-country to California. Kit, to confront the father of her child, Mimi to see her boyfriend who has been avoiding her and Lucy to find her mommy. They decide to hitch a ride from a musician named Ben (Anson Mount) because "he's cool and cute." Rumor has it that Ben just got out of prison for murder, but they decide to get in the car with him anyway. He seems nice.

The writer and director are constantly looking for ways to have Spears sing. There are several sing-alongs in the car, including one especially painful rendition of N'Sync's "Bye, Bye, Bye." I cringe. Before long, their car breaks down and they decide to raise money by singing in a karaoke bar. First of all, not only is this a number for Spears, but this particular karaoke club happens to have a stripper pole to dance with. Hmmm. Spears sings "I Love Rock n' Roll" and raises enough in-jar tips to pay for the car's \$350 repair

and the rest of the expenses for the trip. Wow, nice tipsters in that place.

Of course, a romance is also developed between Lucy and Ben, especially when he writes music for Lucy's poem, which just happens to be called, "I'm not a girl, not yet a woman." I laughed, but I'm not sure I was supposed to.

This film is really not what I expected in that the film takes some really depressing turns in the last quarter. It factors in rape, unwanted pregnancies and cheating couples. It's like a week's worth of soap operas rolled into 90 minutes. Lucy's desire to lose her virginity is a big factor and is built up so much that when we get to the would-be love scene between Lucy and Ben, there's no pay-off. What a cheat. Why play this angle so much in a PG-13 rated film?

Probably the worst thing about this film, besides the smarmy script and the poor directing, is that Spears is not given the chance to be believable as anything but herself. We never truly see her as anything but what she is. The last scene in the film is basically just a music video of her new song tied in with a few of the film's actors. Spears looks good on film, no doubt, but one wonders what she could do in a film that wasn't especially tailor made just for her. This is just a contrived, sloppy and eventually depressing mess.

EPPLER'S RATING: ★1/2

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Last dance at USA for Lady Raider seniors

By Jeff Keller/Staff Reporter

For three Lady Raider seniors, this weekend's contest against Nebraska will mark more than just the final regular season home contest of the season — it will be their last chance in the regular season to run out of the tunnel at the United Spirit Arena as Lady Raiders.

Texas Tech will square-off against the Nebraska Cornhuskers at 7 p.m. Saturday in the United Spirit Arena as the regular season home portion of the Lady Raiders' schedule comes to an end.

Lady Raider center Tanisha Ellison and guards Amber Tarr and Candi White will compete in the United Spirit Arena in a regular season game for the final time Saturday, and Ellison said she is hoping to control her emotions as she steps onto the United Spirit Arena floor as a Lady Raider for the final time.

"Hopefully, my emotions probably won't be sad or anything," Ellison said. "I'll try not to get too emotional. I think just coming out knowing it's my last game in the United Spirit Arena as a senior, I feel like it is going to be a little bit emotional."

Ellison and Tarr are putting their finishing touches on four-year careers as Lady Raiders, while White is nearing the end of her Tech career after two seasons with the program.

Tarr said, in a way, her time at Tech has gone by rapidly, but in other ways, her stint as a Lady Raider has passed slowly.

"It has gone by pretty quick, but yet again I can't remember the first game that I played in," Tarr said. "So it kind of seems like a long time ago that I started out, but it seems like once it got

going that everything has gone by pretty quick."

The Lady Raiders are winding up a three-game home stand in which they have taken the first two contests with wins against Wisconsin and Texas A&M.

The two home wins were preceded by a road loss to Oklahoma State last week. White said following the loss to the Cowgirls, the Lady Raiders put an emphasis on sweeping their final three home games of the season.

"After the OSU game, we were kind of faced with a situation where we had to win," White said. "We really needed these wins at home. I think more than anything these games are helping with our confidence level. We are starting to get a little bit more motion in our offense. We are just a little bit more confident in getting more people scoring, and that is really going to help."

Nebraska enters the contest with a 14-13 overall mark and a 4-10 mark in Big 12 Conference play.

Tech comes into the contest with the Huskers with a 16-9 overall mark and a 7-7 mark in conference action.

Ellison said with the Nebraska contest representing senior night for the Lady Raiders, it will be important for the Lady Raiders not to lose focus on the game.

"I guess there will be a lot of things going on because it is senior night and it is our last game here," Ellison said. "But something that we are going to have to do is stay focused. I feel like we know as a team what we have to do and how we are going to have to approach this game. I think we are going to come in with confidence on a positive note with a lot of energy."



DAVID JOHNSON/Staff Photographer

TEXAS TECH FORWARD Tanisha Ellison attempts to put the ball in the basket after grabbing the rebound during Tech's win against Texas A&M on Tuesday.

Sharp to receive two awards at halftime

Lady Raider coach Marsha Sharp will be honored with the Double T-Award and the Will Rogers' Award at halftime of Tech's 7 p.m. contest against Nebraska on Saturday.

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Tubbs prepares for final game at TCU

FORT WORTH (AP) — Billy Tubbs says he won't miss coaching — if indeed this is his last season.

After 593 wins and 12 NCAA tournament appearances with four schools over 28 seasons as a head coach, Tubbs is down to his final handful of games at TCU.

He said before the season that this would be his last with the Horned Frogs.

"To be perfectly blunt, I don't think I will miss anything about coaching," Tubbs said. "The things that you do really enjoy are counterbalanced by the things that you don't."

Such as the long practice sessions, the losses and the constant pressure coaches are under even when they're winning.

"The longer you coach, the highs don't get any higher, but the lows get lower," Tubbs said. "You would think that the longer you coach, the easier it would be to take losses. But for me, it isn't."

The Horned Frogs (14-13, 4-9 C-USA) have three regular season games left and would have to win the Conference USA tournament to send Tubbs out with one more NCAA tournament appearance. If not, there is still a chance to get into

the expanded NIT field.

Any postseason berth would be an accomplishment for his young team — the team has just one senior — that has struggled while adjusting to its new league. The Frogs lost their first six games in C-USA.

"We were beaten down bad enough that this team could have folded and could very well have been 1-15 in the league," Tubbs said. "The players deserve credit for not giving up."

But Tubbs, who says he's been able to enjoy the season more knowing he won't be around 10 or 15 more years, didn't give any sentimental speeches. He just continued coaching like he always has.

"That's not really a big issue for him," said Junior Blount, a junior guard. "We want to win for him, but he doesn't want us to look at it like that. He's not doing anything different than what he's done in the past."

No matter what happens these last few games, starting Saturday at Southern Miss; Tubbs is a content man looking forward to his uncertain future.

"I don't really want to do nothing, but I don't have to do anything," said Tubbs, who turns 67 next month. "I've got time to decide if, when and what I want to do. There's no rush."

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Pirates invade The Law, Raiders seek justice

HOME SWEET HOME: Red Raiders return to Hub City for the first time since January.

By Jeff Keller/Staff Reporter

For the first time in almost a month, the Red Raider baseball team will set foot on the playing surface of Dan Law Field to compete.

Texas Tech will play a three-game set against Seton Hall this weekend in only its second home series of the season. The first game will start at 3 p.m. today at Dan Law Field. Game two begins at 3 p.m. Saturday, and the series finale will get under way at 1 p.m. Sunday.

The Raiders bring a 10-4 record into

the contest and are on a four-game winning streak. Tech defeated Texas Christian University 10-9 in its last outing Wednesday in Fort Worth.

The contest was the last of an 11-game road swing for the Raiders who last competed at "The Law" in their season-opening three-game sweep of Brigham Young in late January.

Tech shortstop Gera Alvarez went two for three at the plate against TCU in the Raiders' last outing. He scored three runs and collected two RBI in the win.

Alvarez said after four consecutive road series, the Raiders are happy to be playing in the Hub City this weekend.

"Just being away for so long and all of the sudden getting to come back home can be something awesome," Alvarez said. "It's a good experience to get to compete in front of our home fans."

Though Seton Hall is not a traditional non-conference opponent for the Red Raiders, it is not the first time that the schools have faced each other.

The Pirates claimed a two-game series victory against Tech in 1981 in the only other meeting between the two teams.

Seton Hall qualified for the NCAA Regionals last season and finished the 2001 campaign with a 34-23-1 record.

The Pirates are 2-1 on the season entering their series with the Raiders, having taken two-of-three games from North Carolina in their first series of the year.

Tech coach Larry Hays said Seton Hall has fared well against Big 12 opponents in the past and is the type of team that will line up and battle against any opponent.

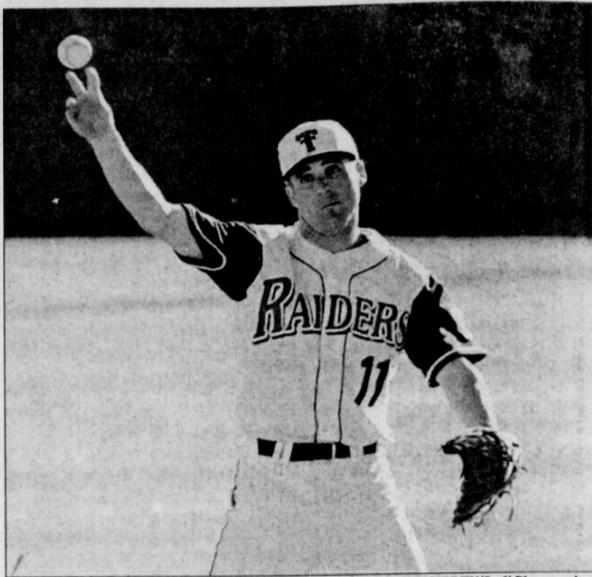
"I guess it was the year before last that they went into Oklahoma State and

swept them," Hays said. "They pretty well made a statement that they were looking for games and RPI games and that they would play anyone anywhere. We were able to work it (this weekend's series) out with them."

In Tech's last series, a two-game mid-week tilt against the Horned Frogs, the Raiders were able to post leads heading into the late innings but barely fought off late comeback attempts by TCU to claim two one-run victories.

Alvarez said the Raiders learned a valuable lesson against TCU of not letting up against any opponent at any time.

"It just goes to show you that any team can come back at any point," Alvarez said. "We have just got to come out ready to play. We have to come out and give it all we've got the whole game, not wait until the end of the game to try to get on top."



HEATHER DOUGHERTY/Staff Photographer
TEXAS TECH INFILDER Joel Buchenauer relays the ball in from the outfield during Tech's three-game series against BYU in late January.

French judge tells ISU there was no fix

SALT LAKE CITY (AP)—This time there were no tears or tirades as the French judge embroiled in the figure skating scandal calmly told investigators she voted for the Russian pairs team on merit and not as part of any scheme to fix the event.

Three days after Canadians Jamie Sale and David Pelletier received gold medals to match the ones the Russians already had, judge Marie-Reine Le Gougne formally recanted her allegation that she was pressured into a vote-swapping deal, her attorneys told The Associated Press on Thursday.

Testifying for three hours Wednesday, Le Gougne retracted the statements she made last week to International Skating Union president Ottavio Cincuenta and denied the accusations that several witnesses heard her make in an emotional outburst after the pairs competition, attorney Max Miller said.

"The three basic aspects of her testimony were that she denied any deal, any vote-swapping," Miller said. "She stated she felt that on merit the Russians were better and that's why she voted for them. The accusations of nefarious conduct were untrue."

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Tech ready for final drive to first-round bye

By Matt Muench/Sports Editor

Texas Tech guard Andre Emmett and center Andy Ellis said they are not claustrophobic.

"Being in a crowded room doesn't bother me," Emmett said.

What about a crowded three-way tie for third place in the Big 12 Conference? Emmett likes the sound of it and Ellis agrees.

Tech (19-8 overall, 8-5 Big 12) enters Saturday's 12:45 p.m. game with Texas A&M at the United Spirit Arena tied with Oklahoma State and Texas in the third position amongst a conference that is top heavy with six teams hunting for one of the top four seeds in next month's Big 12 Tournament.

"It is good that we are right there," Ellis said. "But then again, it is kind of a sweet and sour sort of thing. We let Nebraska and Oklahoma State slip away. If we beat them, we are fighting for second place."

Accomplishing a top-4 finish would give Tech a first-round bye in the tournament, something the Raiders have never achieved.

"That gives you an opportunity to win

the tournament," Ellis said about a first-round bye. "By playing three games instead of four, helps a lot. Playing four games in this caliber of a conference is, whew, very tough."

Kansas is in first place and has clinched a tie for the conference crown. Oklahoma follows in second place, two games ahead of the third-place bunch, while Missouri is alone in sixth place.

Emmett said it will be a fight to the finish line with three games remaining to see where the Raiders fate will land them.

"We know they want it just as much as us," Emmett said. "But it has to be more than wanted it. We have to go get it. Wins and losses are big right now."

Ellis said he likes his chances of getting a top-4 seed because Tech controls its own destiny. If the Raiders beat the Aggies, Texas in Austin on Tuesday and Baylor in Waco on March 2, Tech will finish no worse than fourth place.

"It is good that we control our own destiny," Ellis said. "We don't want to rely on other teams to help us."

Saturday's game will be Ellis, guard Jesus Arenas and guard Chris Cassidy's final home games as Raiders. Ellis and

Arenas are seniors and Cassidy is a junior, but will graduate this May and is expected to not return next season.

Ellis said playing the rival Aggies on Saturday will be extra special.

"It makes it a little more special, Ellis said. "I would really like to win this game. I always really want to beat A&M."

Tech beat A&M (9-18 overall, 3-10 Big 12) in January's Big 12 opener by two points in College Station.

Ellis said although the Aggies record is poor and third-place counterpart Texas on the road is up next Tuesday, overlook is not a word Tech wants to flirt with.

"If we look past them, we can mess a lot of things up," Ellis said. "If we let this game go by, it will nullify a lot of good victories for us this season."

Emmett said because the Aggies are rivals, it is easier to not ignore A&M.

"You can't do that," Emmett said. "Tech-A&M is not just a game. It is a rivalry. We have to show up."

The three seniors are scheduled to speak to the crowd following Saturday's game.

"It will be pretty emotional," Ellis said. "But I really don't know what to expect."



JAIME TOMÁS AGUILAR/Photo Editor
TEXAS TECH GUARD Will Chavis gets ready to dribble the ball behind his back during Tech's win against Missouri on Wednesday at the United Spirit Arena.

Women netters open Big 12 play; men on the road for three matches

The Texas Tech women's tennis team travels to Colorado to face Air Force and Colorado this weekend. Tech will matchup with the Falcons Friday at 2 p.m. in Colorado Springs.

Saturday the Raiders will go to Boulder to participate in their first conference match with the Buffaloes. Colorado currently has a 5-4 (1-1 Big 12 Conference) record.

After a 1-2 performance in Arizona last week, the Tech men's tennis team will travel to Seattle, Wash., to play Idaho, Washington and Sacramento State this weekend.

The Red Raiders enter the trip with a 3-2 record. The Washington Huskies are currently ranked No. 18 in the nation and boast an undefeated record of 8-0. Idaho brings a 1-3 record to Friday's match with Tech. Sacramento State comes to Seattle with a 1-1 record, and the defending champion Hornets are picked to win the Big Sky Conference again.

Red Raider softball glad skid is over, look to start winning streak of their own at NMSU tournament

By David Wiechmann/Staff Reporter

With the 10-game losing streak now at an end, the Texas Tech softball team hopes to take some momentum with it to the New Mexico State Troy Cox Tournament.

"We just needed something to jump start us," Tech third baseman Andrea Joachims said.

The 4-12 Red Raiders will play Dayton, Florida State and NMSU each twice while in Las Cruces, N.M. Unlike the other tournaments Tech has played in this season, only one team is ranked at the Troy Cox. FSU stands at No. 17 with a 9-4 record.

Even though this tournament's field may not be as strong as the others, assistant coach Cheri Shinn said it will still be a tough weekend for the Raiders.

"They're good opponents just like everyone else we've played," Shinn said. "I expect there to be some great softball this weekend; but if we don't show up, we're going to be in trouble."

First baseman Carmen Grindell said showing up has been one problem for Tech lately.

"We've played good, but we still have more inside of us not coming out," Grindell said. "One of these days it will come out, and all our talent and everything will click."

Grindell said Tech's first win in two weeks could be the key to getting the team back on track.

Tech defeated NMSU 7-4 Tuesday at Rocky Johnson Field.

"After losing 10 in a row," Grindell said, "one win could turn things around."

Shinn said the team has dealt with the losing streak well.

"They've done an extremely good job staying focused and not freaking out," Shinn said. "They've handled the losses pretty well. I think the win (Tuesday) proves that."

Grindell said the team needs to take a different outlook into this weekend's tournament to be successful.

"In our first tournament, we said we

were going to go 6-0," Grindell said. "Those are outcome goals, and we need to forget those and just get a win and play the game to the best of our ability."

Shinn said points of success will be pitching and hitting for the Raiders.

"Our pitchers need to bear down," Shinn said. "When they get two outs or even when someone gets on base, they need to get tough to get the next out."

The hitting aspect Shinn mentioned made its first appearance in a while Tuesday against NMSU.

"I want to see timely hitting continue," Shinn said. "It's difficult when you're scattering runs. (Tuesday) we were getting hits when we needed them."

Grindell said despite the lack of experience on the pitching staff, the pitchers are doing well, but need more assistance from the offense.

"Our pitchers are working great and doing the best they can," Grindell said. "The offense needs to put more runs up for them."

If the Raiders bring the same mindset to Las Cruces on Tuesday, they hope to come home with a few more victories.

"Our problem has not been our attitude but our approach," Grindell said. "(Tuesday) we kept our composure the entire game and believed we could get some hits."

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