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SGA elections result in runoff

BY CAREN CARNEFIX
The University Daily

Two Student Government Association external vice president candidates face another week of campaigning after Wednesday's election resulted in a runoff for the position.

Texas Tech's Elections Committee will re-open the polling locations Wednesday, and students will have the opportunity to once again vote Chris Wright or Bryan Adams.

Adams received 49.42 percent of the 2,995 votes, while Wright received 28.93 percent.

"I'm not surprised," said Wright, a senior management information systems major from Austin. "Obviously, there always is a chance of a run off). Bryan and I are good friends. It will be a good, clean run-off race."

Adams, however, was surprised.

"Wow, this wasn't what I expected," said Adams, a senior business major from Ralls. "I'm ready to get things going again. It will be hard work, but it's worth it. I've always said I want the students' voices to be heard, and no matter how many days I have to stay out there (campaigning), I'll make sure that happens."

Nicholas Robinson, the third external vice president candidate, received 20.7 percent of the votes and could not be reached for comment.

Presidential candidate Blythe Clayton won 100 percent of the 2,710 votes cast.

Although Clayton ran unopposed, she said she felt nervous for the other executive candidates.

"I was nervous for everyone else," said Clayton, a senior public relations major from Amarillo. "I hate looking at people's faces and seeing the disappointment."

Clayton, this year's external vice president, ran unopposed last year for her position and could not explain the reason for the consistent lack of competitors.

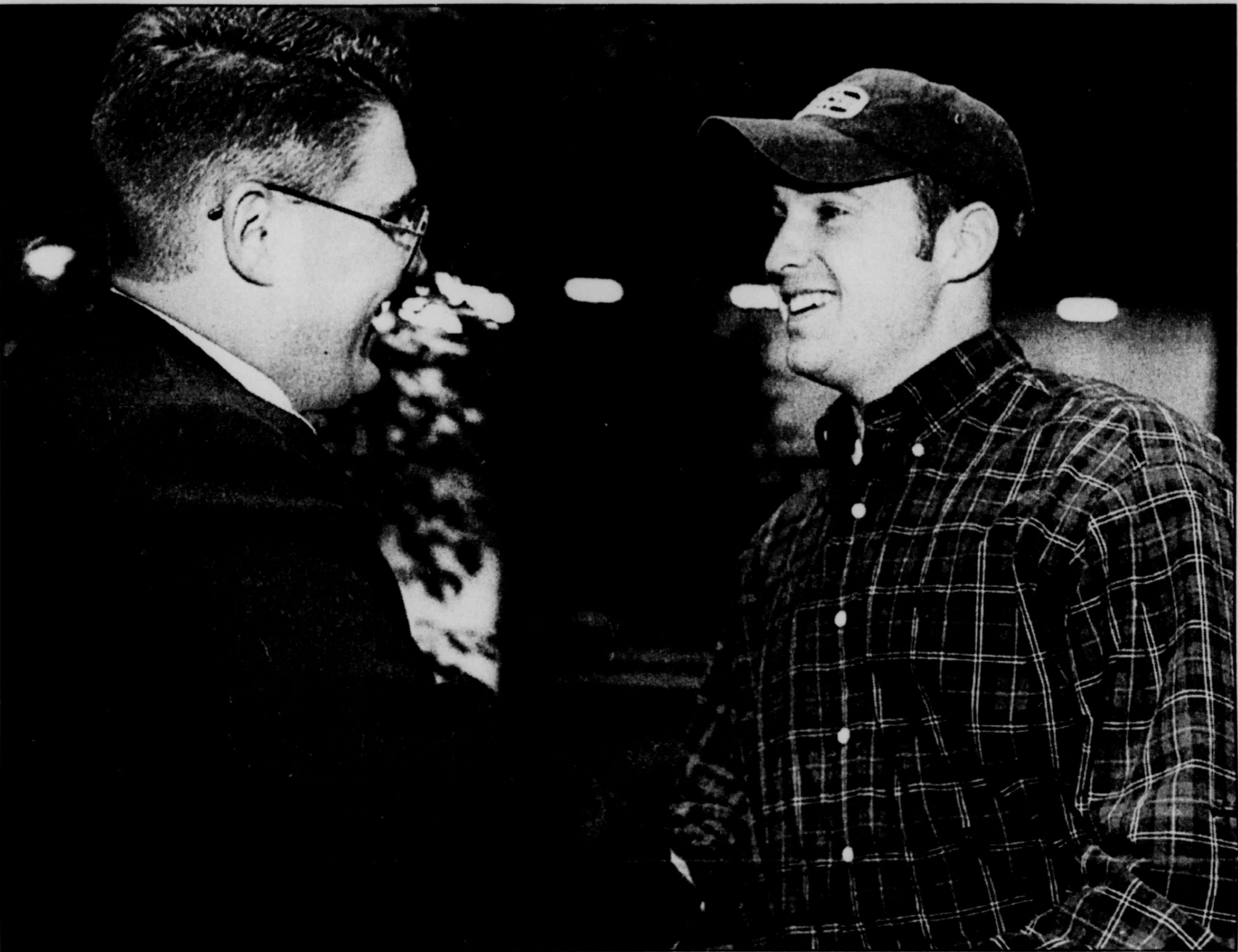
Four years of SGA experience will come in handy as president next year, Clayton said.

"I would think it would be hard to be president without having the experience I have gained this year," she said. "I've been coming up here every day this year, and I look forward to doing it again next year."

Ryan Lunsford triumphed over Chad Kerr for the position of internal vice president.

Lunsford won 59.32 percent of the 2,916 votes.

"It's exciting," said Lunsford, a



junior chemical engineering major from Arlington. "It's a relief to be over. I had 75 great people working on my campaign with me, and I couldn't have done it without them. There was a good cross-section of Tech working on my campaign."

Once the remaining Student Senate meetings close out the year, Lunsford, currently a college of engineering senator, said he expected to start planning next year's senate retreat.

Though Kerr did not win the position of the external vice president, he will continue his involvement with Tech's student government as a senator-at-large.

"I congratulate Ryan, and I know he will do a great job, and I look forward to working with him next year," said Kerr, a junior business major from Lewisville. "Beyond that, I am proud to represent Tech in the at-large category."

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▲ Big relief: Jeff McDonald, a senior marketing major from Humble, congratulates Ryan Lunsford, the internal vice president-elect

► Waiting: Katie Mitchell, a senior public relations major from Corsicana, and Jacquelyn Grady, a junior speech pathology major from San Antonio, listen to the results.

Wade Kennedy and Brian White/The University Daily



Tech students approve rec fee

BY JASON LAWRENCE
The University Daily

Texas Tech students overwhelmingly approved a proposed \$25 fee to expand the Student Recreation Center Wednesday.

Eight-two percent of the 2,904 students who voted cast their ballots in favor of the measure.

The fee, which will not be collected until the expansion is completed in 2000, will go to fund an estimated \$10 million renovation of the center. Possible changes to the rec center include renovation of multipurpose rooms, a new climbing wall structure, more

cardiovascular and weight room space, as well as making other areas of the center more accessible to students, said Joe MacLean, director of the rec center.

"I think they made a good decision for the future group of students who will be here when it opens," MacLean said.

"Almost every person we talked to said they were in favor of it and supported it."

The need for the expansion, MacLean said, is obvious.

"I think it's needed quite a bit," he said. "We are overcrowded in a lot of popular areas. We just don't have enough pieces of equipment or room."

Blythe Clayton, Student Government Association external vice president and president-elect, said the vote's outcome showed students want a larger, better rec center.

"I think it is for the best, without a doubt," said Clayton, a senior public relations major from Amarillo.

"We thought students would be very interested in the fate of the rec center. Obviously, they are."

One of Clayton's first acts as SGA president will be to appoint a student advisory committee to make recom-

**Rec Center
fee votes**
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Regents consider fee increase

Plan would apply in fall

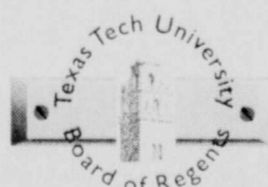
BY DANIEL KERR
The University Daily

The Texas Tech Board of Regents will meet next Thursday to vote on a proposed \$2-per-hour increase in the general use fee.

If approved, the increase will first be charged in the fall of 1998. Tech officials say it will eliminate some other fees students pay, such as the \$6 drop/add fees, and at least the first transcript students request will be free of charge.

The \$2 increase brings the total general-use fee to \$36 per hour, but Jim Brunjes, vice president for fiscal affairs, said it is expected to generate \$1.2 million in revenue that Tech will use for such services, such as matching-grant programs, and improving the disabled-students office, in addition to eliminating drop/add fees.

The National Science Foundation and the Howard Hughs Foundation have both agreed to participate in a program where they would match university funds for



• Proposal is a \$2-per-hour increase in the general use fee

research.

"The first matching program is with the National Science Foundation — the arm of the federal government that provides grants for science and engineering," Brunjes said. "That enables us to double the money to support science and engineering research."

The general-use-fee increase would furnish \$212,000, Brunjes said, to support the multimedia education of Tech faculty.

"More and more students are expecting faculty to have more than a piece of chalk and an eraser in their hand," he said. "The Teaching and Learning Technical Center is in the process of having a facility built in the Library renovation. They

are going to need staff to teach faculty in this new environment."

A half of a million dollars of the projected revenue, Brunjes said, will help fund the main-frame computer upgrade, which will enable students to register for classes via telephone.

Russell Thomasson, Student Government Association president, said he is satisfied with the administration's justifications for the general-use-fee increase, and is pleased with how they budgeted the arena fees.

Tech officials had allotted \$3 of the current \$34 general-use fee charged per class hour for the construction of the United Spirit Arena, Thomasson said, but only used \$2. The fact that officials have used only \$2 of the allotted \$3 arena fee, he said, lends sincerity to the justifications given by Tech officials for the general-use-fee increase.

"The good thing about this is the university has, basically, not spent the entire amount that was estimated or budgeted for the arena," Thomasson said.

UDs missing from campus newsstands

BY GINGER POPE
The University Daily

A report was filed with the Texas Tech University Police Department Wednesday by *The University Daily* concerning the disappearance of about 2,850 papers in the business administration building, Holden Hall, Stangel/Murdough Residence Complex and the mass communications building.

Total estimation of loss so far is \$800. Speculation has been made that individuals upset about the Student Government Association election endorsements that appeared in Wednesday's edition of *The UD* may have been involved.

Russell Thomasson, SGA president, said if the papers were destroyed by students involved with the candidates for an SGA office, then the acts have disgraced the whole election process.

"This is a matter of how far you push

the envelope and whoever did this needs to decide if it was really worth it," Thomasson said. "It would not be fair to do away with the endorsement process."

Dan Burns, assistant director of the University Center, said a complaint could be filed if tactics were used to hinder another's candidacy, but the burden of proof lies with the complainant, which must be filed within 24 hours of the election. The Election Commission, consisting of representatives from four student organizations, would then decide if the complaint was valid and if any action should be taken, Burns said.

Tech Dean of Students Michael Shonrock said if the newspapers were stolen or destroyed on university property by students, then it would be adjudicated by the Dean of Students Office.

"The question is what the intent was and does this constitute a violation of our student code of conduct," Shonrock said.

SHS sponsors Spring Break game

BY CHRIS RICHARDSON

The University Daily

Texas Tech students may pass go and collect \$200 on their way to a safer Spring Break.

In order to encourage a safe Spring Break, Tech's Student Health Services is sponsoring a "monopoly game" this week.

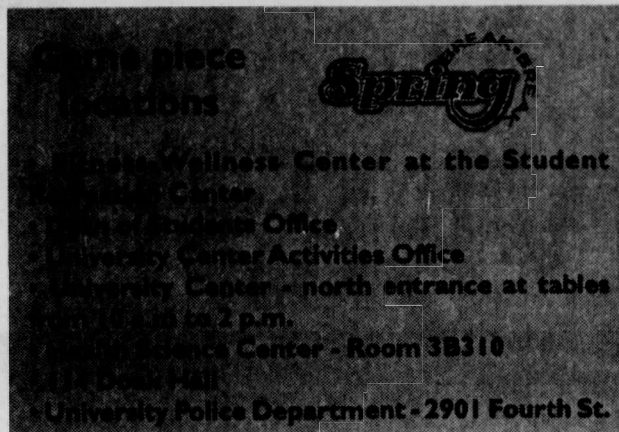
The theme of the week is "Get a monopoly on a safe Spring Break," said Michelle Pettus of Student Health Services.

"We want students to have fun and be safe this Spring Break," Pettus said.

Students should be cautious and

aware of the dangers that could occur over Spring Break, said Betty Blanton, associate director of recreational sports.

"Our main emphasis is to make students aware of all the things that are affected by Spring Break," Blanton said. "We want students to plan ahead and be safe going to their Spring Break destination and getting back



here."

In order to play, students must stop by four of the seven locations located across campus to get a green house.

Information pamphlets containing tips on having a safe Spring Break will be available at the locations.

The pamphlets cover information on different things from tips on how to prevent sunburns to how to change a flat tire.

The green houses must be returned in order to be registered to win \$200 and other prizes. Prizes include free video rentals, T-shirts, compact discs, book bags and shorts. Once students have collected four green monopoly houses, they should take them to Student Health Services at Thompson Hall in exchange for a hotel. Then they will fill out the form to be entered in the raffle. The contest ends Friday.

NOW files suit to pay for damages to clinics

CHICAGO (AP) — Using a law designed to combat organized crime, the National Organization for Women asked a federal court jury Wednesday to force militant anti-abortion leaders to pay for damages caused in clinic attacks.

"If the anti-abortion thugs won't obey the law, we'll go after them where it hurts — their wallets," NOW President Patricia Ireland said Wednesday at the start of court action.

The lawsuit, filed under the Racketeering Influenced Corrupt Organizations law, names as defendants two of the most militant anti-abortion groups, Operation Rescue and the Pro-Life Action League, as well as three of the league's top leaders.

The civil lawsuit accuses the groups and defendants Joseph Scheidler, Timothy Murphy and Andrew Scholberg of waging a campaign to shut the clinics through fear and violence.

While the actual damages asked total only \$86,500 for attacks on clinics in Milwaukee and Wilmington, Del., the sum could climb into the millions if the defendants lose the class-action suit, thus allowing other clinics to file claims for money.

Operation Rescue founder Randall Terry originally was

named in the lawsuit. But already facing \$169,000 in court awards from two other abortion lawsuits, he settled with NOW in January and is no longer part of the case.

The RICO statute allows juries to award triple damages to those who are injured by racketeering. The case could strike a powerful blow at the anti-abortion movement.

But G. Robert Blakey, the Notre Dame University law professor who was a chief architect of the racketeering statute, says the act

was intended only for use against organized crime and drug cartels.

"This case is a nightmare for anybody who wants to picket," Blakey said, adding that groups who

don't profit financially shouldn't be penalized.

Before attorneys for NOW began their opening statements, Scheidler met with reporters in the lobby of the courthouse and denied the charges.

He said he was being blamed for arsons, bombings and shootings that had nothing to do with him. He acknowledged his role in the anti-abortion movement but said he always advocated pursuing the goal "by legal means."

"When the smoke clears, you're going to find that they don't have any case," Scheidler said.

"... we'll go after them where it hurts — their wallets."

NOW President Patricia Ireland

CBO says budget surpluses less than White House claims

WASHINGTON (AP) — Fueling Republican attacks on President Clinton's 1999 budget, the Congressional Budget Office said Wednesday that his spending plan would yield surpluses over the next five years less than half as big as he claims.

The president's budget also proposes initiatives that are not fully paid for, CBO said.

Congress' nonpartisan budget analyst also said that through 2003, Clinton's fiscal blueprint would yield surpluses \$43 billion smaller than if

lawmakers did nothing at all. And they said that rather than an uninterrupted stream of surpluses, Clinton's spending plan would dip back into a \$5 billion deficit in 2000, although surpluses would resume afterward.

"The CBO's finding should slam the coffin lid shut on this ill-conceived plan that threatens to eliminate all the progress we've worked so hard to make on bringing down federal spending and eliminating federal deficits," said House Budget Committee Chairman John Kasich, R-Ohio.

"The White House has some explaining to do," said Sen. Pete Domenici, R-N.M., who chairs the Senate Budget Committee.

White House budget director Franklin Raines said the administration stood by its estimates and defended Clinton's policies.

"The president's budget is clearly a very powerful budget that's captured the imagination of Democrats and the consternation of Republicans," he said.

The report did little to alter the

political dynamic that already existed on Capitol Hill: Republicans intend to ignore many of Clinton's plans to expand access to Medicare, build new schools, pay for other programs and pursue their own priorities. It also did not solve GOP divisions over how deeply to cut taxes and how to use projected surpluses.

The chief differences between the CBO and White House projections were that CBO anticipates a bit weaker economy than the administration assumed.

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The Texas Tech Board of Regents will meet at 8:30 a.m. Thursday, March 12, in Room 206 of the administration building. Items on the agenda include: changes in the rank and tenure policy; an increase in the general-use fee, vehicle registration fees for faculty, staff and students; naming of the new health sciences library building; selection of an architect for the new Red Raider Alley Pavilion; authorization for the refinancing of certain outstanding Revenue Financing System bonds; naming of the University Police Department Building; and revision of the budget for renovating buildings at Reese Center for the Institute of Environmental and Human Health.

Primaries draw to close for Tech professor, candidate

BY JAMES WALKER

The University Daily

The first stretch of the 1998 campaign trail is coming to an end for one Texas Tech professor turned candidate.

Mark Harmon, an associate professor of telecommunications, hopes to win the chance to challenge U.S. Rep. Mac Thornberry, R-Lubbock, by winning Tuesday's Democratic primary race.

Harmon, who said he has never neglected his teaching duties during the campaign, has spent much of his time traveling around the district and talking to people.

Although he spends his share of

time at party meetings and political functions, his favorite method of campaigning is the one-on-one approach, he said.

While traveling, he seeks out opportunities to meet people in the district.

"If I see something interesting along the way, where I'll get a chance to meet people, I'll just drop in," Harmon said. "I've been to a heck of a lot of Dairy Queens and Allsup's."

Many are predicting that voter turnout will be low in the Democratic primary, but candidates always hope the predictions will be wrong, he said. Statewide contested races, like the agriculture commissioner and attorney general races, may draw voters to the

polls.

Harmon's Democratic opponent, Ed True, is an attorney from Wichita Falls.

Harmon said the candidates agree on most issues, and the main difference is in emphasis. While Harmon focuses on corporate welfare and educational issues, True focuses on campaign finance reform and other issues.

True agreed, saying he entered the race because the federal government was not being responsive to the needs of the citizens.

"I've got a chance to meet Mark Harmon, and he's energetic and runs a good campaign," True said. "The two of us pretty well focus on the problems in the existing Republican

Congress."

Those problems stem from the way Republicans choose to cut the budget, he said.

"I've seen them save money by disenfranchising people at the lowest end of the economic scale, while still finding money for corporate welfare," True said.

True worked for 20 years as a lawyer for the U.S. Air Force, and most recently has focused his law practice on representing people with claims against the Social Security Administration, he said.

The district needs a representative who is an independent thinker and has the best interests of Texans in mind, True said.

MOMENT'S NOTICE

Moment's Notice is a service of the Student Government Association for student and university organizations. Publication of announcements is subject to the judgment of the Student Government Association staff and availability of space. Anyone who wants to place an announcement should go to the SGA office on the second floor of the University Center and complete a separate form for each Tuesday and Thursday the notice is to appear. The deadlines are as follows: THURSDAY AT NOON TO BE PRINTED ON TUESDAY; MONDAY TO BE PRINTED ON THURSDAY. All questions should be directed to the SGA office at 742-3631.

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Starr's falling star

Prosecutor's declining popularity could hurt case against president

WASHINGTON (AP) — Special Prosecutor Kenneth Starr's star is falling, in the public's eyes at least, with an approval rating one-fifth that of the president he is investigating.

Even friends said he has made mis- cues that feed into a White House ef- fort to portray him as a zealot.

Prosecutions aren't popularity con- tests, but some say Starr's effec- tiveness could suffer from his image. Former Iran-Contra special prosecu- tor Lawrence Walsh said Starr's "se- rious prosecutorial misjudgments" could undermine his ability to make a case against President Clinton.

That could be especially true if Starr turns his findings over to Con- gress for a possible impeachment in- quiry.

Legislators would be sensitive to the political nuances of acting against a popular president at the initiative of an unpopular prosecutor.

"Your public standing can help or hurt you in persuading witnesses to trust you and may have an effect on jurors," added Walsh, who said per- sistent attacks by then-Senate Repub- lican leader Bob Dole made him fear- ful of winding up with a jury hostile to prosecution.

It is not only Clinton defenders who say Starr has gotten himself off

track.

Former U.S. Attorney Henry Hudson, a Republican and a friend, said Wednesday that Starr has done a good job in the face of "orchestrated criticism" from the White House but has slipped in is- suing subpoenas for those he sus- pected of spread- ing damaging in- formation about his staff.

The entire in- vestigation into Clinton's re- lationship with White House in- tern Monica Lewinsky has di- verted Starr from his original Whitewater inquiry, said Hudson, adding: "I have no doubt he regrets asking the attorney general (Janet Reno) to expand his mandate."

Starr's questioning of White House communications adviser Sidney Blumenthal about his press contacts "was a politically poor move on his part and has cost him a great deal of public support," Hudson said.

"You don't use grand jury subpoe- nas just because you're angry at somebody's perhaps unfair com-

ments," Walsh said.

So far Starr has issued at least 30 subpoenas, some to figures seemingly peripheral to his investigation.

"Starr is politically tone deaf," is the way a persistent Clinton critic,

William Bennett, has put it. "It's too bad because everybody knows the central issue here should be the president."

Another former independ- ent prosecutor, Republican Joseph diGenova, has said Starr sometimes dem- onstrates "a tin ear politically."

And Republican Sen. Arlen Spec- ter of Pennsylvania has concluded that Starr's effectiveness has suffered be- cause "many people think he's out to get the president."

While Clinton's standing in pub- lic opinion polls — in the 60 percent- plus range — has been high, Starr's has been low.

A CBS News poll broadcast Tues- day found that only 12 percent of those questioned rated Starr favor- ably; 55 percent said he should drop

“... the central issue here should be the president.”

William Bennett, critic

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mentations about the expansion.

"I want to talk to the rec center and see what would be the most effective way" to approach the planning phase, she said, but she did not know if those students would be a part of the rec center's steering committee.

The final decision about the expansion will be decided at Tech's Board of Regents' April

meeting, MacLean said. The board must give its approval before any construction can begin.

If the regents vote in favor of the expansion, the university will then select an architect to begin the renovation's design phase.

After a design is approved, the project will be opened for bids, and construction should begin soon after, he said.

The Rec Center expansion is expected to be completed during the 2000-01 school year, MacLean said.

Puerto Rico moves toward statehood

WASHINGTON (AP) — With the slimmest of margins, the House voted Wednesday night to give Puerto Rico what could be its best chance in 100 years of becoming the 51st State.

After rejecting an effort by oppo- nents to scuttle the bill with an En- glish-only provision, the House voted 209-208 to hold a special referendum in Puerto Rico this year, the 100th anniversary of Puerto Rico becoming a U.S. territory.

The referendum would give Puerto Rican's three choices: continued com- monwealth status, statehood or inde- pendence.

The bill had the strong backing of President Clinton and both GOP and Democratic House leaders. A similar measure is pending in the Senate,

where supporters were expected to push for prompt approval. Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, however, has made no commitment on the mea- sure.

The plan mandated in the bill dif- fers from past nonbinding referen- dum for Puerto Rico in setting a clear course to a status change in 10 years, based on the voters' choice. Congres- sional approval and further votes by Puerto Ricans would be required be- fore any final change in status, how- ever.

During more than 11 hours of de- bate, the House voted 265-153 for an amendment that would subject Puerto Rico, if it becomes a state, to the same language requirements of any other state.

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Blythe Clayton
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Ryan Lunsford
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Bryan Adams
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Chris Wright
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White House sex getting tiresome



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"Politics is the second oldest profession in the world, and it bears a great resemblance to the oldest profession."

Who but the great Ronald Reagan could be so philosophical and have such insight?

Ronnie's quote plays into the current political situation pretty well, but I'm not going to get into the "Crisis in the White House."

(That's the term the media keeps using to describe the three-ring circus in Washington with Kenneth Starr as the lion tamer, Bill Clinton as the fire eater and Monica Lewinsky as the

girl that swallows — swords.)

Everyone, including myself, is tired of hearing about the alleged sex scandal in the White House — there are so many misconceptions about the president, Kenneth Starr and what all of these investigations mean.

First of all, I'm sticking to my position that Clinton betrayed his family and he is a serious threat to betray our country also.

But, the onslaught of information about our political leader's sex life has gone too far.

All of this *Monica Lewinsky* news is irrelevant, because Starr's investigation has more to do with Clinton than just his X-rated intern meetings.

The investigation is to determine

if the president — the chief law enforcement officer of America — lied under oath and encouraged someone else to do the same, thus breaking the law.

Starr's investigation has been called the "\$10 million dollar lynching" because many feel it is a waste, but Starr has done a little more than just spit in the wind the last few months.

His investigation has stirred up 10 guilty pleas and three convictions for investments in Arkansas that have direct ties to Bill and Hillary but left several investors broke and one partner dead.

Unfortunately, Clinton's sex life is overshadowing issues like this — issues that are bigger and contain more

criminal type issues.

This alleged sex scandal is just one wrong in a long list of Bill and Hillary's wrongs.

In his two terms as president, Clinton has thrown justice to the wind and has gone far beyond the traditional powers of the president.

He has been involved in illegal fund-raising, bribery and blackmail.

But the public still stands behind him — approval ratings don't lie.

Most say the economy is good, so why worry about the president's personal life?

OK, don't worry about his personal life — worry that some day soon something in a long list of illegal maneuvers is going to surface, and that something might send our leader of the free world to court or worse.

And while you're at it, hope that the American people won't have to pay the price.

Hollye Hodges is a junior broadcast journalism major from Amarillo.

Tech campus steps, buildings misengineered



DWAYNE MAMO/
COLUMNIST

The other day I was walking to one of my classes in the English/philosophy building (my home away from home) and something struck me — the steps leading up to the building are much longer than they are deep, therefore creating an irregular walking rhythm which is quite annoying.

The only explanation I have for this is that maybe the steps were made that way so that horses could have an easier time getting into the building.

Seeing as how this is the Plains Area, the idea of easier equine transit doesn't seem unlikely. However, not all the steps to all the buildings are this way, this uncomformity lends itself to a false response to my assumption. Coupled with this comes the fact that big lecture halls and auditoriums have this unpleasant feature as well, giving my equine hypothesis another incongruity, in that if not all the buildings have a way for the horse to get in, then how could they get into the lecture halls? This is just one example of how things are misengineered, particularly at this campus.

Other areas of misengineering are handicap access areas to most of our buildings. The fact that none of them complied with the ADA forced the administration to provide access for those who are inconvenienced physically, however this didn't provide them to make the access passages in efficient, well-placed areas.

Another example of this engineering phenomenon is parking lots, an old issue. But, better yet, the pieces of wood the university likes to call desks are the prime example of misengineering. Why are they so small? Sure they're cheaper and more can fit in a classroom, but they are very inconvenient. I'm sure grade schoolers would have a hard time sitting in the desk and coloring in their Spice Girls vs. Hanson coloring book all while having their wide array of colors close at hand somewhere on the tabletop. We pay to go to school here, and in return, we get seating arrangements which make it impossible to have a textbook and a notebook open at the same time without one of them being on our laps. Why is this? This type of engineering doesn't lend itself toward a good learning environment (one which we expect), surely there must be a good reason for this, shouldn't there?

Now on to a more important issue of misengineering — the now fabled liberal arts major. The liberal arts major is, in my opinion and in the opinion of many professors at this university, one of the most important areas of discipline and one of the saddest losses to academia. A liberal arts major, although equated with a prolific career in food distribution, is the only major which gives a student a broad expanse of knowledge about the world. People these days are beginning to realize that this world isn't unitary and exclusive, in that biology and history are separate or engineering from philosophy, etc. They are starting to understand that the world is interconnected by all sorts of events and all sorts of disciplines.

This, although quite obvious to those who are involved in the liberal arts, isn't something that was known to others. For example, many technical majors at this campus didn't understand the benefit of a well-rounded education, rather their instructors wanted them to ascribe to a total immersion in their field or related fields. Most technical majors required a minor in another technical field, whereas now those 18 hours have become requirements in oral communication, English, history, humanities and the like. Finally, a smart move by the administration.

The fact is that law schools, medical schools and graduate schools are looking for more well-rounded individuals who understand the world and its interconnections. Everything in this world is intertwined with other events that are seemingly insignificant, but are not. And there are those who can see these things, and those who find it quite difficult. The now defunct liberal arts major provided for this, and in fact, if one read *The UD Monday* they would find out that the success of such a major is on the rise, and why? Because people realize the necessity of those who are able to draw upon all sorts of knowledge and understanding and utilize that on any given situation, they are able to make the unseen connections which are of paramount importance in shedding light upon problems.

Why is such a major no longer offered? Is it funding, ignorance, stubbornness ... whatever reason, it doesn't seem like a good one. We, as paying students, have a right to get the proper education, and an integral part to the fostering of young minds is that of opportunity. Thus it stands to follow that we are not getting an adequate education for our money, especially if we are being denied fruitful opportunities for red tape reasons.

Dwayne Mamo is a junior philosophy/creative writing major from Malta.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Mitchell's column extraordinary

To the Editor: Finally. A ray of sunshine in the gloom of despair. I am referring to the column by Julie Mitchell.

I hope all of the other columnists read her piece and take note from it, particularly a certain person.

In her column, Miss Mitchell focused on a relevant issue, that of gender discrimination in this country. Not squeezable pudding or the death of some woman who married a prince, but a debatable issue.

She narrowed her focus and then, believe it or not, she actually offered other ideas to think about and consider.

This is what has been sadly lacking in the opinions page of late.

It was not written in a condescending tone like Mr. Mamo's columns. It was also free of the belly-aching whine that seems to enjoy his work. It was not mindless drivel like that that is put out by Mr. Boyett.

I found Miss Mitchell's arguments to be precise and totally well grounded.

I was surprised to be reading some of what she said knowing that she is a theatre arts major.

That was my major when I first came to Tech, and I know how the majority of the those in that department think on certain issues. Hence why I am no longer in that field of study.

The strange thing is, if I had said some of the things she did in her column, I would be once again targeted as just another White, Anglo-Saxon, Protestant (WASP). If I had a dollar for every time I was accused of being a sexist, egotistical, lying, hypocritical bigot I wouldn't have to endure the long lines at financial aid. And I do agree with everything Miss Mitchell had to say, and I hope it doesn't fall on deaf ears.

In any case, it is nice to finally see a column that offers insight and a means to overcome a problem.

Not stupid articles written just to fill newspaper space.

I look forward to Miss Mitchell's next offering.

Cameron Graham
senior
history

Scott should stop whining 'Greek'

To the Editor: Poor "Inky." All fired up because you got blown out of the water in last year's election, so blame the evil Greeks for your sorrows. First of all, whom exactly are you referring to as "we" in your letter?

The majority of students at Texas Tech, or those with nipple-rings and painted faces who sit around tripping on acid and playing Dungeons & Dragons all day?

By the results of last year's presidential race, I think the answer is obvious?

Second, you failed to provide any concrete evidence supporting your claim that the evil Greeks did you in.

Let's examine the facts: There are roughly 25,000 students at Tech. The Greek system is comprised roughly of 3,500 men and women. Therefore, if you did not receive any Greek votes as you claim (let me assure you, you didn't), that left you a pool of 21,500 non-Greek voters.

If I remember correctly, you got a whopping 300 votes. Impressive. So, out of 21,500 non-Greek students, only 1.4 percent thought you were worth their vote. You are obviously not the brightest star in the sky.

The reason you weren't even in the running is obvious — you were by far the most inferior candidate. Your platform was weak, integrity questionable and intelligence, well, that one speaks for itself. In closing, I have some advice for you.

Join the local chapter of Cry Babies Anonymous. You've already proven that you are more than qualified to be their president.

Tom Thomas
senior
finance

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Sweet like sugar: Sugar Ray headlines Dallas venue



Fly Boy: Murphy Karges, bass player for Sugar Ray, jams to a tune at the Bronco Bowl Saturday night in Dallas.

BY SEBASTIAN KITCHEN
The University Daily

Sugar Ray, under lead singer Mark McGrath and the hypnosis of DJ Homeicide, quickly took control of a young audience Saturday night in Dallas. The crowd already had been hyped up by opening bands Save Ferris and Goldfinger.

Cocky and arrogant, McGrath worked over the audience with his energy and crowd interaction. Bringing concert-goers onto the stage and leaving the stage and walking through the crowd, McGrath kept the attention of everyone in the Bronco Bowl.

Sugar Ray had two hard acts to follow: Goldfinger and Save Ferris, who appeared together in Lubbock in November. Save Ferris and lead singer Monique Powell captivated the audi-



ence with their pop-ska sounds.

The remake of Dexy's Midnight Runners' 1983 hit "Come on Eileen" was first popular before many of the people in attendance started grade school, but the crowd still savored the tune.

Goldfinger's antics at the show were unequaled by both of the other bands. Guitarist Charlie Paulson jumped into the sweaty crowd while playing. Drummer Darrin Pfeiffer came from behind his drum set, impersonated Hankie the Christmas Poo from "South Park," gave an anti-Nike speech and then sang Chumbawamba's "Tubthumping."

Not a great cover, but the people in the crowd enjoyed it none the less. Goldfinger played more shows in one year than any band with 382. Hard work and constant touring brought more and more fans to the shows and made Goldfinger a stronger band.

Goldfinger and Save Ferris bowed out with quick sets featuring very little down time. A little music and lot of energy in a short time summed up the two bands' performances. Although the most talented bands probably had played already, many concert-goers waited in anticipation of Sugar Ray. As far as musicianship, Sugar Ray was not the hard-hitter of the line-up. A lack of musicianship was counteracted with a desire for fun and for the crowd to have fun. Sugar Ray's hit tune "Fly" was one of the most popular radio tracks of 1997 and continues to claim radio airplay. The second single "RPM" pulled a lot of airplay, also. Last playing in Dallas as a part of a radio Christmas show, Sugar Ray was the middle band between Incubus and 3-11. This time around, Sugar Ray sold out the Bronco Bowl as the headliner. Besides his trip through the crowd in which his shirt was ripped off, McGrath would try to bring the crowd to him. Trying to keep it fun, McGrath brought fans onto the stage and allowed them their chance to try and entertain. He allowed one man to try to freestyle rap and a teenager to try his luck with the guitar. Given their chance, Sugar Ray flew away with the moment.

Lubbock WEEKEND

THURSDAY

- Charlie's Backyard Planet at Stubb's BB-Q, 1-27 & 19th, 10 p.m., \$5 cover
- Buddy Simmons Band at Texas Cafe, 3604 50th St., 10:30 p.m., \$3 cover

FRIDAY

- Tom Forsell and the Continental Drifters at Philly's, 2417 Broadway, 10 p.m., \$2 cover
- Charlie's Backyard Planet at Ichabods, 2420 Broadway, 10 p.m., \$3 cover (SAT. also)
- Flywater Washington with Spilling Poetry at Renaissance Coffee House, 2420 19th St., 7 p.m., \$5 cover
- Dropping Mad at Chelsea's at South Plains Mall, 9 p.m., no cover (SAT. also)
- Luke Olson at Stubb's BB-Q, 1-27 & 19th St., 10 p.m., \$5 cover
- Boogie Men at Clouseau's, 1802 Buddy Holly Ave., 9:30 p.m., \$3 cover
- Kiss Army, Mute and Thrill Joy at the 19th St. Warehouse, 1824 Ave. G, 10 p.m. \$8 advance, \$10 at the door

SATURDAY

- Electric Gypsies at 19th St. Warehouse, 1824 Ave. G, 10 p.m., \$5 cover
- Flywater Washington and Spilling Poetry at J. Pat's, 1211 University Ave., 10 p.m., \$2 cover
- Dangerous Dan and the Soul Patch Band at Philly's, 2417 Broadway, 10 p.m., \$3 cover

Western Sizzlin': getting into the swing of '40s dance

FORT WORTH — The show begins with a familiar call from Fort Worth radio days: "The Light Crust Doughboys are on the air!"

And from then on, 'Fixin' to Swing' is a mixture of old and new, of the traditional and the avant-garde. As the Doughboys play, dancers from Contemporary Dance/Fort Worth jostle about on an imaginary car trip to "Texas in My Soul," and wilt during "Cool Water." They play out an entire love story to its bitter end with newspapers as props during the apropos "Time Changes Everything."

Concerto, hope this one-night collaboration will be the basis for an annual All-Fort Worth dance festival, said dancer Kerry Kreiman.

Kreiman said she'd been thinking about a Doughboys collaboration ever since she saw them in a Texas arts showcase a couple of years ago. Back in Iowa, Kreiman's grandfather played with bands on the radio every day, so "actually, this music seems very familiar to me."

Western swing 3/8 is all dance music, and it makes you want to dance when you listen to it," she said. When the decade of the 1940s was announced as the RetroFest theme, the company contacted the Doughboys last fall. After some initial meetings, they began setting dances to such standards as "Steel Guitar Rag," "Blue Moon of Kentucky" and "San Antonio Rose." This isn't the Doughboys' first foray into dance concerts. They also performed a commissioned work, "God Bless Amarillo and All the Cowboys Too," with the Lone Star Ballet in Amarillo on Valentine's night, Doughboy Art Greenhaw said,

“ We hope to expand western swing and make people see it's a live and growing genre. ”

Art Greenhaw, Doughboy

"Fixin' to Swing," the collaboration between the dance troupe and the western swing legends, the Doughboys, is a part of "RetroDanceFest: A Decade of Dance 1940-1950" on Saturday at TCU's Ed Landreth Auditorium. That night, five Fort Worth dance companies are joining forces to present a festival evening of dance, themed to '40s music.

The dance companies, including JAADE Dance Theatre and Ballet

referring to the piece as "a western swing pocket symphony." "We hope to expand western swing and make people see it's a live and growing genre," Greenhaw said. "Plus, it's a part of RetroFest, and there's a lot of '40s music in our 1,000-song repertoire." The other companies will also feature '40s themes, both in newly commissioned works and in resurrected classics. Special guests include the acclaimed choreographer Douglas Nielsen performing a reconstructed work by Charles Weidman, the solo suite "On My Mother's Side."

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8:00	Sesame Street			Super Heroes Bananas	101 Dalmatians Ducktales		
9:00	C. Horse Barney	M. Stewart Gayle King	Sally Jessy Raphael	K. Copeland Paid Program	Regis & Kathie Lee	Matlock	
10:00	Wrestle House Mr. Rogers	Sunset Beach	Philly's Right!	Pictionary Paid Program	View	Judge Judy Judge Judy	
11:00	Arthur Magic Bus	Lezta	Young And Restless	Beverly Hills 90210	All My Children	People Court	
12:00	Old House Julia Bakes	News Days of Our	News Beautiful	Big 12 Basketball	News Port Charles	Heat of the Night	
1:00	Sit & Be Fit Barney	Lives Another	As the World Turns	Tour. Round 1	One Life to Live	Dr. Quinn	
2:00	Marsh Magic Bus	World In/Edition	Guiding Light	Big 12	General Hospital	Paid Program Beetleborgs	
3:00	Arthur Washbone	Rosie O'Donnell	Maury Povich	Basketball Tour.	Geraldo	Spider-Man P.R. Turbo	
4:00	Carmen Bill Nye	Oprah Winfrey	Seinfeld Jeopardy	Round 1 Martin	Montel Williams	Life/Louie Boy/World	
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7:00	Eyewitness Nat. World	Friends 'PG Shoot Me 'PG	Promised Land	Diagnosis Murder	Round 1	Prey 29th NAACP Image	
8:00	Mystery!	Seinfeld 'PG Veronica's	Diagnosis Murder	Big 12	ABC Movie: "Billy Madison"	Awards 'G	
9:00	Photo-News	E.R. 'PG	48 Hours	Basketball Tour.	Madison	Cops Cops	
10:00	Business Report	News Tonight Show	News David Letterman Tom Snyder	Round 1 Hard Copy	News MASH	Frasier Cheers	
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Amnesty International is hosting a free concert for International Women's Day. The show will feature Jane Begley at 7:30 p.m. Sunday at J&B Coffee, 26th Street and Boston Avenue. Refreshments will be available at the performance.

Living with color

Tech graduate shares experience of living as different race

BY LAURA HENSLEY
The University Daily

Few women would ever dare of going through what Grace Halsell has endured during her life. Few women, besides the suppressed minorities she encountered throughout her career, could image her experiences.

Through her work as a journalist, Halsell has experienced firsthand the difference that skin color makes. She has seen the everyday prejudices that faces African Americans, Native Americans and illegal immigrants. The thing is Halsell is white.

Halsell, a Lubbock native and Tech graduate, will be speaking about her life as an undercover journalist at the University Center Allen Theatre, Monday.

Grace Halsell

Time: 8 p.m.
Date: Monday
Location: UC Allen Theatre
Details: Admission is free

In her lecture entitled "In Their Shoes," Halsell will recall and tell of her undercover work as a minority woman.

"She has done so much with her life," said Project Leader Jennifer Beck, a freshman marketing major from Midlothian. "She has had such a diverse and interesting life and

should be very inspirational and thought provoking to Tech students."

Halsell's courageous undercover work during the 1960s gave her a new identity and perspective on the world.

Halsell went undercover in order to understand what female African Americans went through. She began taking pills that are normally prescribed to change the coloration of skin pigment. The addition of a wig and dark contact lenses completed her disguise.

From there she traveled to the Deep South to work as a maid where she experienced firsthand severe prejudice. Her book, "Soul Sister," described her experiences.

After that, Halsell posed as a Native American and lived on a reservation. She also has written about her

escapades as an illegal immigrant in the book, "The Illegals."

After working for the *Lubbock Avalanche-Journal* and the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*, Halsell traveled abroad and eventually became a press aide to President Lyndon Baines Johnson. Halsell left the White House shortly after the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr. She then was inspired to do her undercover work.

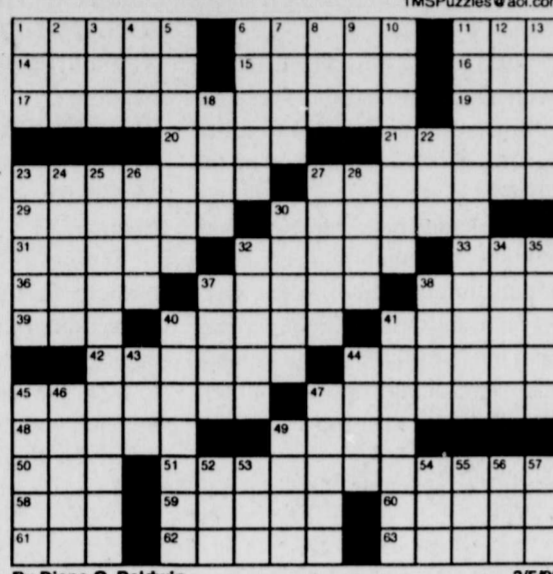
"It gives a neat perspective on racism," said Angie Dunlap, activities specialist for UC Programs. "She knew all of the freedoms of white people being raised in the South. She has really seen both sides."

The UC Programs-sponsored event is free to everyone. Doors will open at 7:30 p.m. and the lecture will begin at 8 p.m.

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Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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By Diane C. Baldwin
Columbia, MD

Wednesday's Puzzle Solved



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'General Hospital' says 'seduction' was date rape

NEW YORK (AP) — Nearly 20 years ago, Luke and Laura of "General Hospital" became daytime television's most popular couple after what the show romanticized as Luke's "seduction" of Laura.

The writers glossed over how it really happened: Luke raped Laura on the floor of a closed disco late one night.

Now "General Hospital" is revisiting that episode from its past, in part to illustrate how attitudes toward date rape have changed since 1979 and to make clear that the story wouldn't be handled the same way today.

"My first reaction was that it was a big can of worms that could eat us alive. I was terrified, basically," said Anthony Geary, the actor who plays Luke Spencer.

In the original story line, Luke was tormented by his lust for Laura.

Feeling he had nothing to lose upon learning the mob had a contract

out on his life, he forced himself upon her.

Much to the show's surprise, the two characters were a big hit with viewers.

So the writers had them run off together, fall in love and get married.

"General Hospital" subsequently referred to the disco incident as a seduction, angering many women.

Luke and Laura are still together and have a 16-year-old son, Lucky.

In Friday's episode, Lucky is told that his father once raped his mother.

Complicating matters even further — remember, this is a soap opera — Lucky learns about this from his arch-enemy, the illicit offspring of his

mother and a man with whom she had an affair.

"For us, it was a great opportunity," said Wendy Riche, executive producer.

“All of us grew up watching this and wondering, ‘Is this what dating is like?’”

Carolyn Hinsey, executive editor of Soap Opera Digest

"We didn't approach it as 'let's make amends.' We didn't feel guilty or felt like we had to."

But Riche acknowledged that the same story line — a woman falling in love with her rapist — wouldn't pass muster with viewers today.

"It would be different," she said.

"The times are different. What the audience perceives and what they expect is very different from what it was 20 years ago. They are more conscious date rape is unacceptable."

In future episodes, Lucky will con-

front his father, who tries to explain it.

"We are going to say, certainly, that the son is dealing with rape in a much better way, a much more appropriate way, and a much healthier way, than the father did," said Robert Guza, head writer for the show.

"General Hospital" has aired since 1963. The most popular daytime drama during the 1980s, it has slipped to No. 3 in the ratings but last week was voted the favorite show by readers of *Soap Opera Digest*.

Carolyn Hinsey, the magazine's executive editor, likes the new story line.

"All of us grew up watching this and wondering, 'Is this what dating is like?'" she said. "Now that we're in our 30s, this is a good way to wrap this up."

Riche said the story line's message to long-time viewers is this: "It was not acceptable then, no matter what the town said or the press said. It is not acceptable to take control over another person's body under any circumstance."

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Tech, Texas collide in Kansas City

BY JAVIER REZENDEZ
The University Daily

After closing out the regular season with a loss to Oklahoma, the Texas Tech men's basketball team will collide with Texas at 6 p.m. today in the opening round of the Big 12 tournament at Kemper Arena in Kansas City, Mo.

The question everyone is asking as Tech (13-13 overall, 7-9 Big 12) prepares to take on Texas (12-16 overall, 6-10 Big 12), is whether the Longhorn's leading scorer, Kris Clack, who dislocated his right shoulder at

“... in a tournament ... you certainly got to play solid defense, rebound and minimize turnovers.”

Tech coach James Dickey

Raiders by Texas since the 1991-92 season.

“Texas will be a difficult challenge in Kansas City, but we are going to go there and try to get in the best frame of mind we can, so that emotionally we're ready to play,” Dickey said.

“I felt like when we played Texas at home in the regular season, of the

seven years that I've been here, it was the least emotion that I had seen from one of my teams against a Texas ball club.”

Thursday will be the first meeting between the two schools in Big 12 tournament play, but

the two programs have a four-game history in postseason play dating back to the Southwest Conference postseason match-ups.

In order for the Red Raiders to beat Texas, Dickey said there are two things they must improve on, rebounds and limiting turnovers.

Tech has been outscored most games and is last in the Big 12 in rebounding margin coming into the tournament.

“Rebounding has hurt us all year,” Dickey said.

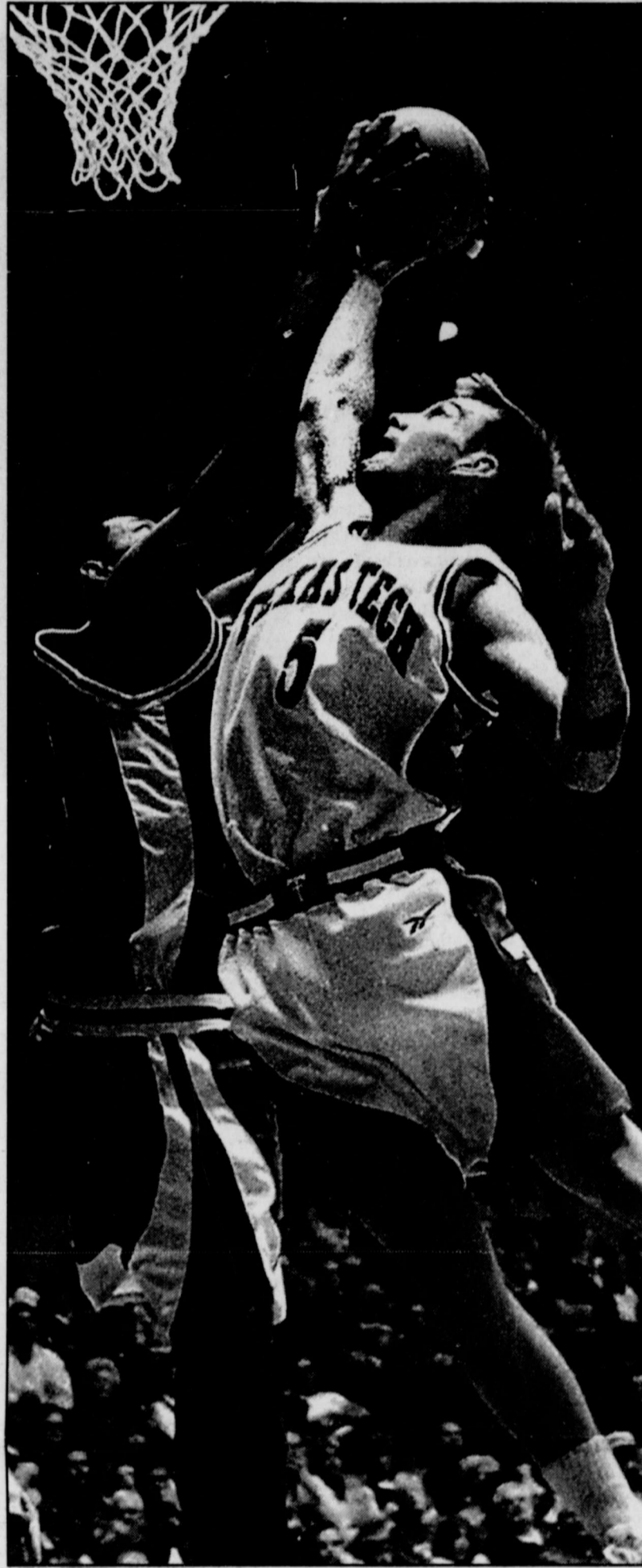
“There are some things you have to do in a tournament: play with some emotion and shoot the ball well. But you certainly got to play solid defense, rebound and minimize turnovers.”

Tech freshman center Johnny Phillips said he blames lack of focus for the poor rebounding efforts.

“We have to concentrate more on boxing out and going to get the rebound. We don't actually have the frame of mind to go get the ball, we need to concentrate on that,” Phillips said.

The Red Raiders won their league tournament opener last season against Kansas State, and in Dickey's seven-year tenure, Tech has never lost a first round game in the conference postseason tournament.

The winner of the Tech-Texas game will go on to face Oklahoma State at 6 p.m. Friday in the quarterfinals.



Jump: Senior guard Brock Barnes attempts a layup over a Sooner in Tech's final regular-season game against Oklahoma Saturday.

Tech football begins spring training for '98

BY HEATH ROBINSON
The University Daily

Texas Tech opened its spring football practices this week with renewed enthusiasm. After ending the 1997 season with a 33-21 loss to Oklahoma, which cost the Red Raiders a share of the Big 12 South championship, Tech players have been looking forward to the 1998 season ever since.

“It feels really good to be out here practicing,” I-back Ricky Williams said. “Everyone is glad to move on from last year.”

But enthusiasm alone will not fill some of the gaping holes Tech stares at, especially in its offense. The Red Raiders must replace four-year starter Zebbie Lethridge at quarterback, as well as Malcolm McKenzie at receiver and three departed offensive linemen.

The likely candidate to replace Lethridge is Rob Peters, a 6'3", 219-pound junior from Katy. Peters spent much of last season as the holder on extra points, and as a receiver in the three-wideout set. Although he saw some important game time at quarterback in the two games Lethridge left because of injuries, Peters still is inexperienced.

And although Peters is considered the favorite to win the job, he is not without competition. He will have to beat out senior Matt Tittle and redshirt freshman Jamal Crisp.

Crisp, from Dallas Carter, possesses the strongest arm of the three, while Tittle and Peters rely more on experience to handle the offense.

Offensive coordinator Rick Dykes is keeping a close eye on the competition.

“Right now, Rob Peters is the starter,” Dykes said. “There is good competition between the three of them. Matt Tittle and Jamal Crisp are also capable quarterbacks.”

However, who will throw the passes may be a moot point if the Red Raiders do not fill the need in the offensive line. Three starters are gone to graduation, including guard Chris Whitney and cen-

ter Jay Pugh, considered the team's two best linemen last season.

Pugh's backup in 1997 was Robert Haddon, and he is practicing with the first unit right now. Also returning are tackles Jonathan “House” Gray, Justin Collingsworth and Steve McFadden.

“I would say filling Jay Pugh's spot at center is the biggest question mark right now on the offensive line,” Dykes said. “We've got some good experience coming back at the tackle spots. But it's going to be very important for us to find a center.”

But the cupboard hardly is bare for the Tech offense. Williams broke the freshman rushing record last season. And Donnie Hart should return healthy at receiver after missing much of last season with a pulled hamstring.

“I really think the offensive line is going to be good,” Williams said. “‘House’ comes back, and he is going to have a great year. I think the line as a whole will be better this year. They are really aggressive.”

Also returning after a year of academic suspension is fullback Sammy Morris.

Morris averaged over six yards a carry in 1995, and likely will take over the starting fullback spot, held last year by Jonathan Hawkins.

“I really like Sammy,” Williams said. “You can tell that there is a chemistry between us. He's really fast for a fullback, and I think he can be productive blocking and running.”

Dick Winder returns to Tech after a two-year hiatus as the Oklahoma offensive coordinator. Sooner coach John Blake replaced Winder, and Tech head coach Spike Dykes quickly called on him to become the Red Raiders tight ends coach.

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Lady Raiders quash Buffalo stampede, 80-69

BY BRENT DIRKS
The University Daily

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — The last time the Texas Tech Lady Raiders battled Colorado, Tech won by 40 points. Wednesday at the Municipal Auditorium in Kansas City, Mo., the Buffaloes did better, but not by much.

No. 1-seeded Tech used a 33-9 run midway through the first half to demolish ninth-seeded Colorado, 80-49, in the quarterfinals of the Big 12 Tournament. The win was the first for the Lady Raiders in Big 12 Tournament history, while the loss gave the previously undefeated Buffaloes their first Big 12 tourney loss.

"The most important thing for us to do today was to come get a win," Lady Raider coach Marsha Sharp said. "It was something we had probably thought about for a year, since we were in here last time and had to exit so quickly out of this tournament. I think it's been the goal of this team the whole (time) to get off to a better start."

While the Lady Raiders (23-4 overall, 16-1 Big 12) wanted to get out to a good start, it took a few minutes for Tech to break away from the Buffaloes (12-16 overall, 5-12 Big 12). After taking an early 4-2 lead, Colorado exploded against Tech, taking a five-point lead, 13-8 with 14:48 left in the first half.

But just like through the regular season, the Lady Raiders had an answer to the Buffalo stampede.

After inserting freshman guard Katrisa O'Neal, sophomore forward Keitha Dickerson and junior post Cara Gibbs, the Lady Raiders clicked, as Tech took the lead and began the crucial run with 13:33 left in the first half.

"I think that was a great boost for us," Lady Raider forward Alicia Thompson said of the run. "I think we were finding good shots earlier. To finally get the lead and knock down some big shots just juiced us up a little bit."

Juiced it did, as when finally Colorado could catch its breath, Tech had a 41-20 lead while allowing only seven Buffalo points in more than 10 minutes of play.

Lady Raider post Angie Braziel, who finished 23 points, 12 rebounds and three blocks,

said Tech was not overlooking Colorado after an 80-40 pounding of the Buffaloes Jan. 17.

"We felt they were going to come out ready to play, and we had to do the same — come out ready and stay focused," she said. "Even though we beat them, then we knew we had to come out ready."

After staging a 10-5 mini-run to end the first half, the Buffaloes did give the Lady Raiders some problems early in the second stanza.

Led by freshman center Melody Johnson, who finished the contest with nine points, Colorado crept with 13 points, 50-37, with 17:11 left in the contest.

But not to disappoint the small but voracious Lady Raider contingent, Tech found its stride, starting a 25-8 run that would eventually put the Buffaloes, last year's Big 12 Tournament champ, away for good.

Colorado coach Ceal Barry said the inside combination of Braziel and Thompson, who finished with 21 points, was too much for the Buffaloes to handle. The Lady Raiders out-rebounded Colorado 42-35, helping move their record to 20-1 when beating an opponent on the boards.

"They really, really hurt us inside with Braziel and Thompson," Barry said.

"They are everything they're talked about, written about. They are very good players, very athletic. We just couldn't keep them off the boards. They were just too quick and too athletic for us."

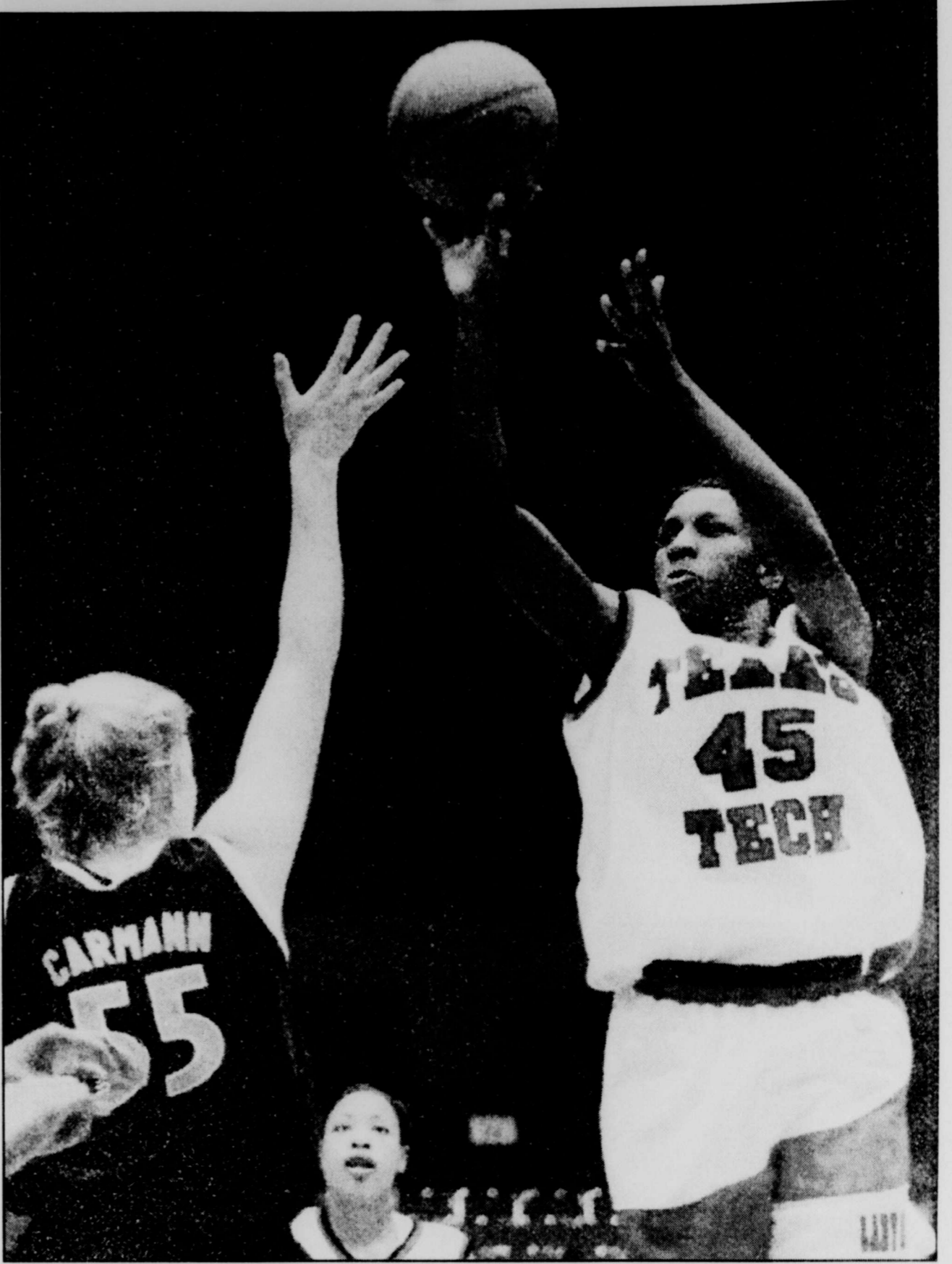
With the win, the Lady Raiders will battle fifth-seeded Oklahoma State at 5 p.m. today in the semifinals of the tournament. The Cowgirls defeated No. 4 seed Nebraska 83-69 Wednesday.

Tech defeated the Cowgirls both times the teams battled this season. The Lady Raiders defeated Oklahoma State, 74-48, Jan. 14 in Lubbock off the strength of 18 points and seven rebounds from Thompson.

In the second meeting of the year, Tech had a little harder time to pull off the win, but a season-high 19 points from Lady Raider guard Julie Lake helped Tech to the 64-51 win Jan. 24 in Stillwater, Okla.

"The most important thing for us to do today was to come get a win. I think it's been the goal of this team the whole (time) ..."

coach Marsha Sharp



Braziel, Dazzle: Lady Raider Angie Braziel shoots over a Lady Buffalo during Wednesday's quarterfinals game at Municipal Auditorium in Kansas City, Mo. The Lady Raiders beat Colorado, 80-69, and will advance to meet fifth-seeded Oklahoma State at 5 p.m. today in the semifinals.

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