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U.S. soldiers killed, taken prisoner

By Calvin Woodward/Associated Press

Iraq used ambushes and even fake surrenders to kill and capture U.S. troops Sunday, inflicting the first significant casualties on the allied forces driving toward Baghdad. U.S. war leaders declared the invasion on target despite the bloody setbacks.

Up to nine Marines died and a dozen U.S. soldiers were taken prisoner in surprise engagements with Iraqis at An Nasiriyah, a southern city far from the forward positions of the allied force.

On the third day of the ground war, any expectation that Iraqi defenders would sim-

ply fold was gone.

"Clearly they are not a beaten force," said Gen. Richard Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. "This is going to get a lot harder."

Even so, the U.S.-British coalition fought to within 100 miles of Baghdad and tended to a growing northern front.

And at the end of a day filled with plenty of bad news for allied forces, U.S. officials said troops had made what could be an important discovery: a suspected chemical factory near the city of Najaf. Authorities were trying to determine whether the facility was involved in making chemical weapons, U.S. officials

said.

Baghdad came under heavy air attack early Monday, even as a mosque blared "Allahu Akbar" and "Thanks be to God," perhaps to boost morale.

On Sunday, allied soldiers came under attack in a series of ruses, U.S. officials said, with one group of Iraqis waving the white flag of surrender, then opening up with artillery fire; another group appearing to welcome coalition troops but then attacking them.

Lt. Gen. John Abizaid of U.S. Central Command said a faked surrender near An Nasiriyah, a crossing point over the Euphrates River northwest of Basra, set off the "sharpest

engagement of the war thus far." Up to nine Marines died before the Americans prevailed, he said.

Twelve U.S. soldiers were missing and presumed captured by Iraqis in an ambush on an army supply convoy at An Nasiriyah, Central Command said.

"We, of course, will be much more cautious in the way that we view the battlefield as a result of some of these incidents," Abizaid said.

Some of the missing prisoners were from Fort Bliss, Texas, said Jean Offutt, an Army spokeswoman at the base, where families members gathered Sunday night.

"The mood, of course, is very tragic," she said.

U.S. and British officials said some of the stiffest resistance was coming from paramilitary guerrillas known as the Fedayeen Saddam and from Saddam Hussein's personal security forces.

"These are men who know that they will have no role in the building of a new Iraq and they have no future," said Peter Wall, chief of staff to the British military contingent in the U.S.-led coalition.

President Bush kept his eye on the big prize

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Economy unstable as Iraq war looms

By Heidi Toth/Staff Reporter

How the U.S. economy will look in six months is almost entirely dependent on the war with Iraq, how quickly success comes and what happens after the dust has settled.

Joel Carton, an assistant professor of economics, said with any war, everyone is unsure of what the actual effects will be.

"No one really knows the bottom line," he said.

However, there are certain factors that will affect the economy more than others. The first is the price of oil, which is what many Americans are focusing on now as they pay more and more to fill up their gas tanks.

Historically, most recessions have been correlated with rising oil prices, Carton said. If barrels of oil are still expensive after the war is over, the economy may not improve as much as is expected because gas prices will still be high.

However, it does not appear this

will happen. After the war is over, Iraq will be able to join the world oil market again, which it has been banned from because of U.N. sanctions.

According to Fortune magazine, crude oil prices have fallen about 30 percent during the last week and was selling in the United States at about \$27 a barrel, a sharp decline from the \$40 it had been selling for.

If other Arab nations are upset with the United States because of the war with Iraq, they could slow down oil exports to America, Carton said. The desire for healthy profits also could affect oil prices, according to Fortune. OPEC nations want to keep the price per barrel between \$22 and \$28, while oil analysts are predicting it could settle around \$15 a barrel.

How the Arab nations feel also affects the stability of the U.S. economy and the world's economy, which is another significant factor. Carton said if other countries are un-

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Hub City hosts attack simulation

By Joey Kirk/Staff Reporter

As the war in Iraq proceeds, the city of Lubbock has already taken precautionary steps to ensure the safety of its citizens.

Lubbock was selected as the first city in the nation to host the Integrated Health and Medical Weapons of Mass Destruction Training program for medical personnel. The three-day event was completed March 18 through March 20.

During the course of the event, the first two days were designated to cover the topics of chemical and biological terrorism, including everything from the diagnosis to the treatment of victims suffering from an attack. Lectures, group discussions, participant activities, workshops, case studies and human patient simulators were implemented in the coursework.

Mary Croyle, emergency management specialist for the city, said several people were involved in the exercise.

"The three groups that were targeted to help out with the task were hospital administrators, first responders such as EMS, police or fire departments, and emergency room personnel," she said. "We selected 100 people, most of which were local, and they all had to apply."

Jenny Rosetta, media relations su-

pervisor for Covenant Health System, said similar tests have been conducted in the past.

"We try to complete at least one drill a year dealing with this so we are familiar with the process," she said. "But one of this stature had never been performed. The main reason we were involved in this event was to find strengths and weaknesses, and we were successful."

After the training and classes were completed, the final day consisted of a full-scale exercise of a simulated attack, which took place at Texas Tech. The chemical VX was the weapon of choice. A fake explosion occurred at an imitation concert that sent 50 "victims" to either of the two hospitals, Covenant or the University Medical Center, to test the knowledge of the participants.

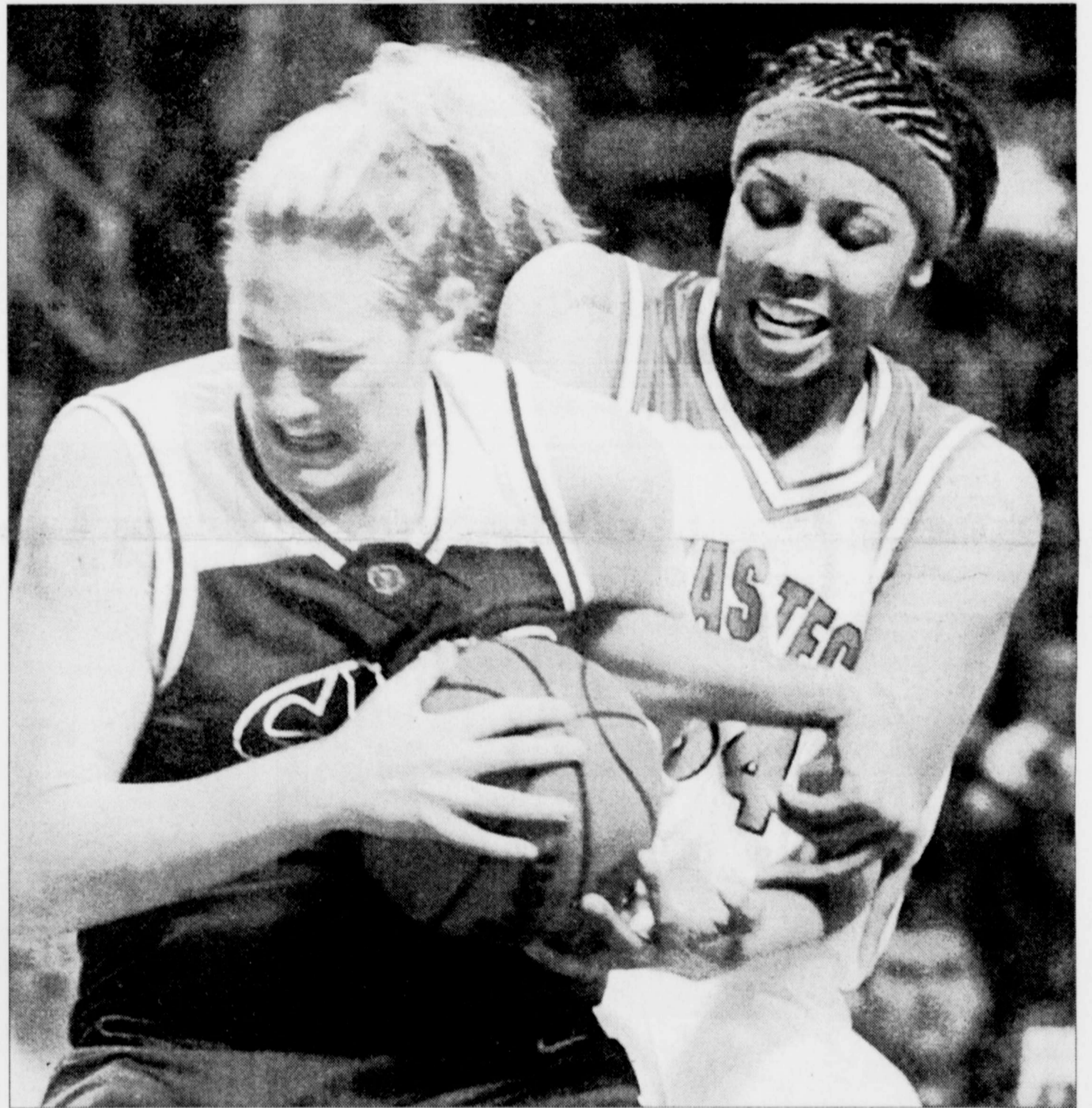
Greg Bruce, division director of public relations and business development for UMC Health System, said the performance of the staff was not a major concern.

"We have had a disaster plan for a number of years," he said. "But it is an ongoing process. This helped us to identify new techniques and put the groundwork in place."

The event was not a pass-fail situation, Bruce said. The primary goal of

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Tech reaches ROUND TWO



SOUTHWEST MISSOURI STATE forward Meg Tierney battles with Texas Tech senior forward Plenette Pierson for a loose ball possession during the Lady Raider 67-59 NCAA Tournament first round victory Sunday night at the United Spirit Arena.

Lady Raiders advance to second level of NCAA Tournament play

By David Wiechmann/
Sports Editor

The Texas Tech Lady Raiders' defense made up for their lack of perimeter shooting in their 67-59 NCAA Tournament first round win over Southwest Missouri State (18-13) on Sunday night.

Tech (27-5) shot 43.9 percent from the field but used defense to hold off threats from the Lady Bears and keep No. 15 seeded Missouri from upsetting the second-seeded Lady Raiders.

"I think we got good looks early," Tech coach Marsha Sharp said. "We just didn't knock them down."

The Lady Raider defense came up big in the closing minutes of the first half. Immediately after an 8-0 run by SMS, Tech's defense shut the Lady Bears down as Tech mounted an offensive attack to close the half on a 10-0 run of its own.

Forward Plenette Pierson said the run gave Tech the momentum going into the locker room, and it carried over to the second frame.

"The 10-0 run was very big getting the momentum on our side," she said. "I think it gave us the confidence to start the second half strong and possibly continue it."

The run did continue into the second half as Tech opened with a 6-0 run to blow ahead 35-23, but SMS would fight back to within nine points.

When Tech needed big buckets, it relied on Pierson to step up and silence the Lady Bears.

"Plenette played like an All-American," Sharp said. "That's what this part of the season's all about, people making plays and having courage to step up and do that."

Pierson led all scorers with 25 points. She also recorded 13 rebounds. Pierson was in control, and SMS guard Jenni Lingor said she had never seen a player do what Pierson did.

"I've never seen a player completely take control of a game like that," she said. "She was incredible. She's by far one of the better players we've seen this year."

Another Lady Raider who stepped up was guard Casey Jackson. Jackson had eight points and eight rebounds, and Sharp said her presence on the court made a big difference.

"When we have Casey on the floor, our defense improves tremendously," she said. "She takes a lot of pride in playing that end of the floor."

Sharp said she was not very pleased with the defense of some of the other guards on her team, and that is an area that needs improvement for the second round.

"If you look at the film, they scored on some of our perimeter players at will," she said. "And I think we need to make a decision about how bad we want to stay in it."

With the poor shooting display and lack of defense from some play-

ers, it might be troublesome times in Raiderland, but Sharp said her team has no time to worry about its problems; it just needs to fix them.

"I think it's a little late in the season to be pushing the panic button," she said. "We have to determine how long we want to stay in it. You saw the difference in our team when we played well."

SMS head coach Katie Abrahamson-Henderson said Pierson made the difference in the game, and she obviously is a force to be reckoned with for the remainder of the tournament.

"I'm very proud of our players; I think we can play with anybody," she said. "But Texas Tech had someone who didn't want it to end."

Tech will face the winner of the No. 7 UC-Santa Barbara-No. 10 Xavier game that followed Tech's game Tuesday night. The winner of that game was not known at press time.

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Iraqi TV airs footage of captured troops

DOHA, Qatar (AP)—Looking by turns frightened or stoical, five captured U.S. soldiers were thrust in front of an Iraqi TV microphone and peppered with questions Sunday. The footage also showed at least four bodies.

U.S. officials confirmed that 12 soldiers were missing after Iraqi forces ambushed an army supply convoy around An Nasiriyah, a major crossing point over the Euphrates north-west of Basra.

The scenes of interrogators questioning four men and a woman were broadcast by the Arab satellite station Al-Jazeera with footage from state-controlled Iraqi television. Each was interviewed individually. They spoke into a microphone labeled "Iraqi Television."

A senior defense official said the

Pentagon did not know precisely how many captives there might be and would not identify the unit. Some of the prisoners are from Fort Bliss, Texas, said Jean Offutt, a U.S. Army spokeswoman at the base.

Several families of the soldiers had gathered at the base Sunday evening, she said. "The mood, of course, is very tragic."

The 507th Maintenance, part of the 111th Air Defense Artillery Brigade, is stationed at Fort Bliss, and at least two of the interviewed prisoners said they were with the 507th.

Al-Jazeera quoted unidentified Iraqi officials as saying the Iraqis are using a defensive tactic of falling back, allowing their enemy to overextend itself and become vulnerable to attack behind the lines.

President Bush, returning to the White House from Camp David, said he did not have all the details of what he called a potential capture but added: "We expect them to be treated humanely, just like we'll treat any prisoners of theirs that we capture humanely. If not, the people who mistreat the prisoners will be treated as war criminals."

Speaking on CBS, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld charged that if those seen on television were indeed coalition soldiers, "those pictures are a violation of the Geneva Conventions."

International Committee of the Red Cross spokeswoman Nada Doumani said the showing of the prisoners on TV violates Article 13 of the Geneva Conventions, which says prisoners should be protected from public curiosity.

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happy with how the United States is handling the situation, it could have adverse effects on the economy.

The monetary cost of the war is the final factor Carton discussed.

"The Bush administration wants to cut taxes, but they still want to pay for everything," he said, adding this will lead to a higher deficit, which will then push up interest rates.

The United States got out of the Great Depression when it entered World War II, and there is a possibility of a similar situation occurring now. However, Carton said there are enough variables to be unsure of it.

"It's not clear that that's necessarily the way things will go this time," he said, adding it is largely because of the

significant increase in government spending.

The length of the war also will have an effect on the U.S. economy, he said. A short conflict of several weeks will be more beneficial than a war taking six months or more, both because of the increased costs and the greater likelihood of destabilizing the Arab world.

The war will affect the stock market as well. Bill Lane, the branch manager at A.G. Edwards and Sons Inc., said the market saw results quickly.

"You can see the market is going up pretty good already," he said.

One reason for this is the United States is finally taking action, he said, instead of discussing it internally and with other nations.

"The market does not like uncertainty," Lane said. "Uncertainty is being pretty much removed."

The increased investor confidence

is obvious, based on the stock markets numbers from last week. The Dow Jones saw its best performance since November 1996, after rising for eight consecutive sessions. The blue-chip average also saw its best weekly gain since October 1982, according to CNN.

NASDAQ, the Dow and the S&P 500 all returned to positive territory for the year as well, and experts and investors say the upswing should continue.

While there are many variables that could affect the stock market, especially the length of the war, Lane said he is optimistic about how much it has improved and how much it probably will improve, particularly when the war is finished.

"I would think it would be kind of behind us, and we'd get back to normalcy," he said of the post-war United States.

Simulation

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the program was to detect areas that were in need of improvement. Methods of communication were enhanced during this exercise, Croyle said.

"Communication was a big thing we developed throughout the exer-

cise," she said. "Talking between the city and the hospitals was an issue we improved on and also need to continue to get better at."

An attack could occur in Lubbock since the area is an agricultural community, Bruce said.

"It was very educational and eye-opening to our personnel because the exercise demonstrated the threat and

likelihood of an attack, and how they are supposed to handle it," he said.

Without the training prior to the final exercise, the outcomes might have been altered, Rosetta said.

"The courses beforehand helped out with the overall success of the mission," she said. "It never seemed that this could turn into reality, but now there is a great possibility."



Students of all majors are invited to join the pre-Physician Assistants Club's first meeting at 7 p.m. March 26 in Room 113 of the Chemistry building. The meeting will feature guest speaker Al Bendeck. Refreshments will be provided. For more information, call (806) 724-5149 or e-mail pre_pa_ttu@yahoo.com.

The Chancellor's Ambassadors organization is accepting applications from students who will

be juniors or seniors in the fall. Applications and interview sign-ups are located in the Administration building and will be accepted through March 28.

Texas Tech Music Theatre is presenting the opera La Traviata in Italian at 7 p.m. Friday in the Allen Theatre of the Student Union building. Admission is \$6 for students and \$12 for the general public. For more information, call the Music Ticket Office at (806) 742-2270, ext. 267.

The 19th annual All-University Conference on the Advancement of Women in Higher Education is from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the United Spirit Arena. The registration deadline is March 24. For more information, visit www.depts.ttu.edu/wstudies/conference.htm or contact Esther Lichti at (806) 742-4335.

The Socrates Smackdown will be at 7 p.m. Thursday in Room 49 of the

Chemistry building. For more information, call the Center for Campus Life at (806) 742-3621.

Students are invited to sign up for the Nutrition on the Run 5K Race and the 1 Mile Fun Run/Walk at 9 a.m. Saturday. Registration is online at www.lubbockdieticians.org.

University of California philosophy professor Robert Cummins will present "Representation and Indication" at 3 p.m. Wednesday in Room 160 of the Philosophy building and "Evolution and Cognition: The Puzzling Mix of Learning, Selection and Development" at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Lecture Hall 001 of the English and Philosophy building.

The Lubbock Chapter of the Black Alumni will host a Scholarship Golf Classic on April 11 at the Elm Grove Golf Course. For more information or to register, contact Doris Henderson at (806) 742-8671 or doris.Henderson@ttu.edu.

War

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—the removal of Saddam's government and Iraq's eventual disarmament.

"I know that Saddam Hussein is losing control of his country," Bush said upon his return from the Camp David retreat in Maryland. "We are slowly but surely achieving our objective." He demanded that U.S. prisoners of war be treated humanely.

With allies closing in, Iraqi leaders appealed for a united Arab front to condemn the invasion but knew they wouldn't get it.

"There is no hope in these rulers," Iraqi Vice President Taha Yassin Ramadan said.

But Russia and Chinese foreign ministers reasserted their view that the invasion has no legal basis and asked for an immediate halt.

The State Department, for its part, protested that Russian companies sold sensitive military equipment to Iraq in the run-up to the war, maintaining some of the equipment could pose a direct threat to coalition forces.

Arab television showed what it

said were four American dead in an Iraqi morgue and at least five other Americans identified as captured soldiers.

"I come to shoot only if I am shot at," said one prisoner, who said he was from Kansas. Asked why he was fighting Iraqis, he replied: "They don't bother me; I don't bother them."

Also, a British warplane was shot down in a friendly fire attack by U.S. Patriot missiles, killing its crew of two, and a grenade attack in an Army base in Kuwait left a captain dead and a U.S. soldier as the suspect.

In the most notable gain for the coalition, soldiers of the 3rd Infantry Division's 2nd Brigade moved 230 miles in 40 hours, killing scores of Iraqi militiamen who engaged them with machine guns, to take positions less than a day's journey from Baghdad.

The brigade raced day and night across rugged desert in more than 70 tanks and 60 Bradley fighting vehicles. No American injuries were reported in that battle.

Iraqi Defense Minister Lt. Gen. Sultan Hashim Ahmed expressed confidence his troops can hold the capital.

"If they want to take Baghdad, they will have to pay a heavy price,"

he said. Several other allied units engaged in intensive gunbattles Sunday. In southern Iraq, a soldier from the 3rd Infantry Division died in a vehicle accident.

Efforts intensified to assemble forces in northern Iraq, where air strikes have gone after radicals linked to the al-Qaida terrorist network but prospects for ground assaults have been limited because neighboring Turkey balked on becoming a staging ground.

In Kuwait, U.S. officials investigated the attack at the 101st Airborne Division's command center, where an assailant threw grenades into three tents. Three of the wounded were seriously injured; Capt. Christopher Scott Seifert, 27, died.

The accidental downing of the British plane was another blow. The Tornado GR4, based in Marham, Britain, was returning from an operational mission early Sunday and was engaged by the missile battery, British officials said.

It was the third aerial accident involving British personnel since the war began. Six British troops and a U.S. Navy officer died when two British helicopters collided, while eight British and four U.S. Marines were killed when their helicopter crashed near the Kuwait-Iraqi border.

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EQUESTRIAN EDUCATION

Tech hosts horse judging clinic

By Harvey Mireles/Staff Reporter

Members of local Future Farmers of America and 4-H clubs gathered Saturday at the Texas Tech Livestock Arena for the Equestrian Judging Clinic presented by the Tech equestrian team.

The clinic was designed for the middle- and high-school aged group to train them on the key points in judging horsemanship and equitation in Western- and English-style riding.

The clinicians for the event were Sam Jackson, professor of animal science at Tech, and Rachel Quest, a West Texas A&M graduate and member of its recent national equestrian championship team.

The event was a fund-raiser for the Tech equestrian team to help with travel expenses throughout the year.

Victoria Patton, of Tech's equestrian team, said many of the groups that participated came from surrounding areas.

"We borrowed horses from the area, got the 16 riders, reserved the facility, and two clinicians volunteered their services to us," she said.

Though the main reasons for the clinic were to educate those in attendance and raise funds for the equestrian team, Patton said the event also promotes recruitment for Tech and next year's team.

"This also helps Tech gain some notoriety," Patton said. "We're helping the kids choose what college they want to go to, get them familiar with the faculty and staff, and get them information about the equestrian team."

Kellie Wiest, a sophomore pre-pharmacy major from Fort Stockton, said the clinic was a great way to raise money and help the kids out.

"It's fun to help the kids," Wiest said. "I love horses, and it's a nice way to show the kids how to be able to ride and handle (the horses)."

Though the clinicians were there to teach the members of the various FFA and 4-H clubs, Wiest said helping in on what they had to say helped the equestrian team as well.

"When you're a person who shows (horses), we need to know what the judges are looking for," she said. "It's

important to know so that you can improve yourself."

She said Tech's team might look into doing another clinic in the future.

"It's really good experience for everyone," she said. "Many who come to the clinic may want to come ride, and this is a good chance to get our name out there so they can come to Tech and ride for us."

Jessica Bieber, a senior agricultural communications major from Ovilla, is the current president of the Tech equestrian team.

She said she, Patton and one of the guest clinicians, Ashley Nash, devised the idea for the clinic.

"We were mainly getting feedback from the Tech judging team, and we saw the need for it," Bieber said. "And we saw the ability for putting together great resources."

Bieber said she hopes those who attend the clinic leave with an understanding of the mechanics and judging that goes into horsemanship and equitation.

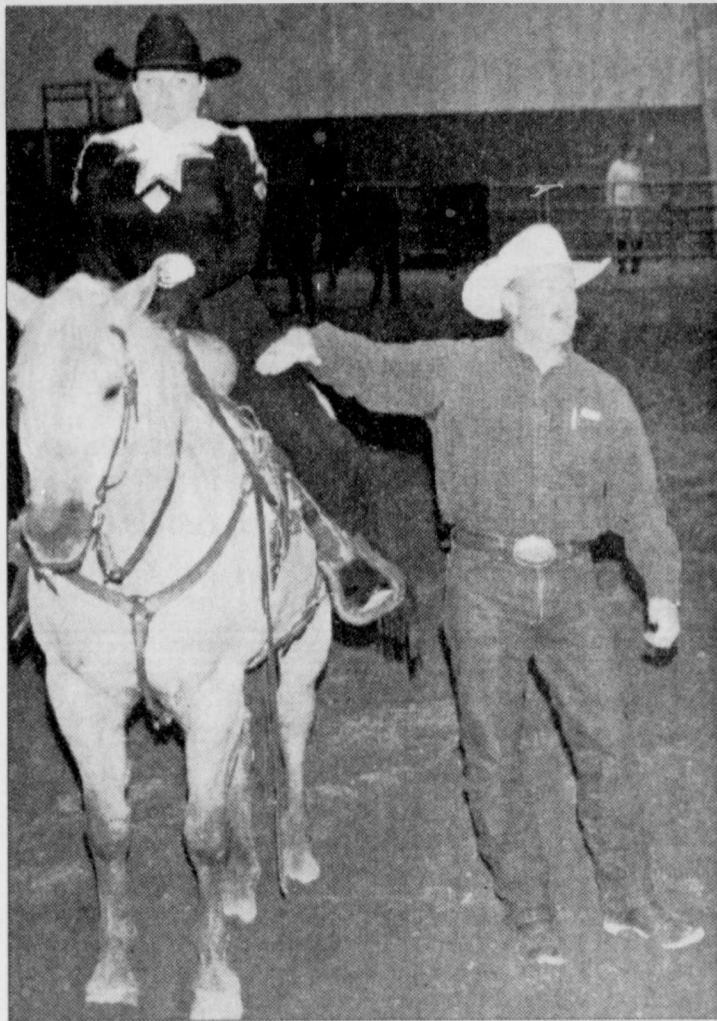
"This is preparation for area and possibly state judging contests that will be starting soon in the area," she said. "Aside from being our fund-raiser, it builds a partnership between local FFA and 4-H clubs and the Tech equestrian team. We're doing a community service through our partnership."

The idea of making the clinic an annual event is not out of the question, Bieber said.

"We'd like to look into doing this next year, or try and do something similar to this," Bieber said. "I'm interested to reflect on the turnout, and we'll probably go from there."

The team began planning the event during the fall semester, she said.

"It's good to see it finally coming together," she said. "We've been busting our humps to get riders and horses."



JAMIE TOMÁS AGUILAR/Staff Photographer

ABOVE: ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR of animal and food sciences Sam Jackson explains the appropriate posture atop the horse demonstrated by Victoria Patton, a senior in the Agriculture college from Roswell, N.M. This took place during an equestrian judging workshop hosted by Texas Tech's equestrian team Saturday morning. **UPPER RIGHT:** Rachel Quest an equine business and industry major from Lubbock (left), works on the showmanship and attire of Becky Shires, a microbiology major from Plano, before the Tech equestrian team began the equestrian judging workshop for local high school students Saturday morning at the Livestock Arena.



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PERSPECTIVES

Soldiers sacrifice to preserve daily life

The NCAA Tournaments are under way, and they almost didn't happen.

With the threat of war bringing the world to a halt, many questioned what needed to be done to avoid travel problems, terrorist scares and anything else war can throw at Americans. On Tuesday, NCAA President Myles Brand made an announcement that answered all the questions and said the NCAA Tournament would continue as scheduled and not be postponed.

"The White House has encouraged continuation of life as usual," Brand said in a news release. "And we have made the decision to move forward with all 11 tournaments being conducted throughout the nation this week and weekend."

The decision to continue with hardcourt action while offensives are taking place in Iraq was not made without thinking of the men and women fighting Operation Iraqi Freedom.

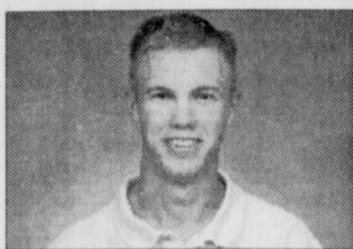
"Our thoughts and prayers are

with the men and women in uniform involved in the Iraqi conflict and elsewhere," Brand said. "At the same time, we share the president's resolve to maintain normalcy under Liberty Shield." (Liberty Shield was the operation's name before it started.)

The decision to continue as planned was the best thing for the NCAA, basketball and the American people.

What would postponing the tournament do? Travel would be just as difficult midway through the war as at the beginning. Hotel reservations and facility reservations would be complicated beyond compare. Delaying the tournaments could have ultimately resulted in millions of dollars lost, and in a society afraid of a recession, a few million dollars would be good for the GDP.

Sports are important to us. Competition is bred into us, and sports are present in the American heartbeat. They are what we live for: the thrill of the chase, the buzzer beater, the game-winning field goal that squeezes



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through the uprights, the 6-4-3 double play to win the World Series, the drama of watching a 30-foot putt inch its way to the cup at the US

Open.

If the NCAA had decided to put the tourney on hold, it would have said we are letting someone else control our society. We no longer would be individuals, but sheep being led by someone who does not even live on this side of the Prime Meridian.

The main problem with halting the Big Dance would be the image it gives the United States.

If we let a war stop our normal daily routines, what does that say about us? If a war thousands of miles away can make us give up on what makes us so unique, who are we for caving in to the threats of a tyrannical leader?

We are Americans; we do what we want. We have that freedom. We fought tyrannical rule hundreds of years ago and stood up for what we believed in.

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Americans.

Live your life like you always have. Tomorrow, drink your coffee, read the newspaper, go to work, take your lunch break, watch the basketball game on television. Whatever you do; keep going it.

The NCAA got it right in declaring the brackets will go on. Now it is time for everyone else to follow suit. Be American. Take pride in what makes us who we are. Don't be afraid of something that is out of your control. Living in fear only makes America an easier target.

If we let fear run our lives, we are not respecting those who are out there fighting this war to make the land of the free and the home of the brave a safe haven for you.

The soldiers are putting their lives on the line so we can bask in the glory that is our freedom, so practice it and don't let someone else's dictator make decisions about how you will live your life.

Hooah. Bravo Zulu. Aim High. Semper Fi. Gold bless America.

Old English building black hole of bad architecture

In this era of foreign woe and war, of bubonic outbreaks and protest mobs, what news exists to lift our spirits? To summon warmth into every human heart?

In these interesting times, we must guard whatever boons of good fortune are given to us. And so it was a real joy that I should happen upon the headline in the Feb. 12 edition of *The University Daily* that so dazzled me.

And what was that wondrous string of words that so struck me? "Old English/Philosophy building to be razed." Happy day! Not just demolished or cleared. No. Razed. Beautiful.

Technically, razed just means taken down, but it sounds more apocalyptic. "Razed" calls up images of fire and explosions, of nuclear disintegration, calamity, of medieval peasants wielding pickaxes. The more the merrier, I say.

For the old English/Philosophy (OEP) building is a special place. Such special places deserve special treatment. Special deaths. For the OEP and locales like it have had many names throughout history: Hell, Hades, Gehenna, Abaddon, the Inferno, the Pit, Sheol, Tartarus, Perdition, Underworld, the Abyss, etc.

And after the Beast is torn down?

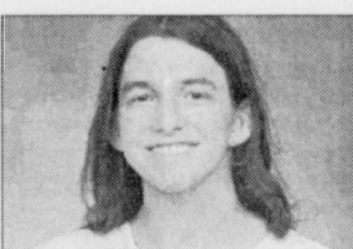
Salt the earth, like the Romans did at Carthage, so such fiendish heaps could never rise again.

You may just have walked past it. Perhaps had class in its grotesque innards. But the OEP and I have an interesting relationship; as a philosophy major, I spent the majority of my college time in its dark interiors. Inside that crypt, I've toiled away bright years that my fleeing youth.

When did the OEP really enter into my life? It's like asking a child when they first became acquainted with the concept of death. And maybe it's good that in a profession where truth and "the good" are prized, one is in direct contact with supreme evil.

But when did I really first know the OEP? Was it the first time I inhaled its curious stench? When I visited its fetid bathrooms, or walked its dreary, back-alley-like hallways? Perhaps my vengeful feelings about the OEP blossomed as I sat in its decaying community-college classrooms — each desk a marvel of 1950s engineering. Archaeological wonders, each classroom was festooned with graffiti from the Ford administration and plastered with hard rhinestone studs of dried gum older than my car.

But I'm forgetting the heaters that worked in spring, but not always in



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winter; its strange, claustrophobic blue-tiled pillars worthy of the pre-Castro Cuba, its rotting ceilings and the rumor that only car-jacks in the

basement kept it standing. The entire place seemed to be designed as Morlock public housing.

How many future careers in academia were abruptly dashed after a first visit to the professorial offices? As they were smaller than the average restroom stall, I can only imagine how many promising minds were turned from the study of wisdom toward law school. For that loss alone, Tech ought to be ashamed.

The OEP building is a dump. To call it a sty would err toward politeness. Naming it a trough is charity. The Black Hole of Calcutta shines and sparkles like a gold tooth in the night by comparison. Open sewage channels in its corridors could have only burnished its wretched luster. English majors, reading T.S. Eliot's "The Wasteland," had only to look for visual aids. That such a tenement could ever have been considered a seat of learning is both hilarious and obscene.

Wonder why the new E/P building is so nice? Guilt. The Powers correctly knew the lamp of learning was housed in a modernist plague-pit. But their work's half done. Only when the OEP is burned to the ground and its charred remains are heaved into holy water vats will all be right.

Naturally, I disinclined from believing in supernatural evil. But I know of no better evidence of the devil's work than the fact this shabby hellmouth was allowed to ever exist. Why was it built? Was a bet lost? Was it the spawn of some whacked-out architect, terminally high on brickwork brutality and cheap West Texas psychedelics? What was in the water 40 years ago? How could you think a Shawshankian dreadnought of the OEP's caliber could be remotely likable?

Arts and Sciences Dean Jan Winer remarked (in the article) that although the Old Pit had good and bad points, it was thought that it was "one of the worst classroom buildings on campus." I'll say.

Most shocking among Winer's comments: "It was an unfortunate building from the beginning." Understatement of the century. The OEP was unfortunate in the same way Vietnam was.

Forget Jimmy Carter. Whoever brings fire to that building makes a giant leap for mankind. We can all do it. Just tell me when, and I'll bring the torches. And on that glorious day, when the OEP goes up in a tower of flames, you'll hear one voice shouting over the blaze. It'll be mine. And what will it be chanting? "Burn, baby, burn."

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Defense moves Tech to NIT quarterfinals

By Matt Muench/ Staff Reporter

Texas Tech did not need Andre Emmett to put up his usual 20 points per game. It did not even need Powell outing from forward Kasib Goodell, Tech's second leading scorer. What the team got was what Tech coach Bob Knight has been looking for all season — an all-around team effort on defense.

The end result was a 57-48 win against San Diego State in the second round of the National Invitational Tournament on Friday night at the United Spirit Arena.

"Ironically, the first thing I said at the half was defense is going to win the game," he said. "Our defense was certainly the key. I was in there yelling about our offense, and Pat (Knight) was cheering on the defense. I guess the cup is either half full or half empty. Too many times for me it is half empty."

The win puts Tech one step away from reaching the NIT Final Four in New York. Tech's next game will be at 8 p.m. Wednesday in the USA against today's

winner of the Iowa-Georgia Tech match.

"I have never been to New York," Tech guard Ronald Ross said. "But I really want to play in Madison Square Garden because of their tradition. It is a dream for me."

Ross was pivotal down the stretch on defense for the Raiders' win; they could not knock down shots on the offensive end. Tech built a 14-point lead in the first half and saw an 11-point halftime lead diminish to one point after Aztec guard Deandre Moore sank a 3-pointer deep in the corner to make the score 46-45 with 6:41 remaining.

At that time, Tech had hit four field goals in the second half. But defense

was what won it for the Raiders. They began to force turnovers and bad shots from the Aztecs to allow them to score only three more points the rest of the way. Ross scored three of those three turnovers during that stretch and finished with a career-high six steals.

"Defense is what won the game for us today," said Ross, who also finished with six points and five assists. "It helped us overcome our missing shots in the second half."

Knight gave the game ball to Ross. "This is about as good as you can expect from a kid," he said. "He was the absolute key for us in the last five minutes of the game. He made three or four defense plays to come up with the ball." The Aztecs finished with 21 turn-

overs, a stat Aztec coach Steve Fisher said was crucial to Tech winning the game.

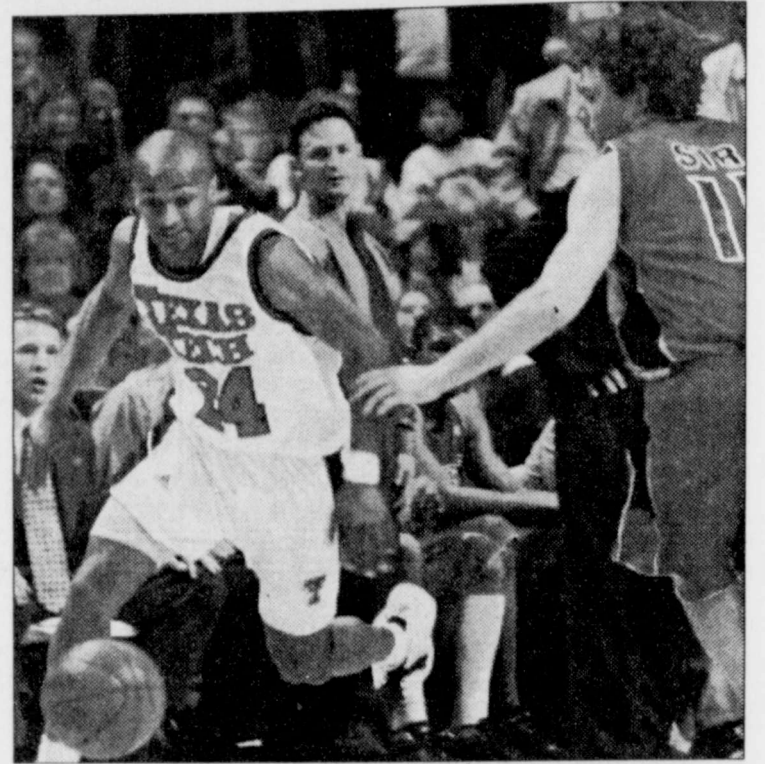
"If you don't get a shot, you don't get a basket," he said. "And you can't stop (Tech) forever."

Tech shot 28 percent from the field in the second half, but when the Raiders needed a big bucket, it was center Robert Tomaszek, who was clutch from his trademark 19-foot jump shot. He finished with a team-high 14 points.

Tech opened its big lead in the first half after it went on a 17-0 run during a period in which the Aztecs were held scoreless for 13 consecutive possessions. "We couldn't make enough baskets," Fisher said. "I thought in the first half we had six or seven that just rolled out and didn't go in. We just couldn't make a break, and to that you have to say Texas Tech wouldn't let us."

Tech did not, as it finished with 10 steals and held leading scorer Tony Bland to nine points on 3-of-15 shooting.

"It was one of those nights my shots went in and out," Bland said. "Texas Tech played great defense, they are well coached, and they executed the game plan."



JAIME TOMÁS AGUILAR/Staff Photographer
GUARD RONALD ROSS moves the ball upcourt during Tech's win over San Diego State on Friday. Ross and the Raiders play Wednesday in the quarterfinals of the NIT.

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Texas women pound Hampton

CINCINNATI (AP) — Heather Schreiber scored 17 points to help second-seeded Texas beat Hampton 90-46 West in the first round of the West Regional for its 14th straight victory.

Annissa Hastings added 16 points, and Tai Dillard had 12 — all in the first half — for the Longhorns (26-5).

Texas will play Cincinnati or Arkansas in the second round.

Hampton, the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference champion and No. 15 seed, had won six straight games but was no match for the taller and quicker Longhorns.

The Lady Pirates (23-9) were already behind 22-10 when Texas went on an 11-0 run, bracketed by four free

throws by Nicole Brathwaite.

Schreiber hit a pair of free throws and a 3-pointer, and Dillard made two free throws and a breakaway basket after a steal during that span. Hampton, meanwhile, went more than seven minutes without a field goal.

LaShondra Dixon had 15 points for Hampton, and Bianca Johnson had 12.



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