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Close Call

The Texas Tech football team secures its seventh win of the season by beating the University of Oklahoma 22-12 Saturday. Read about how the Red Raiders were able to escape with their first victory against the Sooners.

see page 6

A town

named Tuna

Texas Tech Cultural Events presented "A Tuna Christmas" to a crowded Allen Theatre Friday. Read to find out if the parking places were worth waiting for.

see page 4



State board allows Tech to sell bonds

by Kristi Rieken/UD

closer to becoming a reality after the Texas residence halls. State Bond Board gave Tech officials authorization to sell as much as \$90 million in bonds is just another step in a long process and with to support its construction.

The approval came Thursday in Austin more than a month after the Texas Higher Edustruction of the new arena.

Of the \$90 million approved, only \$47 million will go to fund the arena, Tech Deputy December, Crowson said. Chancellor Jim Crowson said.

residence halls that will house up to 400 stu- must approve it, and the State Comptroller's raising, has raised more than \$23 million to sors, with the first coming Aug. 26 when Texas Tech's United Spirit Arena is one step dents and also towards renovation of existing Office will regulate the sale.

> Tech Chancellor John T. Montford said this there will be no hearing, Crowson said. this approval construction on the arena should and will be repaid by revenue from the arena Wednesday.

"Now that we have this approval, I hope large amount from private donations. cation Coordinating Board approved the con- that we can break ground on the new arena

Although the bond board authorized the Tech volleyball team. Another \$30 million will go to build new sale of the bonds, the state attorney general

These steps are more of a formality, and

and student's general use fees, as well as a

The arena, which was approved by regents arena fund. soon after the first of the year," Montford said. at an Aug. 20 meeting, is set to open in Noand women's basketball teams as well as the plaque in the arena upon its completion.

be used toward construction of the arena.

became the first student group to donate to the \$2 million and the next donation came from The bonds to be sold will mature in 2017 arena, when members donated \$1,000 Plains National Bank, who gave \$1.2 million.

groups to follow its lead and contribute to the anonymous Lubbock family also donated \$1

The bonds should be sold at the first of vember 1998. It will be home to the Tech men's \$1,000 or more will be recognized with a \$1.2 million. Another aid to the arena came

Montford, whose main job at Tech is fund-nered donations from several corporate spon-vertising contract with Tech.

United Supermarkets gave \$10 million. Fol-Last week the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity lowing United's contribution, Coca Cola added McDougal Properties, City Bank and South-The fraternity challenged other student western Bell gave \$1 million each, and an million. Another anonymous donation came All groups or individuals who donate when six local corporations gave a combined Oct. 16 when Lubbock Power and Light offi-Prior to Wednesday's donation, Tech gar- cials announced a \$4.25 million, 30-year ad-

Admiral's

to protect

WASHINGTON (AP) - Dreading

a new Navy scandal, Adm. Jeremy

Boorda, in a note addressed "to my

sailors," wrote that he was about to

kill himself because "I couldn't bear

lic in a 20,000-word story in the De-

cember issue of Washingtonian maga-

zine that also provides new details on

the chief of naval operations' death -

that Boorda had confided to his son,

Edward, that he planned to resign two

years early as the Navy's top officer.

He mentioned the enormous demands

of the job and the stress on his wife,

Bettie. Then Boorda shot himself in

the chest last May 15, just hours be-

fore he was about to be questioned by

reporters about two Vietnam combat

decorations he wore but may not have

The magazine says the decorations

Another, Kotz writes, was a drum-

beat of hostility from the Navy's old

guard, which considered Boorda a

"political admiral" who had appeased

politicians in his handling of the

the Navy has never disclosed, Boorda

mentioned the decorations but also

talked of "those who want to tear our

raderie with sailors and he himself rose

Boorda was known for his cama-

In the suicide note, whose contents

been qualified to display.

affair was only one factor.

Navy's Tailhook scandal.

Navy dówn."

through the ranks.

Freelance writer Nick Kotz reports

an event that stunned Washington.

Boorda's suicide note is made pub-

suicide

sailors

to bring dishonor to you."

Lobbying firm causes concern

Tech joins controversial clientele

...we could

by Kristi Rieken/UD

questions among some faculty and stu- pany has to come from somewhere. dents because of another client the company represents.

also represents the tobacco giant R.J. Reynolds Company. Tech President ulty Senate. Donald Haragan said he was not aware

that Cassidy and Associates also represents R.J. Reynolds.

"We have not get some negahad a chance to review all of the cli- tive publicity ents they represent," Haragan from it.

With all of the Gary Harrison, a Tech negative publicity aimed at the tobacco industry in

recent months, some people fear hir-sociates were on campus Thursday and ing the firm is not a good move for Friday to meet with Tech officials. Tech.

Harrison, a senior sociology major pare for the next congressional session from Sugar Land. "But if the same firm representing

could get some negative publicity from tional strengths and develop a strate-Although several people were con-

"As long as they can represent us Haragan said.

One faculty member said he does growth," Haragan said.

not believe the tobacco affiliation will A lobbying firm recently hired to have negative effects on Tech and said represent Texas Tech has raised some representation for the tobacco com-"I don't think it (the tobacco affili-

ation) will really matter to Tech," said The firm Cassidy and Associates Murray Coulter, a Tech biology professor and former president of the Fac-

"It (R.J. Reynolds) is a legitimate

business, and someone has to represent them. It is like an attorney representing a murderer - it does not make the attorney any less of a professional because someone has to do it."

Representasenior from Sugar Land tives from Cassidy and As-

Academic deans from each college "I know we are not directly related were encouraged to put together a reto the tobacco company," said Gary source inventory to help the firm pre-

that begins January 1997. The firm needs the resource invenour interests is representing theirs, we tories to help identify Tech's institugic federal government relations plan.

Haragan said Tech hired the firm cerned about the link to R.J. Reynolds, for several reasons, but the main one some do not believe it should be an has to do with governmental represen-

"We want them to help us reprewell, I don't think it is a problem," sent Tech to federal agencies and work on future plans for the university's



Wes Underwood/UD

A scoopful of help: Members of Texas Tech's chapter of Zeta Tau Alpha Lauren Brzowskie, a junior fashion design major from Houston, and Mallory Sims, a sophomore business major from Plano, sacks cherries at the South Plains Food Bank Saturday. The holiday season offers many opportunities for students to volunteer.

Students should watch for holiday debt Season sparks stress in students

by April Castro/UD

proach, students begin their annual consumers not planning ahead. dash to the stores to spend their money on those special gifts for their loved before it happens," Davis said. "They

minute and overspending on credit cards.

"People don't realize that what they purchase now, they will end up paying for twice and even three times that amount,'

said Joe Jimenez, operator in client miliar with the credit card, so it's im- buy more at a higher cost," Davis said. to get it out of the loop."

CCCS Director of Communica- from last Christmas.'

tions Donna Davis said the cause for As the Christmas holidays ap- much of the serious holiday debt is negative aspect of the holidays for stu-

"Consumers don't start planning added business. Consumer Credit Counseling Ser- to the credit card to support them."

> heavy debt after the holi- Commerce. days, she said.

> > start saving as soon as pos- pers." sible, she said.

aware of the interest rate and not fa- minute, because then people tend to ery year, Reeve said. portant not to overextend the card and "Believe it or not, there are actually cent increase right now, and it is caused people who are still paying off bills by a couple of things locally,"said

Although holiday spending is a dents, retailers look forward to the

wait until the last minute and then go year by Lubbock residents is deter- finals. mined by two specific factors, said vices, however, warns of the conse- Starting to plan now and putting Michael Reeves, communications quences of waiting until the last money back for gifts will help prevent manager for the Lubbock Chamber of

"A lot of Christmas is tied to the Also, it is important to cotton crops, and reports are very good set a limit and make lists this year," Reeves said. "The cotton of exactly what to buy and crop kind of dictates the mood of shop-

The cotton crop and a successful "We have to be careful not to over- Texas Tech athletic team determine the services for the CCCS. "They are not extend and not wait until the last increase retailers see at this time ev-

"Everybody is looking at a five persee Debt, page 3

by Ginger Pope/UD

Denise Wright, a junior elementary education major from Abilene, said it right now because companies have Tabor said. is easy to be stressed during the Christmas season.

"When you go home for Thanksgiving, you're almost expected to start buying presents," Wright said. "But I'm doing well to just get home with a few dollars."

Stephen Sears, director of Tech's Institute for Banking and Fi- deductible.' nancial Studies, said the choices students have for obtaining extra money for Christmas often depends on what opportunities are available.

"Short-term or part-time work would not receive money.

would be my first choice of advice to At this time of year, many Texas offer, partly because there would be mas, 8004 Indiana Ave., said tempo-Tech students find buying Christmas no financing costs," Sears said. "How-rary help during the Christmas season The amount of money spent each presents more challenging than taking ever, students may have trouble find- works well both ways because the ing a job in their hometown."

lowered their interest rates.

"Students need to pay dents," Tabor said. careful attention to the terms "They need to realize that customers from Tech. any money used, unless paid added, and those charges are not tax cent of our customers."

Dana Tabor, manager of 'Tis Christemployee needs a little extra cash, and Credit cards also are very popular the employer needs the added help,

"Most of the people we hire are stu-

Tony Renteria, manager of Cash of a credit card," Sears said. America Pawn, said they have a lot of

"We do a lot of business with stuback within the first month, dents, on campus and off," Renteria will be financial charges said. "They make up at least 10 per-

When students go home, they can Chances of getting a loan are very store items in Lubbock pawn shops slim for college students, Sears said. and receive cash for Christmas at the Unless they are able to provide proof same time, he said. Even after the holiof collateral, students most likely days, students will pawn the gifts they did not want, Renteria said.

State View

Clinton wants support for amendment

The Lufkin Daily News on balanced-budget amendment:

President Clinton has indicated that he will ease his opposition to a constitutional amendment to balance the budget. Apparently, he reasons, the Republican-led Congress will bring it to vote and pass it down to be ratified by the states anyway, so why bother?

This is leadership in the new touchy-feely, why-can't-we-all-get-along Washington. If it's going to cost political capital to stand up for what you believe and if a majority is going along anyway, whether it's right or wrong, the new leadership dictates to let it pass because it's going to happen anyway.

Messing with the Constitution, should be reason enough to stand against a balanced-budget amendment. Such an amendment would give our representatives the political cover to do something nearly all Americans do every day - operate under a balanced budget. But that shouldn't be an excuse to trash the Constitution.

But there are millions of reasons more why Clinton should oppose a balanced-budget amendment. The President even hinted around some of those reasons at the same time he was indicating that he would not oppose the balanced-budget initiative.

He said the amendment ought to have an escape hatch in the case of a recession. That is because he knows that no politician will honestly tackle the Medicaid, Medicare and Social Security questions. He knows this all too well. And cutting defense is politically out of the question. Instead, the portion of the budget that would feel the squeeze in a recession is in domestic appropriations. Although this makes up only a sixth of the entire budget, it covers safetynet programs including some welfare, Head Start and education, among other public programs like highways and national parks.

Obviously, the programs harmed most by a recession are those that would, be needed most by our citizens at that time. In a downed economy, the poor and middle-class would get hit coming and going, first by the recession, then by a leaderless government that can't offer relief.

Your View

Columnist takes naive view of homelessness

To the editor: Comparatively, the federal law was changed such that an amount of junk that I have read thus individual (adult) is not allowed to be far in my college career would fill a held in an institution against his/her thimble when held up to the unmiti- will solely for mental disease, regardpeared in Julie Mitchell's column (11/ may think. It is not a coincidence that 20/96). The very idea that she say that there was a sharp rise in I, or anyone else is even remotely re- "homelessness" around this time. sponsible for the "homeless" or, even worse, that they are owed something that I do acknowledge the fact that by us makes me see red.

we, as a society, have replaced the best to change their situation in life. word "bum" with "homeless." Obvi- Having spoken to a police officer who ously, because "homeless" sounds deals with these situations daily, I was more pathetic and arouses more feel- told that the actual home-less virtually ings of pity for these urchins.

not arise from a lack of affordable tract viduals that she deals with repeatedly housing or because daddy was a vic- are addicts and psychos. tim of cutbacks at the steel mill. The 2) mental disease.

had to physically restrain three differ- stamps and welfare, as there is with ent people who had broken into a va- every state-run institution. cant house that I own. After I subdued me in jail...please let me go...I'm needed. homeless." In each of these cases (and other similar personal dealings) there chanical engineering

were drugs or drug paraphernalia found on their person.

Unfortunately, in the early 1980s, gated Lubbock-esque feed lot that ap- less of what any number of doctors

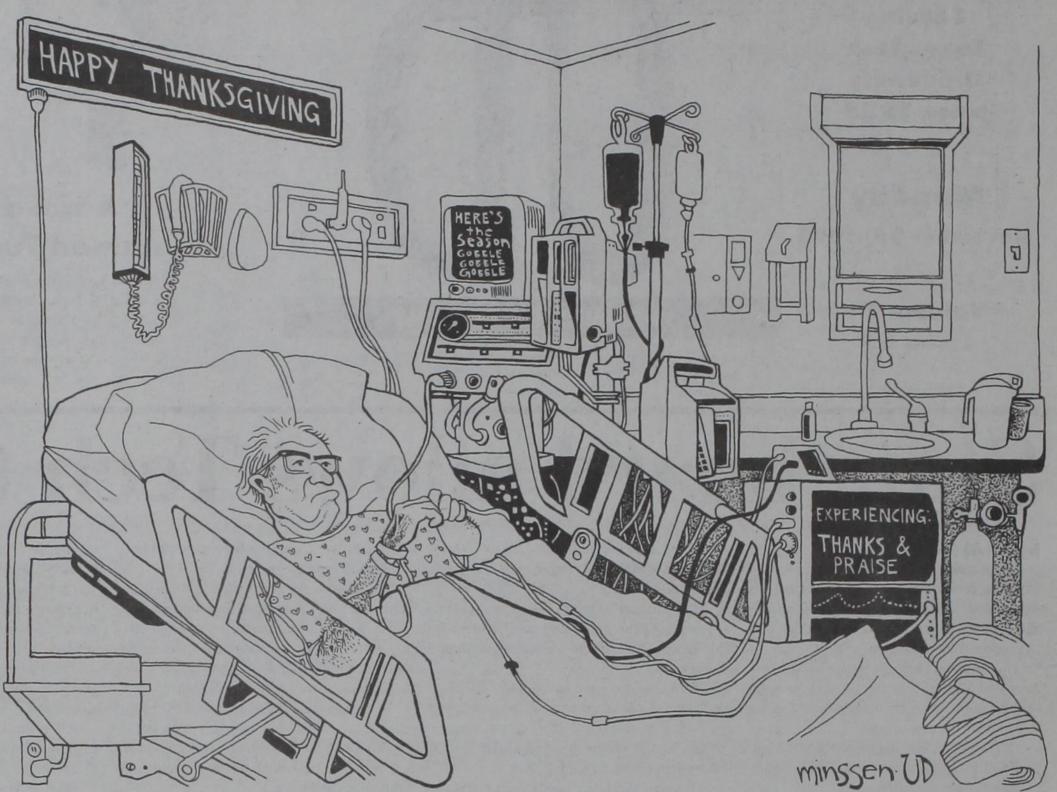
Additionally, I would like to say there are indeed a number of people Somehow, over the past ten years, who are down on luck and trying their always dig themselves out of their situ-For the most part, the problem does ation and the only "homeless" indi-

It is Mitchell that needs to open her two major reaons that people are on eyes to the real problems causing the street are: 1) drug dependency and homelessness and facing the homeless, and stop selling her propaganda, In the past three weeks on as many because there actually is a certain seperate occasions, I, personaly have amount of fraud associated with food

With that in mind, I am not saying each perpetrator and had someone call that I believe we should rid our socithe police, I was requested the same ety of these programs, but that they thing every time, namely: "Don't put should be applied where they are truly

Thurman Harrell, senior me-

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Full moon means funny things for UD copy editor



Charles Melton/copy editor

found its way to Texas Tech as the temthree days before Thanksgiving, which has me as scared as a jackrabbit with a coyote on my tail.

avoiding crashes, I'm not sure if I re- truly final. Hopefully, I'll be able to I go home to my Aggie mom and dad. ism major from Salina, Kan.

out of here at 4:45 p.m. Wednesday.

If I was privileged enough to be flyflying in a puddle jumper.

For those who don't know what a in the nighttime sky. puddle jumper is, count your blessings and don't miss church on Sundays.

sized prop planes reserved for those that big yellow ball was gone. It appears that winter has finally airports deemed unworthy of jet serperatures have taken a plunge a mere one of those ungodly cities as well as being my final destination.

Did I say final? I'll be working on a real nice case With all of those jet jocks who seem of rug burn on my knees between to-full moon. Tech beat A&M 13-10, might just make the national news. to have a hard time landing planes and day and Wednesday to hope that it isn't which gives me bragging rights when

ally want to climb aboard my flight return to Lubbock Sunday on another dadgummed puddle jumper.

ing in a 747, I wouldn't be as scared, about full moons and how funny things that happened, it's a wonder I but my luck isn't that good, so I'll be things always happen when one of kept my sanity and sense of humor. those big yellow orbs of chaos rises

thing really strange happened that had A puddle jumper is one those over- me looking for a hole to crawl in until as they come to life.

vice. Unfortunately, Wichita, Kan., is dreaded things called midterm exams nation as I head home for the Thanksthat had me wishing I was cleaning giving holidays. horse stalls instead of bombing those

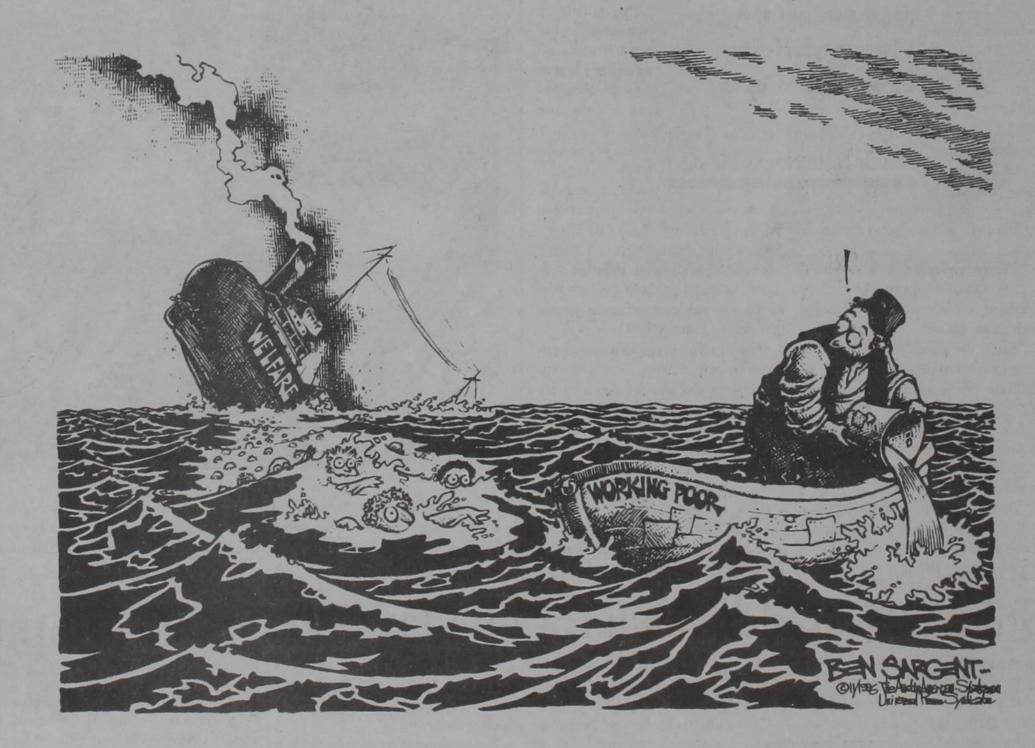
The full moon before that, I celebrated or should I say survived my Plus, I have this strong superstition 22nd birthday. With all of the funny

Hopefully, this month's full moon will be more than a recent memory During the last full moon, some- before I climb on that tiny puddle jumper and hear those engines whine

If my luck takes a turn for the bet-Oh now I remember. It was those ter, Wichita won't be my final desti-

It'll just be a stop along the way, but when you're flying in a puddle At least there was a positive to that jumper and staring at a full moon, you

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News

Senate candidates receive support

by Tomi Rodgers/UD

State Senate candidates may enable Democrat David Langston and Republican Robert Duncan to receive more votes in the upcoming election.

Former Senate candidates Texas Republican National Committee chairman Tim Lambert and Monte Hasie, Republican member of the State Board of Education, have decided to endorse Duncan.

Former Republican Senate candidate Dick Bowen gave his support to Langston

A Dec. 10 run-off election between Langston and Duncan is necessary because none of the original seven senate candidates received more than 50 percent of the votes in the Nov. 5 elec-Duncan, with 38.59 percent, and goes to Austin to represent West Texas. Texas' next senator." Langston, with 29.26 percent.

strongly behind Duncan," said Darren Grubb, a staff member of Duncan's tisan support. campaign and senior political science major from Midland.

Lubbock County Republican and education as his two major issues. Chairman Marc McDougal said the

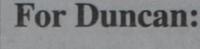
former candidates have pledged to too important to play politics with," islature," Hasie said. "Robert Duncan

Endorsement checklist

For Langston:



Langston





Duncan

Bowen said he supports Langston's "The Republican party is uniting views on education and said that was confident that Duncan is the best on the endorsements.

Langston has stressed juvenile crime paign platform.

"I believe that public education is will be at the forefront in the next leg-same ideas and opinions."

tion. The top two candidates were best qualified Republican candidate a top priority for whoever is West Texas Tech's College Republicans,

Langston's ideas are worthy of bipar- candidate for the area. Duncan has highlighted education reform and cut- Hasie and Duncan pale in comparison Throughout his campaign, ting taxes and spending in his cam- with the differences the three have

"Issues involving public education

Recent endorsements by former help the Republican party so that the Langston said. "Education should be has a proven track record of accomplishment, which will be of great benefit for all West Texans."

> Langston campaign manager Julie McClure said that generally the issues are what drives the campaign, not the endorsements.

> 'The other endorsements are saying that partisan politics is what's at play," McClure said in reference to Duncan's campaign.

McClure used Republican Bowen's endorsement for Langston to show support for Langston's ideas.

"It's a testament to his bipartisan approach to government," McClure

Cameron Graham, a junior history major from Lubbock and chairman of stressed the importance of voters vot-In Hasie's endorsement, he said he ing in this election and his thoughts

> "The differences between Lambert, with Langston," Graham said.

> "They all basically support the

La Ventana garners prestigious awards

The 1994-95 Texas Tech yearbook won the prestigious Pace- a resolution against the La Ventana maker award Saturday at the Col- and openly criticized it in letters to lege Media Advisers/Associate The University Daily's editor. Collegiate Press annual conference in Orlando, Fla.

Pulitzer Prize.

winning yearbook.

The 1994-95 La Ventana, which about the two publications. means 'the window,' won the award

senators and administration last fall because it contained a two-page school. spread on the increase of marijuana use on the Tech campus.

The Tech Student Senate passed

Because of the controversial spread, Tech's president at the time, The Pacemaker is the highest Robert Lawless, refused to allow award received in college journal- Tech regents to receive free copies ism and is the equivalent to the of the book, as traditionally done.

The controversy sparked much Former Tech student Amy campus-wide debate, inspiring the Hayson was the editor of the award- theme of the 1995 annual Meet the Media event in the University Cen-In the La Ventana's category, ter, during which students address books with more than 300 pages, the editors of the La Ventana and only six schools won a Pacemaker. The UD and ask them questions

The editors of both publications for its superior design and content. defended the decision to print the This is the same yearbook that marijuana spread and disputed came under fire from Tech student claims that the yearbook should act as a public relations tool for the

> This is the first Pacemaker La Ventana has won since 1983.

Debt

Continued from page 1

Penney's and member of the 1997 level.' Lubbock Chamber of Commerce. body, and we've had good reports increase would be low, he said. so far. Also a successful Tech sports team has a large effect on it."

Conference more people are apt to on the weather as well."

buy Tech paraphernalia, he said.

ing more Texas Tech sweatshirts and jackets," McDevitt said. "People are proud about their university now Mark McDevitt, manager of JC that they have been raised to a higher

Based on the first weeks of No-"A good cotton crop affects every-vember, a prediction of a 5 percent

"From what I've seen I'd think it will probably be closer to 10 per-As Tech athletic teams become cent," he said. "That's an optimistic more visual as part of the Big 12 estimate because a lot of it is based

McDevitt said a snowstorm in "It's amazing to watch as the the week before Christmas could be team wins, more people are buy- detrimental to their holiday revenue.

ValuJet plane returns to airport after 'smoky' smell

ValuJet plane returned to Orlando Inported smelling "a smoke-like odor."

Valujet's Flight 116 bound for Atlanta returned to the airport shortly Fennell, however, said the pilot reafter takeoff when a passenger told a ported a strong "electrical" smell, first left engine caught fire, said airport smoke coming out of the left engine." flight attendant he smelled a "smoke- in the cockpit, then in the plane's rear. spokeswoman Angel Biasatti. like odor," said ValuJet spokeswoman Marcia Scott.

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — A plane without any problem.

Scott emphasized that an inspection ternational Airport for an emergency of the DC-9 on the ground turned up landing Saturday after a passenger re- no smoke or fire, and no cockpit lights indicating a problem went on.

Airport spokeswoman Carolyn

The incident came a day after The pilot passed the report on to cause of the May crash of ValuJet aboard, was evacuated, she said. the airport and turned the aircraft back Flight 592, which plunged into the as a precaution, Scott said. All 32 pas- Everglades after the pilot reported Frances Fagan said mechanics will sengers and five crew members left the smoke in the aircraft. That crash, have to inspect the plane to determine

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was blamed on improperly boxed oxygen-generating canisters.

American Airlines Flight 1447 bound flight passenger David Stokes. for Acapulco aborted takeoff after the

The plane, an MD-80 with 116 pasweeklong federal hearings into the sengers and five crew members

American spokeswoman Mary

which killed all 110 people on board, what caused the engine to catch fire.

"You heard a loud pop, and once that happened, the pilot shut down and Saturday at the Dallas-Fort Worth then about 30 seconds later they de-International Airport, the pilot of cided to evacuate the aircraft," said

Stokes said he saw "flames and

Tech college of business center officially opens

Family Business from 10 a.m. to 2 available at the center. p.m. today in the Merket Alumni Cen-

facilitate the learning process in en- other basics of a family firm. trepreneurial and family firms.

It's goal is to support programs at the master's and doctoral levels, as well as a bachelor's degree program in entrepreneurial family business studies.

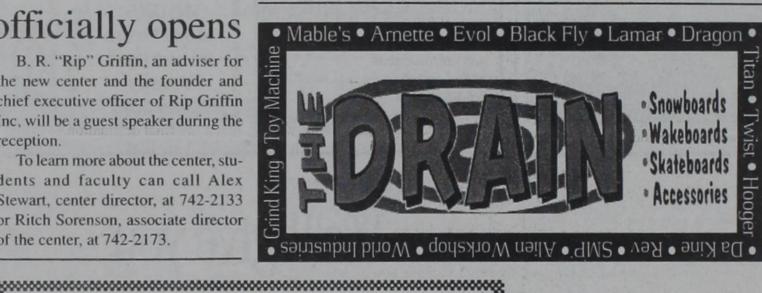
The center also will support Tech's

The Texas Tech College of Busi- first offering of a bachelor's degree in ness Administration will host a recepbusiness administration with a concentre and the founder and tion to celebrate the official opening tration in family business. A specialof the Center for Entrepreneurial and ized management curriculum also is Inc, will be a guest speaker during the

This program allows undergraduates to learn the skills and tools nec-The center, which is located in the essary for managing the interpersonal business administration building, will dynamics, financial management and or Ritch Sorenson, associate director

B. R. "Rip" Griffin, an adviser for chief executive officer of Rip Griffin reception.

To learn more about the center, students and faculty can call Alex Stewart, center director, at 742-2133 of the center, at 742-2173.



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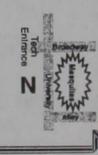


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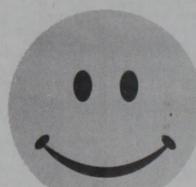
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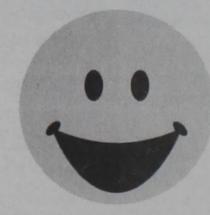
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'Tuna Christmas' pokes fun at small-town problems

TechLife

by Rebecca Babb/UD

Sometimes reality is more enter- two and one-half hour performance. taining than fiction.

with no dressing up.

"A Tuna Christmas" played two shows in the University Center Allen aged to portray a town full of people

It delivered thunderous laughter, unbelievably quick costume changes.

biting sarcasm and witty satire in the

While the fact that the hilarious The small town of Tuna, Texas, play boasts 22 immensely varied char- Sears, Ed Howard and Jaston the postcards make it appear. portrayed in "A Tuna Christmas" gives acters may not be impressive by itself, a glimpse into the disfunction and the fact that the cast contains only two two actors abilities to their fullest. shortcomings of real small-town life actors who play 11 roles each is remarkable.

with minimal props, pantomime and landscape.

cause of its logistics.

WIlliams, is brilliant as it utilizes the

The play was set against an amazingly versatile Alamo-shaped back-Phil Fiorini and Greg Currie man- drop, designed by Loren Sherman, painted with a beautiful West Texas and any serious moments are broken

> The action that takes place in front of it transforms it into a home, a fastfood restaurant and Didi's Used Gun Emporium.

well designed and believable.

The play is set in Tuna, the thirdsmallest town in Texas, on Christmas Eve, but is no "Charlie Brown Christ- had a coyote problem.

fidelity, small-town prejudice, marital

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The show is amazing simply be- treated with humor and sarcasm, are still a not-so-pleasant reminder of how The writing for this play, by Joe Christmas isn't always as perfect as

> It's like Aunt Pearl, the lovable voice of wisdom in the play, says, "Sometimes you gotta laugh to keep from crying."

The show is rip-roaringly funny, with unexpected laugh lines.

When Petey Fisk, an animal-loving character, stands alone on-stage gazing at the stars and contemplating the true meaning of Christmas, the The costumes by Linda Fisher were touching soliloquy is abruptly broken by laughter when he mentions to his pet coyote that the 'shepherds watching their flocks by night' obviously

There is no group of people im-There are the dark elements of in- mune to the play's biting satire as they poke fun at smokers, midgets, drunkproblems and alcoholism that, while ards, UFO watchers, gossips and the NRA-all with equal wit.

> All the characters have their own personal quirks.

Didi Snavely, owner of Didi's Used Gun Emporium with the motto, "If we waitress at the Tasty Kreme, is an ab-the silliness of humanity exemplified can't kill it, it's immortal," sings solute riot with her unique Southern in small-town America.

Tuna, anyone?: Greg Currie and Brent Biscoe play 11 parts each in "A Tuna Christmas." Briscoe's parts were town that has an elk hunting season played Friday by Phil Fiorini.

Christmas carols uninterrupted as she drags on her many cigarettes with her or not, everyone has met these people, grainy smoker's voice.

mannerisms and flightiness.

Bertha Brumiller, a matronly character whose clothing and dress scream 1950s, is an interesting glimpse of the unhappy housewife as she calls her husband "more useless than ice trays in hell" and mentions that her mother said she "was marrying the missing

Then there is R.R. Snavely, Didi's husband who is obsessed with UFO's and finally receives his fondest wish of being taken away by extraterrestrial

With a radio station whose call letters are OKKK and a community theater that puts on all-white productions of "Raisin in The Sun," the topic of racism is definitely addressed.

As one of the characters so pointedly put it, "What can you say about a and no elk?"

Tuna is just that backwards. The play is funny because, like it in some way everyone probably is like Helen Bedd, the surprisingly pretty these people, and it is just funny to see



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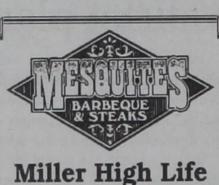


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Sports

Red Raiders shoot down Golden Eagles 96-76

by Brent Dirks/UD

team showed signs of greatness along the Red Raiders with some areas of needed improve- began to pull ment as it defeated pesky Southern away from the Mississippi 96-76 Friday at the Lub- Golden Eagles. bock Municipal Coliseum.

Tech coach James Dickey said started by two Southern Mississippi coach Dennis three pointers Green has done a good job with the made by forward Golden Eagles in his first year of Cory Carr and coaching.

"They are very well disciplined, Bonewitz plus they execute, they value possessions," the defensive Dickey said.

"I'm glad we played them early, guard Rayford and I'm certainly glad we played them Young, led to the at home. They play hard."

earned the respect of Dickey and the lead going into approximately 5,500 fans. But in the first half, the Red Raid-

away with their first regular season the game, be-

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until Tech went The Texas Tech men's basketball on a 19-6 run as The run,

guard Stan play of freshman Red Raiders car-Green and the Golden Eagles rying a 52-37 halftime.

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Southern Mississippi kept within and leaders like Cory and Tony they Dickey said single digits midway in the first half just help me," said Young, who scored

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the coaches ask

Wes Underwood/UD

Two points: Texas Tech's Tony Battie celebrates a dunk against Southern Mississippi Friday.

cause with a coach like coach Dickey things that we have got to improve on,"

"One, we gave up 11 offensive re- State in Thibodeaux, La.

he saw some

game of the

"I was happy

11 points in 18 bounds in the first half. Second, we minutes of play fouled way too much the entire game. in the first game It is unbelievable to me for them to of his collegiate get 35 free throws."

As the second half began, Tech "I'm just try- looked well on its way to its 31 straight ing to do my home win, but the Golden Eagles had best and do what other ideas. In a matter of six minutes, the hot

to the best of my hand of forward Kelly McCarthy, who ability, but I still finished with 14 points, cut the 21have a lot of point Tech lead to nine.

things I have to Dickey said the Red Raiders did not capitalize on key possessions in the Dickey said game.

When the Red Raiders had Southgood things and ern Mississippi up by large margins, some bad things they could not put the Golden Eagles in Tech's first away, Dickey said.

"Those are key situations that we must understand," Dickey said.

"When you get somebody down, with the win, but you have got to put them away. We there are some didn't do that."

> The Red Raiders are next in action at 7 p.m today as they play Nicholls

Texas Tech's men's basketball team will play its first Big 12 Conference game against Baylor Jan. 4 at the Lubbock Municipal Coliseum.

THE Daily Crossword

by Florence C. Adler

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43 Biblical weed 44 Mountain nymph 45 Princely family

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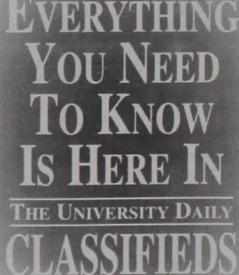
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up and averaged 13 blocks. Senior 2-15, 3-15, 5-15. middle blocker Jill Burness led the team with 14 kills and seven total kills, but Nye recorded a doubleblocks and senior outside hitter double with 14 kills and 10 blocks.

(Special) - The Texas Tech Lacy Nye followed Burness with

Tech was set to defend its brag-The Red Raiders (23-8, 10-8) ging rights against Nebraska, a lost in three games to the Colorado team they beat Oct. 26 in Lubbock. Buffaloes Saturday, 11-15, 15-17, Tech came out strong in the first 9-15. Overall, Tech averaged 11 game, but ultimately lost to the team blocks, but the Buffs stepped Cornhuskers in four games, 15-13,

Burness led the team with 22

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Red Raiders pass Sooner test, 22-12

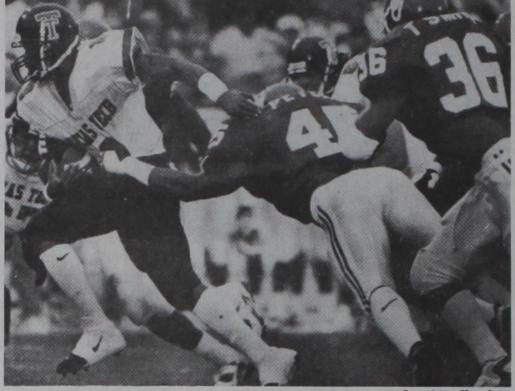
by Heath Robinson/UD

Despite seeing Heisman Trophy candidate Byron Hanspard get stuffed by the Oklahoma defense, Texas Tech sealed its seventh win of the season and school-record fourth consecutive bowl bid by defeating Oklahoma 22-12 Saturday in Norman, Okla.

The Red Raiders (7-4 overall, 5-3 Big 12 Conference) stayed in the hunt for the Big 12 South Division title and a trip to St. Louis Dec. 7. Tech now needs a Texas A&M win over Texas Friday in order to advance.

It looked like the Red Raiders would take themselves out of the hunt early Saturday. Oklahoma contained Hanspard for the better part of the game, becoming the first team to keep Hanspard under 100 yards since Rice in the sixth game of the 1995 season. Tech's defense kept the Sooners (3-8 overall, 3-5 Big 12) down just long enough to get its offense on its feet. At the half, Tech was behind 3-0, and Hanspard had gained just 10 yards on 14 carries.

Dykes. "I thought the defense played striking distance. The win was gratihoma has one of the great football pro- by being in the backfield. grams around, no matter how much tickled to death about it, and I'm not going to apologize for that."



John Woelke/UD

Break away: Tech quarterback Zebbie Lethridge tries to escape the pressure of Oklahoma's Tyrell Peters and Travian Smith in the Red Raiders' 22-12 line. Lethridge scrambled in from one victory over the Sooners Saturday. Tech finished the regular season at 7-4.

limping, it was up to the Tech defense too much success trying to block ei- and took a safety on a punt to account "We knew it was going to be a to keep things together. The job was ther one of them." struggle for us," said Tech coach Spike taken care of by defensive ends Tony

Daniels and Montae Reagor. Daniels its passing game to get going. On and wait for a place to play. extremely well just to keep us within ended the game with three sacks and third-and-15 from the 50-yard line, nine tackles, while Reagor continu- Tech quarterback Zebbie Lethridge for Texas A&M to beat Texas," fying. I don't care what you say, Okla- ously disrupted the Oklahoma offense found Malcolm McKenzie for a 22- Daniels said. yard completion. Seven plays later, "I tell you, those guys really played Lethridge dove in for a 2-yard touch- happy to go to a bowl game anyway. they are struggling this season. I'm great today," Dykes said. "They've down on third-and-goal to give Tech We missed a few chances this season been playing great all year. But they a 7-3 lead. The Red Raiders went on so far, but we still have a chance to really make it hard for an offense to to score nine more points in a row to make it a big success."

build a 16-3 cushion going into the fourth quarter.

The highlight came on a 31-yard touchdown from Lethridge to Donnie Hart. It was the fourth touchdown hook-up in the last three games for the pair, as Hart lost Sooner defender Mike Woods on an out-and-up route. Woods was left behind at the 20-yard line, and Lethridge eased the pass into Hart's hands for a 13-3 lead.

"I guess Donnie and I are on the same page lately," Lethridge said. "I can just tell where he is going to be before he gets there. Maybe this is the kickstart our passing game has been looking for all season."

After Oklahoma creeped to within six points, 16-10, with 9 minutes and 30 seconds left in the game, Hanspard finally broke loose. A 39-yard run put the Red Raiders on the Sooner 15-yard yard out to give Tech a 22-10 lead with a little more than six minutes remain-With Hanspard and the offense get going. I don't think Oklahoma had ing. Tech fought off a late Sooner drive for the game's final points. Daniels In the second half, Tech turned to said the Red Raiders must now sit back

"I'm going to be rooting awful hard

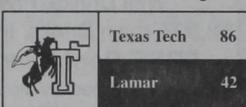
"But if they don't, then we'll be

Hanebutt leads Lady Raiders to first victory

by Brent Dirks/UD

It was a career day for guard Rene Hanebutt as the Texas Tech Lady Raiders defeated Lamar 86-42 Saturday at the Lubbock Municipal Coliseum.

Hanebutt posted a career-high 27 points while post Cara Gibbs received reer-high five rebounds in Tech's first victory of the season. Not to be outdone, post Alicia Thompson recorded her third career double-double with 15 points and 11 rebounds.



her first career start and tallied a ca- of us on the perimeter to score when efficient offensively. But I think we found. the whole defense is going to sag in continue to make progress towards and try to stop 'Chelle' (Thompson)," that." Hanebutt said. "I think that is what happened tonight. For us to be suc- Cardinals tried to catch up to the Lady cessful, when they try to do that, we Raiders, they committed 16 turnovers have got to come out and step up and that helped Tech blow the game open shoot the ball, and I think we did that with a 36-7 run.

three-pointer and two jumpers put field. Tech up 16-7.

The Lady Raiders went on a 23-15 three-point looks when we kick the Lubbock Municipal Coliseum.

run to end the half up 39-22.

coach Marsha Sharp said. "I thought open. It is easier for me to score in we had some people that played very situations like that." well, obviously. We're still looking to "I think it is a lot easier for the three of where maybe we are a little bit in-

In the second half, while the Lady

The score was tied seven all with right now," said Hanebutt, who shot 15 minutes left in the first half when four for nine from behind the three- petitive." nine straight points by Hanebutt off a point line and eight for 14 from the

ball inside and the defense totally col-"I thought It was a good start," Tech lapses. I'm on the three-point line wide

Sharp said the shuffle of personnel, put a closure to a long period of time 14 Lady Raiders played, will continue until good combinations of people are "I expect for us to settle in to maybe

> eight or nine people that we feel like game in and game out are going to be the people that are going to stay in the rotation with us," Sharp said. "But it may be awhile, even until

Christmas until we make it happen. I "We're kind of playing inside out think that is good situation because it makes our practices extremely com-

Tech does not have much time to savor the first win of the season. Tech "It was easy for me to get those plays Grambling at 7 p.m. today at the

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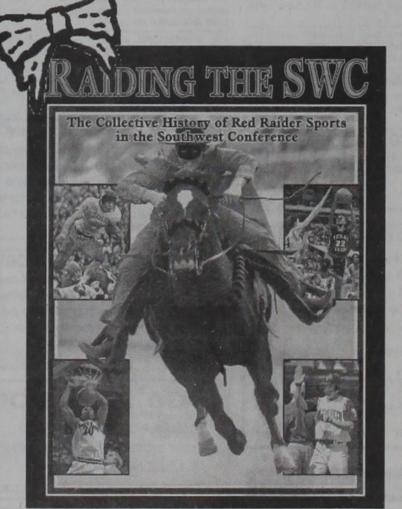
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