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Housing program open to all students

Local bank to help fund unit purchase

By Shannon Murphy

The University Daily

An eight-unit apartment complex formerly used to house low-income Texas Tech students enrolled in a Tech Center for the Study of Addiction program will now house any students who meet occupancy requirements.

The Lubbock City Council voted unanimously to offer the housing to all low-income Tech students Thursday.

The project, submitted by the Community Housing Resource Board, involves the acquisition of the eight-unit apartment complex.

"In the future, as units become available, the project will house anyone who meets the occupancy requirements," said Yolanda Jimenez, CHRB director. "We don't anticipate many families being interested in the housing because the duplexes are one and two bedrooms."

The CHRB anticipates it will have more student interest for these particular units, Jimenez said.

"CHRB has a \$25,000 commitment from American State Bank to

Housing

• Lubbock City Council voted to offer all students an opportunity for housing program.

• American State Bank contributes \$25,000 for purchase of eight-unit apartments.

go toward the purchase of the complex if the balance of the funds are

approved through this project," Jimenez said. "Since the city approved this agreement, the next step is to request Housing and Urban Development funds through the city of Lubbock, and there will probably be a public hearing."

The Center for the Study of Addiction, located on the first floor of the Tech human science building, serves two purposes.

"The first is to train substance abuse counselors, and the second is to help recovering students get back into the routine of school and become responsible individuals," said Carl Andersen, Center for the Study

of Addiction director.

The center's desire is to have students live together in an apartment community, Andersen said.

"The students study together and do lots of interactive things together, so we thought it would be good if the students could live together as well," he said. "The CHRB is attempting to purchase the units and then they will lease them to our students."

Students have to be cleared through Andersen before they are able to live in city-sponsored housing.

Many students from across the

United States, who are recovering from addictions, come through the center's program each year, Andersen said.

The CHRB sought and received the endorsement of the North Overton Neighborhood Association for this project and seeks \$75,000 in CHDO set-aside funding.

In other city council business, the Mayor executed an agreement allowing the Knights of Columbus Council to host a Cinco de Mayo Festival at Buddy Holly Recreation Area, which will include the sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages.

Quake shakes Plains

ALPINE (AP) — An earthquake rocked Texas and New Mexico Thursday night, triggering small fires, cracking plaster and jolting residents who swamped law enforcement agencies with calls.

The quake, with a preliminary magnitude of 5.6, was felt as far north as Roswell, N.M., and as far south as San Antonio, according to the National Earthquake Information Center in Golden, Colo.

With an epicenter 20 miles east-southeast of Alpine, the quake hit at 7:33 p.m. CDT, a spokesman said.

Texas Tech residence hall students reported feeling the earthquake Thursday night.

"UPD received six to 10 calls from students who saw blinds shaking for a few seconds," said Steve Kauffman, associate director at Tech's News and Publications.

He said the students who called all lived above the fifth floor.

Kauffman said structural damage is not expected, but maintenance and UPD personnel are inspecting all buildings to check for damage that might have occurred.

The quake center said minor damage was reported in Ozona and Pecos.

Pat Jorgenson, a spokeswoman for the U.S. Geological Survey in Golden, Colo., said the quake was big for Texas.

"But even in California, this would get a lot of attention," she said.

The last two major California quakes, in 1989 and 1994, registered 7.0, she said.

"We've had some reports of some slight damage, cracked plaster and broken windows in Ozona, Texas, and also in the Pecos, Texas, area," said Bruce Presgrave, a geophysicist and seismologist with the Geological Survey.

Presgrave said the quake was also felt in San Antonio, Austin and the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

Afternoon classes cancelled

All Texas departments and agencies, including Texas Tech, close at noon today because of Good Friday.

Tech students and faculty will not be required to attend classes after noon today.

Students also will not be required to attend classes Monday, but all state departments and agencies will be open.

Students moonlight as Easter Bunny

By Tara McQueen

The University Daily

Texas Tech law students are doing two important things at one time — boiling eggs and studying for exams.

Third-year law student Celeste Lizengood and her colleagues are providing almost 1,300 decorated eggs, chocolate eggs and plastic candy-filled eggs to nine Bean Elementary classes.

"No one knows what a positive influence this (Easter egg hunt) could have on a child," Lizengood said. "You have heard the old adage, 'It takes an entire village to raise a child.'"

Lizengood said everyone in the community has a responsibility to help, whether they are lawyers, parents, teachers or law enforcement officers.

"There are a lot of underprivileged or needy children who go to that school," she said. "They don't have much opportunity to have an Easter basket or an Easter egg hunt."

Last year Lizengood's law fraternity, Phi Delta Phi, provided eggs for one class at Bean Elementary.

"This year, the teachers at Bean were hoping we would do it again, and nine classes signed up."

"The kids were thrilled, and the teachers were really enthusiastic," Lizengood said.

Margie Sorely, a Chapter I resource teacher at Bean Elementary, said the Easter egg hunt is a good way for her students to connect with the community.

"Anytime we can bring in resources from outside of this



The hunters: Bean Elementary students, Chris Aguilar, 7, and Michael Boggio, 6, take a look at the Easter eggs they found.

Eggs were provided by six organizations within the Tech Law School. The hunt was a Phi Delta Phi law fraternity project.

neighborhood, who have real world skills, who have set goals and achieved them, it influences the children to set higher expectations for themselves," Sorely said.

"A lot of these children come from single-parent homes," she said. "Even 30 minutes a week

from someone who is interested in them really builds their self-esteem."

"This creates a good learning environment," she said.

Lizengood recruited other Tech law organizations to help in boiling and decorating eggs or

donating money.

"Every organization I asked was willing to give money or decorate eggs," she said.

Lizengood said she saw this as an opportunity to build good will in the community for the law school.

"Lawyers seem to have a bad image," Lizengood said. "I don't know what it is based on, but lawyers make up a large part of the community and have a responsibility in the community to foster good will and meet needs."

Teaching program designed to create multimedia classes in planning stages

By Linda Carriger

The University Daily

A proposed teaching program may push Texas Tech students out of a room in the Advanced Technology Learning Center to teach professors new techniques for classroom instruction.

Don Haragan, Tech executive vice president and provost, approved the 'Teaching, Learning and Technology' program, which was initiated in the fall by the Tech Faculty Senate.

Haragan also is forming a committee to develop the idea into practical stages.

The program will create a model multimedia classroom in the ATLC so that faculty can learn how to integrate advanced technology into classroom instruction, said Len Ainsworth, vice provost for the office of executive vice president.

However, exact plans for the model classroom have not been formulated, he said.

"It really hasn't begun yet," Ainsworth said. "This is a proposal."

Judith Repman, assistant professor of educational

psychology and leadership, said the ideal multimedia classroom would contain computers with CDROM capabilities, which are connected to the Internet, and a way to generate what is on the computer onto a wall.

The technology will bring world events and current information into the classroom and alleviate preparation time for professors, Repman said.

"Instead of just talking about the war in Bosnia, you could bring in CDROMs with footage of the war, or you could get into the Internet and find U.N. documents (about Bosnia) as they are being drafted," she said.

The program might change the way professors teach, she said.

"I suppose it would give professors the opportunity to think about how they can make their classes more authentic and meaningful for students," Repman said.

Alwyn Barr, faculty senate president, said the program is about improving teaching abilities not about technology.

"It's not just technology; it's the matter of keeping up with new ideas," he said. "The ultimate goal is to improve teaching and learning."

Some high school graduates will attend college for free

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Over the next few years, 100 high school graduates who would have trouble paying for a college education will be able to attend St. Mary's University for free.

A \$1 million scholarship program targeting financially strapped students was unveiled Wednesday by the school and the Rotary Club of San Antonio.

Students must qualify for the federal Pell Grant aimed at the needy and they must be graduates of the Rotary Club's Diploma Plus high school dropout prevention program.

"These are the kinds of kids we want to work with and we want to be part of the larger process of making their lives a suc-

cess," said the Rev. John Moder, president of St. Mary's.

Diploma Plus began in 1991 with \$500 scholarships in \$50-a-month stipends to 20 high school seniors.

The idea was to give students enough money to keep them from dropping out of high school.

In the years since, the program has awarded 650 scholarships and it boasts a 92 percent graduation success rate.

High school counselors nominate needy Texas students for the scholarship during their junior year.

As seniors, they must maintain a "C" grade average and a 95 percent attendance rate to keep getting the \$50 stipend.

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Kato has found another way to milk O.J. issue

Well, it's just a phone call away. Dial 1-800-434-KATO, and all your Kato Kaelin fantasies can spring to life. Please say this is only a nightmare, and spare us all. Man, oh man, what a great example for the kids: YES, you too can get your very own Global Fan Club and 1-800 number. What do you need to do to win?

L-o-o-o-s-e-r

Well, screw around with your life, be a 36-year-old moocher and bear a striking resemblance with the Cowardly Lion from the "Wizard of Oz."

Talk about profiting from another's fall from grace. For crying out loud, he was greeted by about 5,000 eager fans at an autograph session at a mall recently. Yes, the man was a bit intriguing when he talked about his Rolls Royce ride to McDonald's with O.J., and he intensely described what the two had for lunch and how many fries O.J. ate on the way back home.

But offering \$13 memberships to the Kato Kaelin Global Fan Club with fancy membership cars and certificates — there have to be better role models.

The man squishes his face around a little, has a cutesie nickname and says, "Um ... uhh ... yeah," when he can manage, and he is a star.

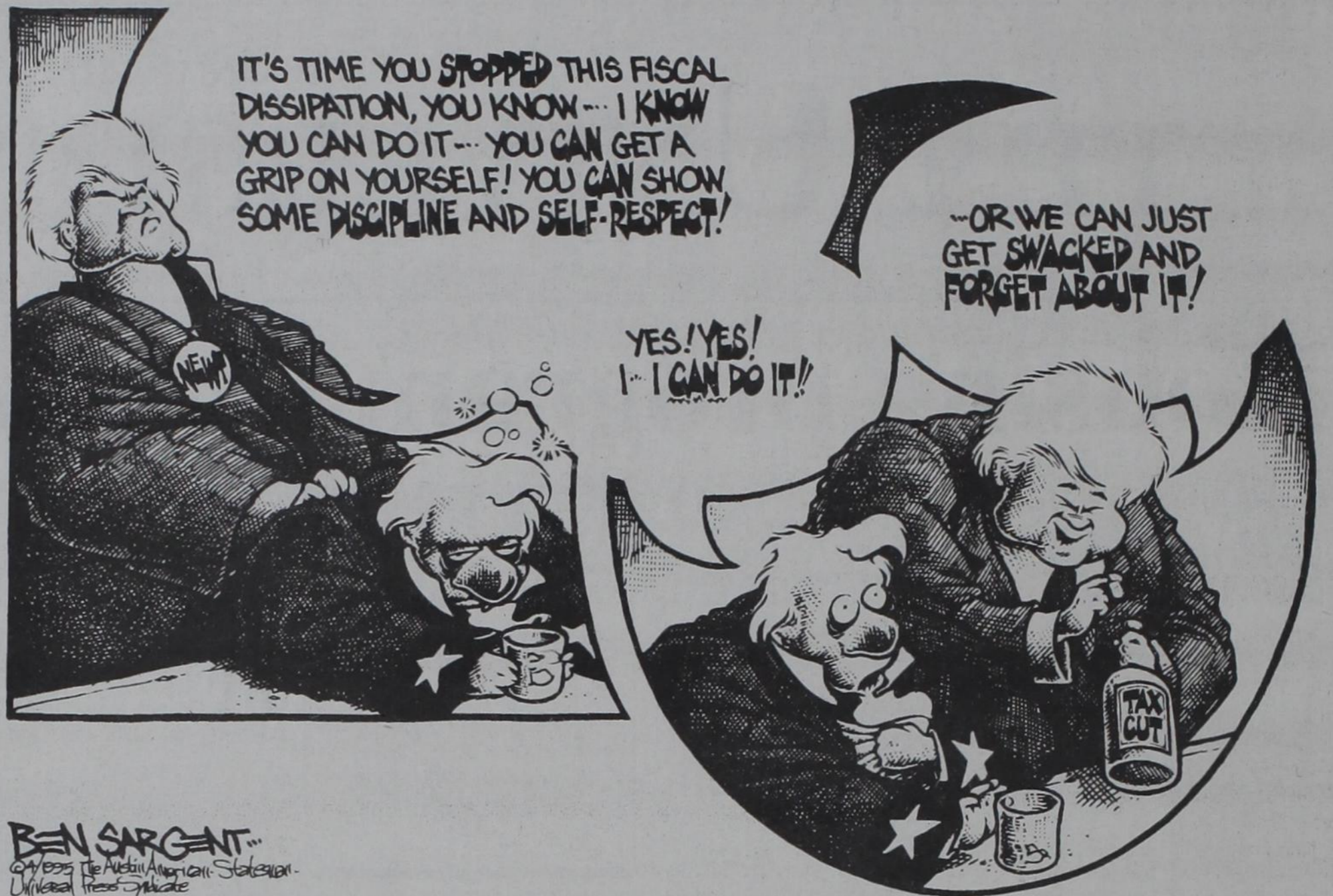
Since December, he has had 165 offers for employment in Hollywood, according to Raphael Berko, Kato's agent.

Job opportunities

- Offers — doing what?
- Children's show host: "Kato's Kuddle Time"
 - B-movie hench villain
 - The next leading man to run Satan out of "Days of Our Lives" Marlena and back into Hell
 - New Taco Bell cool/stupid guy spokesman
 - McDonald's spokesman: "We sell cups of O.J."
 - Calvin Klein underwear model
 - The next infomercial superstar: "How To Be a Success By Sitting on Your Worthless Butt"

Whatever he does, hopefully it will be a fleeting thing. Besides, there has to be room for Rosa Lopez in all the glitz and glitter. Delta needs a new spokeswoman for all those people wanting to skip the country . . .

The seven-member editorial board voted 7-0 on this issue.



BEN SARGENT
 OPINIONS: The Austin American-Statesman, Universal Press Syndicate

Barney lacking as children's role model



Chris Walters

Earlier in the semester I made a remark about the children's television character Barney. I said there was a distinct possibility he may be the antichrist. Someone promptly wrote a letter to the editor reminding me that Barney is a too-easy target and I should set my sights higher. But this being Good Friday and all, I can't see how it's possible to aim much higher than at the antichrist. For you see, I still fear that Barney does more harm than good, and that he's contributing to the non-education of our youth. It's not that I hate Barney, it's just that—well—okay, it is that I hate Barney. I hate him passionately. He's about as personable as a wad of hair pulled up from the shower drain, and his imaginary brain is about as big as my left areola. The first time I saw Barney, I thought one of those mute shopping mall animals that kids get their pictures taken with had somehow been given it's own public-access television show (and a voice). Then I dis-

covered that not only was he a rapidly growing phenomenon, like cancer, but that he was actually popular. Kids liked him. Why? Because he's big and colorful? Okay, I'll admit that. Because he's non-threatening? I'll say. But because he's a great role model? I won't buy that one. Barney's good points, as far as I can see, are that he's always positive and cheery, and that next to a tranquilizer gun he's the best sort of babysitter available. I've often heard the argument that Barney is the perfect sort of character for extremely young children when they watch TV. But do extremely young children really need to be watching TV? Has anyone noticed what's happened to our cultural heritage with these last couple of generations weaned on the boob tube? "TV Worth Watching" is a slogan, not a maxim to live by. I don't think it's fair for a child to watch "Barney and Friends" and think that what happens on that show relates in any way to the real world. The values Barney stands for are legitimate, but they're never presented in a realistic context. The hu-

man condition is far more complex than anything Barney approximates. On "Sesame Street" the characters argue, misunderstand one another, and have to apologize for or admit to their mistakes. On the Lambchops show the puppets sing witty songs and engage in power struggles with those in authority. On "Barney and Friends" the characters dance slowly, play weak games of pretend, and sing as if they were 78rpm records played at 33rpm. Have you seen those nature programs where the commentator warns against releasing tame animals into the wild because they won't be able to fend for themselves? How will children raised on Barney adapt to the real world, when they won't even be able to complete a sentence about cooperation in the time it takes someone to hit them once or twice? The biggest problem I have with Barney is that he's so antiseptic; he's a sterile good-guy with the humanity of a microwave oven, and he's putting out the message that his personality is the ideal. It's insulting to watch how well he communicates

with some children. It's frightening, too, because when kids reach the age where Barney is no longer "cool" then he becomes a target. He's made fun of, he's put down and mocked. And they can do this for the same reason he's admired by parents—because Barney is so non-threatening. He has no edge, no craziness or ambiguity or even anger, which even the most comical and loveable children's characters should exhibit at some point or another. Barney's about as three-dimensional as Richard Simmons or Dr. Ruth Westheimer. There's no humanity to him. Which makes me wonder if any of those messages his supporters say he's so good at communicating—about things like cooperation, and self-esteem, and telling the truth—remain valid for a child once the child falls out of love with Barney. If Barney suddenly becomes stupid, then do the messages we entrust him to give become stupid, too? And if so, then isn't the entire program a wasted endeavor? *Chris Walters is a junior sociology major. His column appears Friday.*

Doonesbury

BY GARRY TRUDEAU



Letters to the Editor

LETTERS POLICY: Letters to the editor are accepted for publication on the OPINIONS page. All letters MUST be no longer than two, typed, double-spaced pages. Unsigned letters will NOT be published. Letters must be submitted in person or by mail with picture identification and a telephone number. Letters are printed at the editor's discretion, and the editor reserves the right to edit letters for length, libelous material, spelling and vulgarity. *The University Daily* does not discriminate because of race, creed, national origin, age, sex, sexual preference or disability.

Animal rights issue greatly misunderstood

To the editor: What troubles me most about the recent spate of letters pro and con on animals rights is the notion that rights are only for those who claim them. This is a disturbing misreading of law and our social construct. If rights in a society are only for those who "have the wit to claim them," then the illiterate, homeless, the unborn, those declared non compos mentis, or the simply uninformed have no rights ("Oft have I heard of sanctuary men, but sanctuary children ne'er til now.") Perhaps it might be better to argue that only humans have rights, since the concept of rights exists only within human society. But this argument, too, is flawed because rights exist in non-human societies as well, and are often defended by members of those societies on behalf of those too young or too ill to claim them. Anyone who has taken

the time to study the several ape societies, the extended families of elephants, even the pack behavior of wolves and wild dogs, know this. We must be careful, too, not to confuse rights with privileges. A driver's license, for example, is a privilege granted by society representatives in respect of demonstrated ability and continued legal conduct. We have no right to a driver's license. Rights are, as a certain moldy document states, "unalienable," that is, not able to be taken because they are not given. Rights are a part of existence, they come as a package deal with life. Rights are not contingent upon our mental capacity, or cleverness, or wealth (at least in principle). Those who believe in animal rights believe that the guarantees of freedom from torture and persecution accorded all human life extends, on the above bases, to non human spe-

cies as well. The arguments put forth in recently published letters seem to come from some sort of paranoia — perhaps many of these letter writers have nightmares involving last evening's dinner and certain passages from Animal Farm. The fact is that while vegetarianism is a logical precedent from a belief in animal rights, it is by no means a requisite for appreciating the measure of a society that treats its animals kindly. The idea that "cows are the highest form of life" in India is an absurd notion spawned from some misremembered grammar school presentation on "other cultures," and would come as something of a shock to the millions of Indians who eat meat regularly and with as much enthusiasm as any carnivorous West Texan. The casual misrepresentation of several distinct cultures under one erroneous heading, and the superficial dismissal of someone as important as M.K. Gandhi are examples of the sort of ignorance that perpetuates stereotypes and misunderstanding for both human and non-human species. We needn't go to Eastern theologues, either, to find justification for good treatment of non-human species. Abraham Lincoln said "I care

not much for a man's religion whose dog or cat are not the better for it." Shaw wrote that it was not an animal's intelligence that should determine its treatment, but whether or not it could feel pain and deprivation. And Christians and Jews can read Ecclesiastes 3:19 and see what the religious document, often touted in these pages as a design for living, has to say on the subject of animal rights. What all these and the thousands of other writers for animal rights come down to is that it is better to be kind than cruel, and that true kindness comes from a utilitarian view of other species, but from an understanding of their psychologies, biologies and social structures. Those wishing to investigate this important issue, which actually does impact the plight of the poor and hungry, world health, and the economics of change, should read John Robbin's Diet for a New America (Walpole, NH: Stillpoint Press, 1987), and The Animal Contract by Desmond Morris (London: Virgin Books, 1990). Both these texts present extensively documented, thoroughly researched, and engagingly-written, rational views of current conditions, laws and perceptions regarding the coexistence of humans and other animals. **Ed. Simone**

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President's Hostesses to allow males to join

By Angela Murray
The University Daily

The Texas Tech President's Hostesses, a group that aims to present a positive image of Tech through presidential and university functions, will make a change in their membership next fall.

The organization will allow men to become part of their group and will be called President's Ambassadors.

The change was made based on a suggestion made last fall by Marcy Lawless, Tech President Robert Lawless' wife.

"At one of our meetings in the fall, Mrs. Lawless mentioned that the organization should consider including males," said Anne Humphries, a senior business man-

agement major from Fort Worth and President's Ambassadors president.

Humphries said she believes including males in the organization is a good idea because no one should be excluded from participating in the organization's activities.

"I feel that the males should be a part of this group," she said.

"This organization represents the student body, which should be represented by females as well as (males)," she said.

The purpose of President's Ambassadors is to promote a positive image of Tech students by representing the student body at functions sponsored by the president and to promote university activities, Humphries said.

Brad Adcox, a senior finance major from Fredericksburg and President's Ambassadors member, said membership in the group will be beneficial.

"I am hoping to network into other groups on the Tech campus through President's Ambassadors," Adcox said.

Ambassadors will be involved in various activities, including hosting the president's guests in his skybox at Tech football games, Humphries said.

The organization also assists with the pre-commencement reception during Tech graduation ceremonies and the Tech presidential scholars reception, she said.

"When guests attend the football games, the ambassadors greet these

guests, offer name tags and programs," she said.

Katie Terrell, a junior child psychology major from Albuquerque, N.M., and President's Ambassadors member, said she believes it is important for guests to meet Tech student body representatives, and guests should meet Tech male students as well.

"A large majority of these guests are Tech alumni, and they are interested in what Tech is like today and how it has changed since they attended the university," Terrell said.

Ambassadors often come into contact with potential university donors, she said.

"It is neat to come in contact with these potential donors and possibly have an impact on them," she said.

'Smart guns' will not fire at just anybody; must have code

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — A criminal grabs a gun away from a police officer, points it and pulls the trigger.

Nothing happens. That's because it's a "smart gun" — one that can be fired only by someone with the code.

That code could be a ring worn by the officer or a remote control that sends a signal to a receiver in the gun's grip. It could even be a fingerprint.

Sgt. Bill Conroy, firearms training supervisor for the police department in Kansas City, Mo., says his No. 1 concern for such a gun is that it "works every time and does what it's supposed to do — eliminate the threat" of the weapon being used against the officer.

And that's what scientists at Sandia National Laboratories are trying to achieve.

The lab, a Department of Energy installation here best known for nuclear weapons research, received a \$620,000 grant from the National Institute of Justice to develop a weapon that can be fired under all kinds of conditions.

The project manager, Sandia electrical engineer Douglas Weiss, likens a smart gun to a lock and key.

"A key is something unique you have, I don't," he says. "You apply the concept to firearms, (so) only authorized persons can use the ... gun."

Although Sandia's project is aimed at saving police officers' lives, it also could keep children

who get hold of guns from accidentally shooting themselves or someone else, Weiss says.

And, he says, perhaps technology could someday discourage criminals from stealing guns by making it too difficult for them to find a way to make the weapons work.

Although the idea for a smart gun has been around for years, Sandia's involvement began 2 1/2 years ago when DOE security officials began taking a fresh look at security ideas, including weapons that could be fired only by certain people.

Word got to the NIJ, which could see the possible benefits for law enforcement. The institute funds re-

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News Briefs

Nobel Prize winner to present lecture
Joseph Taylor, a Nobel Prize winning physicist, will present a lecture 7 p.m. Tuesday in Texas Tech's chemistry building room 49.
Taylor will offer a free, general public lecture titled "Binary Pulsars and Einstein's Gravity — Layman's Guide to a Modern Astrophysical Experiment."
Taylor won the 1993 Nobel Prize for his research of pulsar gravity waves that helped confirm the veracity of Einstein's General Theory of Relativity.

Tech Library presents grants to faculty
The Texas Tech Library presented three travel grants to Tech faculty members to assist them with travel expenses in conducting research at libraries, archives, museums or other repositories throughout the world.

The grants are valued at \$750 each.
Grant recipients, receiving monies generated from the Gloria Lyerla Research Travel Grants Endowment, are: Bruce Clarke, associate English professor; Megan Koreman, assistant history professor; and David Larmour, associate professor of classical and modern languages and literature.

Accounting Emphasis Week to begin
The Texas Tech 23rd annual Accounting Emphasis Week will be conducted starting at 11:45 a.m. Tuesday through Friday in the Tech Merket Alumni Center Ballroom next week.
Activities throughout the week will include a luncheon, banquet, golf tournament and a job fair for prospective graduates. For more information call Ann Minars, accounting area secretary at 742-3181.

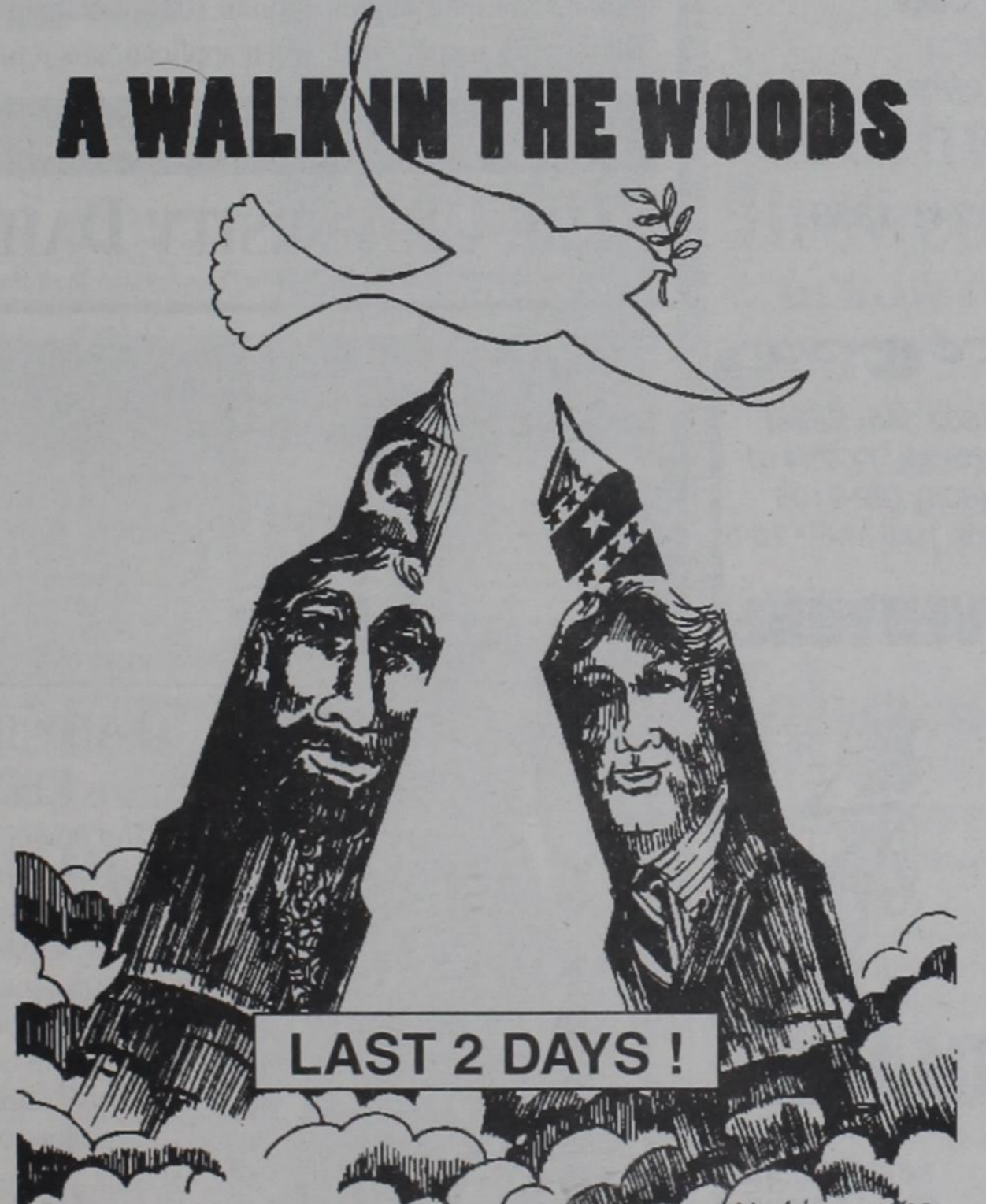
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HAROLD'S

LISD officials approve health textbook

The LISD school board met Thursday morning and adopted a new health book that contains references to condoms and abortion. Approval of the book had been delayed from the March meeting.

LISD Supt. Curtis Culwell said the district is comfortable with the new book, and no additional materials will be adopted.

The book will be used only to supplement the LISD's curriculum, Culwell said.

The book was chosen from an approved list provided by the state Board of Education, despite conservative board members issuing more than 300 changes in the available books. State board member Donna Ballard, R-Woodlands, urged school districts not to adopt any of the books.

"I would rather see the emphasis on abstinence," Ballard said.

LISD officials were unavailable for comment Thursday.

Nurse kills husband, attempts to kill self

DALLAS (AP) — A nurse charged in the death of her daughter-in-law killed her husband with drugs then took an overdose to try to commit suicide, police said.

Martha Coons was found unconscious Wednesday in a downtown hotel room near the body of her hus-

band, Merton Coons.

Mrs. Coons, 48, was in serious condition Thursday at Parkland Memorial Hospital.

"We have discovered evidence at the scene to indicate this was not an accidental overdose," said Sgt. Mia Sullivan, a homicide investigator.

Police Blotter

April 6

• A UPD official investigated criminal mischief at the KTXT tower in which two red clearance lamps were taken off the lights and damage was done to the cyclone fence and to the base of the clearance light. Estimated loss is \$130.

• A UPD official responded to a 911 medical emergency in the University Center. A Tech employee cut herself on the forearm. She was transported to UMC by EMS.

• A UPD official investigated a minor traffic accident in the C-4 parking lot. No injuries were reported.

• A UPD official investigated a minor traffic accident in the Z-4 parking lot. No injuries were reported.

• A UPD official investigated

a burglary to a vehicle that occurred in the Z-4 parking lot. A CD player, stereo, CD's, and two books were taken. Estimated loss is \$535.

• A UPD official investigated a theft that occurred at Murdough Hall. A checkbook was taken from a room. As a result of the theft, a forgery occurred. Estimated loss is \$127.36.

• A UPD official arrested a student in the Z-5 parking lot for public intoxication. The subject was transported to the Lubbock County Jail.

• A UPD officer investigated a criminal action which occurred in Sneed Hall. In the men's rest room, ceramic tiles were pulled off the wall and a towel dispenser and toilet seat were damaged.

April 7

• A UPD official investigated the

theft of Texas Tech computer components that were taken from Industrial Engineering in the PC lab on the second floor. Amount of loss is undetermined.

• A UPD official investigated a minor traffic accident that occurred in the Z-5C parking lot. No injuries were reported.

• A UPD official investigated criminal mischief to a vehicle in R-21 commuter lot. The left tail light of a vehicle was damaged. Estimated loss is \$100.

• A UPD official investigated a civil disturbance at Stangel/Murdough dining hall involving a student employee. She had been fired and was refusing to leave the building. She was issued a Criminal Trespass warning and then she left.

• A UPD official investigated a theft which occurred in a Chitwood

Hall room. A pair of small diamond and pearl earrings were taken. The amount of loss is \$120.

April 8

• A UPD official investigated a hit and run traffic accident without injuries. A vehicle was struck by an unknown vehicle while it was parked in the C-4 parking lot.

• A UPD official responded to a 911 medical call on the north side of Bledsoe Hall. A student was transported to UMC by EMS after dislocating his knee while playing basketball.

April 9

• A UPD official responded to a medical call at Chitwood Hall in reference to a student vomiting blood and losing consciousness. The student was transported to St. Mary's Hospital by EMS for treatment of a drug overdose.

• A UPD official investigated a hit and run traffic accident that occurred in the R-3 parking lot.

Board of Regents convene today, promotions, tenure to be discussed

By Shannon Murphy

The University Daily

The Texas Tech Board of Regents will meet today to discuss the university's and health sciences center faculty tenure and promotions and the establishment of a certified nonprofit health corporation under the Texas Medical Practice Act.

The health corporation will allow

TTUHSC physicians to engage in managed care contracting. The regents also will discuss establishment of curriculum for the new School of Pharmacy in Amarillo.

In other matters, regents will discuss approval of a contract between the TTUHSC and the Texas Department of Criminal Justice to provide clinical, health care management

and nursing services to inmates of the new John T. Montford Psychiatric facility in Lubbock.

Regents also will welcome two new members and a reappointed member. El Paso businessman J. Robert Brown, developer James E. Sowell of Dallas and reappointed Regent Alan White, a bank executive from Lubbock, received Senate

confirmation April 5 to be appointed to the Texas Tech Board of Regents.

Their terms expire Jan. 31, 2001.

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Regents also will condense their meeting to a new one-day format.

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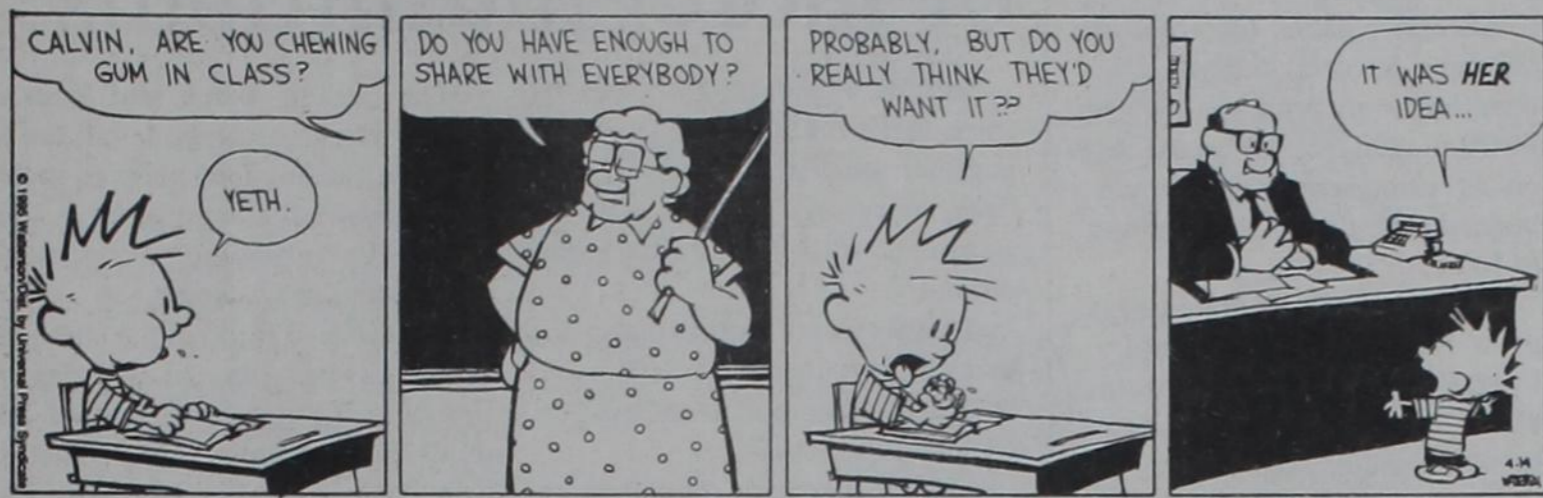
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Retton gives birth to first child

HOUSTON (AP) — Olympic gold medal winner Mary Lou Retton has given birth to her first child, a girl.

Shayla Rae Kelley was born Wednesday afternoon, weighing in at 6 pounds, 3 ounces and measuring 19 3/4 inches.

"We're just ecstatic," Retton said in a statement released by her agent. "I knew that seeing our baby come into the world would be an incredible experience, but this has surpassed my wildest dreams."

Retton, 27, is the only American woman who has won an all-around gold medal.

She became the first American woman ever to win a gold medal in gymnastics during the 1984 Olympic Games in Los Angeles.

Retton now works as a motivational speaker, corporate spokeswoman and national chairwoman of the Children's Miracle Network.

She and husband Shannon Kelley, 29, were married in 1990 and live in Houston.

Flute recital to be held today

SPIC MACAY, Society for the Promotion of Indian Classical Music and Culture Among Youth, will host a flute recital at 8 p.m. today in Hemmle Hall, located in the Texas Tech Music Building.

The free recital will present Master Shashank and his entourage for a night of Indian Classical Music.

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8:00	Business Homestretch		Jenny Jones	America	Darkwing Cubhouse	How Can I Live
9:00	Lamb Chop Barney	Donahue	Am/Journal Jeopardy	Regis & Kathie Lee	Fam/Matters Diff/World	Worship Music
10:00	Sesame Street	Leeza	Price is Right	Mike & Maty	Geraldo	Cope
11:00	Mr. Rogers Sewing	Other Side	Young & Restless	All My	Montel Williams	For Parents For People
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8:00	People in Motion	Dateline	Wright Verdicts	Step/Step On Our Own	X-Files	San Antonio at
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10:00	Business	News Tonight	News David	News MASH	Coach Cheers	Solid Rock
11:00	Show R. Limbaugh	Letterman Am/Journal	Cop Night	Night Court M. Brown	Night Court M. Brown	2-TV
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7:00		Saturday Today	Beethoven	Hedgehog Free Willy	Animaniacs Power Ranger	Blinky Bill Gospel Bill
8:00			Aladdin TMNT	Cryptkeeper Reboot	Eek! Batman	Chip & Dale DuckTales
9:00	Magic Bus	Adventure Saved/Bell	Garfield & Friends	Bump/Night Fudge	Spiderman The Tick	Jetsons Scooby Doo
10:00	Caring for Children	Saved/Bell Cal/Dreams	Wildcats Warriors	Bill Nye Bugs Bunny	X-Men Carmen	Stupid Dogs Swat Kats
11:00	Rod & Reel Garden	Inside Stuff P. Ford	Beakman Home Show	Cro Home Show	Wrestling	Megaman Grow Up Wild
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1:00	Workshop Hometown		NCAA Champ'ship	Country Showdown		Fishing Sports
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11:00		Night Live	Comedy Showcase	Forever Knight	Kung Fu	Brimstone Chronicle
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5:00	Austin City Limits	NY Knicks at Chicago	Target News	Golden Girls ABC News	Renegade	Castle Hill Baptist
6:00	Lawrence Welk		60 Minutes	Home Videos	Rock 'N Roll	1st Baptist Lubbock
7:00	Nature	Earth 2	Murder, She Wrote	Lois & Clark	Simpsons House/Buggin'	Baptist Hour
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Easter more than bunnies, eggs

By Amy Osmulski

The University Daily

Hippity, hoppity — Easter's on its way.

Although most people know where the holiday originated, few know how its symbols came about.

The name Easter comes from Eostre, a Germanic goddess whose festival was celebrated in the Spring, according to Maymie Richardson Krythe in "All About American Holidays."

The goddess' name was given to the Christian festival in celebration of the Resurrection.

Although Easter has become widely celebrated with outstanding services, some may believe the true meaning of the Christian holiday has been lost in symbol. "The Easter celebration in Old Europe was grafted by missionaries on top of old fertility rights," said Miguel Leatham, visiting assistant professor of anthropology.

"Rabbits and eggs have an association with fertility, and sowing new life."



Jeremy Chesnutt: The University Daily

Bunny bonanza: Chocolate rabbits and other Easter paraphernalia are only a few symbols of the 'Americanized' Easter holiday.

Easter is basically the grafting of a Christian celebration on Pagan symbolism, Leatham said.

People are just giving it new meaning, he said.

According to Krythe, eggs,

which have become closely associated with the Easter holiday, are regarded as a symbol of resurrection. It is said they hold the seeds of life and represent the revival of fertility upon the earth, she said.

Several reasons for coloring the eggs have been given over time, including promoting joy, to fulfill the longing for bright colors as spring arrived and to symbolized Christ's blood, according to Krythe.

The giving of decorated eggs dates back to the 13th Century, when Edward I offered 400 gold-plated eggs to members of the royal household, she stated.

The idea of the Easter bunny laying eggs in the grass for children to find came from Germany.

This idea originated from the fact that rabbits are prolific, which makes them a symbol of fertility.

Another Easter tradition is the Easter lily, which is only popular during this season, said Betty Pusser, owner of Accent Flowers.

"The story behind the Easter lily goes back to when Christ was carrying his cross down the road to crucifixion," Pusser said. "The spectators threw down palm leaves in front of him, and as he stepped on them, lilies sprang up."

Battle to begin in war of morel mushrooms

BOISE, Idaho (AP) — Once the snow melts on the burned-over expanses from Idaho's colossal 1994 fires, morel mushrooms will start popping out of the blackened ground.

That's a fact of nature. It also will be a cue for increased activity by Forest Service and local law enforcement officers.

They're preparing for a phenomenon that has some of the trappings of the 19th-century gold rush camps: violent confrontations between commercial pickers over the pricey fungus that are worth close to their weight in gold.

"People get pretty possessive," said Russ Newcomb, special agent for the Boise National Forest. "They get out in a field of mushrooms and somebody comes along. They get touchy."

The golden mushrooms are often found the year after a fire because they thrive on wood ash and a disturbance of the soil such as a bulldozer track, according to Marcia Wicklow-Howard, a Boise State University mycologist.

The burned, black soil from a forest fire also attracts the sun's warmth, causing the spores to grow underground the same year as the blaze. The following spring, they erupt with the snowmelt.

Fires blazed through the parched evergreens last year. On the 2.3 million-acre Payette forest, about 70 miles north of Boise, 230,000 acres were charred in 1994. Fires also affected 211,000 acres of the 2.5 million-acre Boise National Forest, immediately northeast of the city.

Dried morels are in high demand by upscale restaurants and consumers worldwide and can earn gatherers \$1,200 a day or more.

Pickers searching for a windfall will be watching the Idaho forests. If previous harvests in eastern Oregon are any indication, local authorities could be hard pressed to police them.

Many of the pickers are from Cambodia or Vietnam and speak little English, so miscommunication is common. In LaGrande, Ore., last year competitors killed an Asian picker.

"A lot of times we end up with fights, illegal weapons discharges. The sheriff has to respond," Newcomb said. "There could be abandoned cars, sanitation problems or fish and game violations."



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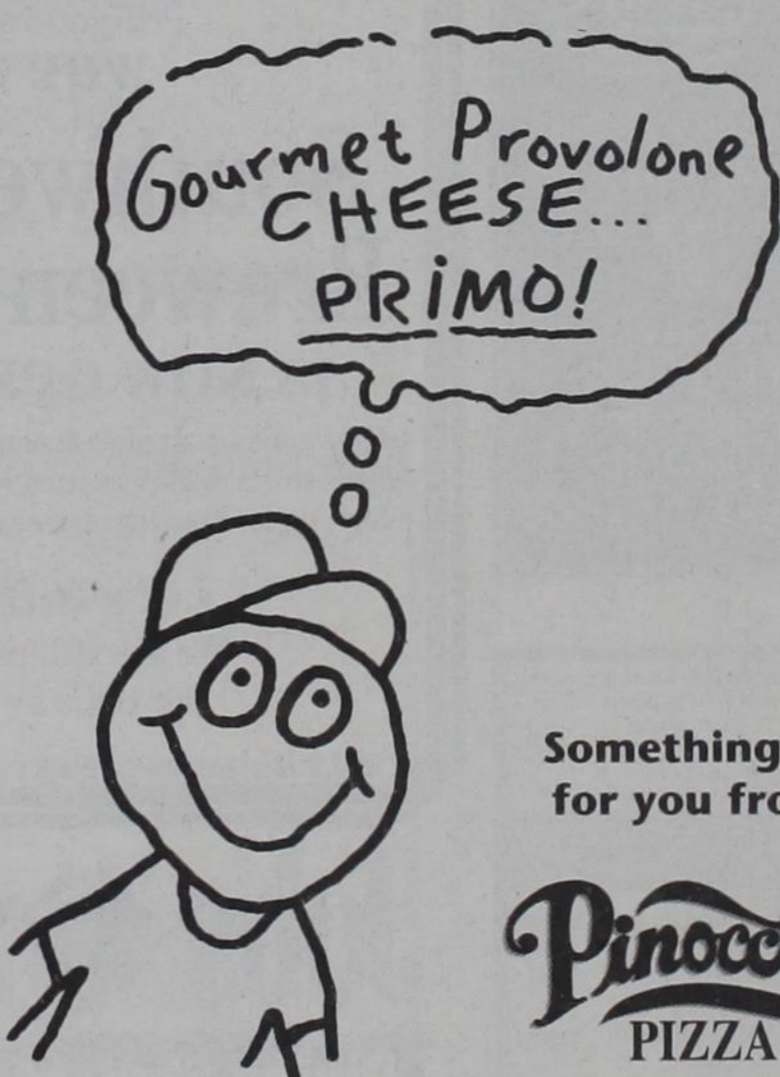
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Thompson, Polk turn Tech into "Shot Put U"

By Bryan Adams
The University Daily

Texas Tech's shot put duo of sophomore Tabitha Polk and freshman Alicia Thompson could strike fear in opponents for years to come.

On March 12, 1994, Polk recorded a throw of 50-feet, 8-inches to earn All-American honors in the shot put as a freshman. Tech coach Liz Parke thought she had one of the best in the nation in Polk, now comes Thompson.

"They were the best throwers anyone could get out of high school," Parke said. "Both of them have the tools to emerge as national caliber throwers. A lot of things can happen in three or four years."

During Polk's senior year at Clute High in Brazoswood, she broke every meet's old mark in the shot and went on to win regionals. Thompson, a product of Reagan County High, was a four-time state champion in the shot put.

"Tab is a great athlete," Thompson said. "I love having her as a teammate. She's a good thrower, and I could learn so much by just watching her."

After an All-American season, Polk said this year has been somewhat of a disappointment for her. She has yet to qualify for the NCAA tournament and has been hampered by slight injuries all year.

"I'm not where I expected to be at this point of my career," Polk said. "I wanted to be at a higher point at this time. Hopefully I can get



Jeremy Chesnutt: The University Daily
Long distance: Sophomore Tabitha Polk throws the shot put during practice.

meet last weekend at the Texas-Relays in Austin. Thompson edged out Polk by two feet when she putted the shot 46-feet for an eighth-place finish. Also at the Texas-Relays, Polk slung the discus 145 feet while Thompson's bounced right behind her with a throw of 143 feet.

"Both of them are quite capable," Parke said.

"Alicia is probably a little quicker. Tab is probably stronger. Ability wise they are almost identical. They could beat each other on any given day. Tab is obviously more experienced, but Alicia's experience with competition carries over from basketball. I think they can help each other."

How does a school like Tech suddenly become women's shot put headquarters? Polk, an engineering major, said it was the effort Tech gave to draw her to Lubbock.

"It was a very nice recruitment," Polk said. "I was trying to get away from home. I like Lubbock because it's a quiet place. The people and everything else is nice."


Last year during recruiting time Thompson had to consider a school's basketball program as well as track.

"I like both programs," Thompson said. "My goal is to make All-American in both sports, and I think I can do that here. Coach Parke and coach Sharp are really great persons and great coaches. I just want to be known as a good athlete."

back to where I was last year at this time."

If the name Alicia Thompson sounds familiar, it should. Thompson was a member of the women's basketball team and played a key role in getting to the Elite Eight.

Thompson competed in her first collegiate track



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SMU hoop coach resigns

DALLAS (AP) — Southern Methodist men's basketball coach John Shumate resigned Thursday, with three years left on his contract, after coming off his sixth losing season in seven years.

In a prepared statement released through SMU's sports information office Thursday morning, Shumate said:

"I am particularly proud of the fact that 100 percent of our student-athletes graduated during my tenure and that we won the Southwest Conference championship in 1993.

"It has been a challenge to meet the high expectations of the university, in light of the various limitations that have been imposed on the program," he said.

Tech, Texas ready for South Plains showdown

By Jared Parcell

The University Daily

As the sun sets over the West Texas sky, the eighth-ranked Texas Tech Red Raiders will take the field, hosting the ninth-ranked Texas Longhorns in a 7 p.m. game today at Dan Law Field.

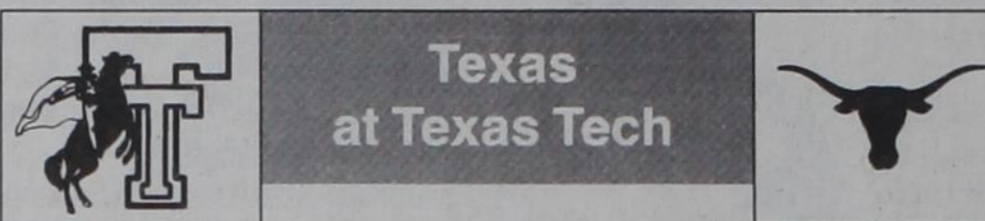
Pitching coach Frank Anderson said the starting rotation has not been set, but left hander Matt Miller (7-1, 3.92 ERA, 51 strikeouts) may get the start for the opener of a three-game series.

Miller picked up a win against Texas, 36-10 overall and 9-6 in Southwest Conference action, in the first game of the First Pitch Tournament March 16.

He went nine innings, giving up 10 hits and three runs, while striking out eight and walking only one as Tech won 4-3.

"Beating them once gives me a bunch of confidence," Miller said. "These guys are a great team. They are able to hit the ball, and they have good enough pitching that they are going to stay with us."

As a team, Texas is hitting .317, with freshman Chris Edelstein lead-



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Players to watch: Freshman outfielder Chris Edelstein leads the Longhorns in hitting with a .389 average, while Shea Morenz has 7 homers.

series, one where everything counts. It's going to take a big effort by our pitching staff. The key will be throwing strikes. You need to cut down on your base on balls. A series like this, defense is the most important thing — pitching and defense. Right now I think they have the best pitching in the league."

On the mound, J.D. Smart is the Texas leader. He has a staff best 11-1 record, with 78 strikeouts. Jake O'Dell is 8-2 with a 2.91 ERA and 66 strikeouts.

Jeff Peck (6-1) and Travis Smith (5-3) are the other two possible starters for the Tech, Anderson said. Smith has a staff-high 54 strike outs and a 2.75 ERA in 13 appearances, while Peck has an ERA of 2.89 in 10 appearances.

"Anytime you play Texas, it's huge," Smith said. "But for the conference race, it's really big because they struggled early and are now starting to play."

"For us, it's our first conference series at home, and we are all fired up. This series means a lot to us because we can control what happens," he said.

ing the way with a .389 average. Shea Morenz, the quarterback for Texas football team, is tied with Danny Peoples with a team-high seven home runs. Kip Harkrider leads the offense with 44 RBI.

For Tech (33-7, 6-4), Jason Totman leads the offensive attack, hitting .429.

The Red Raiders are hitting .336, with 11 batters having an average of .300 or better.

Clint Bryant, in the midst of a 27-game hitting streak, has a team high 56 RBI and is tied with Dion Ruecker

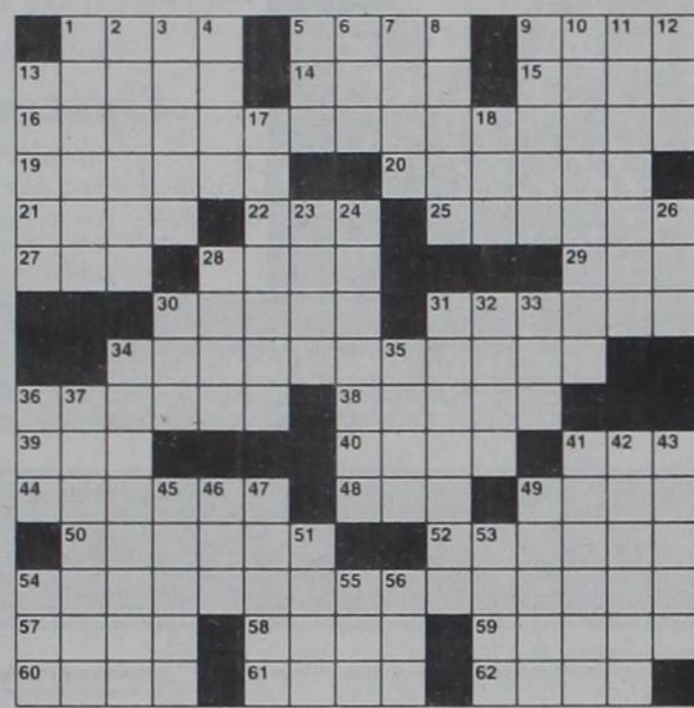
with nine home runs. On the base paths, Tech holds a considerable edge. Texas has 77 steals in 94 attempts, while Tech has 108 steals in 149 attempts.

The last two regular season series have been won by Tech, but Texas holds the upper hand, beating the Red Raiders in the final game of the SWC postseason tournament last season, 4-3 in 12 innings.

"This has been a great series the last few years," Tech coach Larry Hays said. "It's been a pretty even

THE Daily Crossword by Chuck Deodene

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Dickey signs Kansas JUCO standout

By Jonathan Harris

The University Daily

The Texas Tech men's basketball team continued to arm itself for next season as it signed its third junior college player in two days Thursday.

Tech coach James Dickey announced the Red Raiders signed Gracen Averil to a national letter of intent. Averil, a 6-foot-5-inch, 210-pound small forward, comes to Tech from Garden City Community College in Kansas.

"Gracen will help us fill the void at the small forward spot that Mark Davis played so well the last two years," Dickey said. "We really liked his toughness and his ability to score. He's a very physical player with an excellent competitive spirit."

Averil said he had many reasons for choosing Tech.

"I thought it would be a good place because it's close to home," he said. "I've seen Tech play on TV and in person. I like Coach D. (Dickey), the coaching staff, and on my visit, they showed me a good time."

Averil averaged 17 points, 6 rebounds and 3 assists last season at Garden City. He said he is still improving.

"I think I'm a penetrator, and I can dish the ball real good," Averil said. "I need to work on my shot a little bit, but I think I'm able to do a real good job keeping the ball out and playing defense."

Dickey said Averil is a physical player for being able to play the shooting forward.

"I've got a lot of finesse in my game," Averil said. "For my size, I am able to hold guys who are 6'7" or 6'8"."

Averil said he selected Tech over

Baylor, Northern Iowa and New Mexico State.

A product of Houston Spring Woods, Averil was an All-Jayhawk Conference selection in both years at Garden City. He scored more than 1,000 points in his two-year career and helped the Broncbusters to a 43-20 record and regional tournaments both seasons. Averil said he wants to contribute to the Raiders immediately.

"Basically wherever I go I think I can make an impact and become a good player," Averil said.

Averil is the third JUCO player signed by Tech this period. Averil joins guard Deuce Jones of Temple Junior College and Da'mon Roberts of Odessa College who both signed Wednesday.

Big 12 basketball will be on ESPN

DALLAS (AP) — The Big 12 Conference is expected to announce a five-year contract with ESPN and ESPN2 to televise conference basketball games from 1997-2001, a newspaper has reported.

Creative Sports, as part of the contract, will syndicate the games. The Big Eight Conference will be part of the contract for the upcoming season before the new league forms, The Dallas Morning News said in Thursday editions.

Curt Pires, senior publicist at ESPN, would not confirm the contract but told the newspaper the parties involved were close to an agreement.

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