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Tech faculty responds to budget setbacks

By Kelly McAlister/Staff Reporter

Texas Tech officials and faculty responded Wednesday to growing budget concerns and news of a possible budget-induced enrollment cap at the university.

Monday, the Tech Chapter of the American Association of University Professors drafted a resolution to present to the university's Faculty Senate that requests the administration reconsider its plan to annually increase student enrollment.

AAUP member and associate professor of biological sciences Lewis Held said the resolution is the result of faculty concern that student growth is increasing at a faster rate than faculty growth.

According to the Office of Enrollment, the Tech undergraduate student body experienced a swell of 6.8 percent from last spring, setting

a new record of 25,975 undergraduate students.

"It takes a long time to turn a ship of state as opposed to a sloop," Held said. "At this rate, your degree will be worth toilet paper if you don't have professors."

Last month, Texas Gov. Rick Perry requested all state-funded institutions enact a 7 percent self-imposed budget cut as a result of a \$9 billion state budget deficit.

Tech Chancellor Dr. David Smith said the university will place a hiring freeze on non-critical vacancies in light of the cuts.

"In essence, (we will) enact to freeze (on hiring), although there will be some flexibility if the president feels there's a compelling need to fill a position," he said.

President of the Faculty Senate and assistant professor of restaurant and hotel management Shane Blum said the College of Human Sciences is experiencing a rapid influx of stu-

dents.

"All of the educational, nutrition and restaurant/hotel management classes are overflowing," Blum said. "Every class I see on campus is packed. Twenty-nine thousand students for the fall is scaring a lot of people."

Chairwoman of the Department of RHIM Lynn Huffman said the growth has not resulted in any significant changes in normal operations in her department.

"All our classes are full, but that's just the way it is," she said.

Huffman said the department is considering whether to fill a vacancy, a decision that will be made only after the university's final budget is approved by the state at the end of this year's Legislative session.

University officials are expecting the session to put a strain on the university's budget for the next biennium as the result of a multi-

billion dollar statewide deficit.

Smith said he is concerned about what affect student growth could have on accreditation.

"There is a potential we may not grow," Smith said. "We are going to have to offset one way or another and get the money we need for faculty."

In addition to a hiring freeze, Smith said several plans will be implemented in an effort to offset the budget shortfall. Other tactics include prohibiting out-of-country and out-of-state travel on state funds. In-state travel will be prohibited and only used when deemed necessary.

"Any type of out-of-state travel is going to be prohibited off state funds," Smith said.

Vice-President for Enrollment Management Michael Heintze did not immediately return phone calls.

Texas Tech Budget Cuts

- All vacant positions will be reviewed; only positions critical to the academic or service mission of the institution will be filled.
- International and out-of-state travel on state funds will be eliminated.
- Energy programs will be reviewed, and a policy will be developed for aggressive energy management.
- Capital projects not under way or those in excess of \$1 million will be reviewed; projects that do not directly affect an institution's core mission will be deferred.
- All external contracts for services will be reviewed.

SOURCE: Texas Tech University

KNIGHT JOINS 800 CLUB



GREG KRELLER/Staff Photographer

THE TEXAS TECH men's basketball team gives coach Bob Knight a group hug after Wednesday's 75-49 victory against Nebraska. It was career win No. 800 for Knight.



JAIME TOMÁS AGUILAR/Staff Photographer

TEXAS TECH MEN'S basketball coach Bob Knight receives a standing ovation before making a speech after defeating Nebraska in his 800th career win Wednesday at the United Spirit Arena.

Coach, team celebrate milestone

By Matt Muench/Staff Reporter

Maybe Texas Tech coach Bob Knight did think winning his 800th game of his career was a big deal, after all. He did it Wednesday night at the United Spirit Arena, and after the game, he took the microphone and spoke to a packed house, sporting his first smile all night.

"I've had many milestones in the past," he told the crowd. "But I have never had a milestone in front of a crowd I appreciate so much."

After Knight's speech, his team huddled around him and jumped in the air as the crowd chanted "Bobby, Bobby" and "800, 800."

"I wouldn't trade this team for any team I have ever coached," Knight said.

The milestone victory was not too tough for the Raiders to achieve, winning by a score of 75-49.

After falling behind 5-0 early, Tech scored 26 unanswered points to take a commanding lead with 11 minutes to play until halftime. During the run, Tech forced nine turnovers and scored mostly on fast breaks and 3-

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Event captures professor's work on black history

By Angela Timmons/Staff Reporter

One of first events of African-American History Month profiles a Texas Tech professor's work.

Professor Tony Gleaton of the School of Mass Communications looks at the history of the American West in a different way than most.

Gleaton showed photos and slides during a presentation called The Black Route West 1526-1916 Wednesday evening at the Southwest Collection.

Gleaton said he found himself at

Tech because of the "Old Comanche Trail," on which Lubbock is positioned.

Gleaton told the audience he has traversed the Americas utilizing almost every imaginable means of transportation, including foot, hitchhiking, biking and Greyhound buses in order to research his look at African-American influences and lifestyles throughout the areas, including living amongst the Tarahumara Indians of Mexico.

"I lived in the mountains in the state of Chihuahua," he said.

During his time in the Mexico mountains, Gleaton discovered 500 African-American slaves had lived in the area and worked in its mines.

"I began to look at Africa's influence in Mexico, looked at Central and South America," he said. "I kind of looked all over at the African Diaspora."

Some of Gleaton's work has been displayed by Washington D.C.'s Smithsonian Institute.

Gleaton has worked throughout areas of Texas and the Trans-Missis-

sippi West, photographing African-American and Mexican rodeos and cowboys. Gleaton presented many of his photographs at Wednesday's presentation.

"In the 1980s, I traveled around the American West looking at cowboys," he said. "I looked at the typical American cowboy and came out with a piece of work called 'Cowboys: Reconstructing an American Myth.'"

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Senate to vote on transportation fee

By Matt Muench/Staff Reporter

Four resolutions are on the agenda for today's Texas Tech Student Senate meeting at 7 p.m. in the Senate Room in the Student Union building. Included are two that ask the Senate to make strong statements to the university's administration.

Senate Resolution 38.17, which was written by five senators, is an attempt to let the administration know the Senate is in support of a \$45 transportation fee, which is proposed to be implemented in the Fall. The proposed fee would be payable by all students.

The fee is intended to offset the

costs of services provided by CitiBus, which provides on- and off-campus services to the university.

The resolution states several reasons why buses are important to the university community.

One statement reads, "Whereas, Texas Tech should be focusing on the needs of students, as outlined in their 'Student First' Initiative."

Senate President and SGA Internal Vice President Jeremy Brown said the resolution is intended to inform the university's administration about transportation issues.

"We are not necessarily telling

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Water issues city's top concern in Legislature

By Heidi Toth/Staff Reporter

Water issues are first on the city's agenda when it comes to proposed legislation in the 78th Legislative Session, said Tony Privett, director of communication for the city of Lubbock.

The city has initiated or will initiate several pieces of legislation concerning Lake Alan Henry, a city-owned waterway outside of Lubbock.

These include allowing the city to market water to other communities, preventing private property owners from infringing on the city's restrictive easements, and allowing the city

to regulate the surface of the water and charge a reasonable fee for recreational use.

"Water issues are probably the most pressing for the city," Privett said.

Mayor Marc McDougal agreed.

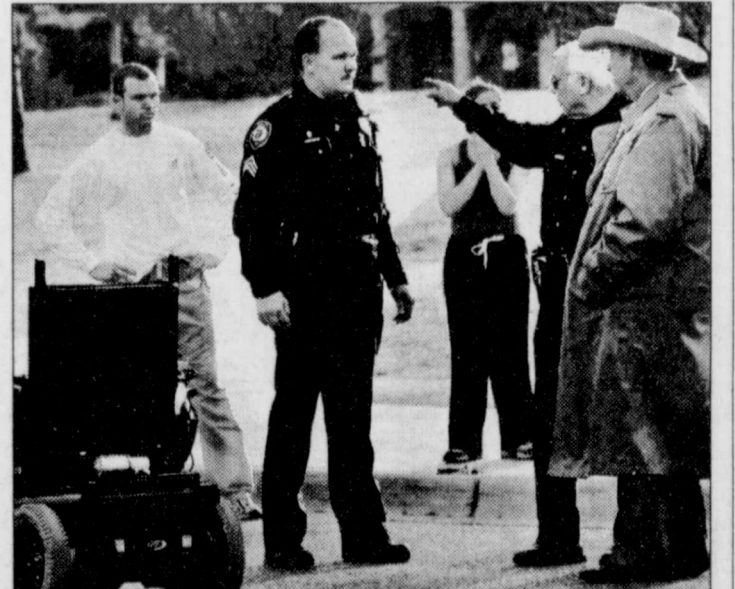
"This Council wants to get very aggressive with water issues," he said.

The city government wants to ensure it has authority over the surface of the lake, Privett said, so it can institute a recreational fee, as the city owns it and can regulate it to a certain extent.

"However, the state does have ul-

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ON THE SCENE



JAIME TOMÁS AGUILAR/Staff Photographer

TEXAS TECH POLICE Sgt. Lynn Parvin points out to Police Chief Jay Parchman (far right) the location of a car that hit a pedestrian in a wheelchair crossing Flint Avenue as Sgt. Mike McAlister listens. The incident occurred at about 5:30 p.m. Wednesday in front of the Jerry S. Rawls Business Administration building. The pedestrian was taken by ambulance to Covenant Medical Center. The pedestrian was listed in stable condition and was preparing to be released Wednesday night.

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The Rundown



Texans charged with stealing shuttle debris

LUFKIN (AP) — Federal authorities charged two people with illegally collecting pieces of debris from the space shuttle Columbia.

Both were arrested and were scheduled to appear before a federal magistrate in Tyler on Wednesday afternoon, a spokesman for the U.S. Attorney's office in Beaumont said.

Federal officials declared an amnesty period until 5 p.m. CST on Friday, saying that people who turn in shuttle pieces by that deadline would not be prosecuted.

A grand jury returned separate indictments against Merrie Hipp, 43, of Henderson, and Bradley Justin Gaudet, 23, of Nacogdoches, each on a single count of theft of government property, federal prosecutors said.

Conviction would carry a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison and a fine of \$250,000, prosecutors said.

Hipp is accused of stealing a circuit board that fell from the shuttle after it broke apart over Texas on Saturday. Gaudet, a student at Stephen F. Austin State University, was accused of stealing a piece of thermal insulating fabric.

Government close to hitting debt ceiling

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government is expected to hit the \$6.4 trillion ceiling on the national debt around Feb. 20, the Treasury Department said Wednesday, renewing its call for Congress to boost the government's borrowing authority.

Treasury asked Congress late last year to increase the government's ability to borrow, setting the stage for a political fight in Congress. Treasury, however, hasn't said exactly how much of an increase in the current statutory debt ceiling it wants.

Late last year Treasury warned Congress the government would hit the debt ceiling in late February, but didn't specify a date.

Treasury's announcement comes as the government's financial situation is deteriorating, with considerably more red ink being projected for the next few years than the \$158 billion deficit seen in the 2002 fiscal year, which ended Sept. 30.

President Bush's budget projects deficits of \$307 billion this year and \$304 billion next year — surpassing the record \$290 billion deficit of 1992.

Execution delayed for three Mexicans

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP) — The United States must temporarily stay the execution of three Mexican citizens on death row in Texas and Oklahoma, the World Court ruled Wednesday.

In a unanimous decision, the 15-judge panel said the delay was needed while the U.N. court investigates in full whether the men were given their right to legal help from the Mexican government.

The World Court, officially known as the International Court of Justice, is the U.N.'s court for resolving disputes between nations. It has no power to enforce its decisions, and the United States has disregarded them in the past.

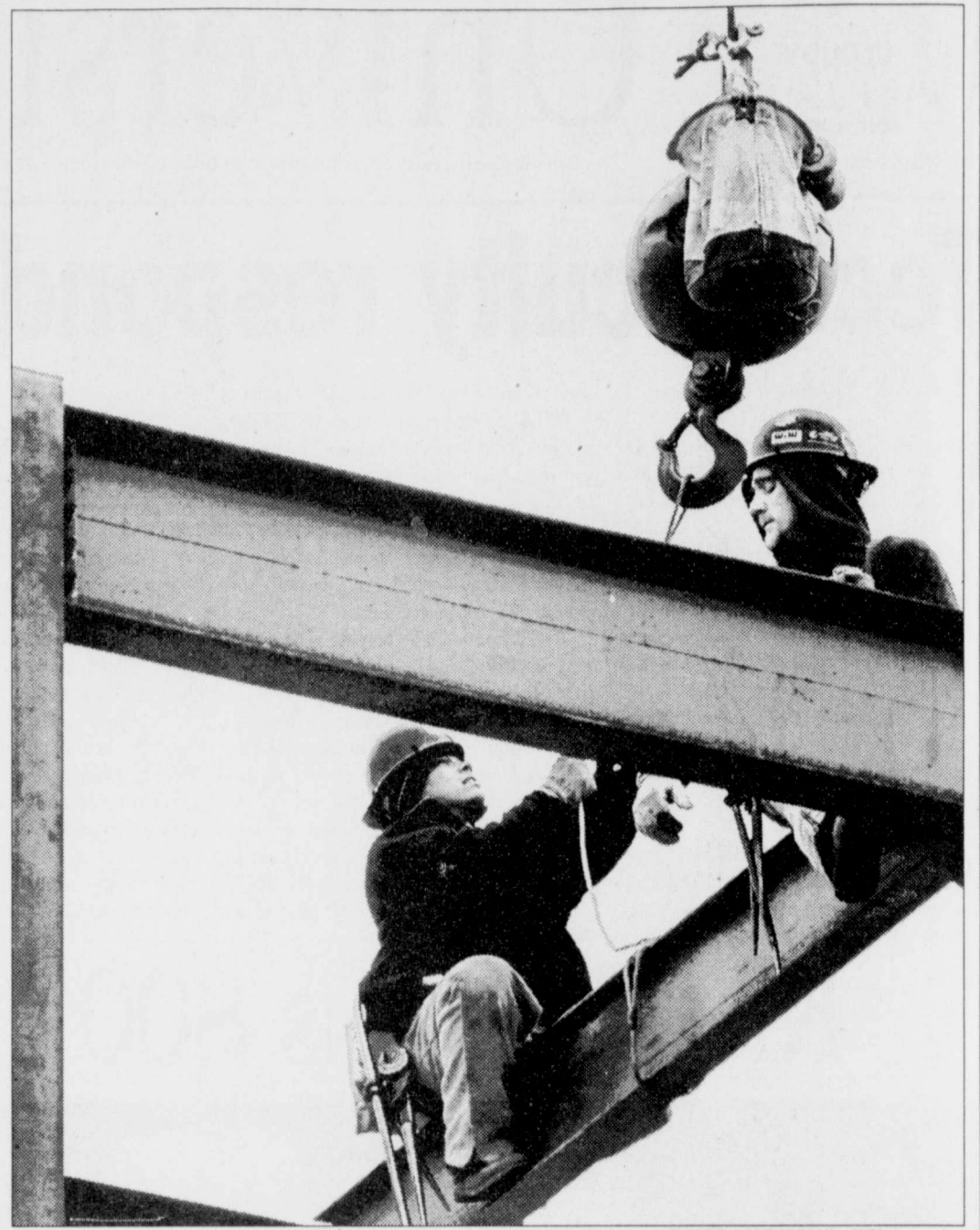
It is the third World Court case in five years against the United States dealing with the death penalty.

In a nearly identical high-profile case in 2001 it found that the United States had violated international law by not informing a German citizen of his right to consular assistance.

Walter LaGrand was executed in Arizona despite an order to postpone his punishment until it had heard Germany's case.

Reading the ruling Wednesday, presiding Judge Gilbert Guillaume said the court supported Mexico's argument that executing the men would cause "irreparable" damage to their rights if the court later finds in Mexico's favor.

ONCE UPON A BEAM



CHRIS GUERRERO AND Dave Bracken with Bryan Bennette Enterprises help guide a beam into place before welding it on top of the Experimental Sciences building Wednesday afternoon.

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Tech Notes

The game Outcast will be at 10 p.m. Friday in the Student Union courtyard. To become a contestant, students can enter a drawing in Room 228 in the Student Union building. Names of contestants will be drawn and announced prior to the game Friday. For more information, call (806) 742-5433.

Céfiro is beginning its Spring Foreign Film Series at 5 p.m. Friday in the Qualia Room of the Foreign Lan-

guage building and is open to everyone. Friday's movie is "Raise the Red Lantern."

Students for Social Justice is sponsoring free movie night at 7 p.m. Friday in Room 160 of the Philosophy building, featuring the movie "Bowling for Columbine."

The Playground Legends 5-on-5 men's basketball tournament is March 8 to 9 at Cavazos Junior High located at 210 N. University. The early registra-

tion deadline is Feb. 14. For more information, e-mail pglsgsports@yahoo.com

Texas Tech Circle K International is providing free pizza at its member orientation at 6 p.m. Feb. 18 at the Lutheran Student Center across from campus at 19th Street and Boston Avenue. For more information, visit www.lkfamily.org/ttu.htm or call (806) 549-3330.

Institutional Advancement is hosting a reception to honor SBC scholars at 4 p.m. Feb. 20 in the second-floor foyer of the west wing of the Education building. For more information, contact Sharmila Kirwin at (806) 742-1638.

Income tax forms are available in the Tech Library basement. For more information, call (806) 742-2282 or visit the Library's Web site, which has a current list of IRS and private Web sites that provide more information on federal taxes, at www.lib.ttu.edu/gov_docs/ustaxes.htm.

Freshman, first-year transfer students and graduate students are encouraged to participate in the Lauro Cavazos and Ophelia Powell-Malone Mentoring Program, which matches students with current faculty and staff members. For more information or to join, visit www.doublediversity.com/mentor.htm or call (806) 742-8671.

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Tech Libertarian found dead

By Matt Muench/Staff Reporter

Texas Tech student Gregory Gene Fisher died at his home in December, apparently of natural causes.

Fisher, a graduate student studying business, was the chairman of the Tech Campus Libertarians.

Fisher was 49 years old.

Chair of the State Libertarian Party David DeLamar said Fisher was diabetic and had numerous health problems.

Fisher never complained about his health-related issues and always maintained a positive outlook, he said.

"Greg was somebody that never complained," he said. "That always impressed me about him. He worked really hard for the Libertarian Party, and it is a big loss to the community and to our party."

DeLamar said Fisher faithfully dedicated himself to the study of politics.

"His favorite hobby was poli-

tics," he said. "He enjoyed doing political action."

He said Fisher should be remembered as a student and a leader.

"He was someone that actually did something with his life," he said. "He wasn't a person who talked about things. He just went and did it."

Fisher was active in the Campus Libertarians for about seven years and was the primary party contact at Tech.

One of his many accomplishments included being the founding member of Lubbock Citizens For Private Property Rights in 2001.

He also petitioned Lubbock city officials in an attempt to get the smoking ordinance repealed. It was the first time in Lubbock County that an ordinance had successfully been petitioned for a vote.

He is survived by his brother Mike Fisher, of Wichita Falls.

The flags at Memorial Circle were lowered in Greg Fisher's honor last Monday.

Inflammation linked to cardiovascular problems

By Felicia Simpson/Staff Reporter

Exercise works like an anti-inflammatory drug to prevent heart disease, according to the medical journal *Circulation Research*.

The data reported in the journal finds that working out will reduce inflammation, which, along with high blood pressure and elevated cholesterol, is one of the top three causes of heart disease.

"When you exercise, you're forcing a greater volume of blood with more pressure," said Betty Blanton, associate director for the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center.

Blanton said exercise is helpful to the circulatory system because it maintains healthy blood vessels.

The pressure allows the lining of the blood vessels to be cleared of plaque and other build-up, which prevents atherosclerosis, a disease that results in the clogging of arteries, Blanton said.

This disease reduces the rate of blood flow within the vessel, since it makes the vessels harden and become

inflexible. Atherosclerosis is linked to inflammation within the circulatory system, and the new study shows exercise may be able to combat it.

A report by the University of Pennsylvania's Institute for Medicine and Engineering found that when blood is forced against the walls of blood vessels, it creates a steroid-like reaction.

This anti-inflammatory reaction is beneficial in combating heart disease as exercise produces the same affects on the blood vessels, as if the individual were consuming steroids, without the negative side-effects.

According to Blanton, inflammation occurs in people living unhealthy lifestyles.

"As we get more sedentary, we are just not making the blood flow," she said. "Now we must exercise since our daily living doesn't include moving like it used to."

She said the Cooper Institute of Dallas has performed research showing the need for people to take at least 10,000 steps a day in order to keep the muscles in healthy shape, includ-

ing the heart.

Blanton said exercise helps the heart pumps more blood with each stroke, the heart remain healthy.

"When you exercise, the heart pumps more blood with each stroke," she said. "Usually, people who exercise more have a lower resting heart rate since their system is more efficient. This means the heart doesn't have to work as hard."

David Riley, a graduate student studying biomechanics from Kerrville, said he does cardiovascular workouts six days a week.

Riley exercises in order to compete and said he does not think about the heart issues from a health standpoint.

"I've always competed in athletics," he said. "I need to stay in shape ... As long as I work out, I don't worry about (my health)."

Blanton said those who exercise are able to produce more oxygenated blood than those who don't since they breathe in oxygen more rapidly.

She said if college students take the initiative to work out while they are young, they could maintain a

healthy lifestyle even as they age. This is beneficial with muscle flexibility and joint movement as people become elderly.

Amanda Douglas, a senior mathematics major from Dallas, said she stays in shape by playing softball for Tech.

"I exercise to stay healthy and to make myself feel good about myself," she said.

To maintain a healthy lifestyle, Blanton said the College of Sports Medicine recommends exercising three to four times a week for 20 to 60 minutes, while the American Heart Association recommends 30 minutes daily. The workouts must be cardiovascular and at elevated target heart rates.

Blanton said besides receiving the physiological benefits from exercising, people could help themselves emotionally.

"I encourage people to exercise for the health benefits and also for the emotional benefits," Blanton said. "If you make time for exercise, you make time for yourself."

Tech student killed in car accident

By Heidi Toth/Staff Reporter

A car accident killed one Texas Tech student and injured three others Sunday outside Carlsbad, N.M.

Clifford Wilson, a freshman mechanical engineering major from Austin, was ejected from the left rear seat of a 1996 Honda Civic and died at the scene, Officer Coon of the New Mexico State Police said.

Coon declined to offer his first name.

Alyssa Tavizon, a freshman from El Paso, was driving. Coon said the accident occurred after a strong gust of wind blew the vehicle onto the shoulder of the east side of road.

Tavizon overcorrected and lost control of the car, which flipped two and a half times before coming to a stop. Wilson was not wearing a seat belt.

Tavizon was taken to El Paso Thomason General Memorial Hospital. The other passengers, Kayla Russell and Michael Nicol, both freshmen, were taken to the Carlsbad

Medical Center.

Coon said the official cause of the accident was a combination of high speed, driver inattention and weather conditions.

Laura Snodgrass, Russell's roommate and a friend of Wilson, said Wilson had an amazing personality and always put other people first.

"He could make the whole room lighten up when he walked in," she said. "You never saw him without a smile on his face."

According to his obituary, Wilson graduated from the Math and Science Academy at Lyndon Baines Johnson High School in 2002.

He enjoyed hunting, scuba diving, traveling and working on cars. He also was learning how to fence.

His funeral is at 11 a.m. today at Beck Funeral Home in Round Rock. In lieu of flowers, Wilson's family has established a College of Engineering scholarship fund in his name.

Senate

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them to pass the transportation fee but request the administration take a responsive action regarding the bus system," he said. "We want to let them know we are asking this now, and if nothing goes into action, we might have to move to something else."

College of Engineering Senator Chris Carr said the writers of the resolution want the fee to be a separate charge and the current portion of students service fees currently attributed to bus service be excluded from fu-

ture student services fees.

"We don't have the power to pass the fee," he said. "But we want to let them know that the students want this fee. I hope they pass it. If not, we will be in a major bind."

Senate Resolution 38.18 states the sentiments of the Senate, requesting the administration establish advisory committees for all student fees.

The Division of Student Affairs is the only department at the university that has established advisory fee committees.

The nine senators who wrote the resolution are requesting the administration establish committees for the

athletics fee, arts fee, course fee, information technology fee, library fee and any other fees that may be created.

"We are trying to create strong accountability toward fees," Arts and Sciences Senator Heath Cheek said. "This proposal would take it beyond Student Affairs to every fee on this university."

Cheek said if there are committees for every fee, students can have a chance of knowing more about the fees they pay every year.

"We will get some regular students

on the committee," he said. "It's so they can see exactly where their money is going."

Brown said the committee would consist of five students appointed by the SGA president, and the provost would appoint four faculty and staff.

"Anytime a fee wants to change or get an increase, it would have to be approved by the advisory committee," Brown said. "This allows students to sit in and see and say, 'Why is the fee increasing or decreasing?' I think these committees are very important."

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We must never forget our history

My hat goes off and I send my sincere appreciation to *The University Daily* Columnist Mr. Dave Ring for reminding every member of this university system that racially-inspired cultural ignorance still has the power to corrupt the closed and narrow-minded after the 40 years since the civil-rights movement, and the closed and narrow-minded still proclaim their ignorance through hatred toward those they fear and those they do not understand—anyone who does not look like them.

Mr. Ring, you were on a fairly decent track with your writings at about five paragraphs into your column. You began to ask questions about Black History Month and inquire about its significance, which clearly showed your lack of knowledge and experience on the subject. You were so close to having a respectful column based on factual information.

Yet, instead of asking your questions and awaiting intelligible answers, you chose to retrieve your answers, from what I believe, is perhaps the least knowledgeable, culturally-biased resource available—your own mind.

Even more preposterous is you chose to do so in spite of the Bible's warnings in Proverbs 18:2 that "a fool finds no pleasure in understanding but delights in airing his own opinions."

Surely, Dave, could you please tell all of these students whose fees partially pay for the paper your "charming" picture is printed on that you actually did some type of investigative researching to find out what Black History Month was about before merely submitting your weekly column?

I did not think you could because it

is clear that the same elementary thought process, research and analysis that you, in your column, suggest was used in creating a Black History Month was most assuredly used by you in concocting an uneducated commentary on the pages of our prestigious university newspaper.

You somehow found grave humor in mocking the stereotypical socio-economic backgrounds of blacks by your misperceptions of the black students you see every day on this campus, through your mockery of our dress, diction and assumed domestic environments, and through your attack on hip-hop, a culture that you unmistakably do not and cannot understand.

At this point, I feel it is only right and necessary that I remind you ignorance always has and always will be found at the heart of prejudice, closed and narrow-mindedness, and bigotry. Thank you, Dave, once more, for reminding all of us of the validity of this statement.

Hip-hop rapper DMX once said, "Walk in my shoes, hurt your feet ... then you know why I do dirt in the street." And although I do not condone the illegal acts he is referring to in his lyrics, I do believe the concept being promoted by this quote is much bigger than you and your misperceptions of a "hip-hop culture," bigger than you and your "dashing bravado" and "boyish charm," and it is even bigger than you and your "elitist" ego (which seems to be overly-inflated without cause).

You see, Mr. Ring, I have a problem when you have never "walk(ed) in my shoes" and never "hurt your feet" while living with me in my life as a minority; yet today, you seem to some-

Guest Column

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I must never forget that 75 years ago, I may not have been afforded the right to sit in the very classrooms that I now receive an education in.

how have the solution to this issue of ethnic equality. Furthermore, you have the audacity to demean the value of my experiences as a black man and the struggles of those who came before me.

If you could simply get past your hatred toward that which you merely don't understand, you could possibly see that Black History Month is a time of appreciation and recognition for time pieces in history that have affected all of us of every color and descent in some way, shape or form.

Let's be reasonable here. As a writer, I would think you would be the first in line to recognize the accomplishments of people, both black and white, who

persevered amidst adversity to give you the opportunity to get your "dashing" picture printed once a week.

We could start with Burrige and Marshman, the black men who invented the typewriter, or maybe W.B. Purvis, the black man who invented the fountain pen, or maybe W.A. Lavalette, the black man who invented the printing press; however, having read your article, I think you would be most appreciative of T. Elkins for being the black man who invented the commode.

Unlike you, I do not state these facts to give myself reason to be prideful and feel as if I am a part of an "elite" race. Aldous Huxley once said, "Facts do not cease to exist because they are ignored."

Accordingly, I state these facts and I celebrate this month in recognition of black men and women throughout history who have contributed to the way of life that we, as Americans—all Americans—are able to enjoy because I can't find those contributions in my history book.

I cannot walk inside an academic or administrative building on Texas Tech's campus and find pictures or stories of these people on the walls. I cannot walk up and down the streets of this campus and see memorials, statues or fountains to be reminded of the contributions of blacks on this campus or in this city. Though I cannot find it here, I must never forget.

I must never forget that 75 years ago, I may not have been afforded the right to sit in the very classrooms that I now receive an education in. I must never forget that 75 years ago I would not have had the opportunity to sit on the front row of the buses that now

transport me to my place of residence. I must never forget that 75 years ago, in West Texas, the defiance in the tone of my writings could have cost me my life and the lives of my family. I must never forget that only centuries ago, it was against the law for me to even know how to read. Yet most of all, I must never forget that the struggle for equality is far from over. I must never forget.

I am eternally in debt to every red, yellow, black and white person who fought to give all minorities, including women, the right to stake a personal claim in the proclamation that "all men are created equal." I choose to exercise that right, and I choose to set aside this month as a time of appreciation for those black men and women who fought to give me that right.

You see, Dave, I am a part of your history, just as you are a part of my black history. So, in essence, this month does celebrate our similarities, but you will never be able to see that until you stop hating me for that which makes me different from you and begin to embrace my presence, my clothes, my jewelry, my diction, all that makes me different from you, and all that makes us the same.

There is definitely a problem, and you are either a part of the solution to that problem or a part of that problem. Dave, I challenge you to publicly become a part of the solution. Partner with me in finding ways that we can "celebrate similarities" and, at the same time, prove to every student on this campus that your column was more than an attempt to degrade, humiliate and disgrace an entire race of people. Is it possible?

Month celebrates culture, history for near century

Americans and people all over the world have recognized African American history annually since 1926, first as Negro History Week and now as an African American History Month. What is not generally known is that African American History had barely begun to be studied, researched or even documented when the tradition originated.

Although people of African descent have been in America since 1528, before the first European (English) settlement in 1607, it was not until the 20th century they gained a respectable presence in the annals of American and world history.

We owe the celebration of African American History Month, and more importantly, the study, research and documentation of African American history to Carter G. Woodson. Born to parents who were former slaves, Woodson earned a Ph.D. in history from Harvard University in 1912.

The scholar was disturbed to find in his studies and research that history books largely ignored black people—and when blacks did appear in the picture, it was generally in ways that reflected the inferior social position they were assigned at the time.

Woodson accepted the challenge of writing peoples of African descent into the annals of American and world history. He established the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History (now called the Association for the Study of African American Life and History) in 1915, and a year later founded the widely-respected Journal

of Negro History (now called the Journal of African American History).

In 1926, wanting to make sure the contributions of people of African descent to society were not ignored, Woodson proposed, established and launched Negro History Week as an initiative to bring national and world attention to those contributions.

Woodson chose the second week of February for Negro History because it marked the birthdays of two men who he considered greatly impacted the African American population: Frederick Douglass, Feb. 14 and Abraham Lincoln, Feb. 12.

However, February has much more than Douglass and Lincoln to show for its significance in African-American history. For example: Feb. 1, 1960, a group of Black college students in Greensboro, N.C., began a sit-in at a segregated Woolworth's lunch counter; Feb. 3, 1870, the 15th Amendment was passed, granting blacks the right to vote; Feb. 12, 1909, The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People was founded; Feb. 23, 1868, W.E.B. DuBois, civil rights leader and co-founder of the NAACP was born; Feb. 25, 1870, the first black U.S. senator, Hiram R. Revels, took his oath of office.

Woodson was truly a great man with an enormous vision, an intensely dedicated soldier in the cause of freedom and redemption for people of African descent. We must proudly salute and praise him and dedicate ourselves to extending African American History Month to the entire year, and an unending and unceasing celebra-

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According to historian John Henrik Clarke, "History is a clock that people use to tell their political, social, economic and cultural time of day. It is a compass that people use to locate themselves on the map of human geography. History tells a people where they have been and what they have been. It also tells a people where

they are and what they are. Most importantly, history tells a people where they still must go and who and what they still must be."

Therefore, there is no way one can focus directly on the history of African Americans without taking a broader vision of African world history. Accordingly, the writer John W. Vandercook states that "race is like a man. Until it uses its own talents, takes pride in its own history and loves its own memories, it can never fulfill itself."

This is, in essence, what African American History and what African American History Month is all about. However, why is there a need for an African American History Month when there is no similar month for the other minority groups in the United States?

The history of the United States, in total, consists of the collective histories of minority groups in the United States. What we call "American civilization" is no more than the sum of their contributions.

The African Americans are the least integrated and most neglected, most written about and the least understood of these groups in the historical interpretations of the American experience. This neglect has made African American History Month a necessity.

Most of the large ethnic groups in the United States have had and still have their historical associations, societies and observances. Within this framework, many ethnic groups engage those endeavors that keep alive

their beliefs in themselves and their past as a part of their hopes for the future.

Although ASNLH was established in 1915, the acceptance of the facts of African American history and the African American historian as a legitimate part of the academic community was slow in recognition. In fact, Clarke wrote, "The Founding Fathers of this country did not conceive of the 'Negro' as part of the body of politics."

Moreover, the early white American historians did not accord people of African descent anywhere a respectable place in their commentaries on the history of man.

Therefore, what Woodson called "Negro History" was only the missing segment of world history and should be taught every day in schools and homes. African American History Month should be every month, given the fact that African Americans have been involved in every aspect of the fabric of American History.

As Clarke also wrote, "The relationship of a people to its history is the same as the relationship of a parent to a child."

Texas Tech is celebrating African American History Month during the month of February. For a complete list of African American History Month events, visit www.admissions.ttu.edu

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We will still climb the horizon of space exploration

One hundred and ten years ago, before a meeting of the American Historical Association, Frederick Jackson Turner of the University of Wisconsin proclaimed what came to be known as the "Turner Thesis."

Turner argued the western frontier had defined American culture. We remained Europe-transplanted, he said, as long as we were confined to 13 former colonies on the Atlantic coast. Then in 1804, the Lewis and Clark expedition opened the West. Throughout the 19th century, Americans encouraged by legislation such as the Homestead Act explored and populated the whole continent, east to west; from sea to shining sea.

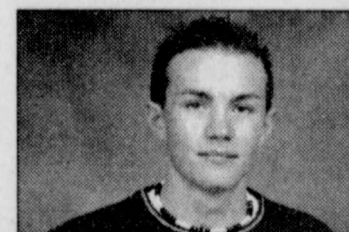
The values of freedom and self-determination fought for in the American Revolution and the Civil War were secured, Turner postulated, by the pioneer experience.

From the beginning, America has been a nation of migrants and explorers, and exploration inherently entails risk. The loss of seven astronauts Saturday, two with ties to Lubbock, was a great tragedy. It was not the first such tragedy, and sadly, it will not be the last. But now is not the time to give up in our despair.

Recall that the very first English colony in the New World, established in 1587 at Roanoke, Virginia, disappeared without a trace. Only 20 years later, a second colony was established, and exploration went on.

Certainly, Americans will never forget the loss of Virgil "Gus" Grissom, Ed White and Roger Chaffee 36 years ago in the Apollo 1 launch-pad fire, nor the Challenger seven, 17 years ago.

The former Soviet Union, too, has endured tragedy in its exploration of space. Vladimir Komarov, pilot of Soyuz 1—the first mission in Russia's



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own lunar program—was killed during his descent from orbit in 1967. Only four years later, Georgy Dobrovolskiy, Vladimir Volkov and Victor Patsaev, crew of the first manned-space station, died tragically when their Soyuz spacecraft depressurized during reentry.

Less than two weeks ago, I was on a Southwest Airlines flight from Dallas to Austin for the inauguration of Gov. Rick Perry. By coincidence, I wound up sitting next to a former astronaut, Dr. Mary Ellen Weber of Dal-

las, and a state legislator.

Weber, recalling her years in the space program, was very excited as she described how the operation of the International Space Station in orbit meant there will never again be a point in history where mankind is confined exclusively to the earth.

I was excited too. Only days before, I shared the pride of my fellow Techsians when one of our alumni, Rick Husband, lifted off as commander of STS-107. I shared the pride of all of Lubbock to note that our own William McCool was the pilot. And now the nation shares in our sorrow over their loss. Despite our sorrow, now is not the time to retreat from space. The crew of the space station, Ken Bowersox, Don Pettit and Russia's Nikolai Budarin, should stay there until their mission is complete. In my view, if it becomes necessary to ground the shuttles, NASA should begin

working with the Russian Space Agency to conduct crew changes with the Russian Soyuz spacecraft and make every effort to continue operating the ISS while the Columbia disaster is being investigated.

Speaking at Rice University in 1962, John F. Kennedy pontificated on the fundamental issue facing us today. "Many years ago," Kennedy began, "the great British explorer George Mallory, who was to die on Mount Everest, was asked why did he want to climb it. He said, 'Because it is there.'"

"Well, space is there, and we're going to climb it, and the moon and the planets are there, and new hopes for knowledge and peace are there. And therefore, as we set sail, we ask God's blessing on the most hazardous and dangerous and greatest adventure on which man has ever embarked."

Space is still there. We will still climb it.

Look online for additional guest columns and letters to the editor that do not appear in print.

History

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According to a small autobiography Gleaton prepared for Wednesday's occasion, the work involves a series of photographs and portraits of minority and European cowboys.

Gleaton said his experiences and photos allowed him to dream and step into those dreams.

"It's a different spin on a very old myth," Gleaton said of the African-American and Mexican concept of cowboys. "I was searching for something, or myself, and I was lucky that in growing up, I had been in contact with black men from Texas that had a particular steeliness about them."

Gleaton said an important part of his work is that he doesn't have to find answers in his art.

"I have lots of questions," he said. "I don't believe in making photos that are elegant; they have to be about something. They are really the physical manifestation of my own thought process."

Marie Alford, assistant director of admissions, co-chairwoman of African-American History Month Program and president of the Black Faculty and Staff Association, said Gleaton looks at areas other than those normally thought of as populated by African-Americans, such as Chicago or New York.

"He offers a new breadth of understanding of the presence of blacks throughout the U.S.," Alford said.

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Legislature

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timate control over all public waterways," he said. "That piece of legislation is primarily a clarification to make sure everyone involved is on the same page."

City Councilman Frank Morrison said this legislation, in addition to assisting Lubbock in recouping the costs of construction and management at Lake Alan Henry, would also help regionalism, as plenty of towns in the South Plains need the added water.

Privett said the other major legislation the city wants to initiate concerns cleaning up recycling centers around the area.

Councilman Gary Boren said the city is in support of a local preference law.

This law allows cities to award a construction bid to the second lowest bidder, if the bid is within 3 percent of the first bid and the company is local. If a city has more than 200,000 people, that percentage goes from three to five.

"We want to do everything we can to keep money circulating in Lubbock," he said.

The city also is pushing hard for legislation that will allow continued health insurance to families of civil servants killed in the line of duty.

However, Lubbock is strongly opposed to several pieces of legislation it anticipates will be filed.

"We don't want anything that raises our costs without funding that accompanies those raises," Privett said. "We don't want any of our authority taken away."

Knight

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point shots, and Nebraska did not hit a bucket for 15 consecutive possessions.

"When we got down 5-0 and I'm saying to myself, 'Don't let this happen again,'" Knight said. "But we turned the game and played pretty well."

However, like the six games before, Tech (13-5, 3-4 Big 12) fell into a slump, and Nebraska (9-12, 1-7) got back into the game by outscoring the Raiders 20-11 to close the half, and trim the Tech lead to 37-25 at the break.

At halftime, Knight stormed off the court.

However, whatever was said in the locker room sparked the Raiders again, and the second half was déjà vu for the Cornhuskers.

Tech opened the half on a 15-2 run and held Nebraska to zero field goals in seven minutes during the Cornhuskers' first 10 possessions of the second frame.

From that point, Tech cruised to victory.

Knight said he did not think getting the 800th win was something that was putting more pressure on the Raiders this season.

"I think they were playing to make sure I wasn't upset as I was at halftime," Knight said. "They figured one ass-chewing was enough."

Tech guard Andre Emmett, who led Tech with 24 points, said the win was special, but getting the 800th does not mean Tech can relax.

"Relaxing will put us in a bad situ-

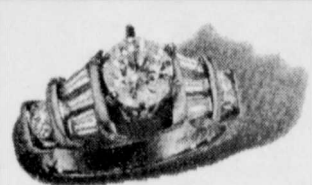
ation," he said. "I'm looking forward to 801, 802, 804."

Tech forward Kasib Powell, who scored 16 points, agreed.

"It was really important to get it," he said. "It hasn't been a distraction for us, but it is something we have seen for a while. 800 wins; that's a lot of wins."

Tech guard Nathan Doudney started his first game of the season for the Raiders and proved why Knight let him be one of the first five Raiders on the floor. Doudney found his shooting touch that has been lost all season and scored, thanks to three 3-pointers.

"I was really pleased with the way he played tonight," Knight said. "He shot well in practice this week, and he hit some today. Obviously, he was a big help to us."



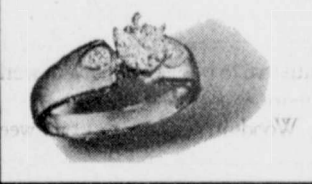
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Knight became the fourth men's basketball coach in Division-I history to reach 800 wins.

Dean Smith, who coached North Carolina, is the record holder with 879 wins under his belt.

So what's next? 900? How long will he coach?

"I'm going to coach tomorrow and

see what happens," he said. "I would like to coach (at Texas Tech) until we are really good."

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KNIGHT RAIDERS



ALBERTA ZUBIA, A senior mechanical engineering major from Midland, watches as Brandon Bayron, a freshman mechanical engineering major from Dallas, moves his queen in check position during a chess club meeting.

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Tech Chess Club becomes university's newest student organization

By Harvey Mireles/Staff Reporter

With the addition of a new club on the Texas Tech campus, "Knight" will not be a word totally associated with the men's basketball team.

The Tech Chess Club, which disbanded in 1995, reformed last week.

Albert Zubia, a senior mechanical engineering major from Midland, is the Knight Raiders' president. He said he is looking forward to the opportunity at leading such a diverse group.

"That's the really cool thing," Zubia said. "Engineer majors, computer science majors, advertising majors and all sorts of people are represented. There's a good mix of people."

He said the group would hopefully be involved in some community service.

"I'd really like to get together and go to junior highs to teach students there how to play chess," Zubia said. "I think it's a really good way to help people to think."

Zubia said many of the stereotypes of chess players are not true.

"Many think of dorks and geeks when they hear the words 'chess club,'" he said. "It's just a group of people who like to get together and play chess."

Hal Karlsson, an associate professor of geosciences, is one of the new

organization's sponsors. He said the group would focus on promoting the value and responsibility that comes with chess, as opposed to just playing it.

"It's an opportunity for Tech to truly excel," Karlsson said. "It's not a tremendous effort as far as resources. It's a great way for Tech to get recognized, not just nationally but internationally."

He said many other universities have embraced the concept of adding chess as part of their curriculum in some manner or fashion.

"Schools such as University of Texas in Dallas went from having nothing as far as a chess club, and within three years of creating one, they became PAN-AM champions," he said. "The PAN-AM chess is one of the largest tournaments on the university level."

Karlsson said he believes establishing a full-fledged chess program, such as those at UT-Dallas and University of Maryland in Baltimore, can eventually result in a rise in enrollment and higher marks in academics.

"At these universities, the schools' enrollment have risen to

It's not about playing chess; it's about learning.

— HAL KARLSSON
Associate Professor
of Geosciences

upwards of 13,000," Karlsson said. "If the program is used very effectively like UTD, usually those involved do well academically."

He said scholarships are awarded to prospective members of the some universities' chess clubs.

"A good portion of those students are students who are usually pursued by Ivy League schools," Karlsson said. "It's not just about playing chess; it's about learning."

Karlsson said with the help of the Internet, the world of chess has been given a great boost.

"There's a lot more going on now with people playing and watching games on the Internet," he said. "There is a great resurgence in the playing of chess."

He said in some instances, teams throughout the U.S. have played against each other over the Internet.

"People have gotten better faster, have more access to a great deal of

learning material, and have just completely made learning and accessing chess far different from the past," Karlsson said.

Joe Garcia, a sophomore electrical engineering and computer science major from San Antonio, is the newly-elected vice president of the Knight Raiders.

Garcia said the first duty was to get the chess club reinstated and get word out to the school and community.

"According to studies, people who play chess do better on test grades and in school than those who do not play chess," he said. "We're looking forward to help with the community and see how well everyone is at chess."

Garcia said the group is hoping to get a team together to compete in various upcoming competitions.

"You get to know a variety of people," he said. "It's been exciting to see people interested about the chess club. I've received e-mails from different people asking why we hadn't had a club like this before."

The Knight Raiders will meet from 6 to 8 p.m. today in Room 121 of the Petroleum Engineering building.

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The University Daily is looking for stories on couples, good, bad and ugly, for its upcoming Valentine's Day series to run next week. Contact the Lifestyles section at lifestyles@universitydaily.net or call (806) 742-2936 to be featured in The UD's Valentine's series. (Names can be withheld by request.)

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Blair, Stines learn, teach from experience

By Kyle Clark/Staff Reporter

Learning how to deal with pressure can be an obstacle for any sports team. Lucky for the Texas Tech softball team, it has two experts on its pitching staff.

A year removed from their self-professed rocky freshman seasons, Amie Stines and Kristina Blair have returned to lead the Tech team. This year though, the shocking pressure of college softball is not surprising anymore.

"There's no more surprises," Stines said. "There was so much pressure on us last year. There will be pressure this year, but we know how to handle it."

Last season, Stines had a 2-13 record with a 4.89 ERA, while her teammate Blair had a 6-12 record and a 3.67 ERA.

While the first season was a rough one for the two pitchers, Blair said it was beneficial for them.

"It was definitely hard, but in the long run, it made us better," Blair said. "That season alone has helped us to be better players."

The two players also said the jump from high school softball to college softball took them by surprise, and some of the differences were quite unexpected.

Tech coach Bobby Reeves said he warned them last season about what they were going to encounter.

"I told them, 'I don't think you

understand what you're about to be a part of,'" Reeves said.

The pair soon found out after a grueling season.

Stines joked that she did not expect women to be hitting the ball 300 feet and said the appearance of long-hitting females was "kind of new."

Blair said the hitters are the main difference between high school and collegiate softball.

"If you were putting 3 feet of break in your throws, you had to put even more break," Blair said. "If you miss and throw over the fence, then the ball is going over the fence. These girls are paid to hit, just like we're paid to pitch."

While Blair and Stines were always paid by Tech to pitch, the two were not always pitching as much as they were just throwing.

Before the season, Reeves said he had to teach his pitching staff how to pitch. Reeves said the pitchers were learning to throw the ball instead of learning ball placement and strategy.

"You can throw it as hard as you want to," Reeves said. "But if you keep the ball over the plate, the D-I softball players are going to hit it a long way."

Blair and Stines were well aware of that shortcoming and said that was something they had to overcome.

Stines said throughout her career, her father reminded her she was

being as thorough as she could.

"You can't just throw in college softball," Stines said. "My dad always told me that I could throw the ball, but I didn't always pitch."

Blair said she also got away with not using much pitching strategy in high school and had to learn the new way.

"In high school, you can get away with speed," Blair said.

Both said they feel more confident this season, and their confidence showed in pitching performances last weekend at the SWT/Century Tel Tournament in San Marcos.

Against Arkansas, Stines pitched seven complete innings, facing 29 batters, and held the Razorbacks scoreless until the top of the fifth inning. Stines also pitched four full innings against Corpus Christi A&M, allowing four runs.

Blair pitched a complete game against Southwest Texas State, facing 23 batters with only one walk, while helping Tech to a 2-1 win.

She also pitched a five and a half innings against Oregon, allowing one run.

While both said they have conquered their freshman follies, the first-season road may not be as rocky for their freshman pitching teammate, Erin Crawford.

Crawford, in her first college start, pitched a complete game in a 4-2 Tech win over Houston. Crawford

allowed five hits over 100 pitches.

Reeves said he threw Crawford into the fire much like he did Stines and Blair the season before and was pleased with the end result.

"Amie pitched almost eight innings against Arkansas, and then I threw Crawford right in there," Reeves said. "It was a pretty tough situation, and she did a heck of a job. Then I started her against Houston, and I say started because I didn't know how well she'd do. She fared pretty well. She only gave up five hits."

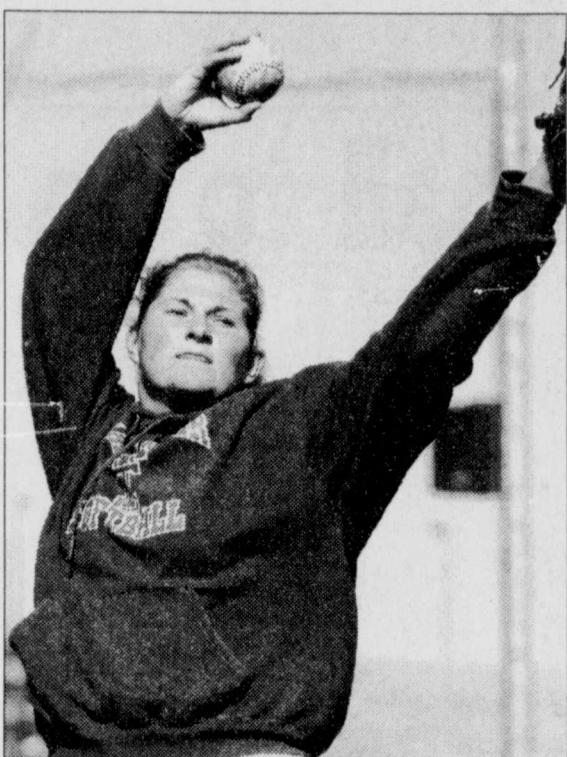
Reeves also said Crawford's style was helpful in assisting the Raider defense gather up several ground balls.

"She throws a heavy ball," Reeves said. "Whenever you hit it, it feels like it weighs 2 pounds. She didn't strike many people out, but she created a tremendous amount of ground balls."

Crawford was taken aback by her promising start and said her teammates were responsible for her comfortable performance because of their support. She said the support of Blair and Stines, who have been in her position, was crucial.

"They've helped me a lot," Crawford said. "They're really good about keeping me calm."

Crawford, Blair, Stines and the other Red Raiders take to the diamond again this weekend at the Fiesta Bowl Classic tournament in Tempe, Ariz.



KRISTINA BLAIR Blair up for a pitch during practice at Rocky Johnson Field. Blair is in her second season on the rubber at Tech. GREG KRELLER/Staff Photographer

Recruits

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Tight end is a position that Leach said the team considered bringing in JUCO players for, but Weems was more impressive than the JUCO players available.

The offensive lineman, which Leach said was Tech's biggest priority, wind up the Raiders recruiting class. Leach said this year's lineup has quick feet, which will enable them to move quickly.

The offensive line recruits include Ben Griffin from Ennis High School, Matt Grisell from Houston Episcopal High School, Josh Morris from Midland and Raymond Serres from Humble High School.

Special teams had a lone recruit this year in Alex Reyes from Allen High School. Reyes' hang time of 4.7 seconds per punt is what Leach said was most attractive about the punter.

Before the news conference began, Leach thanked his staff for its dedica-

tion and said the recruiting class was the best since he has been at Tech.

The recruiting class was not the only topic of discussion for Leach though, who was asked about the transfer status of Raider running back Foy Munlin and the status of his own contract that has been a topic of discussion for months.

Leach said that Munlin had not received his release, and if Munlin was allowed by Tech in the future to play elsewhere, his policy on where the player can play would still be used.

Under the policy, players leaving the program are not permitted to sign with any Big 12 school, any Division I Texas school or any immediate future opponent of Tech.

"The policy is the same," Leach said. "That is established at the beginning."

On the subject of his contract, Leach said there has been ongoing discussions between himself and athletics director Gerald Myers.

When asked if any set figure has been sent to him, he said, "We've been passing things back and forth and talking."

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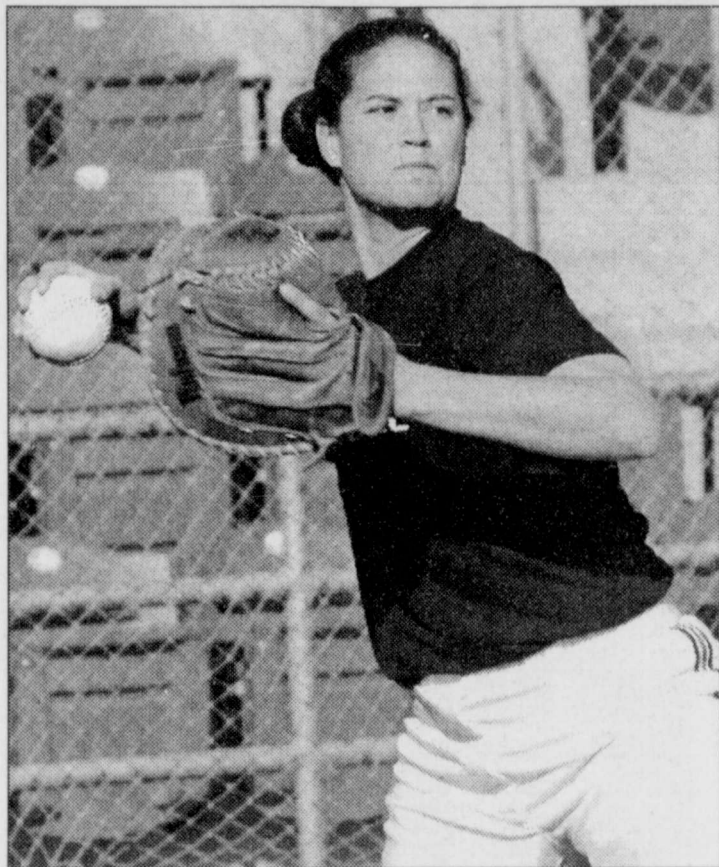
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Softball to be tested in Tempe tournament



JENNA HANSEN/Staff Photographer
CATCHER LISA LAWLER throws the ball to secondbase during practice at Rocky Johnson Field. Tech plays in the Fiesta Bowl Classic this weekend.

By Kyle Clark/Staff Reporter

A week removed from entering a tournament playing not to lose, the Texas Tech softball team will play to win this weekend at the Fiesta Bowl Classic in Tempe, Ariz.

Tech coach Bobby Reeves said the Red Raiders went into their last tournament timidly, trying not to make mistakes.

"We were playing afraid to lose at first, especially after last year," Reeves said. "There were a lot of expectations for us this year. When there's that much pressure on you, it's hard to perform, but by the end of the weekend, they relaxed."

Reeves said his offense put too much pressure on itself before the tournament in San Marcos last weekend, but throughout the tourney, the team grew more comfortable.

It will be that new level of comfort gained from last week's games that Reeves said he expects will put the Raiders over the top.

"Our hitters put a lot of pressure on themselves before playing the first game against Corpus Christi A&M," Reeves said. "Each game we played, we got better, up to the last game

against Houston where we had 10 or 13 hits. The bats were coming alive."

Texas Tech beat Houston 4-2 after starting the tournament with a 4-0 loss to Corpus Christi A&M.

One of the members of the reborn Raider offense was outfielder Kelly Rhyne, who had two homeruns in the five-game tournament.

Rhyne said by the end of the tournament, it seemed as if a different Red Raider team was on the field.

"The progressions we showed throughout the tournament is the best," Rhyne said. "It showed that we were growing and getting settled in. We looked like a completely different team on the field against Houston than we did against Corpus."

Reeves said Rhyne was part of the growing Tech team and is a player that will play a big role for the Raiders in the upcoming Fiesta Bowl Classic and throughout the season.

"Kelly is going to do a great job for us," Reeves said. "She's going to

hit in the four or five spot this year. She's not one of the biggest physiques in the world, but she has tremendous hand speed and strength. There's no doubt that when she hit those homerun balls, there was no chance they were staying inside of the park."

Rhyne said she was excited to be such an offensive sparkplug during the weekend's games.



"It felt real good, especially the one I got in the first inning," Rhyne said. "It's always easier to pitch and play defense when you have a lead. You never expect to hit a homerun though."

Aside from Rhyne, Reeves said he was pleased with several other hitters and said he probably had four or five players that hit more than .500 for the weekend.

Reeves also bragged about his pitching staff, whom he said kept the Raiders in every game.

"Our pitchers did a great job of giving us a chance to win," he said. "We were 2-3 and could have easily gone 4-1."

Going 4-1 against this weekend's competition may be a tall order for the Raiders, as the team plays Pac 10 conference competitors Oregon State and Stanford as well as Massachusetts, Utah and UNLV.

Although the teams standing are formidable opponents, the Raiders are confident they can perform against such foes.

Pitcher Erin Crawford, who helped Tech to its victory against Houston, said the team simply must concentrate on improving in a few areas.

"If we continue to get better on a few things that we didn't do well, then everything should go smoothly," Crawford said.

The overall success of their first tournament has bolstered the Raiders' confidence and has given the team a reason to expect the best.

Rhyne said Tech has all the essentials to be successful in the tourney.

"There are definitely going to be some tough games," Rhyne said. "There are some talented teams that are well coached, but we have the talent on this team to win. We're solid offensively and defensively, and we have good pitching. If we put it all together, we should fair well."

Tech lands 21 recruits on national signing day

By Kyle Clark/Staff Reporter

Like a teenager tired of being picked on, the Texas Tech Red Raiders got defensive with its 2003 football recruiting class.

Although quarterback Phillip Daugherty, from Bridgeport, headlined the class, the appearance of 13 defensive players were the most notable among the 21 signed players.

Among the 13 defensive recruits are four defensive ends: Chauncey Clark and Tommie Pratt from City College of San Francisco; Keyunta

Dawson from Evangel Christian High in Shreveport, Louis.; and Tyler Yenser from Midland.

Elsewhere on the defense, Tech's recruiting class includes linebackers Paul Williams from Lee High School in Tyler and Brock Stratton of San Antonio Roosevelt High School.

Stratton and running back Sione Havili from El Camino College in Salt Lake City, Utah, have a religious bond in common. Both players spent two years as a Mormon missionaries. Stratton, was signed by BYU out of high school but opted to sign with

Tech only days after finishing his mission.

Rounding out the defense are seven defensive backs, five of which are established corners. Leach said the defensive backs are vital to the program because of their athleticism.

Among the corners are Antonio Huffman of Garden City Junior College in Lovejoy, Geor.; Jamaal Jackson from Northwest Mississippi JC; Chad Johnson from Evangel Christian; Chris Parker from Dallas Sunset High School in Dallas, Ryan Phillips from Mt. San Antonio College in Se-

attle, Wash.; Jabari Smith from Arizona Western College in Mayer, Ariz.; and safety Joe Garcia from Clovis High School in Clovis, N.M.

On the offensive side of the ball, the longest biography note and maybe most hype belongs to Daugherty, who was ranked as high as No. 20 in national ratings. Daugherty signed with Tech last summer, shortly after Tech's summer camp for recruits. Leach described the quarterback at Wednesday's news conference as a prototype drop-back quarterback with a great football mind.

The other offensive skill position players recruited by Tech were running back Laurence Rawls of Garland High School and tight end David Weems of Oak Ridge High School, in Conroe.

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