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U.S. bombs Iraqi targets, battles with troops

SHRINKING REGIME: President George W. Bush: war with Iraq will take 'however long it takes' to win.

By David Espo/Associated Press

American-led forces bombed Iraqi targets and battled Iraqi troops the length and breadth of Saddam Hussein's slowly shrinking domain on Thursday, and British forces claimed the destruction of 14 tanks in their biggest kill since World War II.

But American officials reported 25 Marines wounded or missing after fighting, apparently around An Nasiriyah, and the Iraqi regime breathed defiance.

"The enemy must come inside Baghdad, and that will be its grave," said Defense Minister Sultan Mashem Ahmed.

Eight days after the launching of Operation Iraqi Freedom, President Bush met with British Prime Minister Tony Blair and declined to set a timetable for the war. It will last "however long it takes" to win, he said, thumping the lectern for emphasis.

Both men and the United Nations could help rebuild postwar Iraq, but sidestepped tricky questions of who would create and run

a new government once Hussein was toppled.

In the war zone, sandstorms abated and the Americans and British reported making 600 strike flights during the day as they exploited their unchecked air superiority.

Warplanes bombed positions in northern Iraq near Kurdish-held areas and hit Republican Guard forces menacing American ground forces 50 miles south of Baghdad. The capital was rocked by an enormous explosion a few hours after nightfall when one of Hussein presidential palaces was hit.

Combat aircraft dropped bombs "just about as fast as we can load them," said Capt. Thomas A. Parker, aboard the USS Kitty Hawk in the Persian Gulf.

Cargo planes flew military supplies into northern Iraq, one day after 1,000 American airborne troops parachuted in to seize an airfield. One source, speaking on condition of anonymity, said additional personnel were being flown in, as well, and an early objective would be securing the northern oil fields near Kirkuk. Invading forces took control of southern Iraqi oil fields in the early hours of the ground war.

Several miles away, Kurdish militiamen and villagers celebrated the fall during the day of a hilltop position where Iraqi forces had menaced civilians for years.

U.S. forces had pounded the northern hills around Chamchamal over the past several

days, and it appeared that the Iraqis abandoned their checkpoint and bunkers and retreated to the west.

In central Iraq, the first resupply plane landed on a restored runway at Tallil Airfield — hastily renamed "Bush International Airport" by American forces who had secured it.

Still, Iraqi resistance continued to slow the drive on the capital and kept American and British forces out of key cities such as Basra and An Nasiriyah. Its mines kept ships with humanitarian assistance from unloading their cargo at the southern port city of Umm Qasr. After eight days of fighting, Pentagon offi-

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Senate grants money to overlooked groups

By Matt Muench/Staff Reporter

The Student Senate conducted one of its longest meetings this year as it went through the second reading of Bill 38.02, which is the Student Organization Funding bill. The bill was first presented at its last meeting March 6 and gave \$219,250 to 125 student organizations.

Thursday's meeting was intended for appeals. Organizations that did not get on the first reading were brought up, and after about two hours of discussion, 28 more organizations will receive funding from the student services fees that all Texas Tech students pay. About \$28,000 was allotted to the new organizations Thursday, which leaves about \$7,000 for the third and

final reading at the Senate's final meeting of the year April 10.

Senate President Jeremy Brown said he is pleased with the appeals process.

"A lot of organizations stepped up," he said. "I was pleased with the way we handled it, and the debates were good. It is important that we look at this carefully because this is all 27,000 students' money that we are looking at."

The meeting was Brown's final as Senate President, as he will miss the final meeting because he must attend a conference. He was hoping to get it switched to another date, but the Senate declined be-

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FROM LEFT TO right: Sangita Prabhu, a graduate student from India studying computer science; Pallavi Wankhede, a graduate student from India studying computer science; Jorge Baquero, a graduate student from Ecuador studying software engineering; and Kranthi Malreddy, a graduate student from India studying computer science; present to the Student Senate a course selecting and scheduling system in development for use in the Tech's advising system.

Energy costs might rise in coming month

By Heidi Toth/Staff Reporter

Energy costs could increase for Lubbock residents in the next month.

The City Council conducted a public hearing Thursday to consider a proposed rate increase from Atmos Energy. Bob Goodwin, corporate committee manager for the city, said no residents testified at the hearing, and the Council chose not to take any action.

By law, because the Council did not take action, the rate increase will go into effect April 10, he said. However, customers receiving their monthly bills should not notice a change in what they pay, as the main increases are in connection and disconnection costs.

"It wasn't an increase in the actual rates, it was more administrative costs," Goodwin said.

According to information from the city, Atmos, the natural gas supplier in Lubbock, submitted a request to

raise different services fees. In December, the City Council adopted a resolution suspending the effective date of the proposed implementation of increased rates for 90 days and ordered the hearing.

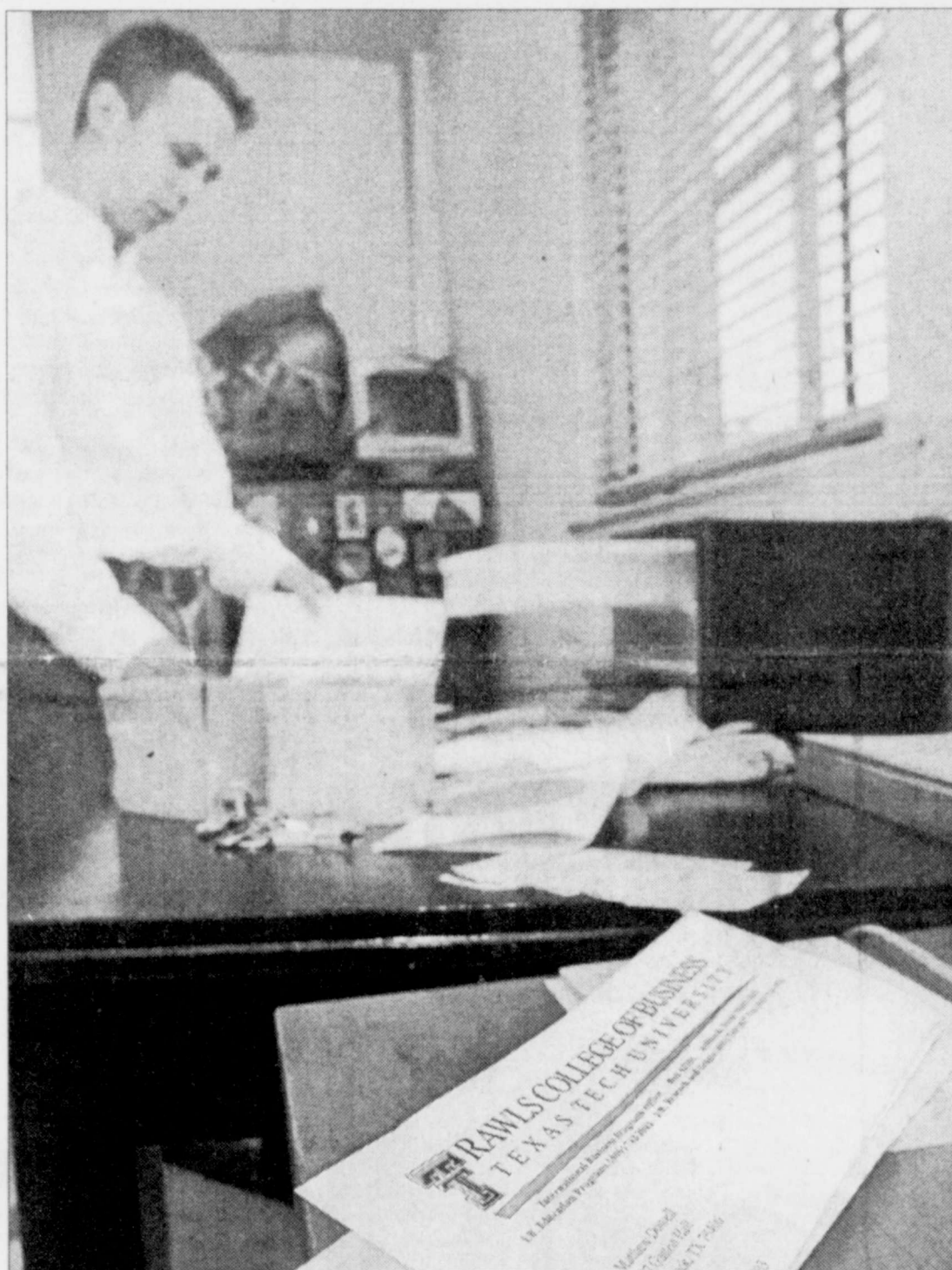
The reason for Atmos' rate increases is not the reason another energy company is raising its rate as well. Xcel Energy said earlier this month it appealed to Texas utility regulators to increase the fuel cost recovery portion of its bill for eight months, starting in May.

Bill Crenshaw, spokesman for Xcel, said the increase would be slightly lower than originally thought. The first request to the Public Utility Commission had customers using 1,000 kilowatts of electric service and would see a 1.7 percent increase, approximately \$1.05 a month.

The request has not been acted

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from Student to Soldier



JAIME TOMÁS AGUILAR/Staff Photographer

MATT DOWELL, A senior international business major from Washington, D.C., packs documents in his office at KTXF-FM radio station where he served as the news and sports director before he was given orders to report to Fort Bliss, a base located near El Paso.

Duty calls Raider to delay graduation date

By Matt Muench/Staff Reporter

His feet were propped up at a Houston area beach while enjoying shrimp during his final Spring Break as a Texas Tech student. Then Matt Dowell got the phone call he was not expecting. Dowell, a senior international business major from Washington, D.C., is an Army Reservist. On Monday he is expected to report to Fort Bliss, a base near El Paso.

His life now stops and changes direction. He was anticipating graduation in May, but now he has no idea when he will get to frame a diploma.

"It is frustrating because (graduation) is seven weeks out," he said. "But I am definitely proud to serve. But right now there is nothing I can do about it. When I heard, it was definitely a shock to my day as I hung out with friends on Spring Break."

What he can do is try to graduate as soon as possible. He has already ruled May out, but he hopes for December and possibly even August. He will need some help from his professors. Currently he is enrolled in 18 hours of school, plus three hours of independent study.

"Most of my professors are going to allow me to do some course work from where I am at, and hopefully I can mail them," he said. "If all my professors allow me to do my coursework, it will help me graduate as soon as possible. But right now this is all up in the air."

Dowell's parents, Susan and David, are upset about their son missing graduation. However, they are proud

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Consul general honors German Club for flood relief

By Angela Timmons/Staff Reporter

Sixteen of Texas Tech's German club members were honored Thursday afternoon by Heiner Model, the German Consul General of the Houston Consulate. The students spent Spring Break in Germany to offer flood relief for severe flooding of the Elbe River in the fall.

Model spoke highly of the students' efforts, citing them as examples for others.

"This is an excellent example of what I think German-American relations are about, not about difference of political opinion but the personal relations of people," Model said.

He praised the students for establishing a relationship with the Germans despite current political differences with America over the Iraqi conflict.

"These 16 students went over for flood relief and established new personal relations," Model said. "They

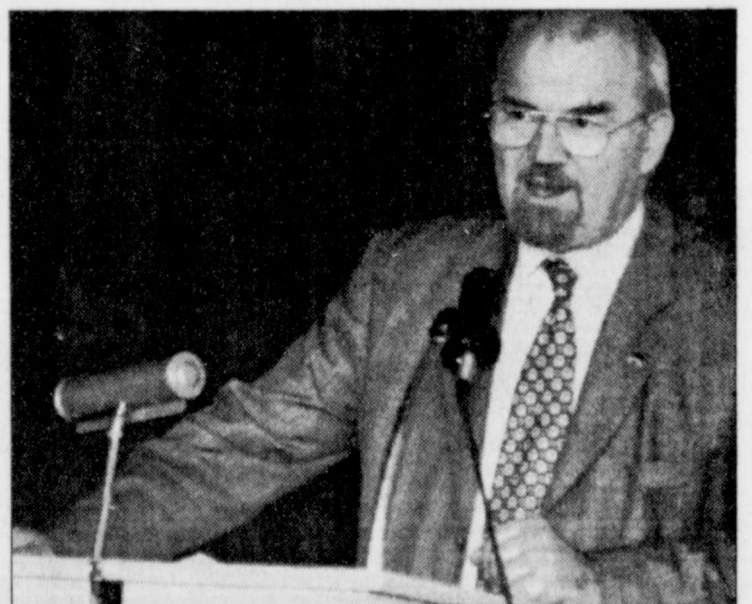
added a new stone to the basement of German-American relations. This is resilient and certainly will last long after this difficult situation at a high political level."

Karla Sutton, German club president and a senior international business major from San Antonio, said the club supplied relief to areas along the Elbe River, picking up debris, branches, car parts and other items, as well as sweeping up the town. The club only had enough people to help one out of three towns that were severely devastated by flooding.

Sutton said she came up with the idea as a way for students to gain personal experiences with German citizens.

"I was trying to think of a way for students to go over and immerse themselves in German culture," she said. "The best way was community service."

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TYSON JEFFREYS/Staff Photographer

HEINER MODEL, THE German Consul General of the Houston Consulate, speaks of the anti-war, not anti-American sentiment in Germany during a recognition ceremony that praised the German Club for its flood relief efforts in Germany. The club supplied relief to areas along the Elbe River, picking up debris, branches, car parts and other items.

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Tech Notes

The Student Union food court is moving to facilitate construction. Alternative dining venues will be available in the Student Union Ballroom, including hot food and grab-

and-go items. The same payment options will be accepted. Lambda Theta Alpha invites students to attend its fund-raiser, "Spring Break Continues," from 11 p.m. to 2 a.m. today at the Santa Fe Restaurant at 50th Street and Slide Road. The event will feature hip-hop, rap, salsa and merengue music, as well as a "Hot Bod" contest with a cash prize. There is a \$5 cover at the door. 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.

The Texas Tech polo club invites students to Friday Night Polo at 8 p.m. tonight at the Polo Barns. The cost is \$2 at the gate. The Polo Barns are south on I-27, exit FM 1585, and the barns are 1 mile on the left. For more information, contact Alison at (806) 441-9485.

The Chancellor's Ambassadors organization is accepting applications today in the Administration building.

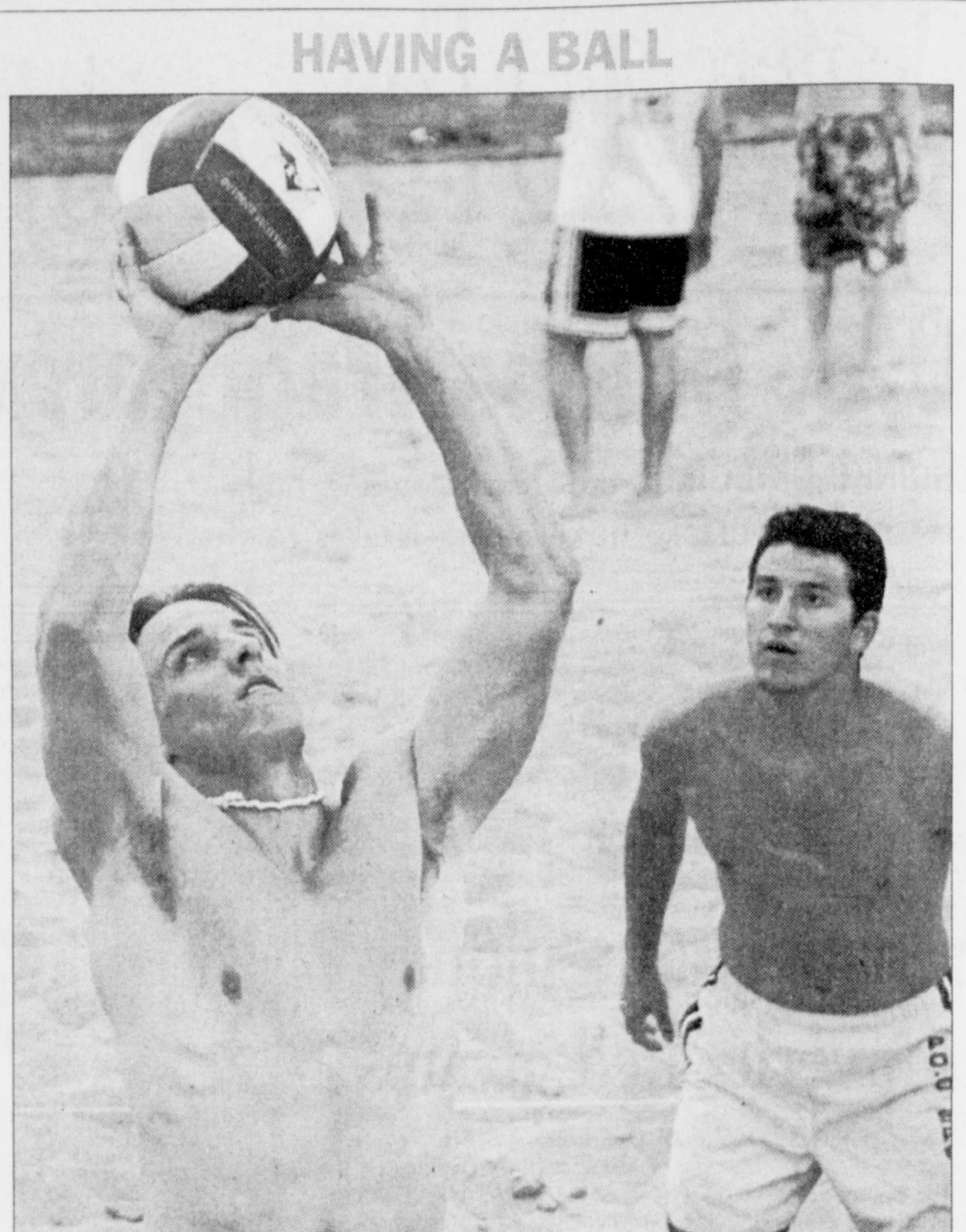
Texas Tech Music Theatre is presenting the opera La Traviata in Italian at 7 p.m. today in the Allen Theatre of the Student Union building. Admission is \$6 for students and \$12 for the general public. For more information, call the Music Ticket Office at (806) 742-2270, ext. 267.

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

University of Glasgow professor of medieval history Samuel K. Cohn Jr. will be giving a public lecture about the Black Death at 7:30 p.m. Monday in the auditorium of the International Cultural Center at 6th Street and Indiana Avenue. The lecture is free and open to the public. For more information, contact professor David G. Troyansky at (806) 742-3744 or d.troyansky@ttu.edu.

Cardinal Key is now accepting applications, which are available in Room 228 of the Student Union building until April 2.

The Lubbock Chapter of the Lubbock 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.



HAVING A BALL
TRENT MAYS, A sophomore marketing major from Denton, sets the ball while Vince Pezzulli, a junior finance major from Dallas, looks on during a sand volleyball game at Urbanovsky Park on Thursday afternoon.

CRAIG SWANSON/Staff Photographer

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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By Jack Harmond Savannah, GA 3/28/03

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Sutton expressed her appreciation for Model's visit to Tech to honor the club.

"It's great because we weren't seeing the same appreciation over here in the states as we did over there," she said. "In terms of media attention and in the news, we got a lot of attention over there."

The club received the "red-carpet treatment the whole way" during its

visit to Germany, Sutton said, including meeting and dining with public officials, receiving a medal, touring the Dresden Parliament building and receiving a piece of the Berlin wall.

Model spoke extensively regarding Germany's non-participation stance in the Iraqi conflict, saying the decision to stay out of the war is a result of the country's misfortunes in past wars.

"Germans suffered from two world wars," Model said. "Germans think catastrophe, devastation and complete disaster when they think

war."

The Germans are a people who approach war reluctantly and carefully, Model said, assuring the audience the no-action practice has nothing to do with anti-Americanism but anti-war.

"The general public is not as educated on the general war as they need to be," Model said.

Model added the war could mean an increase in international terrorism and Iraqi instability spreading to other parts of the Middle East region.

He said it could also add to the instability of the Israeli-Palestinian

conflict and instability in other Muslim regions such as Pakistan.

Germany's current chancellor, who ran on the basis of anti-war sentiments, thinks the conflict may be solved another way, Model said.

"The Chancellor said there had to be another way to disarm this dictator (Saddam Hussein)," Model said. "The UN way."

Model insisted Germany is a "staunch ally" in the international fight against terrorism, citing politics as the reason for such conflict.

"War is the result of my very own profession," Model said.

War

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Officials said close to 90,000 troops were in Iraq, and that another 100,000 to 120,000 were en route. All were part of a military blueprint made up long ago, officials said, sensitive to criticism that commanders had underestimated the need for troops to quell stronger-than-expected resistance or protect long supply lines.

Bush and Blair met as anti-war protests flared anew in the United States. In New York, hundreds of demonstrators lined three blocks of Fifth Avenue and dozens more lay down in the street in a "die-in." At the United Nations, the U.S. ambassador walked out of a debate on the war after Iraq's ambassador accused the United States of trying to exterminate the Iraqi people.

One day after Iraq claimed more than a dozen civilians were injured in a missile strike in Baghdad, Brig. Gen.

Vincent Brooks said it was possible an Iraqi missile was responsible. "It may have been a deliberate attack inside of town," he added.

There was little official information about the reported Marine casualties in fighting around An Nasiriyah, one of the southern Iraq cities where irregular forces have put up far more resistance than American military planners expected.

Brooks told reporters merely that some Marines were injured in a 90-minute battle in the area. Officials at Camp Lejeune, N.C., where the troops are based, said 14 members of the 2nd Expeditionary Force were listed as wounded in action and another 11 as missing after fighting on Wednesday.

WTVD-TV of Durham, N.C., which has a reporter with the Lejeune Marines in An Nasiriyah, reported Wednesday that at least 25 had been injured earlier in the day during fierce house-to-house fighting, and said friendly fire may have been the cause of the injuries.

To the south, British forces have been trying for days to gain control over Basra, but die-hard defenders of Hussein's regime have held positions inside the city amid reports of clashes with the local population.

Adm. Michael Boyce, chief of the British defense staff, told reporters British forces destroyed 14 tanks that tried to leave the city during the morning. According to historians, it was Britain's biggest such battle since World War II.

"It's a suicidal approach which is irrational with no military logic to it," said Capt. Al Lockwood, a British officer.

Eight days into the war, Iraqis accused U.S. and British forces of targeting civilians. They, in turn, were accused of seizing Iraqi children to force their fathers into battle.

"They are targeting the human beings in Iraq to decrease their morale," Iraqi Health Minister Omeed Medhat Mubarak told reporters. Officials said about 350 civilians had been killed in the operation, and more than 3,500 others injured.

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Correction
In Thursday's edition of *The University Daily*, the banner headline should have read "Iraq: U.S. missiles kill 14 civilians." *The UD* regrets this error.

The University Daily

Conference to address salary gap between men, women

By Heidi Toth/Staff Reporter

At the current rate of increasing salaries, a woman doing the same job as a man will not make an equal amount of money until the year 2100.

To increase awareness of the pay gap, several women at Texas Tech are hosting and participating in the 2003 All-University Conference on Women in Higher Education, which takes place today at the United Spirit Arena.

Linda Krefting, an associate professor of management, said the annual conference is held to bring women and their work into the limelight.

"What it intends to do is highlight the work done by women, especially at Texas Tech," she said.

Esther Lichti, coordinator of women's studies, said another purpose of the conference is to bring forward for discussion topics of interest for

women in academia.

The keynote speaker is Lotte Bailyn, a professor at Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Krefting said she was one of the first researchers of careers and family. She was also instrumental in a study of the status of women at MIT, which brought about permanent change throughout the university.

Stephanie Coontz, a historian from Evergreen State College specializing in family studies, will speak as well. She will be talking about why working mothers are here to stay and what the implication on the family is.

Krefting said the committee selected gender equity as the theme because after the MIT study and various other studies, efforts have been made to talk about equity in the work place.

"We think it's an important issue,"

she said. "There's this kind of general sense that progress is being made."

While there is certainly some progress being made, it is not sufficient, she said. Women should not have to wait another century to earn a salary equal to their male counterparts.

"Maybe there are some things we can do to speed things up," Krefting said. "Maybe there are things we can do to change the future."

Lichti said the theme of the 2002 conference concentrated on women in scientific fields, such as engineering and technology. They noticed that although women were graduating in large numbers with an undergraduate degree in one of these fields, there were few female faculty members.

"We decided it would be interesting to take it one step further and look at the whole issue of gender equity in

academia," she said. "Even though we would like to think a lot of progress has been made in the last 30 years and women are equal, reality tells us they are not."

Krefting said the long-term purpose of the conference and its theme is to focus on this issue and bring in valuable references to demonstrate the importance of it.

"In the long run, we probably would like to see something happen here at Tech," she said.

The committee is not looking for a specific action to take place, Lichti said. The primary goal is to make people, both male and female, think about things they may not have thought about before.

"We would be doing a very bad job as educators if we let students believe when women graduate, they go into a utopia," she said. "These things impact both men and women, not

just women."

Other activities include poster and paper sessions in the morning and two panel discussions in the afternoon. These will include presentations by Tech faculty and students.

There will be two panel discussions in the afternoon, including one focusing on challenges facing faculty women of color.

"We're not all the same," Krefting said.

Juliet Walker, a professor of business at the University of Texas, will be the main presenter at the discussion. Other presenters are Arab-American and Latino, said Aretha Marbley, assistant professor of education.

"They've all chosen to talk about what their personal experiences have been," she said.

They will discuss both their professional points of view and their per-

sonal feelings of what it is like to be faculty of color, Marbley said.

With the exception of the luncheon and Bailyn's address, all events are open to the public, and everyone is encouraged to come, Krefting said.

"We think gender equity is everybody's issue," she said.

Friday Schedule

- 9-noon Paper, poster sessions
- noon-11:30 a.m. luncheon
- 1:45-2:45 p.m. Address
- 2:50-3:50 p.m. Discussion
- 4-5 p.m. Panel Discussion

SOURCE: All-University Conference on Women in Higher Education

Duty

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of him because he is serving, "I am very disappointed," Susan Dowell said. "I knew that because of the war, he was on alert. But I know he will graduate one day. I am sure Matt will make the best of it and carry out his duties."

David Dowell said it is a tough situation.

"We are worried, but his attitude and his willingness to step up is great," he said. "We had reservations for graduation, and it is a drag to cancel them. But we will do it another time."

Matt Dowell spoke with Vice Provost James Brink about graduating, and Brink gave him two options: drop his classes and get a refund, or receive

incompletes and try to work with professors to finish his work while he is away or when he comes back. Matt Dowell chose the latter.

Brink did not return phone calls to *The University Daily*.

Matt Powell said his professors are willing to help out, but he does not have anything formal in writing yet.

"They have all been really helpful," he said.

But since Tech now has a business school and more requirements need to be reached, he understands obligations must be met before graduating.

"It is a different scenario than what we are facing right now," he said about WWII. "Even though I have done most of my coursework, I have not met the requirements of all my classes. It is not the best deal for me right now. But it is a fair policy."

Matt Dowell, 24, first enlisted in April of 1998 in a medical unit.

He has been called to fulfill duties at Fort Bliss for those who are overseas.

"I have not been told I am going overseas at all so I am not planning on it. As far as what happens in the future, I don't know. Anything is possible. I would certainly go over if I was called."

He is a pharmacist specialist and will be in an Army medical center, running a pharmacy for soldiers.

"People have been asking me about it for a long time because war has been eminent," he said. "I didn't think I was going to be one of the reservists called up because my job is very specific. Army medics are more common to be called up because they do a lot of things."

Right now he is just trying to get his life in order before heading west.

Senate

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cause of scheduling difficulties.

However, he was given a standing ovation when the meeting ended.

"I hate for this to be my last meeting because I really enjoyed this job," he said. "The standing ovation was so humbling. Throughout the year, you really respect all the senators for doing that."

Also on the agenda Thursday was the passing of four resolutions. Resolution 38.22, which has been in the works since last fall, was finally presented and passed. The Senate voted unanimously to put

the words "sexual orientation" in the Student Affairs Handbook Resolution.

"What this is saying is Texas Tech will not discriminate against sexual preferences," Senator Michael P. Burns said. "This is all about protecting the student body."

Resolution 38.23 was second on the agenda, Tech campus. The Senate is asking a larger free speech area be put in the library and the finalized construction of the Student Union building.

Senator Don Dildy presented the resolution to the Senate.

"We want the free speech area to be there because of the high traffic that will walk through there," he said. "More people can go out there and be heard."

Energy

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on yet. Xcel is amending the request so consumers using the same amount of electric service would see rates increase 1.5 percent in the summer and 1.6 percent in the winter.

However, if natural gas prices continue to rise, what customers pay will increase also.

"It costs more to produce the same amount of energy," he said. "The fuel cost recovery part of the bill is a direct pass-through item to customers, Crenshaw said."

"Fuel cost is a fluctuating cost," Crenshaw said.

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PERSPECTIVES

Weed should be legalized

Legalizing marijuana could help the United States and its citizens in the military, the White House and the common home.

Although this is a social debate in which neither outcome pleases everyone, I think the debate should be re-considered and a new perspective taken. By weighing the harms and uses of marijuana, it becomes obvious to me there is absolutely no reason for this plant to remain illegal.

Marijuana has been used since the beginning of time. All boats before 1850 used hemp for their ropes and sails, and in the pioneer days, the wagons were held together with this same rope.

Even George Washington grew marijuana hemp at his Mount Vernon home, praising it saying, "Make the most of Indian hemp seed; sow it everywhere."

Somewhere along the timeline, many falsifications have been made, causing people's inaccurate opinions to turn against marijuana.

In the 1930s, the media told stories depicting marijuana as an extremely dangerous drug. Then in 1938, it was banned, ignoring the 50,000 non-drug commercial uses of the plant including paper, textiles, fuel and food.

During WWII, the government hypocritically launched the "Hemp for Victory" campaign, begging farmers to stay at home and plant hemp crucially needed for producing marine cordage, parachutes and other necessities for the war.

You have seen all of the commercials basically telling kids that if they smoke marijuana, they might shoot their friend, run over a little girl or support terrorism.

These are horrible comparisons. The only guaranteed end to the black market of marijuana, which might be helping terrorism, would be for the government to legalize it and eliminate this underground subculture.

The drug war has proven to be uncontrollable, and I do not agree all drugs should be legalized, but I believe marijuana does not do enough harm for it to remain illegal, and thus support terrorism. Under its control, the government could tax the marijuana users, making too expensive for many to continue habitually, similar to today's cigarette market.

There are no doubts that some will abuse the drug—the same as alcoholics—but the health effects prove less severe with marijuana.

One of the prohibitionist's strongest points is marijuana serves as a "gateway drug." I think if anything is a gateway drug, it is alcohol. Unlike marijuana, alcohol induces people to do things out of their nature.

Alcohol causes blackouts and periods of incoherence, which is far more dangerous than any marijuana effect.

There is no proof smoking mari-



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juana leads to other drug use. There also is no proof that legalizing marijuana will increase the crime rate. I think the crime rate would actually decrease because many drug dealers would be out of business.

There should be no argument against legalizing marijuana for medicinal uses. Before it was banned, marijuana was a major ingredient in 40 to 50 percent of patient medicines; today it is about 10 to 20 percent. Marijuana has been found to be a useful stress and pain reliever and creates pacifism for the users.

Earlier this month in England, an Oxford paper's headline read, "Marijuana extracts greatly improve symptoms associated with multiple sclerosis, spinal injury, study says." Why are we making it so hard for these sick people to be prescribed this medicine, when it seems to be helping their suffering greatly?

America gives its citizens the choice to inebriate themselves with alcohol. Why not get high, too? Both impair judgment and can lead to damage. Both physically harm your body, yet the effects of alcohol are much worse. Marijuana has its health risks, such as lowering men's sperm count and slightly weakening the immune and respiratory systems. Not one person is reported to have died from a "marijuana overdose."

The claim that cigarettes are equally as harmful as marijuana seems false, too. On average, less marijuana is smoked than cigarettes. Also, it has not been proven that marijuana smoking causes lung cancer.

I believe standards of public safety will not suffer and standards of living will actually improve by legalizing marijuana.

We are teaching our children a lie by teaching them hemp is dangerous. Instead, hemp is very useful. We are wasting money punishing a large portion of our citizens for smoking pot, while we continue to use up our natural resources instead of using the plentiful amount of hemp available. It seems like total ignorance.

Of more than a million drug charges, about 80 percent are marijuana. We taxpayers spend a magnificent amount of money attempting to control this habit.

I think the government should waste no more money or time on this debate and use it where it is needed: on the war or other areas of importance with true need.



Volleyball nets disgrace to rec basketball courts

Ah, these are indeed trying times for our country. War is upon us, but this columnist will avoid the temptation to express my views on this topic.

First off, I already wrote about this issue a few weeks ago, and I still stand by my views expressed in that column. If you missed out in that column for the ages, that is just too bad.

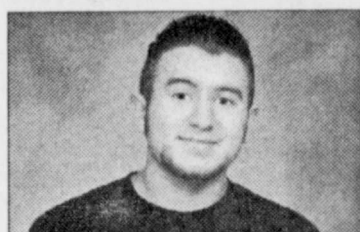
But if people e-mail me and demand another article concerning the war in Iraq, next Friday I will deliver. For you see, I believe the people should have a great deal of say-so in their local newspaper to have their voices heard.

Secondly, by the time this column comes out, the war will have been covered to death by my fellow columnists. In fact, everywhere you turn, you see something on the war. It is quite an important thing (I can't emphasize enough how important it is), but I think I will do the great people of Texas Tech a service and touch on a local issue that I am concerned with and lighten the air during these tense times.

There is something going on in this very campus that is simply appalling, specifically in Tech's state-of-the-art and normally high-quality recreational center. There is an injustice being committed there that cannot be allowed to stand.

Whoever is in charge of organizing the rec center is allowing a volleyball net to take up not one, but two basketball goals. Meanwhile, the basketball-loving millions of Tech are forced to sit on the sidelines of second-class sections, waiting to get into a pickup game.

As a member of the elite basketball team known as "Team Weymouth," I am personally affected by this.



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What would school icon coach Bob Knight think of a volleyball net preventing bright-eyed young Techsians from playing the great sport of basketball?

The sport of volleyball escapes me. It's like a hobo waving his or her trophy from the stink contest. It is this columnist's opinion that volleyball needs to be officially banned from the basketball courts so basketball can finally get the space it deserves.

Now the rec center could create a separate volleyball court, but why waste the space, money and effort? Kick it out of the center completely and make those hippies play outside on the sand courts.

I understand it is a fun sport for girls, but I've actually seen (honest to God) guys playing volleyball on the basketball court. No self-respecting guy plays volleyball on a court with basketball goals on it. That's like passing up filet mignon for a bologna sandwich.

There are, of course, millions and millions of people that support my take on this argument. Let's let the fellow members of "Team Weymouth" tell you in their own words of the injustice going on right now.

"What the hell? I can't believe they're enforcing this unjust sport!" said fellow member of "Team Weymouth" Phil Padel.

"WTF? Give me basketball or give me death!" exclaims another fellow member of "Team Weymouth" Todd Morlock.

"This is ridiculous. It's like sharing a court with monkeys!" says yet another fellow "Team Weymouth" member Abraham Mata.

These great, basketball-loving members of the Tech community are suffering on a daily basis because of the volleyball nets, as do many other members of the Tech community.

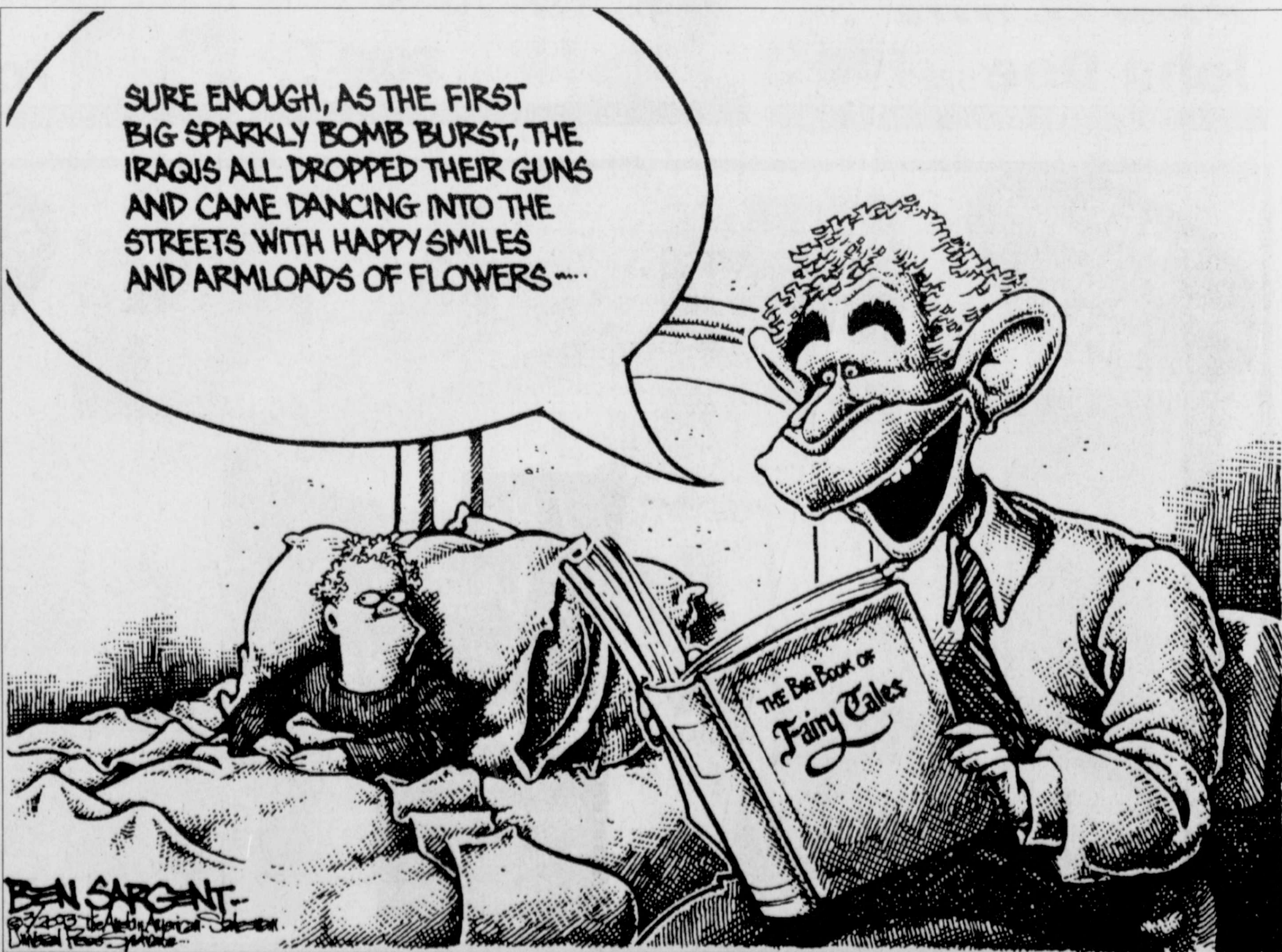
The basketball community has for too long been suffering with volleyball players honing in on their territory. What would school icon coach Bob Knight think of a volleyball net preventing bright-eyed young Techsians from playing the great sport of basketball?

I don't know of any volleyball factions at this great school. Or at least none of them want to admit they have a volleyball alliance. I mean, I'm sure volleyball is very fun to play and what-not, but basketball is the sport of kings.

My "Team Weymouth" and the millions of other basketball factions need all the court space we can get.

The injustice that is volleyball on basketball courts cannot stand. Sure, now they only take up two goals, but soon they will be four goals, then six goals.

Before we know it, there will be only sadness in Lubbock because basketball will be exterminated by the volleyball menace. So stand up, and demand the Rec Center do something about this before it is too late.



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Sororities step it up for 'Baby Boots' honor

By Harvey A. Mireles/
Staff Reporter

Members of five Panhellenic sororities will step to the Lubbock Municipal Auditorium stage to vie for the chance to claim the right to the "Baby Boots" title.

The 2nd Annual Baby Steps Step Show, presented by the Tech chapter of Omega Psi Phi fraternity, is scheduled for 7 p.m. Sunday at the Lubbock Municipal Auditorium.

The winner of the competition is awarded the "Baby Boots" for a year. The wooden plaque is inscribed with the words, "Possession of this trophy certifies that the holder has performed above all others at the Annual Baby Steps Step Show sponsored by the Xi Eta Chapter of Omega Psi Phi fraternity at Texas Tech University."

The competition involves each organization performing a 6 to 8 minute step routine before five judges and those in attendance. The routines consist of syncopated maneuvers, using the participants' bodies to establish beats and sounds from combinations of stomping, clapping and body pats.

Judges will score the teams on creativity, appearance, coordination, crowd activity, enthusiasm and difficulty of moves.

Leon Reed, a third-year law student from Fort Worth, is president of the local graduate chapter of Omega Psi Phi and coordinated the event.

He said the idea for the competition came from Texas Christian University, where he completed his undergraduate studies. Sororities at TCU have been doing baby steps competitions for about five or six years.

"We're trying to bring the campus together," Reed said. "It gives the sororities involved a chance to learn more about African-American history and culture."

Though stepping is traditionally an African-American tradition, Reed said it has the ability to bring two different facets together and open a doorway to better unify the campus.

"It takes a lot of courage to try and learn," he said. "Not only to put this on, but even more to perform it in

front of a competition."

Last year's event went really well, and Reed said he is looking forward to Sunday's competition.

"Last year, everyone did phenomenal and at the end of the night only four points separated first from second place," he said. "Everyone is in for a really fun night."

The five sororities competing in this year's Baby Steps Step Show are Delta Delta Delta, Alpha Chi Omega, Alpha Delta Pi, Chi Omega and last year's winner Kappa Alpha Theta.

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— LEON REED

PRESIDENT OF TECH
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Jennifer Norman, a senior communications studies major from Houston, is choreographing the Kappa Alpha Theta's routine for the second year.

She said their group has been practicing since November for about six hours a week.

"Every night is practice, practice, practice," she said. "It's very tedious, but it's time to go show up with what we've come up with."

Many of the participants juggle jobs, schoolwork and other outside responsibilities while finding practice time, Norman said.

"Practice has been pretty hard, but it's a lot of fun," she said. "We've been working really hard and I hope everyone comes out to support us."

Though stepping is fun and exciting, Norman said it is important to

remember there is a lot of history, and this is a tribute to African-American culture.

"There has never been something that integrates both the Greek systems," she said. "It's important for both to help to continue and grow stronger."

Zachary Kemp, a second-year mathematics graduate student from Austin, is a member of the local graduate chapter of Omega Psi Phi.

He said the event bridges the gap between the predominantly white sororities with African-American fraternities.

"We petitioned all of the Greek sororities for the competition," he said. "We have a plaque for the team that performs above all the others. It's been really competitive."

Kemp said one of the more difficult parts of putting together the event was trying to get coaches.

"Last year's step show got some people so excited about this years show that some people not in fraternities or sororities here that may have stepped in high school or somewhere else are coaching," he said. "Non-Greek is helping out with the Greek, but I wish we could have gotten more coaches."

With the limited number of coaches, many sororities were left without a coach with experience in stepping, Kemp said.

The event was originally scheduled for Black History Month, Kemp said but they decided to change it to a different month.

"Black culture shouldn't be celebrated in just one month," he said. "It should be celebrated throughout the year. We should celebrate diversity throughout the year and this is what the step show does."

The schedule change also gave the participating sororities additional time to work on their routines, Kemp said.

"It gives the teams needed time to practice," he said. "We thought if we

could do it later, it could be a better show."

Reed said he hopes the event will become established as a regular event.

"I really want to establish the Baby Steps Show as a West Texas tradition," he said. "We want to make it some-

thing that people look forward to each year. Each year is a learning process, and we work on getting it better every year."

At the end of the competition, awards will be given to the first, second and third-place winners. There

will be other special awards given to individual crowd participation, as well as for best lead and best tail in the step show.

Tickets cost \$7 and can be purchased today at the Student Union building or Sunday at the door.

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Contestants vie for title

By Harvey A. Mireles/
Staff Reporter

The Miss Lubbock USA Pageant is scheduled for 7 p.m. Saturday at the Lubbock Municipal Auditorium.

The competition will showcase 23 women and is one of the largest regional competitions. The majority of the women competing are from Texas Tech University.

Lubbock currently hosts the next level of competition, the Miss Texas Pageant.

Fay Headley, local director for the Miss Lubbock USA Pageant, said preparation for this year's competition began as soon as last year's pageant was finished.

"The difficult part has been lining up sponsors and recruiting the girls for this," she said. "Another difficult part has been training the girls for the pageant."

Headley said the event is extremely competitive.

"We have professionals from the community hold workshops to help these girls be prepared for it," she said. "We've had professionals do workshops over make-up and a former Miss Lubbock and former Tech student Anissa Craven do a little pageant secrets workshop."

The event plays a part in preparing the pageant participants for life, Headley said.

"Many of the Tech seniors can use much of what they learn through the events," she said. "I'm sure they will be on the front page of every job they'll go for. It's really preparing them to take care of themselves."

The money from ticket sales goes to a prize package for the winner, geared to help the individuals prepare themselves for the Miss Texas Pageant, Headley said. Tech also has donated a \$500 scholarship to the winner.

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Fox News draws more viewers than CNN

NEW YORK (AP)—The first Gulf War established CNN as a television news outlet to be reckoned with. The second may be just as important for Fox News Channel's reputation.

Through the first five days of the war, Fox News Channel has averaged 4.16 million viewers each day to CNN's 3.74 million. Fox's audience was bigger when the war began March 19, and every day through Sunday, according to Nielsen Media Research.

While Fox has been the top-rated cable news channel for more than a year, industry experts wondered whether that lead would hold during a big breaking news story. CNN overtook Fox, for example, on Feb. 1 when the space shuttle disintegrated.

Despite CNN's overwhelming advantage in reporting manpower, more Americans — at least so far — want to watch the war unfold on Fox.

"I think it's a pretty big surprise," said Erik Sorenson, MSNBC president, on Tuesday. "Because of CNN's experience with the first Gulf War, I think people thought CNN would win, at least in its early stages. One of the executives there said they would 'own' the story, and I don't think they do."

CNN spokesman Christa Robinson downplayed Fox's ratings advantage, saying Nielsen shows

more people at least sample some of CNN's coverage during the day. Fox's ratings are higher because its viewers watch for a longer time.

CNN also draws viewers to its Headline News and has a greater presence overseas than Fox, Robinson said.

"We're perfectly comfortable having the biggest audience in the world," she said.

A Fox News Channel spokesman did not return a call for comment.

Fox's war coverage tends to be more uplifting, emphasizing the positive and trying to beef up morale and national identity, said Robert Thompson, professor of media and popular culture at Syracuse University.

The network usually maintains an American flag graphic on the upper left corner of its screen, and anchorman Shepard Smith wore a flag pin in his lapel on Tuesday.

Fox's fans seem to like the network's style more than the traditional news coverage of CNN, said Alex Jones, director of the Shorenstein Center on the Press, Politics and Public Policy at Harvard University.

The conservative ideology that drives its prime-time programming seems to be spreading more into its news coverage, he said.

Oscar-winning films revisited

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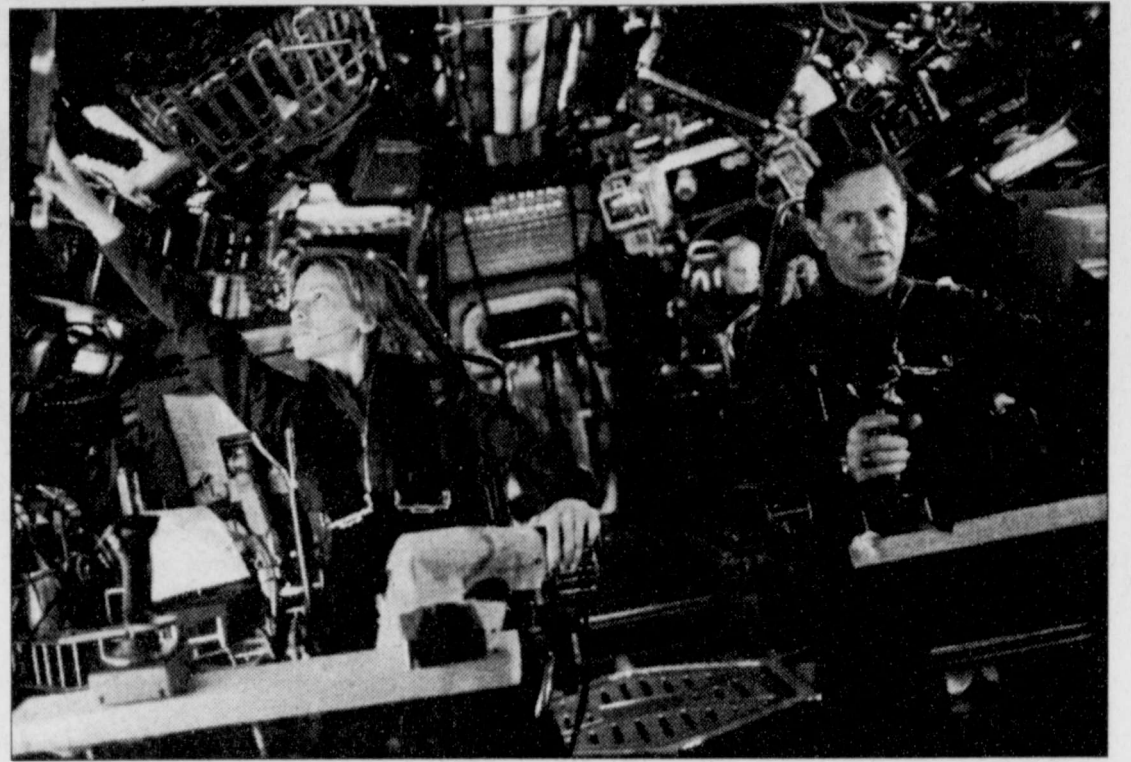
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Cinemark did an excellent job of bringing small art-house films to Lubbock during the past year. Such films as "Bowling for Columbine" and "Talk to Her" enjoyed at least a week on Cinemark Movies 16 screens.

Now with the Oscars given out, Cinemark Tinseltown USA is reopening two major Oscar winners this weekend that previously enjoyed brief visits to Lubbock.

The first is the Oscar winner for Best Animated Film, "Spirited Away." It has been hailed by some critics as the best animated film in years. It is the latest work by Japanese animator Hayao Miyazaki, whose previous work includes "Kiki's Delivery Service" and "Princess Mononoke." Miyazaki is known for his painstakingly detailed animation without the use of computers.

The story is about a 10-year-old girl named Chihiro who wanders into a strange world filled with



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(LEFT TO RIGHT) Hilary Swank as Beck, Bruce Greenwood as Commander Richard Iverson and (background, right) Stanley Tucci as Zimsky star in the motion picture, "The Core."

strange creatures. It has been compared to "Alice in Wonderland."

Animation fans will not need to be convinced to see this film, but those skeptical of Japanese animation should know this is not "Pokemon" or "DragonBall Z."

The other film re-opening this weekend is "The Pianist," the Holocaust drama about a Polish Jew, Wladyslaw Szpilman, a classical pianist who survived the Ho-

locust by hiding in the Warsaw ghetto.

Adrien Brody won the Oscar for Best Actor for his performance as Szpilman, and director Roman Polanski was given the award for Best Director, despite his banishment from the United States. The film, which also won for Adapted Screenplay, is based on Szpilman's autobiography.

Other films opening this week-

end include "Basic," starring John Travolta and Samuel L. Jackson. This military-centered mystery/thriller has a DEA agent, Travolta, investigating a mission in which four of six soldiers were lost under Jackson's command. The film is said to be full of twists and red herrings. Direction is by "Die Hard" director John McTiernan, who still deserves to be publicly beaten for "Rollerball" last year.

Also opening this weekend is "The Core," a disaster film (didn't those go out of style two years ago?) about the Earth's core ceasing to spin. This, of course, means the

Earth will be destroyed unless a group of scientists, led by Hillary Swank, can travel to the center of the earth and nuke the core to make it spin again.

This film's release date has been pushed back several times, which is usually not a good sign. Watch for lots of tourist attractions and monuments to blow up, though.

Finally, Chris Rock's new movie, "Head of State," will open this weekend. This PG-13 comedy stars Rock as a black guy who is asked to be president of the United States.

Much of the film looks like it will play the race card to bank on laughs. Rock proved a few years ago in "Down to Earth" that he has a hard time being funny in PG-13 land.

However, the film's saving grace could be the hilarious Bernie Mac as Rock's brother, whom he asks to be his vice president.

I'm guessing the funniest thing about this movie will be the tie-in with TV's "The Bernie Mac Show."

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LOS ANGELES (AP) — Roman Polanski's surprise Oscar win for directing "The Pianist" has returned Hollywood's attention to a filmmaking career that includes at least two films considered cinematic classics, "Rosemary's Baby" and "Chinatown."

"There is tremendous interest in Roman and what he's doing next," his agent, Jeff Berg, said Tuesday, although Polanski has yet to decide on a new project.

Berg refused to say who has approached him about working with Polanski, but pointed out the filmmaker has never wanted for celebrity colleagues, even in the years since a 1977 sex crime made him flee to France.

Walter Matthau starred in

Polanski's 1986 comedy "Pirates," Harrison Ford in 1988's "Frantic" and Johnny Depp in 1999's "The Ninth Gate."

With a hit on his hands, the 69-year-old Polanski should be able to attract A-list stars more than ever. "Actors are used to traveling," Berg said.

Polanski's victory Sunday night was met with huge applause and a partial standing ovation at the Kodak Theatre.

In a brief statement issued in Paris, Polanski said he was grateful for the recognition by the academy.

"I am deeply moved to be rewarded for the work which relates to the events so close to my own life, the events that led me to comprehend that art can transform pain," he said.

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New Zealand match called

By Jason Lenz/Staff Reporter

The Texas Tech women's soccer team's national team from New Zealand has been cancelled, following the death of 19-year-old freshman defender Allison Horn.

Horn was injured in a car accident in Bedford on Friday evening when another vehicle, driven by 38-year-old Laraine Allred, hit the Ford Explorer in which Horn was riding. Horn was taken to Harris Methodist Hospital where she died Wednesday morning.

The game versus the New Zealand team was initially scheduled for 7 p.m. today at R. P. Fuller Stadium.

Head coach of the women's soccer team, Felix Oskam, said the decision not to play was made by his team.

"I left it up to the players," he said. "There are several players who were very close to her. Since the viewing is (today), I wanted to give them the chance to see her."

Oskam also said the New Zealand coaching staff was understanding of the team's struggles.

"Before this decision was made, I already told them this was a possibility," he said. "He said, 'Whatever you guys decide, we understand.' I called him Wednesday night after the decision was made, and he said he understood 100 percent. He expressed his deepest condolences to the team."

Horn's death has been a blow to the entire Tech athletics department. The department sponsored two vans to drive members of the soccer team and other staff members to the funeral in the Dallas/Fort Worth area.

Oskam said the reaction has been helpful, especially from senior associate athletics director Judi Henry.

"Judi Henry said not to worry about the costs involved; (they) will take care of it," he said.

Tech track ready for outdoor season

By Jason Lenz/Staff Reporter

After completing its indoor schedule, the Texas Tech track and field team is preparing to begin its first home competition this weekend. The Red Raiders are hosting the Texas Tech Invitational on Friday and Saturday at R.P. Fuller Stadium.

Head coach of track and field Wes Kittley said he is glad to see the indoor season in the past, since Tech's forte is outdoor competition.

"I like (outdoors) more than indoors," he said. "So I'm real excited. I feel like our team is a lot more suited for outdoors. That's what I'm real excited about. To get a little tune up this week right before the Texas Relays."

The Texas Relays are a four-day competition from April 2 to April 5 in Austin.

Kittley also said he looks forward

to seeing athletes who have yet to compete.

"Everybody likes to get out in the heat, the sun and the elements, get out on a bigger track, open up and see what you can do," he said. "We have events like the javelin and the discus in which we have good people in who are huge to our program, too. So I get to see those people who didn't get to compete indoors."

The Texas Tech Invitational should provide a good testing ground for the Raiders. No one school has a dominant team, Kittley said, but each school has several talented individuals.

"There really is not one big group, but they all have one or two good ones," he said. "People are going to compete, and we'll have two or three of our own competing against each other."

He also added this particular meet has well in prior years.

"This meet's good to us in the past," Kittley said. "We've always had really remarkable marks."

Tech has a long way to go in its outdoor competition. Kittley said this weekend is important as a start to the season. The Raiders are looking to

start qualifying for the NCAA Regional meet.

"I'm hoping we get a lot of regional qualifying marks out of this," he said. "That's what I'm really looking for here."

This weekend is only the beginning. "We've got two months to accomplish our goals," Kittley said. "This weekend is just the first step."

The beginning of the outdoor season brings several goals, sophomore pole vaulter Jerald Thornhill said.

"Obviously, for anybody, qualifying for nationals is the highest goal," he said. "Making a good showing in conference (play) is another, and everybody should have their own goals for personal records."

Thornhill said the team used the indoor season as a stepping stool.

"We've got some guys who are ready to go high," he said. "We kind of used the indoors as a building season."

For this weekend's competition, Thornhill said he would like to see people get personal records, but more important is everyone learns something.

"Of course, you want everybody to PR (set personal records)," he said. "Being early on, though, you just want to be sure you improve technique."

Junior distance runner Tracie Akerheil said she thinks perception might be what makes outdoor competition easier.

"In the 5K, you only have to run 12 1/2 laps," she said. "Indoor you have to run 25, so it just seems shorter."

Akerheil said she thinks this weekend's meet is more of a warm-up for the upcoming Texas Relays.

"This really just a practice meet to get ready for the Texas Relays the week after next," she said.

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Lady Raiders enter Sweet 16 wanting more



FORWARD PLENETTE PIERSON moves around a defender during Tech's second-round win Tuesday night. The Lady Raiders play New Mexico in the Sweet 16 at 10:30 p.m. Saturday in Albuquerque, N.M.

By David Wiechmann/Sports Editor

The Sweet 16 is familiar territory for the Texas Tech Lady Raiders – almost too familiar. “They’ve been there, done that,” coach Marsha Sharp said of her players. “They want to take it one more step to at least have a chance to play for a shot at the Final Four, and they’re pretty passionate about getting it done.”

The Lady Raiders (28-5) have reached the Sweet 16 eight previous times, and this is Tech’s fifth in a row. Sharp said her players are tired of just advancing to the Sweet 16 and are ready for the Elite Eight because it is uncharted land for all players but seniors Plenette Pierson and Jamie Nagle.

Jia Perkins said she is ready to take it to the New Mexico Lobos (24-8) on Saturday night for her first taste of Elite Eight action.

“We played all these games to get to where we are now,” she said. “We’re not satisfied with just the Sweet 16; we want to keep going.”

Perkins said that desire to keep moving through the bracket comes from the Lady Raiders’ motto this season, “One Team. One Goal. One Mission.”

New Mexico stands next in line to achieving that mission, but Jolee Ayers said it will not be an easy task, although the Lobos upset Mississippi State to get to the Sweet 16.

“There’s no game you can be relaxed for at this point,” she said. “We’re down to the final 16 teams, and there really is no game you give a sigh of relief if somebody upsets someone else because you’re at the point where every team is good.”

Another factor that could add to the difficulty of the task at hand is the Midwest Regional takes place in Albuquerque, N.M., home of the Lobos.

The Lobos have recently built a program from the depths of women’s basketball to be a well-respected team, and have drawn fans in by the thousands. New Mexico emerged as one of the toughest places to play basketball, not only for the men but for the women as well this season as Lobo fans packed The Pit to rank fourth in the nation in women’s attendance this season.

The Lady Raiders know they will be stepping into hostile territory Saturday, but that is not going to cause them any lost sleep.

“We definitely need a great mentality against New Mexico,” Ayers said. “They have great fans; there’s going to be 16,000 people there, and it’s going to get pretty rowdy.”

Ayers said it’s a big change of pace from the first two rounds played on Tech’s home court.

“It’s a huge advantage for us to play at

home,” she said. “Now things are turned around on us, though.”

As far as strategy is concerned, Sharp said her team needs to play a strong 40 minutes with no let-downs.

“We have to be consistent on offense,” she said. “Our chances (to score) were better (Tuesday), but we can’t waste a trip.”

The trip to Albuquerque moves Tech into another time zone, and the game will take place at 9:30 p.m. MST, a predicament Sharp is not fond of. She said she believed the NCAA’s new contract with ESPN was going to alleviate such problems.

“I wish it wasn’t happening,” she said. “I’m disappointed that in women’s basketball, we’re still dealing with that. It’s a negative; I thought the new ESPN contract was going to help us with that. It is frustrating to be playing the biggest games we have at strange times for television.”

Sharp said the tight games Tech played in the first two rounds have prepared her team well for the tighter competition of the Sweet 16 and added to its confidence.

“Any time you play tight games and you advance, it’s helped you,” she said. “Because I think every time you do it, you get better at it. ... The next time we have to do that, we’ll be more comfortable doing that.”

Baseball not intimidated by defending national champ Texas

By Jason Lenz/Staff Reporter

Coming off a 2-1 series victory against the Texas A&M Aggies last weekend, the No. 20 ranked Texas Tech baseball team (19-9, 3-3 Big 12 play) travels to Austin today to battle the defending national champions, the No. 11 Texas Longhorns (19-10, 4-2).

Red Raiders head coach Larry Hays said he hopes his team is approaching this series with the same fervor as usual.

“I hope we approach it like what it is every week,” he said. “This is a tough Big 12 series.”

Sophomore rightfielder Madison Edwards said the team has to stay focused. “We’ve just got to try to go down there with the same approach we’ve had all the time,” he said. “Just stay relaxed and handle the game.”

The Raiders are going to have to pitch well against Texas, Hays said. Pitching has been sporadic for Tech all season.

“Momentum in baseball, I’ve found, means pitching well,” he said. “We’ve had some good things happen. I’d like to see us come out and pitch well early.”

This series is the third in Big 12 Conference play for the Raiders. Hays said the team needs to dig in and prepare for a long season.

“I just think we have to count on the games, play well and be consistent because it’s a long season,” he said. “There are going to be a lot of losses in this league, and teams that hang in there are the ones that are more consistent. We’ve learned that from experience.”

Junior starting pitcher Steve Gooch said the pitching staff’s performance has been crucial all season. “Pitching is key every weekend,”

he said. “Pitching and defense is what Tech strives to be top quality in, and offense just kind of goes along with it. That’s huge against these guys, especially when you go to play them on their home field. They’re going to try to put up a lot of runs with their home crowd there. It’s going to be our job to go out there and shut that down.”

Given UT’s status as the defending national champ, Edwards said many teams are gunning for them. “Everybody’s going to want to beat the national champions,” he said. “They’re ranked pretty high right now, so I’m sure beating them will help us out in the standings.”

As is the case when any Tech team plays an intrastate school like A&M

or Texas, Edwards said there is a different atmosphere in this series.

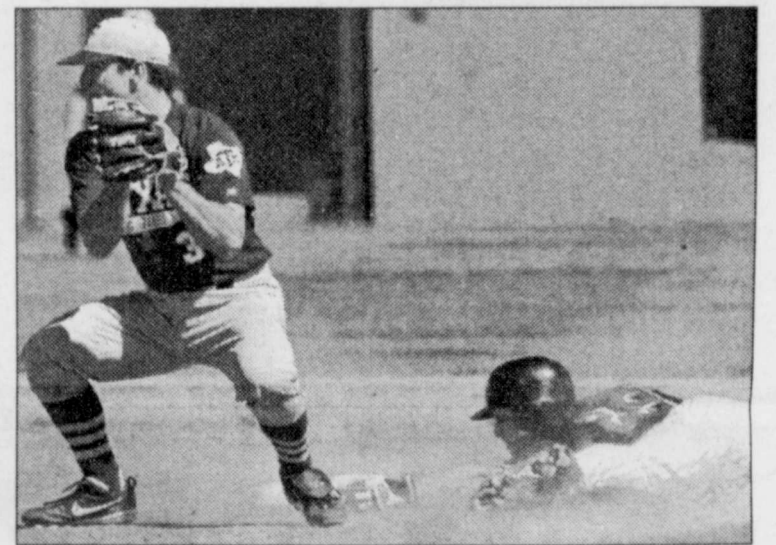
“I like to play the Texas schools because there is more to it,” he said. “We can’t get caught up in the rivalry so much that it pulls us away from the game, but it’s still a pretty big rivalry. They’re going to be ready for us, and we’re going to be ready for them.”

Gooch said he does not think the Longhorns’ place as national champions means much, though.

“Just because they won a national championship doesn’t mean anything because they’re struggling just like everybody else, and so you go out and just try to play your best,” he said.

One of the big selling points for playing at Tech is the chance to play in such big rivalry games, Gooch said.

“It’s fun to play these guys,” he said. “They don’t like us, and we don’t like them, but there’s a mutual respect that you have for each other as ballplayers. So we’ll just see what happens, and it’ll be exciting.”



MADISON EDWARDS SLIDES safely into second base during the Red Raiders’ win over the Texas A&M Aggies on Sunday at Dan Law Field. Tech travels to Austin this weekend to face No. 11 Texas. The Longhorns are the defending national champions, and Tech ranks in at No. 20.

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