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Tech bridges gap in distance learning

By Gary Black
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A joint effort by the Colleges of Education at Texas Tech and West Texas A&M University has led to a proposed collaborative doctoral program via teleconferencing.

Students may attend WTAMU but receive their degrees from Tech, according to the proposal.

Administrators from both universities discussed the future of the program in a teleconference Monday in the education/administration building.

"This is a cooperative doctoral program," said Joseph Claudet, Tech educational leadership program co-

ordinator. "In this kind of program, there are two entities involved — the degree-awarding institution and the receiving institution. The degree itself will be offered directly through Texas Tech University."

Courses offered by teleconferencing will begin one at a time in January 1996, Claudet said.

"Students should be able to expect one course in the beginning, and we will add a few each semester," he said.

An alternative format of night and weekend classes will be offered, said James Smith, WTAMU educational administration program coordinator.

The alternative format is used to fit the needs of people who are on a 12-month contract with a school, Claudet said.

"We already offer our advanced doctoral core courses as the weekend format," he said. "During the summer, we might use a twice-a-week format or all day on Saturday."

The collaborative doctoral program consists of 125 hours of course work, Claudet said.

"As a potential student goes through the program, we envision a student going through three years of the program and one year of dissertation," he said.

Joint committees from both schools will direct the program, with three out of five committee members being Tech education leaders, Claudet said.

Interest in the program has been good, Smith said.

"We looked to have about 15 to 20 participants," he said. "As of today, we have had about 75 inquiries. We want a good mix of participants, not all of them being superintendents or teachers. We are excited about starting the interviewing process. We are trying to meet the needs of a broad geographic area. It is an opportunity to use electronics wisely."

Both schools want to build on good past relations with the surrounding area, said William Sparkman, Tech College of Education associate dean.

"We are interested in the diversity of the program," Sparkman said. "It is important that students take advantage of a wide range of information available from both institutions."

The only limitation involved with the program is time, Sparkman said.

"I am sure as we develop more technology, we will probably branch out," he said. "The College of Engineering has a very successful master's program with video tapes."

This area of Texas has a need for a program like this, Smith said.

"The need is in the area for small schools that cannot afford the doctoral program on their own," he said. "Texas Tech University was the most interested in working with us."

The program began because Tech offers classes in institutions near Amarillo, Sparkman said.

Many different people have worked for this for a long time, said Brian Lotven, WTAMU dean of education.

"The quality of administration has to be excellent," Lotven said. "We are providing the means for this to occur."

Reese case to be heard

By Shannon Murphy
The University Daily

Reese and city officials will have another opportunity to make their case to the Base Realignment and Closure Commission at a regional hearing in Dallas April 19.

The speakers for Reese include: U.S. Rep. Larry Combest, R-Lubbock, a Reese official, Mayor David Langston and City Manager Bob Cass. The Lubbock Chamber of Commerce also will be included in the city delegation.

The hearing is scheduled to last all day, and supporters from 14 bases in three states will be appearing before the BRAC Commission.

"We plan on giving the same kind of pitch that we gave the commission Wednesday before the visiting commissioners," said City Councilman Randy Neugebauer.

"Some new information could be included in the presentation if it is supplied by the Air Force," Neugebauer said.

This new information could include some discrepancies and inaccuracies that have been outlined by Lubbock's military consultant Christopher Lehman, said Reese Wing commander Col. Roger A. Brady.

Brady told the visiting commissioners that the Air Force is analyzing the discrepancies and inaccuracies.

The city was told by BRAC officials that they will have 35 to 40 minutes to make their presentation to the commission, Neugebauer said.

"Of course that time frame is subject to change, but that is what we are looking at right now," he said. "We will give our presentation to the full commission this time, and we will be on a tighter time schedule."

Three members of the BRAC Commission toured Reese and Lubbock Wednesday to make evaluations.

They seemed satisfied with the public support from Lubbock residents, Neugebauer said.

Residents hung yellow ribbons on their car antennas, waved American flags, displayed signs and lined the streets during the BRAC tour in support for Reese Air Force Base.

"We are very pleased with the way that residents showed their support and the community really came together," he said. "We think that the commission members were pleased as well, and we think we did a good job in making their decision tougher."

Historically, the Secretary of Defense has been supported by the closure commission, said Benjamin Montoya, BRAC commission member.

"In past closure rounds, about 15 percent of installations recommended for closure by the Pentagon were spared by the independent commission," Montoya said.

When the visit was over, the three commission members that will determine Reese's fate agreed that their task will be harder than they initially believed.

"We are definitely touched by the outpour of support for Reese, and it really makes our job tougher," he said. "Visits like these always make it hard on us."



Mudball: Medical students play mud football as part of spring training for new students to the medical school. Sam W. Magee: *The University Daily*

Smoking banned in NY

NEW YORK (AP) — Monday was a chilly but glorious spring day in New York City, and Peggy Gache was whiling away the morning at Billy's Restaurant, enjoying coffee and a bagel.

Only one thing was missing: her cigarettes.

Gache wasn't taking it well on the first day smoking was banned in most of the city's restaurants. From East Side steakhouses like Billy's to the seafood restaurants of City Island, nonsmokers were rejoicing and smokers were fuming.

"This is nonsense," Gache said. "I'm going to stay home and order Chinese takeout."

"I'm quite pleased, but I have a lot of angry friends," said Elisabeth Ford of Manhattan, after lunching at the Art Cafe Restaurant.

The New York Restaurant Association said about 11,000 of New York City's 15,000 restaurants will be affected by the law, an extension of a 1988 ordinance that required restaurants to set aside 50 percent of their seating for nonsmokers.

From now on, smoking will be permitted in no more than 15 percent of a restaurant's seating, and those seats must be in the bar area. And the bar area must be at least 6 feet from the dining room or separated from diners by a floor-to-ceiling partition.

Restaurants with 35 or fewer seats will be exempt, as will stand-alone bars.

Smokers will also find tighter restrictions at other places, from movie theaters to office buildings. At Yankee Stadium, for example, smoking will be prohibited in all 57,500 seats, except for luxury boxes and bars.

City officials said the law reflects the will of the people. They dismissed restaurant owners' fears of losing customers.

Joan Borkowski, the owner of Billy's, built a separate dining room for smokers after the 1988 law went into effect, and she said the arrangement was perfect. But those seats aren't in the bar area, so it's a non-smoking area under the new law. On Sunday, Borkowski had 60 seats for smokers; on Monday she had 20.

"I can't afford to lose one customer, but I'm sure I will over this," she said.

Margaret Hamburg, the city's health commissioner, said concerns over lost business have proved unfounded in cities with similar laws. She said the law would be enforced by routine inspections by her department, and the city expects nonsmokers to report violations.

Restaurants, rather than smokers who violate the law, will be subject to fines ranging from \$200 to \$1,000.

Student Senate to discuss vetoed bill

The Student Senate will meet in a special session at 9:15 p.m. today to consider Student Association President Zach Brady's veto of the organizations' Funding Bill.

Brady vetoed the bill at about 2 p.m. Monday because the Gay Lesbian Bisexual Student group was denied funding.

Senators will decide if they want to override Brady's veto during the special session, SA Internal Vice President Curt Bourne said.

The senate needs a two-thirds vote of members present at the

meeting to defeat the veto.

Bourne said the vote would be interesting, and that he did not know which way the senators would vote.

Steve Brooks, president of the GLBS, said he thinks the senate will defeat the veto.

"The senate and the administration is on a witch-hunt, and they have a narrow view," Brooks said.

Brooks said the GLBS has a lawyer, but it will not initiate legal action against Tech unless every GLBS member approves.

Roses aren't only gifts country singer Norwood receives

By Amy Osmulski
The University Daily

Roses do not adorn the stage after country music singer Daron Norwood is done — dog biscuits do.

"When Daron would sing 'Bad Dog, No Biscuit,' the fans would throw doggie biscuits onto the stage," said Lisa McGettrick, Norwood's publicist. "Some would even throw

little stuffed animals, and we took them to the children's hospital."

Instead of wasting the food, Norwood teamed up with The Humane Society of the United States to donate the food to animals in need.

"We started asking people to bring packaged pet food to donate to the Humane Society," McGettrick said.

Lubbock residents will have the chance to participate in the pet

food drive and hear one of country music's hottest new performers when Norwood takes the stage at 10:30 p.m. Thursday at the Lonesome Dove.

Collection bins will be provided at the show for canned/package pet food donations, which will be distributed to a selected local animal shelter.

Originally from Tahoka, Norwood has never forgotten his family or where he came from,

which is apparent in "When Mama Cried" and "My Girl Friday."

"I've always promised my mom that I'd write something about her," he said. "One night we were tired and it was late, but we decided to try for one more song anyway."

Norwood mentioned the idea of a song about his mother and, together with songwriter Wayne Perry, wrote it. The next night's audience was the first to hear the

collaboration, and gave a standing ovation.

"My Girl Friday" was written for Norwood's daughter.

"It's hard to be away from your child," he said. "This song really reflects the emotions involved."

Norwood, who said he has always been encouraged by his family to take music seriously, said the past year has been like stepping into his dreams.

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Social Security reform step in right direction

The White House is developing a plan to transfer the work of applying for Social Security to private businesses and staggering the mailing of retirement and disability checks throughout the month, The Dallas Morning News reported Monday.

The Social Security Administration is considering letting companies with a high number of employees file retiring workers' claims for benefits directly with the administration via computer, The Associated Press reported.

Kudos to the Social Security agency for applying these changes and saving up to \$1 billion over a five year period.

The changes may help the administration monitor Social Security easier; hopefully, it will cut out much of the fraud the program is now experiences.

And, if these changes are implemented, the Social Security program may get back on the right track.

For years, the government has been trying to cut funds from the program.

Through these recent changes, however, the program is realigned to save money without cutting funds.

The second change proposed is staggering the distribution of checks. Currently, Social Security checks are mailed out on the third of the month to 49 million Americans. The agency, in turn, receives more than 2 million calls during the first week of the month.

Social Security officials also want to require recipients who have bank accounts to have their checks automatically deposited instead of mailed.

The Social Security Administration is on a roll now. They finally are fed up with the way the system was being run and have started to do something about it. Even though it should have been done years ago.

Warren Fretwell, executive vice president of an American Federation of Government Employees, said the agency is overlooking the real picture.

"This might be looked at as a smoke screen, when the real problem is how do you protect the financial integrity of the trust funds," he said in The Dallas Morning News.

The whole purpose for these changes is to provide cut-backs on the workload for the Social Security Administration — there is nothing wrong with that.

Social Security officials are not claiming victory in restoring the Social Security program, but at least they are headed in the right direction.

The seven-member editorial board voted on the first issue: 5-1-1, 6-0-1 on the second issue.



Letters to the Editor

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GLBS not political, deserves SA funding

To the editor:
 I was surprised a few weeks ago when I was reading The UD and saw the Student Association's allocation list for next year. It showed that GLBS had been allocated \$100. I thought to myself things have changed since only three short years ago when funding for the GLBS was struck down almost immediately by one senator who went after them like he had a personal vendetta.

Moving on, as I read in the March 29 issue of The UD, the editorial board's editorial stated that "GLBS meets the criteria for political organization." They backed up the editorial with events from last year. The infamous Lawless/Gerwig letter, the letter-writing campaign, and the sit-in. I personally have never heard or even seen the letter until I read about it in The UD. Then, The UD seemed to jump on it and claim it as the issue du jour and milk it for all it was worth. Now the editorial board turns around and takes a different stand on the issue. I know the editorial board has changed since last year and some of the members have different opinions. It seems to me that the student newspaper seems to flip flop on many issues, this just being

one of them.
 Another thing that bothered me about this issue was the fact that one senator seemed to go after the GLBS funding issue. I am referring to Senator Ken Trimble. Trimble was the first to point out that GLBS was considered a political organization and on that grounds should not receive funding. The UD reported, and please correct me if I am wrong, that Trimble was going around to the different senators to convince them to vote against the SA president's passing of the bill, if it included GLBS funding. Is this an act of bigotry? Other similar situations have been considered to be.

In closing, I wrote this not to slam The UD, the editorial board, or anybody else. I am just saying that GLBS should be funded the \$100 allocated to them to begin with.
 As I see it, we all pay fees to this university, and we all should be getting something back. If GLBS does not get funded, it would not be surprising. I've been here for four years and in those four years GLBS has yet to be funded without some big fiasco.

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Tech students should be proud of teams

To the editor:
 As the academic and sports year winds down at Tech, I find myself disappointed. Am I disappointed in our Red Raider teams? Emphatically No! What am I disappointed by? Your attitude letter writer (March 30), you and your friends in the "gloom and doom" society that tries to surround Texas Tech athletics.

Let's go to school, letter writer. Texas Tech football: SWC co-champions, Cotton Bowl representatives; Texas Tech men's basketball: SWC co-champions, two first-team all-conference selections, national slam dunk champion; Texas Tech women's basketball: SWC champions, SWC tourney champions, NCAA Elite Eight; Texas Tech baseball: currently ranked ninth in the nation. Those are only the big four. We are blessed with other outstanding teams who we never seem to hear about even in The UD.

Since you chose to talk basket-

ball, letter writer, then let's talk basketball. You say "Coach Dickey has done a remarkable job..." but then you use our paper to pick apart the skills of a fourth-year head coach who is a two-time District Nine coach of the year. We all are entitled to our opinions, I have plenty, but there is a time and place for all things. If you choose to believe we lost one game because we went to a zone defense, that's your opinion. However, the fact is that zone defense beat those Longhorn pukes here in our barn. The other fact is that on the decisive shot in the tourney, our defender was pushed into a courtside seat by one of the Running Uteruses (refer to the logo on UT uniforms to explain that name). The point is, second guess strategy in private.

Red Raider men and women put on those uniforms and "walk that aisle" for themselves, for you and me, and for this institution. When they win, we win. When they lose,

we lose. We are all Red Raiders in one way or another and it's time for the nay-sayers to stand aside. Tech is already the championship university of the SWC, as we get ready to move to the next level, the Big 12, we need to become championship fans. For those of you who will be back in the fall, get ready for one giant party at the games and don't forget to reserve your all-sports

ticket package during registration.
 Fellow Red Raiders, this is our school and this is the time in our lives we can let it all out to get the recognition, the respect, and the championships we deserve.

Our teams were champions with little support. Think about what we can achieve with total student support.

Ben McCormick

Student misunderstands SAW purpose

To the editor:
 This letter is referring to the two articles written by a letter writer who is ever so ignorant and a vocal representative of narrow mindedness. I am the president of the Students for Animal Welfare and as I read the letter on March 25 and 30 about our organization, I couldn't help but laugh at the twisted perception of what our organization is about. I would first like to clarify that the pamphlets are for general information from a variety of sources, not just PETA. These don't necessarily reflect the group's views or ideas, they simply provide information. As with many ethical issues, the organization has a variety of personal and political views. So to say that we agree wholeheartedly with every single point in these pamphlets would be jeopardizing the views of each individual in the organization. We want to emphasize the diversity of opinions and that certain beliefs are completely up to the individual member. If you have genuine concern for the welfare of animals, then you have every right to join the organization without being pushed into agreeing with every point in these pamphlets.

People are so quick to judge the Students for Animal Welfare that they don't even take the time to find out what the organization's goals and objectives are. I would suggest that the next time you see a table sponsored by the Students for Animal Welfare that you take time out to come up and ask us what we do and what we think of different issues. When I held the first meeting in October, there was a variety of people that had a variety of opinions. As I listened to each person, I realized that there were ideas that had a deeper meaning and there were so many important issues that I was not aware of, that I quickly became enlightened every time I held a meeting.

The letter writer has a distorted view of what Animal Rights/Welfare is. It's people like you that cook up nonsensical crap like hitting a rabbit and claiming yourself a murderer. If you would have talked to us yourself, you would have real-

ized that we are not a radical, militant organization concerned with only the rights of clams or whatever. Our organization promotes awareness of general animal welfare by setting up tables in the UC and volunteering at the animal shelter where we walk and feed the animals. People like you are the ones who need educating, letter writer, and people like you make it harder for people like us to get funding and support to help these animals.

The letter writer also referred to the GLBS and their lack of funding by the Student Senate. Letter writer, have you ever been outside West Texas? If you were to go to Washington, D.C., California, Illinois, New York, and all those places you've heard about, but never been to, you would have a recurrence of your "stomach-crushing" pain twofold. There are movements going on in the '90s like animal rights, gay/lesbian rights, and civil rights (did you know that African-Americans and women can vote now). Crazy, but true. There are valid movements that deserve a great amount of respect and merit. You may not agree with these movements, but they have every right to be heard.

I would also like to address the Budget and Finance Committee of the Student Senate. The Student Senate needs to be consistent with the way they classify "political" because there are many organizations that may influence either directly or indirectly the government or legislation and they are still receiving funding. Our organization is deemed "political" because we have one speaker that could be referred to as "political," therefore we received absolutely nothing. The GLBS as well as Amnesty International did not receive funding based on this vague concept of being "political," this is unfair not only to the organizations that did not receive funding, but also to the student body. I may not agree with some of the organizations that are being funded or necessarily want my money going to them, but if it represents a variety of views and adds diversity to the campus, then I'll gladly support it.

Joy Wiggins

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Fair explores environmental law

By Donald Gillilan
The University Daily

The expanding field of environmental law will be the focus of the 1995 Environmental Law Job Fair to be conducted from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday in the courtroom of the Texas Tech School of Law.

"Environmental Law is a growing field," said Alan Bojorquez, law students and job fair coordinator.

"I think this job fair is good for students who are studying environmental law or students who are interested in attending law school."

Frank Skillern, Tech law professor, said the fair is an opportunity for law students looking for jobs.

"The fair will provide students with information about jobs and

how to get them," Skillern said.

The practice of environmental law has grown extensively, he said.

"In today's world when jobs are harder to get, the environmental job areas have always grown," Skillern said.

"There is always a need for lawyers and the environment will always be here."

The job fair is open to all Tech students, faculty and staff, and admission is free.

The job fair features guest speakers who are working as environmental lawyers.

Speakers include:

- Jane Whitten from the Adams and Reese Law Firm, New Orleans
- John Ross from the city

attorney's office, city of Lubbock

- Jim Bateman from the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, Austin
- Catherine Douglass from the Texas Office of the Attorney General, Austin
- James Turner from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Dallas

Presentations will begin at 2 p.m. and each speaker will provide a 20-minute presentation, followed by a 10-minute question-and-answer session.

The following issues will be addressed:

- job duties
- perceptions of the job market for environmental attorneys

- opportunities for law students and environmental attorneys with speakers' firms and places of employment
- suggested preparations for practice in the field

"The job fair will be educational," Bojorquez said.

"There will also be a lot of interaction between students and professionals, and some will be able to make contacts."

He also said the job fair will have a mixture of environmental law attorneys so students can see the different aspects of the occupation.

The job fair is being sponsored by the Tech Environmental Law Society and the Texas Bar Association.

RADD program helps put stop to drunk driving

By Angela Murray
The University Daily

Six Texas Tech students will try to make a difference in the number of alcohol-related accidents involving Tech students with the creation of Raiders Against Drunk Driving.

The primary purpose of RADD is to educate college students about accidents involving alcohol and reduce the number of alcohol-related accidents that affect Tech students, said David Fullerton, RADD founder and president.

RADD members plan to work with the Texas Department of Public Safety and bring speakers to campus who will discuss the effect drinking has on driving, he said.

RADD members have already collected a list of bars and clubs in Lubbock that will give free non-alcoholic drinks to designated drivers, said M'Lys Lloyd, RADD member and a junior agriculture communications major from Synder.

"RADD hopes that this list will offer designated drivers an alternative to drinking when they go out with their friends," Lloyd said.

Lloyd became involved with RADD for personal reasons, she said.

"I have seen what alcohol has done to some of my friends," Lloyd said. "I do not want anyone to go through what several of my friends have gone through."

Fullerton, a freshman history major from Burkburnet, decided to create the organization after he discovered that Tech did not have a Students Against Drunk Driving group.

"I went into depression about three months ago because my doctor told me that I would never be able to play sports again after an alcohol-related accident," he said. "I went to the counseling center at Tech, and the counselor suggested I become involved in SADD."

Fullerton founded RADD but patterned the organization after SADD.

"We hope to pattern our organization after SADD, but we hope to add a new flair to it," he said.

Kent Durham, a freshman undecided major from Bells, said he wants to cure the problem of drunk driving, especially on the Tech campus.

"A lot of people drink and drive," Durham said. "If we can just get these people to think about what they are doing and the effects they might have on themselves and others, then we have accomplished something."

RADD meets the first and third Monday of every month in Holden Hall room 109. Meetings are open to anyone who wishes to attend.

RADD members said they know they cannot tell people not to drink, but they may be able to save some people from pain and suffering, Fullerton said.

Sex clubs, bathhouses create controversy

NEW YORK (AP) — A decade after many of New York City's gay bathhouses and sex clubs were shut down to prevent AIDS, they're back, along with fierce arguments among gay men over what to do about them.

Some activists say the government should monitor sexual activity in such clubs because the survival of a new generation of gay men is at stake. They want to forbid all oral and anal sex, whether or not condoms are used.

Opponents of a crackdown say there's nothing wrong with men having sex in bars and clubs as long as they're using condoms. They say men are just as likely to have unsafe sex with a lover in a bedroom as with a stranger in a back room.

In the mid-1980s, New York, San Francisco and other cities closed bathhouses and other clubs where oral and anal intercourse without condoms had been common long before AIDS.

The action followed a bruising debate pitting club supporters, including many gay political leaders, against other prominent gay men, such as "And the Band Played On" author Randy Shilts. He felt the

clubs had to be closed to slow the AIDS epidemic.

While the city doesn't have an official count, activists estimate there are 30 to 50 clubs in New York where sex is occurring.

Many are a new type of club that emerged at the end of the 1980s, "essentially mutual masturbation or group masturbation places," said Jim Eigo, a writer and AIDS activist who was one of 400 people at a community forum held to debate the issue last month.

"There's very little anal sex, and all the anal sex that I see in these clubs is protected," he said.

The debate flared in February, when the West Side Club opened in New York. It's a 1970s-style bathhouse with private cubicles where patrons' sexual practices can't be monitored.

Gabriel Rotello, former editor of the now-defunct gay magazine Outweek, wrote in New York Newsday that during a visit to another sex club, Zone DK, he had witnessed "a murder-suicide" — two men having unprotected sex.

Rotello and others are campaigning to force the clubs to comply with

the state health code, which prohibits oral, anal or vaginal sex in commercial establishments.

Neither Paul Galluccio, who owns the West Side Club, nor Michael Fesco, promoter of Zone DK, returned repeated calls.

"As long as the law remains unchanged, to enforce it is to campaign against public sex, not unsafe sex," said Michael Warner, who wrote a Village Voice story called "Why Gay Men Are Having Risky Sex."

"We do not believe that the government has a role in telling adults what they can do sexually," said Marc Elovitz, an attorney at the American Civil Liberties Union's national AIDS project. "To invite the government to do so is to bring the repressive forces of the state on us."

The city said it has been enforcing the health code and has more than 30 sex-club inspectors. The city's position was called into question by a Jan. 23 Daily News editorial quoting Health Department spokesman Steve Matthews as saying the city was treading lightly in cracking down on the clubs for fear of appearing homophobic. Shortly

after the editorial appeared, Mayor Rudolph Giuliani fired Matthews.

Margaret Hamburg, the city's health commissioner, denied that a fear of appearing homophobic had slowed the city's response. But Hamburg said the city must proceed cautiously to make sure that any club closings stand up to court challenges.

Whether because of the city's efforts or the activists' it seems that at least in the short term, sex clubs are changing their practices.

Daily News columnist Amy Pagnozzi donned a fake mustache to accompany two men to Zone DK and found it had "cleaned up its act, for the time being." She reported that activity she witnessed "never got hotter than a high school hooky party."

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Tech rides wave of educational future

By Linda Carriger

The University Daily

Distance learning — using educational media from another town or region of the state or nation to fulfill degree or work requirements — is the wave of the future, but it may not overtake more traditional methods of learning.

"It will simply supplement some of the things we have done; there will still be plenty of traditional means," said Tom Langford, Tech graduate school associate dean.

The media used in distance learning includes teleconferencing, which consists of video and audio, though the two do not interconnect, broadcast video, interactive teleconferencing — where the action is viewed a micro-second after it happens and students can immediately ask questions and respond to professors on different campuses — and

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print.

Distance learning will be as valued by employers as traditional learning, Langford said.

"Anything that is too easy to get will not be as highly valued, but at the same time, but there is a reason to make education as easy to access as technology will permit," Langford said.

That reason is demand, said Michael Mezack, Tech director of continuing education.

The public is demanding that

they have equal access to state-funded schools, Mezack said.

"Because I'm in podunk and located somewhere they're not, they should still provide those services," he said.

Tech is answering public demand by offering distance learning in education, business, nursing and engineering. Tech offers several other undergraduate courses and continuing education courses, but in the future, it hopes to concentrate in those fields, Mezack said.

The courses, however, are supplementary. Degrees are not offered, he said.

Langford said he does not believe that degrees will be the accumulation of distance learning.

"I don't foresee us offering all of anybody's education through teleconferencing," he said. "It's more likely that an educational course

here and there will be enhanced by teleconferencing."

John Henson, KTXT-TV associate director of telecommunications, said distance learning is a good tool for students seeking associate's degrees.

"A person can get an associate's degree totally by television, and they will have access to their professor, not necessarily at the time they are teaching classes, but they will have access," Henson said.

Distance learning also may prove cost-effective, he said.

"If you didn't have to move to Lubbock and you didn't have to find housing and pay utilities, then you have to answer the question: Which one is cheaper?" Henson said. "In the long run, does it cost them more to stay home and take the course or go to the campus and take the course?"

ASME receives awards, assists Tech department

By Jamie McDonald

The University Daily

The America Society of Mechanical Engineers won a majority of awards given during The Great International Region X of ASME competition for the second year in a row.

ASME participates in these competitions each year, among other activities, said Jahan Rasty, associate professor of mechanical engineering.

"It is a competition among mechanical engineering departments out of 25 schools from Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana and Mexico," Rasty said. "We take our students to compete in oral, technical presentation, design, poster and overall chapter competitions. The chapter competition measures the activity of each chapter as far as speakers, fund-raisers and field trips that the chapter participated in."

The competition was conducted March 23 through March 26 in Mexico City, and students from the Tech chapter won four of six awards given, Rasty said.

ASME is meant to bring together mechanical engineering students at each school, Rasty said.

"ASME is a forum of discussion," he said. "It is a place to exchange ideas and knowledge."

ASME is a professional organization that represents the department of mechanical engineering in the community, said ASME chairman Khurram Salim, a mechanical engineering major from Lubbock.

"It keeps students current on technical matters through field trips and speakers," Salim said.

"We have services in employment placement, and we conduct tours of our department for interested high school students. We provide support to engineering students and give them an insight on practical engineering matters."

Any mechanical engineering student can become an ASME member by filling out an application and paying an annual fee of \$20, Rasty said.

"Basically, it is a fee for a subscription to a monthly mechanical engineering magazine," he said. "They also receive benefits from ASME's health insurance and student loans. Members can go on field trips and conference trips at a reduced cost."

The organization focused on membership and service during the last year, Salim said.

"We promote activities and encouragement of involvement in the field of mechanical engineering at Texas Tech University," he said.

Members benefit from the speakers that attend ASME events, said Scott Nolen, a junior mechanical engineering major from Amarillo.

"It is interesting to hear about the experiences they've gone through," Nolen said. "The overall purpose of the organization is to help engineers to communicate with one another to improve standards."

The group benefits the department of mechanical engineering as well, he said.

"It brings national and international recognition to the college," Nolen said. "It shows other schools we are active in mechanical engineering."

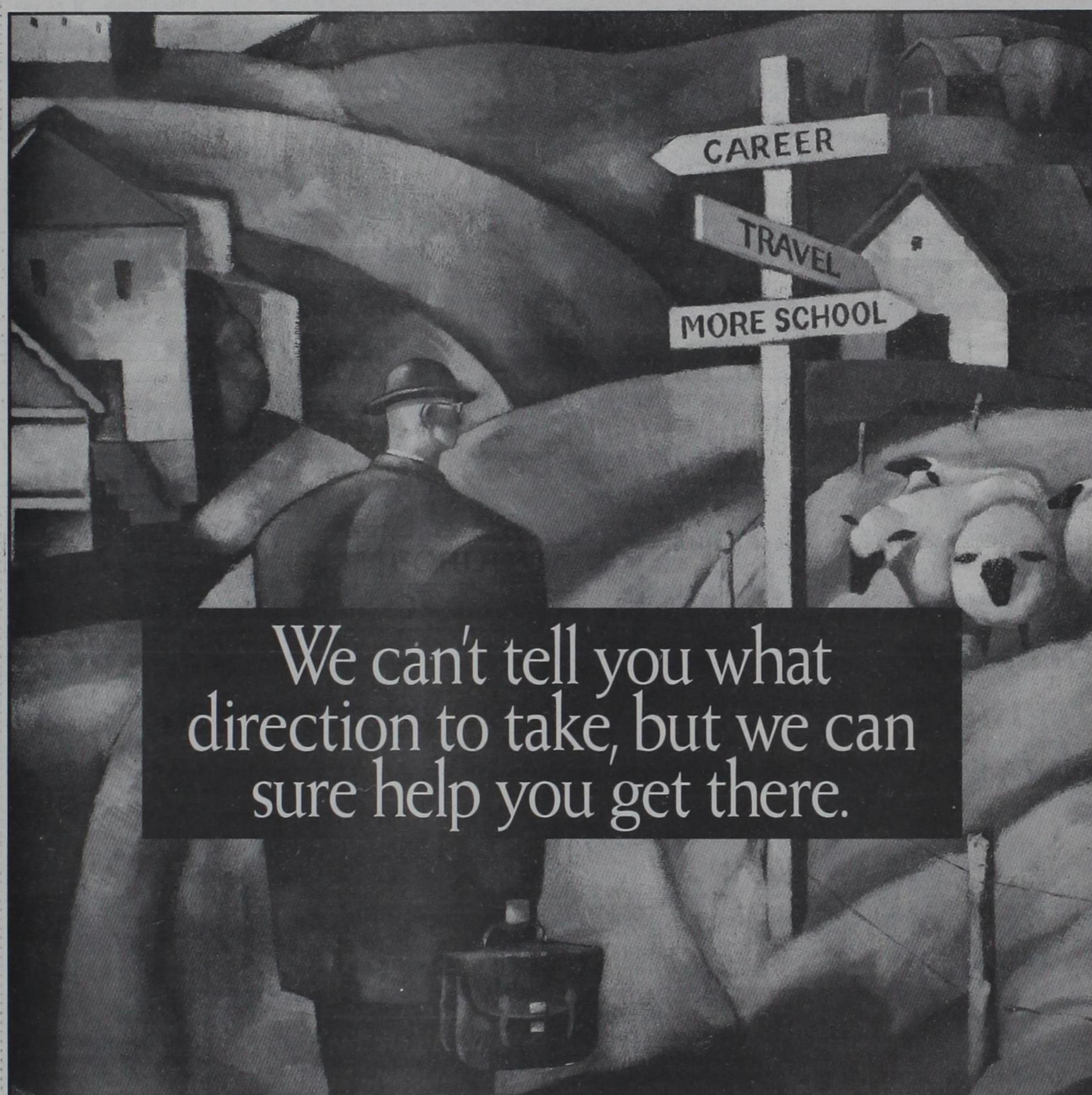
Body found near river identified as missing Dallas man, cause of death unknown

PALESTINE (AP) — A body found in the Trinity River just north of Palestine has been identified as

William Eugene Summey, who had not been seen for more than three months. According to police,

Summey, 56, was last seen by his wife about 11:30 a.m. Dec. 28, when he walked out of his Dallas home to

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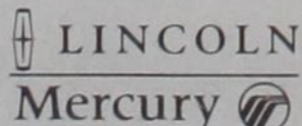
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Computer chip bandits raid Dallas company for hardware

RICHARDSON (AP) — The masked bandits took Ronny Quynn by surprise one night as he smoked a cigarette out back of the office building.

Shoving a gun in his face and taping his eyes shut, they rifled through his pockets for his electronic security badge and demanded he lead them to the goods.

It was neither diamonds nor artwork nor cold green cash the robbers were after, but something even hotter — computer chips, worth more than their weight in gold.

The Cyrix Corp. in the Dallas suburb of Richardson lost \$359,000 worth of chips in the December raid.

Six or eight men and two women hogtied Quynn and three other lab technicians and carried away stacks of lightweight, shoe-box size cartons filled with powerful 486DX2 microprocessor chips — the brains of computers.

Cyrix is one of the latest victims of a new breed of criminals — mostly Asian youth gangs linked to organized crime that rob companies at gunpoint.

Unlike the sophisticated high-tech crimes of espionage, computer hacking or software piracy dogging the industry, computer chip heists are done by street level thugs.

"They rob the place like they rob a 7-11," said FBI spokesman Rick Smith in San Francisco. "It looks sexier, but it's no different than any other robbery."

The crime wave started in the late 1980s in California's Silicon Valley and has spread to Texas, Oregon,

Florida and other computer industry states. Even Great Britain and Scotland have seen similar robberies.

In Silicon Valley alone, \$40 million in chips were stolen in 1993, the latest year for which figures were available.

National and international totals do not exist, law enforcement officials say.

With microprocessors fetching between \$100 and \$550 each, the chips are a lucrative cash crop.

"This technology is easy to hide, it's small, very powerful and very expensive and there are a lot of things you can do with it for competitive advantages," said David Callisch.

Callisch is a spokesman for a StrataCom Corp., a San Jose computer telecommunications company that was broken into in February.

For years, computer companies have had trouble with employees leaving the office with briefcases and pockets full of chips.

But now the problem is more serious and more dangerous.

Robbers usually have a scout at the company who will leak the building layout and security measures.

Sometimes, an accomplice will apply for a job and take a tour of the building, then never show up again.

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Old Chevrolet provides new rides for elderly

MOUNT VERNON, Mo. (AP) — The Chevrolet Impala is faded and worn, but elderly and handicapped residents who can ride anywhere in this small Ozarks town for just a quarter say it rides like a Cadillac.

The city has operated the special transportation service for about a decade, using two former police cars to take folks to the grocery store, beauty shop, doctor's office or wherever they want to go.

All it takes is a call to City Hall. A few minutes later, driver Ron Wright and the 1978 Impala pushing 105,000 miles are waiting at the door.

"We've got a lot of people 70 and older who live by themselves," said Neal Underwood, mayor of this town of about 3,700 for all but three of the past 21 years.

"Many never would get out of the house without this service. They'd be sitting there all day,

lonely."

Last year, the city provided 14,616 rides to seniors and the handicapped. With a one-way fare of 25 cents, the transportation service is hardly profitable; last year, fares totaled \$3,654 for a service that cost more than \$15,000. The service is available weekdays, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Underwood said Mount Vernon can afford to dig into its general fund to make up the difference. After all, he said, the city's finances are solidly in the black, and most senior citizens who use the ride service don't benefit from city-funded programs like athletics.

"These people don't swim, they don't play golf, they don't play ball, they don't do all the things the city supports financially," Underwood said. "They've contributed to Mount Vernon for years and years. Now they're just getting a little something back in return."

Toxic waste focus of photo exhibit

By Tara McQueen

The University Daily
An invisible and long-term threat merits a photo — at least to one photographer.

"You can't see the toxic waste (in the) water and air," said social documentary photographer Sharon Stewart. "My photos give visual evidence of what is happening."

The photo exhibit, Toxic Tour of Texas, by Stewart, will be on display today through April 23 in the University Center Courtyard.

The tour is coming to Texas Tech to bring awareness to Earth Day, April 23.

In a phone interview from Chachon, N.M., Stewart said she came up with the idea to interview grassroots activist throughout Texas to tell the stories behind her photos.

"I wanted to interview them and listen to the stories about how they were challenging industry and the state in their hazardous waste policies," Stewart said. "I talked to priests, ranchers, nurses and farm-

Photo exhibit

What: Toxic Tour of Texas
When: today through April 23
Where: University Center Courtyard

ers who were concerned about the health of their children and the community due to toxic waste in the water and air."

Stewart's exhibit displays individuals who addressed the problem in their community as well as photos of unresolved hazardous waste problems.

Stewart said her photo narrative gives credibility to the stories concerning toxic threats in Texas.

"My photos have been used as evidence in hearings," Stewart said. "I have made my photos available to environmental activists' newsletters."

Stewart compiled a report of her pictures and text for the state legislation.

"The joy for me is that my photos have crossed all these different boundaries," she said. "The message got to many different kinds of people."

Stewart's photo commentary has been published in daily, weekly and monthly magazines and has been placed in courthouses and libraries.

"With this exhibit I really broke out of the four white walls of a gallery," she said.

One of Stewart's photos includes information on the Pan-Tex weapons plant in Amarillo.

"Three years ago, the Pan-Tex plant administrators said, 'There is not a significant risk to the health and well-being of the community,'" she said.

"Now, three years later, it has documented that there is contamination in the upper sands of the Ogalla Aquifer (from Pan-Tex)."

Stewart added that the contami-

nation of the Aquifer cannot be seen, but with her photos and description, she hopes to draw attention to the invisible threat.

"Texas Tech students are the younger generation who are going to have to live with it (toxic waste contamination)," said Gary Elbow, professor of geography and president of the South Plains Friends of the Humanities. "The bottom line is that this generation will be the one which does something about it."

Elbow, who coordinated the exhibit, said he hopes the exhibit promotes awareness and stimulates problem solving among students.

A panel discussion on "Humanity and Water in West Texas," will be held in conjunction with the Toxic Tour of Texas Exhibit.

The discussion will be at 8 p.m. April 20 in the UC Senate Room.

Panelists will discuss the history of water use in the South Plains from the American Indian to modern agribusiness, focusing on the Lubbock Lake Site and the playa lakes.

Film explores friendship, love, life



Juan-Daniel Coronado

Once circles are closed, everything inside them remains under some sort of control. During "Circle of Friends," a lecturing professor

makes a statement that besides the rule of law, shame, guilt and fear are the things that control society. Thus, such a hand of fate (or faith) falls upon the main characters in "Circle of Friends."

The film, directed by Pat O'Connor, centers around a group of three childhood friends: Eve

(Geraldine O'Rawe), Nan (Soffran Burrows) and Bernadett or Benny portrayed by newcomer Minnie Driver.

The setting is in Ireland in 1949. Eve is an orphan who is being raised by nuns at a nearby convent. Nan is the girl with envied beauty whose father tends to her every need. Conversely, Benny does not shine with the natural beauty of Nan; her luster emanates from the naivete of her heart.

The audience is taken to 1957 as Eve and Benny begin their first year at the University of Dublin. There, they surprisingly meet Nan. Thus, Jack Foley (Chris O'Donnell) enters

the picture. Foley is the school jock who plans to go on to medical school. Nan introduces him to Eve and Benny. Upon parting, Benny and he share one of those love-at-first-sight-and-a-smile stares.

Harsh reality strikes each character. Nan is caught in her own cradle of guilt with a married man. Eve struggles to be the loyal friend during an incident of betrayal. Benny's conscience, weighing shame and purity, prevents her from playing in the fields of lost virginity. Lastly, Foley's fear of blood and fear of disappointing his father makes for an insecure fellow, doubting his future as a doctor. He tells

Benny, "Sometimes I feel like I'm hardly there...(like) I'm always doing things for others."

"Circle of Friends" weaves a witty script and a stunning performance by Driver into a bittersweet, coming-of-age tale. Driver has the more challenging role as she is simultaneously pulled north, south, east and west. There are pressures of sex, and a man who wants to marry her (whom she doesn't love.) Her parents plan her future while the status of her friendships is uncertain.

Driver literally personifies a statement made by one of the characters, "Women are tougher than we look." She delivers a memorable performance sure to bring more quality roles to a promising actress.

O'Donnell, who impressed many opposite Al Pacino in "Scent of a Woman," utilizes his blue-eyed, boyish charm to win over the viewer.

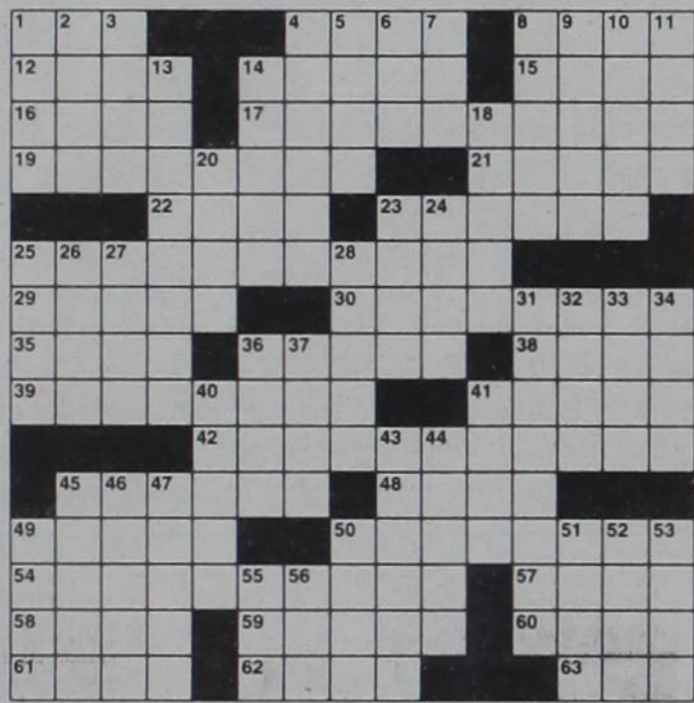
The film is witty, heart-breaking, intelligent, yet simple in the storyline and in the authenticity of the setting. Watch it with a friend.

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Juan-Daniel Coronado is a contributing reporter at The University Daily.

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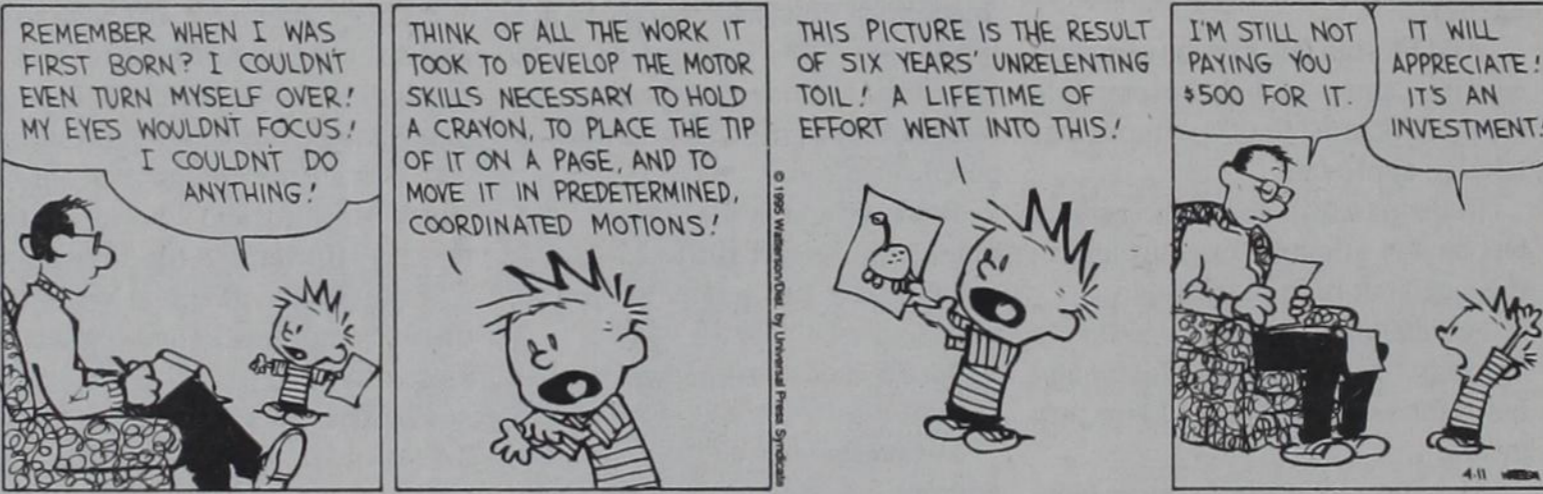
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Tech warms up for Texas with UTA

By Jared Parcell

The University Daily

After two weekends of competition against Southwest Conference opponents, the nationally ranked Texas Tech Red Raiders will face Texas-Arlington in a two-game series, starting today at 7 p.m. at Allen Saxe Field in Arlington.

Tech, 31-7 overall, has a 25-3 record against non-conference opponents, heading into the series against the Mavericks (17-20).

Among common opponents, Tech is 4-3 (3-0 vs. New Mexico and 1-3 vs. Texas Christian) while UTA is 2-2 (1-2 vs. New Mexico and 1-0 vs. TCU).

"I think this (series) helps us get momentum," first baseman Randy DuRoss said. "Saturday, we played great, and I think we are ready to get going. We need to hit the ball well and play solid defense to help our pitchers. We can't take them lightly."

With two wins, Tech coach Larry Hays will reach the 1,000 mark in career wins, a stat he said he doesn't pay much attention to.

"It's something that is not very important right now," Hays said. "Right now, it's not any more important than the first (win). Stacked up with what we have to do and what it means to this team. What we do



Texas Tech at Texas-Arlington



Time: 7 p.m. **Date:** Today
Place: Allen Saxe Field, Arlington.

1995 records:
Tech 31-7

Texas-Arlington 17-20

Last Meeting: Tech won 12-5 April 13, 1994 in Lubbock.

Series record: Tech leads 7-4

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Player to watch: Pitcher Randy Glaze (4-2, 2.16 ERA, 22 Strikeouts) is the Mavericks top performer on the mound.

the rest of the season, that's important. The only stat that means anything to us is what we do as a group."

Offensively, third baseman Clint Bryant, second on the team with a .412 average, has a team-high 53 RBI and a 25-game hitting streak, five short of the SWC record held by Randy Bobb of Arkansas.

Second baseman Jason Totman leads the team with a .434 average and was in the leadoff spot for the Red Raider's doubleheader sweep of Houston, Saturday.

Left fielder Matt Kastelic, the team leader with 25 stolen bases, moved to the No. 4 spot in the lineup.

"Assistant coach Greg Evans no-

ted how they were pitching people differently," Hays said. "Totman is going to have to take walks. Outside of the TCU series, he's been good. At TCU he didn't take enough walks because he was in the No. 4 hole, trying to produce. Kastelic's a good guy with men on base, and I think this gave Totman a new lease on life, and he can do what he's best at doing."

Because of injuries in the outfield, Dominic Hernandez played center field, a position he said he had never played before.

He said this series is big for Tech, with Texas coming in over the weekend.

"Considering I had never played the outfield my entire life, they told

me to see the ball and go after it," Hernandez said. "We can't look past UTA. We need to go in and play hard. UTA is really important because if we go out there and drop two, that will really affect our confidence. We need to go in there, take two from these guys and take care of Texas this weekend."

Hays said one of the Mavericks strengths is their pitching. Randy Glaze leads the way for the Mavs on the mound with a 4-2 mark in seven appearances. He has a 2.16 ERA and 22 strikeouts.

Hays said part of his pitching staff, Matt Miller, Jeff Peck, Travis Smith and Jimmy Frush, will not make the trip to Arlington. Hays said Brandon Kolb (3-1) would start today and either Mike McCreary (1-0) or Tim Davidson (2-0) would start Wednesday.

"We can't look past anyone at this point, especially since we need two wins heading into the Texas series," Kolb said. "It doesn't matter who we're playing, we need to get two wins to get a positive attitude going into the weekend."

"Mentally, I need to go out and throw strikes. It's important for the team to win, but it doesn't necessarily mean I have to get the win. If I go out and throw strikes, it means I've done something productive."

Minton selects first four Crickets

The Texas-Louisiana League held its second draft in league history Saturday, and with the No. 1 overall selection, Lubbock Crickets manager Greg Minton used the first pick to select 24-year-old Nunez Dimerson.

Dimerson, a Panamanian-born catcher who played the last three years in the Japanese leagues, was chosen from a field of 150 hopefuls at the Texas-Louisiana League National Tryout held at the Texas Rangers spring training complex in Port Charlotte, Fla.

Other players selected by Minton in the four-round draft were 22-year-old catcher William Rowland, 24-year-old pitcher Chris Law and 23-year-old pitcher Dennis Ferraro.

"I would say the chances of us signing these players are 100 percent," Crickets general manager Jason Bogle said. "We might already have all of them under contract."

Minton will head to the California Angels minor league spring training complex in Mesa, Ariz., next weekend for the league's second national tryout. Bogle said

Minton also is working on getting some ex-major leaguers.

"We expect to pick up probably about the same number of players or maybe more in Arizona," Bogle said. "Minton will hit his contacts with major league general managers to try and get a name player."

Bogle said a local tryout camp will be held in Lubbock May 10.

"I doubt we'll have many openings on the team around that time," Bogle said. "But anyone with any kind of skills is welcome to come out."

Sports Briefs

Track teams have successful Texas Relays

The eyes of track fans were upon Austin over the weekend as Texas Tech competed in the Texas Relays with 300 other universities, colleges, high schools and independent teams.

The emphasis is on the word relays as big names like Carl Lewis, Maurice Green and Leroy Burrell competed in the competition.

Highlighting Tech's weekend in the relays was the sprint medley team. The team of Gerrod Bergen, Andrew Callis, Keith Black and Don Koontz placed sixth with a time of 3 minutes 26.03 seconds.

Senior Brent Schott, who had won or placed second in every 400-meter intermediate hurdle race he had entered this season, ended the weekend with a seventh place and a time of 52.62 in the same event, while senior Joe Perez placed fifth in his section in the 3,000-meter steeplechase with a time of 9:28.46.

The women's track team competed in individual events instead of relays.

Sophomore Brande Brown took fifth in the heptathlon with 4,435 points. Brown also grabbed 24th in the triple jump with a jump of 37 feet 9 1/2 inches.

Freshman Alicia Thompson, who participated in her first collegiate meet after playing for the Tech women's basketball team this season, finished eighth in the shot put with a throw of 46 feet. She placed ahead of fellow Raider and All-American Tabitha Polk who threw 44 feet, 8 inches.

Mandy Malouf and Luisa Tam finished 13th and 14th, respectively, in the 5,000 meters.

Junior Jill Williams did not compete in Austin. She went to the Rice Invitational in Houston where she placed first in the 800 meters with the second-fastest time in school history with a 2:09.79 clocking.

Free agents continue to take pay cuts

Teddy Higuera, Chris Sabo and Danny Darwin became the latest major leaguers to take massive paycuts Monday, each free agent losing more than \$1 million in salary for signing with new clubs.

With teams trying to save money, relievers Paul Assenmacher and Rob Murphy also paid the price for finding jobs. In other moves, relievers Roger McDowell, Mike Perez and Mike Maddux also signed while the Colorado Rockies traded reliever Marcus Moore to Cincinnati.

Darwin signed with the Toronto Blue Jays, who traded for Cy Young winner David Cone last week.

Darwin, 39, who will fit into the rotation with Cone, Pat Hentgen, Juan Guzman and Al Leiter, signed a one-year contract for \$300,000. Last year, he made \$2.4 million while going 7-5 with a 6.30 ERA for Boston.

"I took a pay cut, but the money was not the issue," Darwin said. "My biggest concern was being able to pitch again."

Higuera, 36, agreed to a minor league contract with the San Diego Padres that would pay him \$275,000 if he makes the major league team.

Tech back in top 10

The Texas Tech baseball team returned to the top 10 in the three baseball polls released Monday.

Tech, 31-7 overall and 6-4 in Southwest Conference play, moved up three spots in Baseball America to the No. 8 spot and one position in the USA Today poll, also to the eighth spot.

In the Collegiate Baseball poll, after dropping out of the top 10 for a week, the Raiders moved back to the No. 10 position, up four spots.

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