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NEWLY APPOINTED HEALTH Sciences Center President Dr. M. Roy Wilson talks about what attracted him to Texas Tech and ideas he has for the HSC on Thursday at a news conference held at the HSC.

# Wilson announces HSC plans

By Kelly McAlister/Staff Reporter

Dr. M. Roy Wilson was formally named Texas Tech Health Sciences Center president at a news conference Thursday morning.

his current positions at Creighton University in Omaha, Neb., as vice president for health sciences and dean care. of the School of Medicine until the end of the spring semester. Until June, Elmo Cavin will remain acting HSC president. He will be full-time at Tech in June.

While Creighton is preparing for accreditation, Wilson said he wants to remain at the university to help it prepare and also search for a new dean and vice president.

"I'm leaving such a large void that want to help them fill it before I leave," he said.

Wilson is replacing Dr. David Smith, who served as president of the HSC before becoming chancellor of Tech in May 2002.

Wilson's position at Tech will require him to decrease the time he However, Wilson will remain in spends out of the country working on and speaking about his research on glaucoma and attending to patient

"I want to focus more on one aspect," Wilson said. "This position is more political, and I anticipate not doing so much internationally."

Wilson said he decided to accept the position after meeting some of the Tech faculty and staff. Smith was the second person Wilson met at Tech. After that, he said, accepting the position was an easy decision.

"I know Dr. Smith is absolutely committed to moving Texas Tech forward in its prominence," Wilson said.

know the Tech and Lubbock commuthe administration, faculty, staff and nities. Because Tech is a university students," Wilson said. "The Health with many researchers, Wilson said it Sciences Center will make strides to is a dynamic institution that is able to be a leader." impact the growing changes in the medical field.

Because of Gov. Rick Perry's statewide budget cut, all state agencies that received appropriations from the state must now return 7 percent of what they were given. The HSC is looking at returning about \$7 million, Cavin

Wilson said he was not deterred by the budget cut. He said he wishes the cut did not occur but sometimes these things can lead to an opportunity to reorganize and examine what works and what does not. He said he believes in the end, Tech will be in a better his students on the health disparities

"The Health Sciences Center will

He also said he is anxious to get to get through this with the assistance of

Wilson earned a medical degree from Harvard Medical School and a master's of sciences in epidemiology from the University of California at Los Angeles. He completed his fellowship in glaucoma at the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary.

"His academic credentials are incredible," Smith said.

Wilson is internationally known not only for his commitment to health care, Smith said, but also for working diligently on reducing the disparities in health care.

Wilson said he wants to educate

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## Universities, colleges get INS extension

Former mayor vying

David Langston, a local lawyer and Developer Randy Neugebauer, both of former mayor of Lubbock, announced Lubbock, also are fighting for the

nation's capitol.

for District 19 seat

By Heidi Toth/Staff Reporter

Texas Tech, along with colleges and universities across the nation, re- fice, the grace period was to accomceived word Wednesday that the Im- modate schools that are new users of migration and Naturalization Service the program. Hard copies of the forms had pushed the deadline to register all foreign students from Jan. 30 to Feb. 15.

"The difficulty for Texas Tech was that we needed to have the proper authority for students that were coming to Tech this semester," said Ann McGlynn, the assistant academic dean for recruitment and admissions in the graduate school.

According to the Associated Press, all universities using the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System got the extra 15 days after some colleges complained the system was too

By Heidi Toth/Staff Reporter

Thursday he will file papers with the

Texas Secretary of State to be on the

ballot in the special election for the

Congressional 19th District of Texas.

on the horizon for West Texas this

coming year," he said. "West Texas

must have a tough and aggressive

voice in Washington ... I believe I am

the type of compassionate conserva-

Langston joins the other local and

regional politicians and businessmen

who are running for the seat vacated

by U.S. Rep. Larry Combest, R-Lub-

tive that can make a difference."

"There are some serious challenges

cumbersome or did not respond prop-

According to the El Paso INS ofalso will be accepted during this time.

SEVIS is an electronic tracking system that provides INS and consulates around the world with real-time information on admissions and the visa process, McGlynn said.

The extension will not help most students, although there are students who started this semester who may benefit from it, she said. For the most part, it affects prospective students the university is admitting.

James Nesmith, an international

State Rep. Carl Isett and Land

tackling problems involving commer-

cial litigation, financial problems and

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farming issues, he said.

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GREG KRELLER/The University Daily

## Coach Bob Knight will attempt to earn his 800th-game win Saturday when the Red Raiders play the Aggies in College Station

By Matt Muench/Staff Reporter

chance to represent District 19 in the exas Tech basketball coach Bob Knight Langston has a long history in poligoes for win No. 800 on Saturday, and al tics. He worked with Congressman though the rest of the college basketball George Mahon as his agricultural asworld considers it a big accomplishment, Knight sistant while doing his undergraduate continues to downplay it like he always does.

work at American University. It is just another game to him. He is the managing partner of "It just means I have coached a long time," Mullin Hoard & Brown, a Lubbock Knight said. "I've never paid any attention to those law firm, and has spent his law career

things." Here is the proof.

When Knight was fired from Indiana, his son Pat, who is an assistant coach at Tech, found three basketballs in a dirty old locker. The basketballs had victory stickers on them. One said 500, another said 600 and the last one said 700. All of them had Coca-Cola spilled on them.

If he reaches the feat, it will be in College Station when Tech (12-4, 2-3 Big 12) faces Texas A&M (10-6, 2-3) at 5:30 p.m. Saturday.

Although Knight is not too concerned with win No. 800, his players are.

Tech forward Kasib Powell said earlier this season that the Raiders want to win No. 800 for him.

"It's important for us to get that 800th win for him," Powell said. "We like playing for him, and we want him to get achievements like that. It's one of the reasons why I came here. He is one of the greatest coaches ever."

Both teams enter the contest hoping to get to .500 in Big 12 Conference play with 2-3 Big 12 records. Tech enters the game coming off a 10point victory against Colorado that erased a twogame losing streak.

Players touted the game as a must-win. Tech guard Will Chavis, who scored a season-high 18 points Wednesday, said the win gives Tech mo-

"It's a stepping stone," Tech guard Will Chavis said. "It is a step in the right direction. But we still have a lot of things to work on before (Saturday)."

The Aggies are coming off a loss to No. 7 Oklahoma in Norman. They bring to the floor guard Bernard King, who has been a threat to Tech for three years.

Last year when the two teams met in College Station, King's buzzer-beater fell short, and Tech won by two points. He also is 41 points shy of becoming the Big 12's all-time leading scorer. He averages 17.3 points per game for the Aggies this

Although stopping him will be a main focal point of concern, Knight said the play by post players Pawel Storozynski and Robert Tomaszek has to

"Storozynski and Tomaszek have got to do a better job on the boards," he said. "We had nine fouls out of both them (on Wednesday). Tomaszek had zero offensive rebounds and Tomaszek had one. In an entire position playing the post, you've got

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HEATHER DOUGHERTY/Staff Photographer FORMER LUBBOCK MAYOR David Langston (right), who is running for the Congressional 19th District of Texas, talks with Max Tarbox, attorney and friend, Thursday at the George Mahon Library.

## European leaders affirm support with U.S. against Saddam

Pablo Gorondi/Associated Press

BUDAPEST, Hungary — Eight European leaders voiced deep gratitude to the United States on Thursties "must not become a casualty" attempts to "threaten world secu-

In an indirect reference to opposition by France, Germany and Russia to U.S. plans to disarm Iraq militarily, the leaders of Britain, Spain, Italy, Portugal, Hungary, the

Czech Republic, Poland and Denmark Berlusconi and his Spanish Council's credibility will suffer if resoused an op-ed article to thank the United States for "bravery and generosity" in ensuring peace in Europe.

The article, signed by seven prime day and wrote that U.S.-European ministers and one president, was published in Thursday's editions of The of Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein's Wall Street Journal's American, European and Asian editions, The Times of London and other European news-

Karen Miller Pensiero, a Wall Street Journal spokeswoman, said the article originated with the newspaper's request to Italian Prime Minister Silvio sent a message that the Security

courterpart, Jose Aznar, for the op-ed piece outlining their support for the U.S. position on Iraq.

She said the two leaders then contacted the other Europeans and sought their views, resulting in the opinion piece that carried all eight signatures.

In Washington, State Department spokesman Richard Boucher welcomed the statement. He called it "a clear, firm and unequivocal message" that Baghdad must be disarmed of its weapons of mass destruction. It also

lutions are not complied with, Boucher said.

A spokesman for British Prime Minister Tony Blair was quick to dismiss suggestions Thursday that the article deepened a dispute between European nations and France and Germany, which staunchly oppose a war with Iraq if not sanctioned by the U.N. Security Council.

France and Germany "are in a slightly different place" on the Iraq

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#### The Rundown



## stabbed in altercation ceives life in prison

SWEETWATER (AP) - The standoff, officials said.

Jim Kelley, 52, was injured Tuesday night as he and other police officers were trying to subdue a man who had doused himself with gasoline and threatened to burn himself.

Jose Miguel Ramirez, 21, of Sweetwater, was charged with attempted capital murder. He is being held in the Nolan County Jail in lieu of \$100,000 bail.

Two officers responded about 9 p.m. after a woman called police and said her former boyfriend was trying to break inside.

A patio door had been smashed, but Ramirez was under the carport and did not get inside the home, Lt. Randy Hanes said.

During the standoff, Ramirez refused to drop a steak knife or pitchfork and also threatened to shoot officers, Hanes said.

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BOSTON (AP) - Richard Reid, blow up a trans-Atlantic jetliner with explosives hidden in his shoes.

Reid, a 29-year-old British citizen eign policy against Islamic countries.

"Your government has sponsored the torture of Muslims in Iraq, and Turkey, and Jordan and Syria with their money and weapons," he said. He then told the judge, "it's in your hands."

Reid had faced 60 years to life in prison for trying to down the American Airlines flight bound from Paris to Miami a little more than a year ago. Prosecutors said there was enough plastic explosives in his shoes to blow a hole in the fuselage and kill all 197 people aboard.

When Reid pleaded guilty last October, he said he was a member of al-

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### Sweetwater chief Shoe-bomber re- Europe, Asia could face mad cow disease

GENEVA (AP) - Countries in Sweetwater police chief is recovering the self-described member of al- Europe and parts of Asia could face after being stabbed in the shoulder Qaida, lashed out at the U.S. govern- an epidemic of mad cow disease - and during a scuffle that ended a two-hour ment Thursday before he was sen- the human brain disease linked to it tenced to life in prison for trying to - if they fail to take measures to prevent its spread, the U.N. health agency said Thursday.

Slovakia, Slovenia, the Czech Rewho converted to Islam eight years public and Japan have reported cases ago, angrily denounced American for- of bovine spongiform encepalopathy, or mad cow disease, said Dr. Maura Ricketts of the World Health Organi-

> "Because of what we saw in Britain, it is hard not to be concerned that another country might generate an epidemic the size of Britain's," she said.

> She spoke at the launch of a new WHO booklet intended to help consumers gauge if their country is taking adequate precautions against mad cow

> More than 180,000 cases of mad cow disease were reported in Britain in the 1990s, and the government estimates the total number of animals infected probably was at least a million.



JUDY CHUI, A sophmore pre-med major from Lubbock, studies for her Latin/Greek class before doing some laps at the student aquatic center.

Week nomination forms must be sub-

mitted to the Center for Campus Life

by 5 p.m. today in Room 228, Student

Union. For more information, visit

NOTES & STROKES

www.orgs.ttu.edu/mortar board. SGA elections are Feb. 25 and 26. Sign up in the SGA office to run for any executive or senate position. Intents are due by 5 p.m. today.

The Catholic Student Association to register, visit www.ttu.edu/recsports. is sponsoring Raider Awakening, a Budget packets are due to the SGA three-day retreat for college students. The retreat will be held Feb. 28 through March 2. Sign-ups are at 2 p.m. Sunday in St. Elizabeth's Hanley Hall, 2305 sentatives must have signed-up each Main St. For more information, visit www.raidercatholic.org or e-mail Historic St. Paul's on the Plains organization for interview times. For Lashlee more information, contact Wesley Katherine katxp52@hotmail.com.

The African Students Organiza-Delta Kappa Faculty Recognition tion will be having a meeting at 7 p.m. ext. 228 or justbrandon@aol.com.

Sunday in the Senate Room of the Student Union building. All interested students are welcome. For more information, contact Michael Daukoru at (806) 724-1384 or

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michael.daukoru@ttu.edu. The "Accept Every Body" Awareness Week begins Monday with "Inside Out Day," which invites students to wear one piece of clothing inside out as a reminder that what is inside matters most. For more information, call (806) 743-2860, ext. 279.

The Llano Estacado Audubon Society will be having a program for the public at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the at Church at 41st Street and University Avenue. For more information, contact Brandon Best at (806) 762-5000,

The Robert H. Ewalt Recreational Center is hosting its 23rd annual Rec Sports All-Nighter starting at 5 p.m. today. The event will feature the Tour-

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faculty and staff can compete in. Stu-

dents can pre-register for these events

and receive a free T-shirt. There also

will be drop-in activities from 6 p.m.

to 9 p.m., and hypnotist Tom DeLuca

will perform at 9 p.m. The night will

conclude with a drawing for a 2003

Hummer. For more information and

office by 5 p.m. today in Room 230,

Student Union. All forms must be

completed and turned in, and repre-

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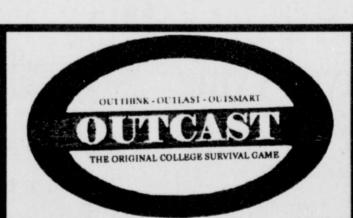
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## Isett accepts House Appropriations post

By Heidi Toth/Staff Reporter

Texas Speaker of the House Tom Craddick appointed Rep. Carl Isett, R-Lubbock, chairman of the Budget Oversight to the Economics Development Committee and member of the House Appropriations Committee.

Isett also was appointed Thursday to the Speaker's Select Committee on Ethics and the Redistricting Committee.

"These assignments will play a very important role in balancing

Texans with an increase in taxes," he said in a news release.

There are 29 members of the Appropriations Committee, which is responsible for allocating all state funds, according to the release.

The economic development committee is responsible for commerce, trade, job creation and other things concerning increasing the economic infrastructure throughout the state.

The 15-member Redistricting Committee is responsible for drawing district lines in state elections, which

gion lost seats in the last redistrict-

The ethics committee is new, and it will oversee rules on legislative ethics and campaign finance

"Rep. Isett has shown extraordinary leadership and knowledge on budget and tax policy ever since his first term in the Texas House," Craddick said in the release. "He is an excellent fit to serve on the Appropriations and Economic Development committees."

## President

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Dean of the School of Medicine

"He is exceptional in research, and his connections to influential

The research at Tech focuses on aging, diabetes, cancer and population health, in addition to other

Wilson said Tech is well positioned to become one of the leaders in transformations occurring in the medical field, and he looks forward to being part of its growth.

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pean Union and NATO. In his comments last week, Rumsfeld said the rest of Europe, in-

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debate, said the spokesman, who de-

manded anonymity. "They are, of

Still, the article recalled U.S.

Defense Secretary Donald

Rumsfeld's recent, and controver-

sial, characterization of France

and Germany as representing an

"old Europe" out of synch with

the rest of the expanding Euro-

cluding those countries of the former

course, entitled to their view."

communist East, largely supported the United States.

French Foreign Minister Dominique de Villepin said the article "contributed to the debate" over how to proceed with Iraq and was not a sign of growing divisions in Europe.

"We are not seeking to pit one Europe against another, as everyone sees we defend the same principles," de Villepin told the French Senate on Thursday.

Hungary, one of the signers, refused to comment further Thursday.

Greece, which currently holds the EU presidency - said the letter did not reflect an official EU position.

But while an Athens spokesman said Greece was not asked to sign the

editorial, he said Greece did not disagree with its contents.

The Journal noted the op-ed article in its lead front-page story that said it was a sign of "further shifting (of) the global political

calculus toward support for war." The letter said said Europe must remain solidly behind the effort to

disarm Iraq. "We must remain united in insisting that Saddam Hussein's regime be disarmed.

"The solidarity, cohesion and determination of the international community are our best hope of achieving this peacefully.

"Our strength lies in unity," the article said.

#### Extension

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faculty counselor for the Office of International Affairs, said it is unlikely Tech will be affected because the university is already online and in the system. There have been a few glitches, but they are common to all SEVIS users.

McGlynn said the system accelerates the process of submitting an I-20 form to the federal government, which is the document that authorizes a student to get a visa. Because the system has been difficult to work with, universities are behind in submitting these docu-

Most of Tech's forms were sent out last fall, McGlynn said, so the students and the university would get all the paperwork completed in

However, there may be a few Tech students still in the process of getting visas.

"This may allow those students some leeway," she said.

The primary benefit of SEVIS is it allows the U.S. government and consulates around the world the ability to keep tabs on international students quickly and easily. It is mainly for homeland security, McGlynn said.

"It assists the government in tracking these students," she said. "It's not really to assist the students."

Getting a visa has proven more difficult since Sept. 11, 2001. The process, which used to take a few weeks, now takes several months, and a new high-risk registration program has been put into practice as

SEVIS has been in the works since 1996, according to the AP, but its implementation was accelerated after the terrorist attacks.

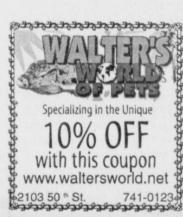
Some of the hijackers entered the country with student visas, although they were not attending school.

According to the El Paso INS office, universities must initiate requests for new students by the deadline. Those that do not are precluded from using SEVIS and do not become certified within the system.

Universities that are not SEVIScertified cannot accept new foreign

Students already enrolled can complete the rest of the semester.

Universities must provide information on the academic, personal and financial status of foreign-born students enrolled in their systems, as well as the students' dependents. They also have to provide data on any disciplinary action, off-campus employment and if a student drops below a full course of study, according to the AP.



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Dr. Richard Homan said Wilson was one of the premier educators in the

people will help further Tech research," Homan said.

health issues, Homan said.

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Knight said too many players rely on the word "confidence." He wants them to have an aggressive nature

'What's offensive confidence?" he said. "I'm not sure what that is. It is a term I've never used. I think confidence is the most overblown word in the history of sports. You have to play with aggressiveness to

If Knight becomes a member of the 800 club, he will be the fourth men's basketball coach in Division-I history to do so.

Dean Smith, Adolph Rupp and Jim Phelan are the other members.

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### Langston

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Langston served as mayor from 1992 to 1996 and ran for John Montford's Texas Senate seat when Montford resigned.

He has talked with the residents of District 19, he said, and their concerns include lowering taxes, education and the economy. The federal government has not passed some important legislation concerning agriculture and the oil and gas industry. issues he said he would like to work on while in office.

"I'll be a representative that will listen to (the people of District 19) and then go to Washington and vote, issue by issue, to represent the interests of this district, and not accord

ing to strict party lines," he said.

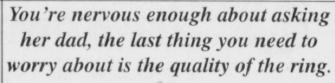
Langston, who recently became a Republican because he believed the party represents his views best, as well as the views of the residents of West Texas, said he is the type of strong advocate the region needs.

"We don't need Washington to tell us how to solve our problems here," he said. "But we don't need someone to go to Washington to be a rubber stamp, just sit in his seat and do what he's told."

Nor is he forgetting Texas Tech.

"It's very important for whoever is the next congressman to be tough and aggressive when fighting for funding for Texas Tech," he said.

He would like to see Tech become a first-tier research institute, he said, and he is ready to work to get funding for research at Reese Center.





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# Will Jones let Parcells use his recipe?

nother regular season of NFL come and gone. Folks such as myself can only lament and take solace in the fact that we now have basketball, and soon also will have Dallas. baseball, to fill the empty void.

watching good football games on Sundays. Unfortunately, I do not have a satellite dish, and therefore, my viewing was restricted almost exclusively to the 4-12 Houston Texans and the 5-11 Dallas Cowboys. Oh boy! Screw watching legitimately competitive teams like the Jets, Buccaneers, Pack- of a trip to the Super Bowl within that ers or Steelers. We live in Texas; it's time. the Cowboys or nobody.

The Cowboys' record this season marks one of the lowest points in franchise history, second only perhaps to the 1-15 season in Tom Landry's final season as head coach.

But have no fear, my fair-weather friends! Like Gen. Westmoreland telling the American public there is a "light at the end of the tunnel," Cowboys owner Jerry Jones hired one of the greatest coaches in recent football history to resurrect the team to its pre-

The Tuna, Bill Parcells, who has and college football has performed miracles for the New York Giants, New England Patriots and New York Jets, will now try to work his magic for "America's team" in

The Cowboys were nothing short Like anyone in Texas, I enjoy of abysmal this season. The loss on the first Sunday of the season to the expansion Texans turned out to be an omen of things to come. Now Parcells is taking over this struggling squad at the cost of \$17 million, purportedly for the next four years, and the expectations among fans are nothing short

This task is no doubt daunting, and the scrutiny will be intense. The major question weighing on everyone's mind is whether Jones will let Parcells run the show the way his 30 years of football experience dictates.

During his stint with the Patriots, Parcells was criticized for not achieving the success Patriots fans demanded. Parcells then made an analogy wherein he said he would never be able to cook dinner if he wasn't allowed to shop for groceries.

In a recent "Sportscenter" inter-



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Parcells made an analogy wherein he said he would never be able to cook dinner if he wasn't allowed to shop for groceries.

view, ESPN's Chris Mortensen talked with Parcells and Jones about the issue of who will decide which players to pick up in the draft or free agent repair the Cowboys. Although young market. Mortensen asked Jones who would be shopping for groceries in Dallas. Jones responded with the pro-

I predict Parcells will not make it to the end of his estimated four-year tenure. Jones will do the same thing he did in alienating Jimmy Johnson. At some point in time, Jones must have gotten the mistaken impression that he was responsible for the Cowboys' Super Bowl victories. Jones may be a brilliant businessman with great marketing skills, but a businessman ain't necessarily a football coach.

The same principle will apply to the Cowboys for as long as Jones owns the team. Parcells even discussed Jones' tendencies to try to coach in his book "The Final Season" that documented his last year as Jets head coach.

"But once the owner wants to coach, then I'd be out of there the next day," Parcells wrote. "I couldn't coach in that situation myself."

Therefore, I give Parcells two, maybe three years in Dallas.

There is no doubt in my mind that Parcells has the coaching acumen to and still relatively inexperienced, quarterback Chad Hutchinson has height and good arm strength going

noun "we." That tells me all I need to for him. Under Parcells' tutelage, he will develop the leadership skills necessary to carry his team.

Emmett Smith remains Emmett Smith. He is no longer the preeminent back in the league, but he can easily remain the feature back in the Dallas offense. The question is whether the all-time leading rusher will be willing to continue playing with a star on his helmet when he is making substantially less money than he was prom-

The Cowboys have a young, talented but sometimes disorganized defense, anchored by one of the best linebacking corps in the nation, a pass rusher in La'roi Glover and a couple of awesome safeties.

The biggest variable is the offensive line, which is a far cry from the one that led the Cowboys to a halfdecade of dominance in the 1990s. Right now, I might have a shot at the starting left tackle position.

Parcells has the ability to cook an awesome dinner with Filet Mignon for the Cowboys. However, Parcells won't get that chance with grocery-man looming over his shoulder, preferring instead to make Hamburger Helper.

# Smokers should have own campus

very day, many Texas Tech students and myself breathe air that is tainted with an unnatural, potentially dangerous substance, and I for one am tired of it.

No, The Black Death hasn't been "misplaced" again. What I'm talking about is the large amount of smokers on campus and their smoke.

I think the non-smoking students of Tech would agree with me that the toxic fumes that either are blown in your face or are just constantly lingering outside any given residence hall are something we could all do without (and ladies, the fellas don't find it too attractive).

We all know the harm smoking, and merely breathing second-hand smoke, can cause. It also has been one of my theories that smoking causes brain damage. Now, of course, been proven indefinitely by any sci-build a separate smokers' campus. entists, but I've noticed some unde- It would consist of equal education darts as a past time can't be a genius because to continue to do so is just ignorant.

long run it can cause premature senility. I've come to notice that a eral interesting theories, which inplanet and nuking the dinosaurs into Techsans.



James LaCombe opinions@universitydaily.net

I don't mean to sound like one of those annoying "Truth" commercials, but something must be done.

I propose Tech designate certain residence halls as either smoking or nonsmoking and preferably make them as far away from each other as possible.

But we cannot stop there. There is still the problem of running into a dirty lunged individual while on the way to or in class. This is why I propose Tech this has in no way, shape or form take my initiative one step further and

niable facts. For starters, a person facilities and would be encased in a who decides to suck down death dome where no smoke can escape into the non-smokers campus. It's a perfect plan: We non-smokers will have the clean air we love so very much, and Even worse, it appears that in the the smokers will have a smoky haven of tar- and nicotine-enriched air.

So now that my genius plan is out smoker in one of my classes has sev- in the open, it will only be a matter of time before the Tech big-wigs take noclude, but are not limited to, one tice and make my great proposal a reabout humans coming from another ality. Just don't forget who to thank,



Kori Hahn

To much has happened in the share my heart and feelings of an unfortunate event with you. Last Thursday, my closest and dearest friend, my companion, passed away.

Like most of you, I have never been so close to the concept and realness of death before now. I have known a handful of friends who have unexpected. The only thing we hondied, but I have never been closer estly know is exactly what we can see than the 20th row.

Unfortunately, I am now dealing with the reality of a first-row fu-

like most of my other relationships, we decided to "take our time" and not rush into anything. It was a thoughtto do and achieve. I sure did.

# Live life; do not take it for granted

My plan was one more year here past week, and I am fortunate at Tech, live in Italy for a year, to have this opportunity to Amsterdam for another, get married, start a family and eventually die. Every day was planned. Boy, was I wrong. Things can and

will certainly change. Life's roads will have detours to move around, speedbumps to slowly overcome and straight-aways to speed through-all today: this exact second and moment. Tomorrow is a mystery.

Some of you might have been in a situation similar to mine, but even We only had a short amount of more have not. Before Jan. 23, I was time together here on earth, and un- completely clueless. I figured I had forever, and we had forever.

Currently, I am more confused about life than I ever have been, but less decision. Why speed into any- there is one significant message I wish thing, right? Like most of us, people to pass to you. Life is not forever. truly knows. The honest realization assume you have 70-something years Don't waste time fighting with friends to accomplish all the things you wish over a stain on your borrowed shirt, more "I love yous," this one just not paying a borrowed \$20 or always might be your last one.

There are so many things we waste our precious time doing, and then one day you realize you don't have forever.

bumming cigarettes. It is not worth

There are so many things we waste our precious time doing, and then one day you realize you really don't have forever. Live for today. Make sure the people you love know exactly how much you love them.

Life may be long or it may be short, and in my belief, only God is that when you expect a million

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The close of Broadway's longest (and brightest) run ....



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# Blues rocker inaugurates acoustic series

By Harvey Mireles/Staff Reporter

RaiderGate seems to have not been enough for one rock musician.

Blues rocker Ian Moore is returning to Lubbock. He will perform at 8 p.m. Sunday at the Cactus The-

However, this performance will be different from his previous visits to the Hub City.

Moore will be the first performance in the Cactus Theater's "Unplugged Series." The performer will be playing without his band, creating an intimate atmosphere.

think it's a more appropriate scene. I hope it's a good venue for the concert."

Moore said he's enjoyed life on the road performing his solo acoustic show, but there are occasional drawbacks.

"Sometimes there are great shows and sometimes there are not so great shows," he said. "It's usually more intense and quiet so the audience is really listening in. Sometimes it's phenomenal, but if something sounds bad, there's nothing to hide behind."

The Austin native has been tour-

In these acoustic performances, it's played a lot slower and more emotionally driven.

> - IAN MOORE BLUES, ROCK PERFORMER

through an independent label.

"The only thing that's truly great is getting to play the music," Moore "I'm glad and excited to be com- said. "Being all over the road, festiing back to Lubbock," Moore said. "I vals and people I've met, but to play been, I'm truly grateful."

Moore said there are different kinds of feels to his performances.

"It depends on the kind of show," he said. "Live shows with the band have taken on a modern psychedelic feel with songs written with a more terse pop style. In these acoustic performances, it's played a lot slower and more emotionally driven."

Moore said he believes musicians' songwriting styles become more sophisticated as they grow older.

"In a way, songs could have a

years. Eight of those years have been write, I start pulling out different emotions. The coolest musicians wear their fundamental essence on their sleeve instead of just using clear

Jason Wickersham, a senior geolmy original music for as long as I've ogy major from Hurst, considers himself new to Ian Moore's music but said he is looking forward to seeing him

> "I've only heard of him about a year and a half ago," Wickersham said. "One of my friends had his Live Via Satellite CD, and I asked who it was. It sounded good so I went out and bought the album."

> This will be Wickersham's second Moore concert, but he said with this being "unplugged," it would be dif-

ing almost continuously for about 15 deeper meaning," he said. "When I his whole band, and this time I heard said.

he's by himself," he said. "When he does his full band, it's mostly just an all-out jam. It'll be interesting to see how he does by himself."

Wickersham said he believes Moore's music is a mix of many music genres he likes.

"I think he's just a great cross of blues, gospel, rock and punk," he said. "It puts me in a great mood every time I hear it. He's a great musician.

Jordan Woodruff, a sophomore computer science major from Lubbock, said he also is planning on making it out to the concert.

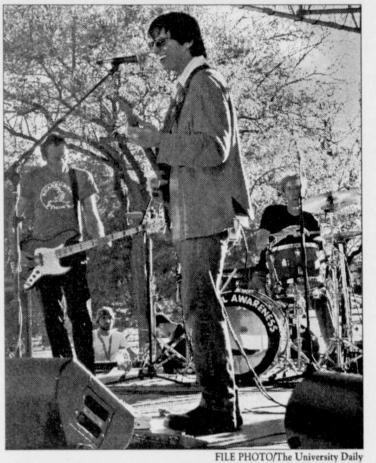
"His music, it's just kind of applying and feels good," he said. "It's just got what I call 'the groove.' A lot of songs just follow the beat, but his follows how he feels. Ian Moore has just got this solid feel."

Woodruff said he listens to a lot of his music, but he really enjoys the

stuff with the band. "I really like to hear this song called 'Today," he said. "It's definitely

still worth looking into." Woodruff said he expects a lot of women and a mellow atmosphere at

the Cactus Theater. "It's just something to enjoy and "The last time I saw him, it was just sit back and listen to," Woodruff



IAN MOORE WAS the main performer at RaiderGate during the 2001 Texas Tech football season. He returns at 8 p.m. Sunday at the Cactus Theatre for its first "Unplugged Series."

## Rec Sports All-Nighter to feature hypnotist, Hummer

By Jessica Johnson/Staff Reporter

The 23rd annual Recreational Sports All-Nighter is scheduled for Friday evening in the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center.

Four-time Campus Entertainer of the Year Tom DeLuca, the Texas Tech Federal Credit Union's Tournament of Champions, and a chance to win a \$50,000 Hummer from Scoggin- show. Dickey highlight the event.

Over 2,500 students participated in last year's event, designed to give Tech students an alternative activity for a Friday night.

Edna Maritt, assistant manager of the Texas Tech Federal Credit

in an event promoting a fun evening on a Friday night on the Tech campus," she said. "We are happy to support the students again this year for the Recreational Sports All-Nighter."

This will mark the 20th year for Tom DeLuca, a nationally renowned hypnotist, to entertain at the event. At 9 p.m., he will perform a hypnosis

DeLuca's show celebrates the personality of the group and creates a

10:30 AM

said Joe MacLean, director of recreational sports. "I saw him in the spring of 1980 at

a conference; the following year, he was booked to perform at the very first Recreational Sports All-Nighter," he said. "He has always been a favorite of the students because he has a hypnotist show and is very funny.'

20 students on stage to hypnotize and have them perform, making them be-

The evening revolves around the Tournament of Champions, where Tech students, faculty and staff can compete in 10 different tournaments, including basketball, soccer, pants must register between 6 p.m. and volleyball, racquetball, squash and water polo. It runs from 5 p.m. to 1 11:15 p.m. when a lucky person will

MacLean said DeLuca gets about the For those who have not signed up to men-courtesy of Scoggin Dickey. The

"We like to support the students memorable experience for students, come a karate expert or a heavyweight for the Tournament of Champions, there will be many drop-in activities from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

The Scoggin Dickey Basketball Hot Shot will precede a shoot-out and drawing for a Hummer. Interested partici-9 p.m., and a drawing will take place at have a chance to win a \$55,000 Hum-

David Prout, assistant director of recreational sports, said this will be the highlight of the evening, and he anticipates a larger turnout than in previous years.

"Over 2,500 students participated in the 2002 Recreational Sports All-Nighter, and we are looking to exceed that number this year," he said. "It will be a fun evening for Texas Tech University students."

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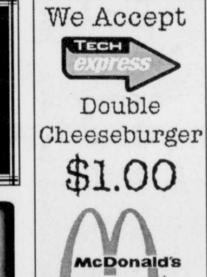
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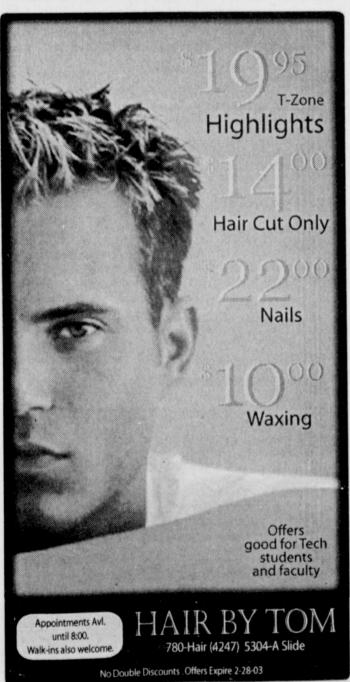


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# 'Chicago' is a razzle-dazzle spectacle

Musical to play in sneak preview at local theater this weekend

he genre of the movie musical has roared back to life. Last year's "Moulin Rouge" amazed me with its stunning visuals, incredible soundtrack and pitch-perfect performances.

I didn't think it could get any better than that.

But now comes "Chicago."

This film version of the Broadway play explodes onto the screen and mesmerizes with magnificent song and dance performances that set the screen on fire.

It's a film that oozes sexuality from every pore and creates the perfect mix of murder, music and melodrama.

Catherine Zeta-Jones and Renee Zellweger are dynamite as Velma Kelly and Roxie Hart, respectively, both of whom are struggling to be in the limelight and are in prison for murder. Velma shot her husband and her sister when she caught them in a rather Gere) to get them acquitted.



**James Eppler** 

jeppler@hotmail.com

(ehem) awkward position, and Roxie shot her lover and talked her husband into paying for her defense.

Zeta-Jones' Velma is the current big star, but Zellweger's Roxie is hot on her heels. The two women are still striving to retain their popularity even from behind bars.

Both women hire a sleazy lawyer by the name of Billy Flynn (Richard

Gere is nothing short of fabulous as Flynn when he explains with confidence, "If Jesus Christ were living today in Chicago and came to me with \$5,000, things

These three main characters are self-centered and morally reprehensible. They will trample anyone who gets in their way to the top. But I loved them anyway.

The story here hits awfully close to home: It shows how the American public will idolize and worship someone as despicable as a murderer because of media hype. It's a very poignant message about fame in this

"Chicago" is about the era in the

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would have turned out much differ- contains a vision of a ventriloquist act the screen for his benefit. It's a fantasduring a press conference with Roxie tic debut. as the puppet and Flynn as the ventriloquist with the press on puppet

news is all

One of the

if they are imagined in Roxie's head.

Every number is phenomenal. 'em the ol' Razzle Dazzle;" and my per- tresses working today. sonal favorite, "Cell Block Tango (He

Minor characters such as Matron brings down the house.

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1930s and "Mama" Morton (Queen Latifa) and '40s where Roxie's husband Amos Hart (John C. front-page Reilly) also are strong in the film, and each have a musical number in which

Director Rob Marshall is a veteran most interest- stage director, but this is his first film ing numbers to direct. He choreographs the numin the film bers with style and uses every inch of

Zellweger and Zeta-Jones will be in a dead-heat for the best actress Oscar. (Of course, they also have Nicole The musical numbers are played as Kidman from "The Hours" to contend with.) Both were excellent, but it seems Zellweger may have the edge. Standouts include Velema's "All That She has now proven that she is one of Jazz;" Roxie's "Roxie;" Flynn's "Give the most talented and versatile ac-

Richard Gere's final number, a fanhad it comin')," in which women in- tastic tap-dance intertwined with a mates describe their murderous crimes. cross-examination in a court case,

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He's just incredible.

This is a movie musical that is not afraid to be glamorously down and dirty. Musicals have always dealt with sexuality to an extent, but "Chicago" does not play innocent.

This is the best film of 2002. It erupts with vibrant colors, fantastic musical numbers, superb performances and all that jazz.

That's "Chicago." EPPLER'S RATING: \* \* \* \*

\*\*\*\* - Flawless \*\*\* - Excellent \*\*\* - Good \*\* - Mediocre

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★ - Awful

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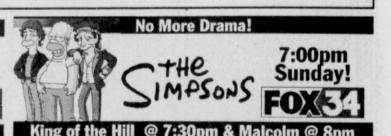
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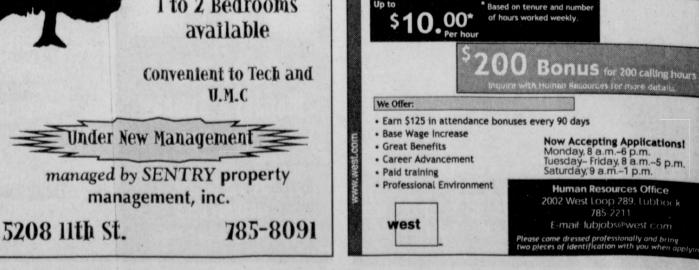




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By Jason Lenz/Staff Reporter

It is 65 degrees and sunny. Yards are adorned with lawn gnomes and pink flamingos. The National Anthem plays, and the remnants of sunflower seeds litter the ground. Opening day is finally here.

After months of practicing and scrimmaging against one another, the Texas Tech baseball team commences regular season play this weekend with a three-game series against the Lobos of New Mexico.

Today's game starts at 3 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday's games are at 2 p.m. and 3 p.m., respectively.

Starting pitcher Dusty Buck said the team is finally ready to start the

"Everyone's getting the preseason butterflies," he said. "We're not really nervous; we're just getting excited. It's the moment we've been waiting for ever since we've been back.'

The opening pitch today will

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10. Iowa State

11. Nebraska

12. Baylor

7. Colorado

2. Oklahoma

mark the beginning of coach Larry Hays' 17th season at the helm of the Red Raiders. He said fall practice has the team anxious to play.

"We've been antsy for quite a while," Hays said. "You work out all fall, and it seems like it leads to nothing but Santa Claus..."

Thus far, Tech has only played in intrasquad scrimmages and an alumni game against a team of former Tech players. Senior left fielder Scooter Jordan said the alumni game was only enough to wet the Raiders' appetite.

"It's just nice to get out there and play somebody other than ourselves," he said. "We just got a taste with the alumni game..."

Tech is a team filled with newcomers. Hays said he expects his team to be nervous, but he expects the games at home to help the team settle

"I think it's going to be important to this team because we've got so many new players," Hays said. "Hopefully,

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Big 12 Conference Basketball Standings

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12. Nebraska

5. Oklahoma

7. Iowa State

10. Texas A&M

the first few series here at home will help us figure out who we are and get us toughened up for our first road trip."

Buck said he enjoys playing in front of the fans at Dan Law Field. "Our crowd is tough to beat," he

said. "We play really well here. Hopefully, we can use the crowd to our advantage and play well in front of our home fans.'

Tech's infield is brand new this season. Coaches have yet to decide who will play where and when, but Buck said he is confident in whoever gets playing time.

"The thing is we have so many guys that can play," he said. "Whoever coach Hays puts out there, no doubt, will get the job done and play Hays said the Raiders are going

into the game unsure of who will be playing where, other than his starting pitcher and catcher. "We're going to go into this thing

not set in the outfield, not set in the

infield," he said. "Looks like Cooper (Fouts) is going to be the catcher, and it looks like (Steve) Gooch is going to be pitching, but after that we're just going to play it by ear ... "

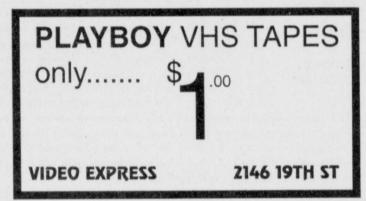
Last year, Tech took two games of a three-game series at New Mexico. Hays said he expects New Mexico to play tough again this season.

"They really get after us," he said. "They're aggressive; they always play hard; they run the bases well; they're tough with two strikes; they don't strike out much; and they're going to throw experienced pitching...it'll be a good challenge for us."

Regardless of what the Lobos do, the Raiders understand they have to play well for themselves, Buck said.

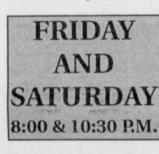
"Whatever kind of team they are, we're going to come in and approach it the same way," he said. "We're going to try to pitch well and try to score runs because that's what we can control. We really can't control what kind of team they are..."

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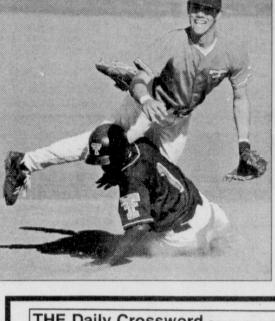
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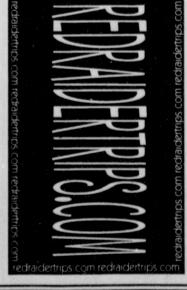
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# Sports

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# Lady Raiders storm into Kansas, Big 12 lead

By David Wiechmann/Sports Editor they are in first place now.

The No. 8 Texas Tech Lady Raiders (17-2, 6-1 Big 12 Conference) woke in first place in the Big 12 Conference.

Thanks to a 5-point victory by Iowa State over No. 3 Kansas State, there are now three teams with one conference loss (Texas, KSU and Tech), and cell phones were ringing off the hook Wednesday night.

"I'm excited," said Natalie Ritchie. "I called coach Sharp (Wednesday) night at home; I left a message on her answering machine. I was like, 'Wahoo!' and I let her know that we were ready for practice the next day."

Sharp said she did not find out about her team's position until she returned home from a convention late Wednesday night, but she had hordes of messages

"When I got home, I had all kinds the Lady Raiders of messages on my machine," Sharp are glad to be in a said. "Everyone was saying, 'Way to go, Cyclones.' That was the first I knew it, but I was fired up."

Despite catching up in the standings on account of someone else's accomplishments, the Lady Raiders are not changing their game plan because

the Big 12 is un-

predictable.

"In the Big 12, we know that Kansas State-Iowa going to take this as State is a great example of that any motivation for us to game in the Big 12 is a big game; you watch out, and it can't overlook anyone," Pierson doesn't matter the said. "Thinking Kansas State was records, but we going to go into Iowa State and need to take every win was ludicrous because they lost."

Ritchie said - NATALIE RITCHIE LADY RAIDER GUARD three-way tie, but

they know they have to be on the lookout.

"We're really excited about the outcome (of the ISU-KSU game)," Ritchie said. "In conference, though, lead has rejuvenated the Lady Raidit's just like this. It doesn't matter what ers, and they are looking forward to beat you."

your record is, any game, any team you the challenge of staying on top. Instead, Plenette Pierson said Tech play you got to be ready to play. That is approaching its next game with game made us realize that we have to excitement," Ritchie said. "We're all Kansas (9-9, 2-5) at 2 p.m. Saturday be on our toes and be ready for every up this morning and found themselves in Lawrence, Kan., having proof that team, and right now, we're just focus- the floor, and we're looking forward ing on Kansas."

> Kansas sits near the bottom I think (Sharp) is standings and recently won its first two Big 12 games of the season. Ritchie said the shock the basketball world got look past the Jayhawks.

> > (Sharp) is going to take this as motivation for us to watch Ritchie said.

"And it doesn't matter the records, but we need to take every team seriously."

Finding themselves back in the

Britz, associate athletics director.

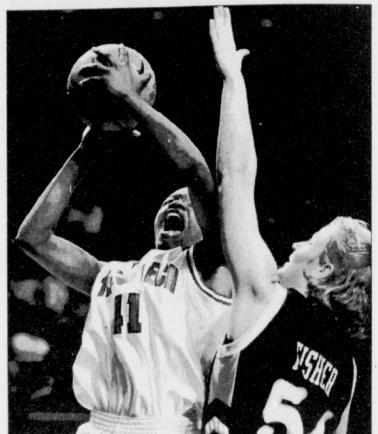
"This gives a new energy and a new excited about practicing, getting on to our game (Saturday.)"

Pierson said the excitement level is up, but it will not deter from the of the conference mission of execution.

"I don't think we'll take a different approach," Pierson said. "I think we're going to play with the same tenacity that we've been playing with and getting out there and doing the things we've been doing all season."

Perhaps the most important factor Wednesday night in the game will be Sharp reminding should open her team to not look to the week after Tech's eyes not to the game, but to remember what happened to Kansas State.

"We've talked before that there are three teams good enough to win a (conference) championship, and there are 12 teams in the Big 12 that are good enough to upset anyone on any night," Sharp said. "And that's the scary thing about the Big 12 is that's something you always have to have your guard against because if you ever let your guard down, somebody's going to slip in there and



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## Fouts declared ineligible

team seriously.

One day prior to Texas Tech's prohibits discussion, said Patrick season-opening series against New Mexico, senior starting-pitcher academically ineligible to play.

Details regarding the circumstances of Fouts' ineligibility could

Fouts can appeal to the NCAA Nathan Fouts has been declared on Feb. 11, which would mean he could possibly play in Tech's series against San Francisco, but no sooner.

Tech coaches and players did not be released because federal law not comment.

Rounds 1 and 2 of the NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament will be in the USA March 23-25.

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