

Judge awards Hopwood plaintiffs \$1 each

Court denies millions in damages

AUSTIN (AP) - A federal judge has rejected damage demands from four white students who successfully sued the University of Texas over law school admissions policies they said were racially discriminatory.

U.S. District Judge Sam Sparks denied the plaintiffs' request for more than \$5 million in damages and admission to the law school.

Instead, he granted them \$1 each and about \$776,000 in attorneys' fees, court costs and interest, to be paid by the university.

The case, which has become known as the "Hopwood case" for plaintiff

Hopwood damages

 University of Texas must pay the four plaintiffs \$1 each and about \$776,000 in attorneys' fees, court costs and interest.

Cheryl Hopwood, led to a state ban on affirmative action admissions, scholarships and other programs at Texas colleges.

Left unresolved were whether the

plaintiffs would have been admitted to UT's law school if the university had not had an affirmative action program and whether they deserved to be paid damages

In a ruling issued late Friday, Sparks said the case illustrates the risk public universities face when making routine admissions decisions.

"Public universities deserve the freedom to make the necessarily difficult choices regarding admissions," he wrote.

"In the end, the determination of who deserves an offer of admission and who does not is left in the less-than-capable hands of people outside the academic

arena - judges."

He also said the specter of large damage awards "could threaten to compromise the integrity of the admissions process itself."

Sparks' ruling disappointed Steven W. Smith, a lawyer for plaintiffs David Rogers and Kenneth Elliott.

"For the second time, the district court found they had been intentionally discriminated against on the basis of race, yet once again failed to provide the plaintiffs with any meaningful relief," he said.

Smith said he would appeal. The fourth plaintiff was Douglas Wade Carvell.

UT attorneys rejoiced at Sparks' ruling.

"I was very pleased with it. It vindicated UT," said Ray Farabee, chief counsel for the UT system.

Beverly Reeves, an attorney with Vinson & Elkins, a firm that represented UT, said: "We are delighted that the court found that these four plaintiffs would not have been admitted to UT."

In his ruling, Sparks said, "The court finds the law school has proved by a preponderance of the evidence that none of the plaintiffs would have been admitted to the law school under a constitutional admissions system."

Grant joins schools to provide for blind

BY JASON LAWRENCE The University Daily

Texas Tech is teaming up with Stephen F. Austin University to provide a valuable asset for people with visual problems.

The two universities are part of the Collaborative Professional Preparation Project, a \$1 million grant that seeks to provide qualified professionals for students with visual impairments.

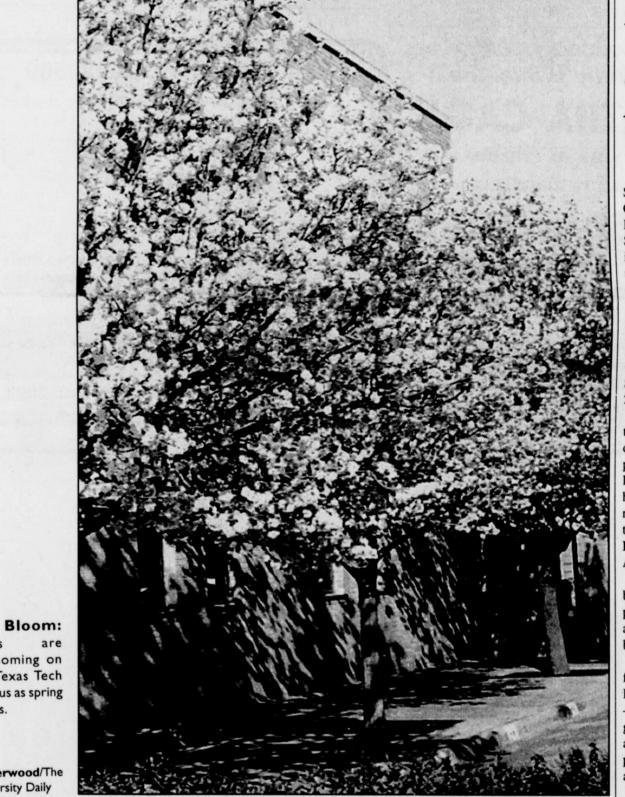
"There has been a need because we haven't been able to graduate enough people to fulfill the need within the education system in Texas," said Nora Griffin-Shirley, coordinator of special education and the Visually Impaired Preparation Program at Tech. "There aren't tons and tons of blind people out there. They have special needs and need to be taught by people with special training." Griffin-Shirley said Tech only has about six students in the program at a time, but hopes that along with SFA, to certify 100 teachers to assist visually impaired students' work in the public setting. Tech will develop a



parallel curriculum with SFA, which Griffin-Shirley said is rare for competing schools but will facilitate students entering the program.

"It's one of a kind in the nation," Griffin-Shirley said. "What's the beauty of it is that it is a collaborative effort."

The program will be coordinated



Americans arrested by Serbs

PRISTINA, Yugoslavia (AP) ---Serb authorities blocked three U.S. Congress members from entering Kosovo for a fact-finding mission Saturday, accusing them of supporting the province's ethnic Albanian separatists. Serb police arrested five American activists and a U.S. journalist already in the province.

The moves underlined Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic's resistant to outside intervention in Kosovo. which exploded in violence after four Serb policemen were shot dead Feb. 28. The steps came on the eve of elections by Kosovo's Albanians, who outnumber Serbs by 9-to-1 in the province, for their self-styled Republic of Kosovo. Serb police said they had found 100,000 ballot papers already marked for the lone presidential candidate in Sunday's elections, Ibrahim Rugova, the leader of the Albanians' quest for independence. Tadei Rodici, president of the Albanians' electoral commission, said police had confiscated electoral lists and ballot papers on Friday. The Albanians printed new ballots, he added. Richard Huckaby of the U.S. Information Center in Pristina, Kosovo's capital, said six Americans - most with a San Francisco-based group called Peaceworkers - were arrested Saturday after they went to a police to register their presence with authorities, as required by law.

by the Region IX Education Service Center in Fort Worth. Students also will have practicums at the Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired in Austin.

Some members of the blind community believe the program will be beneficial for them.

"It seems that it has a lot of potential for us," said Kenny Reynolds, a member of the American Council for the Blind.

"All blind people, and especially children, need special training to adjust to the world."

Construction closes street

Hartford Avenue, located east of the United Spirit Arena site, will be closed beginning today because of construction.

Projects in the area include the United Spirit Arena and an expansion of the heating and cooling center at the physical plant.

The physical plant expansion is designed to accommodate cooling all the new buildings planned for campus, including the arena and the English/Philosophy Complex. The expansion will cost \$12.4 million.

Hartford Avenue is scheduled to reopen in September 1999.

Trees are blossoming on the Texas Tech campus as spring begins.

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Lady Raiders falter in quest for Final Four play

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in Tech's 74-59 loss to Notre Dame in the NCAA Tournament March 15.

Suzanne Schnelker/The University Daily Under Pressure: Lady Raider forward Keitha Dickerson goes for a shot

BY JASON BERNSTEIN

The University Daily

Sometimes, too much of a good thing can be dangerous.

So it was for the Texas Tech Lady Raiders, who had an opportunity to reach the Final Four without leaving the friendly confines of the Lubbock Municipal Coliseum.

But after struggling to an 87-75 win over No. 16-seed Grambling in the first round of the NCAA Tournament March 13, Tech coach Marsha Sharp was not impressed with the effort.

"To say I'm disappointed in the way we played would be an understatement," Sharp said after the win. "I think the thing we did do was find a way to win, and that's something you have to do at this time of year."

The Lady Raiders jumped out to an early 14-4 lead on Grambling behind the strong efforts of senior All-American forward Alicia Thompson. Junior post Angie Braziel and guard Rene Hanebutt also helped Tech start strong by adding nine and seven points in the first half.

Tech took a commanding 43-27 halftime lead behind Thompson's 19point first-half effort and a stingy defensive effort holding Grambling to 45.7 percent free throw percentage.

25 percent shooting on a 10-of-39 around," Sharp said. "One reason is because we didn't shoot free throws well.

Tech shot an abysmal 16-for-35 from the charity stripe, compiling a

> 12 regular season and tournament champions that they were, the Lady Raiders played well when they had to, using two outstanding individual performances to propel them to the sec-

Like the Big

corded her 13th double-double of the season and 43rd of her career as she finished with 39 points and 11 rebounds in 36 minutes of play. Her 39 points was the third most points scored in a first- or second-round game and was the most scored in a

Midwest first- or second-round game. Sophomore guard Melinda Schmucker dished out a schoolrecord 17 assists against Grambling, tying an NCAA Tournament record.

Tech improved its record to 26-4 on the season as the Lady Raiders advanced to take on Notre Dame in the second round March 15.

The Fighting Irish kept the game close in the first half despite losing the services of 6-foot-5-inch freshman center Ruth Riley for the first half. She picked up two fouls in the game's first 47 seconds and didn't play another minute in the first half.

"It was really frustrating for me to sit on the bench," Riley said. "I felt I really needed to help out my teammates when I finally got back in."

The Riley-less Irish found themselves in the midst of a tight contest as Tech jumped out to an 18-16 lead midway through the first half. The first half contained five lead changes, 24 turnovers and 15 steals combined, as the defenses dominated play.

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shooting perfor-I don't think we took them lightly, but knew Grambling I do think we let would come out and play hard," them hang around. Thompson said of the Grambling "We

> **Tech coach Marsha Sharp** on Grambling

ond round. Thompson re-Despite building a 16-point halftime lead, Tech sputtered in the second half, allowing Grambling to score 48 points, closing the gap to six points "I don't think we took them lightly,

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The 40th annual Ebony Fashion Fair will appear in Lubbock at 8 p.m. y at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center theater. The famed traveling ored in part by Delta Sigma Theta sorority for the show is sp benefit of the Luella Scott Memorial Scholarship Fund.

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Power of youth

Arts and Entertainment

Guitarist's songs up for gold; moves up list of great musicians

BY SEBASTIAN KITCHEN

The University Daily

Most people have dreams of accomplishing a lot in life. At only 20, Kenny Wayne Shepherd is living his dream.

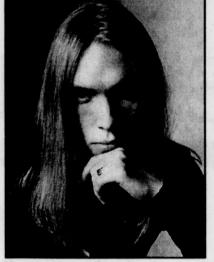
The young blues guitarist and his band have opened for the likes of the Rolling Stones, Aerosmith, Lynyrd Skynyrd, the Eagles and Bob Dylan and shared stages with many guitar greats including B.B. King, Slash, Joe Satriani, Steve Vai and Ritchie Sambora. All are considered greats for their music, now Shepherd can be added to that list.

"Looking back on it, you pinch yourself," Shepherd said. "I feel privileged to do what I've done, played with who I've played with. My dream seems to be coming true. I'm a really happy person."

Shepherd's father took him to see Stevie Ray Vaughan at 7 and, from then on, he was hooked on guitar and the blues.

"It is really just the message of blues and the fact everyone plays from their soul," he said. "There is so much feeling. You can translate emotions to the audience."

Shepherd translated his emotions to a packed house Friday night at the



Kenny Wayne Shepherd

19th Street Warehouse, 1824 Ave. G. About 900 people watched as Shepherd and his band performed for the first time in Lubbock.

"It was great," Shepherd said Saturday from Dallas. "We had a good time last night."

Shepherd was joined on stage by lead singer Noah Hunt, keyboard player Jimmy Wallace, bass player Robby Emerson and Sam Bryant on drums.

The current line-up has performed together for about a year. The band's latest album Trouble Is ... is scheduled to turn gold in two weeks, Shepherd

said. Hit songs, including "Slow Ride" and "Blue on Black," have pushed the album to gold level and the videos for the songs have been played on MTV and VH1.

"We were expecting this album to do well because of how well the last one did, but we didn't expect two No. 1 rock songs," Shepherd said.

Shepherd's first album, Ledbetter Heights, included the song "Deja Voodoo" that brought mainstream attention to Shepherd and his band.

Released when he was 18, Ledbetter Heights sold about 750,000 copies to date.

Touring on weekends and attending school during the week, Shepherd finished school before nights on stage and living out of a bus became a way of life.

"I graduated from high school before I ever went on the road full-time," he said

Always knowing he wanted to be a musician, Shepherd first played on a stage at 13 in New Orleans. After a warm reception from the audience, Shepherd felt he was ready to take his career further.

"It gave me the confidence to know I could get up and do this," he said. At 15 and 16 years of age, record

labels began to approach Shepherd with interest.

"I always wanted to make music but never knew if I could make money doing it, because it's so hard to get a break," Shepherd said.

After his father bought him a guitar at 9, Shepherd taught himself to play, never taking a lesson. He would listen to songs over and over until he could play them.

Now, thousands of people watch in awe as Shepherd performs his own songs and hits from other greats including Jimi Hendrix.

In St. Louis, The Kenny Wayne Shepherd Band opened up the Rolling Stones as 75,000 to 80,000 people watched on.

Two years ago, Shepherd met one of his major influences and performed with him on stage.

"One of my favorite moments is when I got to meet B.B. King and play with him two years ago," he said. "Now, I would consider him a friend which is really cool for me to say."

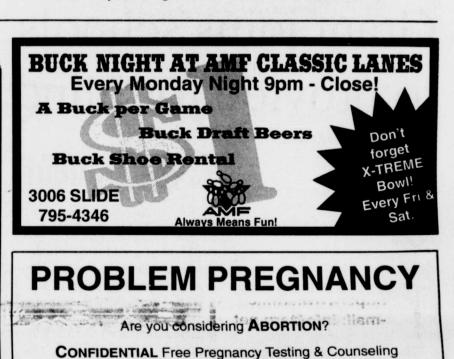
Before turning 20, Shepherd received some criticism from others because of his age.

"I got some of that earlier but since I've turned 20 ... they have laid off of it. My music speaks for itself. It has made a name for itself."

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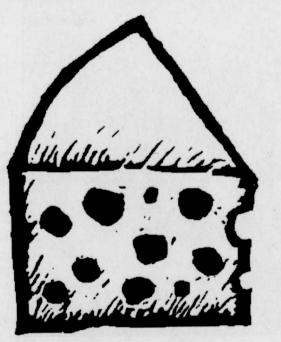
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SPORTS

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Rookies all over San Antonio in Final Four

one of firsts and one of year afters.

All the coaches involved - Bill Guthridge of North Carolina, Rick Majerus of Utah, Mike Montgomery of Stanford and Tubby Smith of Kentucky - will be making their first Final Four appearances as head coaches.

Each of the schools also will be arriving in San Antonio to cap a season in which they had to fill big voids: Utah and Stanford having to replace star players Keith Van Horn and Brevin Knight, while North Carolina and Kentucky will be going the season after saying goodbye to coaches Dean Smith and Rick Pitino.

Saturday's matchups have Stanford against Kentucky and Utah meeting North Carolina. The winners meet next Monday night for the national championship.

Kentucky is in the Final Four for the third straight year, the first time a school has managed to do that since Duke, the team the Wildcats beat Sunday in the South Regional final, went for five straight years, 1988-92.

North Carolina, which beat Connecticut Saturday to win the

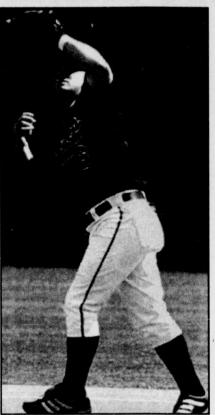
(AP) --- The Final Four will be East Regional and the only top seed still alive, is in for the fifth time in the '90s and the 14th time overall, tied for the most ever with UCLA and one more than Kentucky.

> Utah will be making its fourth trip to the national semifinals, but first since 1966, and Stanford has been there just once before, when it won it all in 1942.

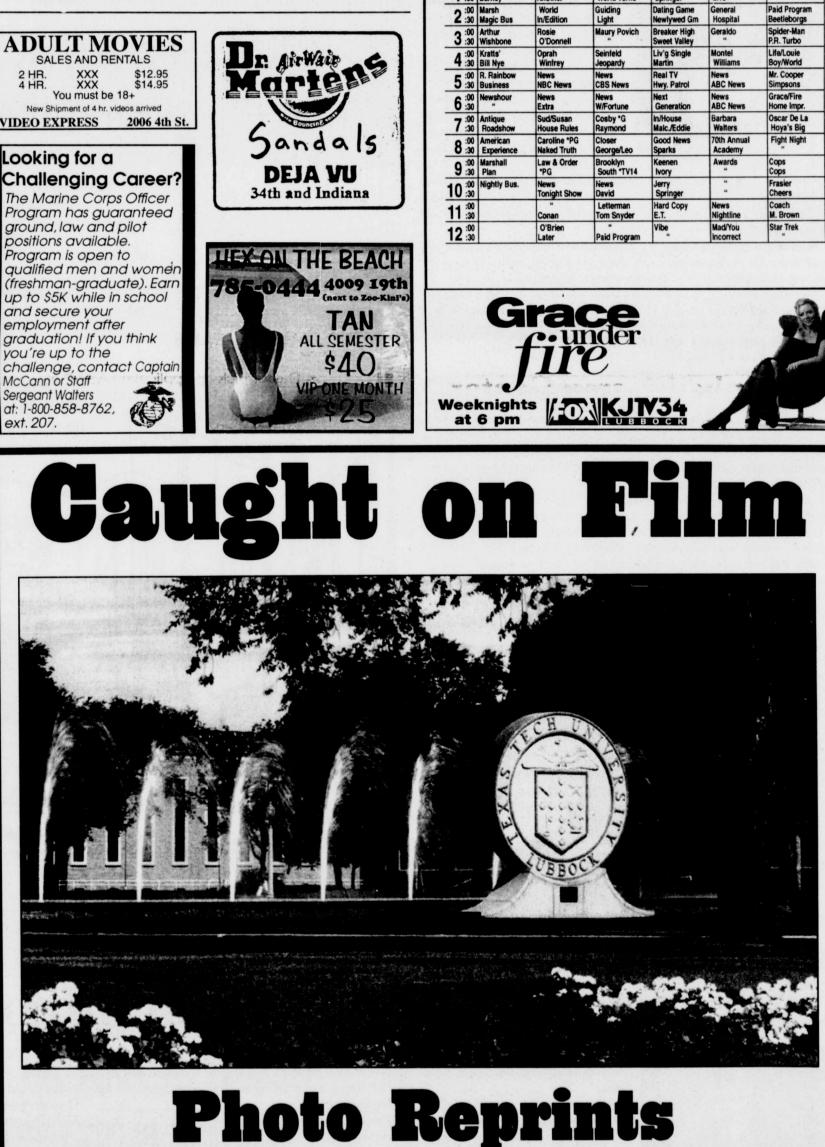
Stanford (30-4) ended Rhode Island's surprising run in Sunday's Midwest Regional final, literally stealing the win by overcoming a six-point deficit in the final minute. That wouldn't have seemed very outrageous last season when Knight was in the backcourt as a senior, but the hero Sunday was his replacement, Arthur Lee.

"I felt no pressure whatsoever because I knew I just had to be Arthur Lee," Lee said of the comparisons to Knight. "I love Brevin. He was a great player who helped me a lot. But I've been doing a lot of things pretty good."

So has Smith, who replaced his former boss at Kentucky and reached the Final Four with a lot less talent than Pitino, now the coach of the Boston Celtics.



Wes Underwood/ The University Daily Catch: Keith Ginter catches a ball Sunday as part of a three-game series against Baylor.



Tech loses 2-of-3 in series with Baylor

Even with a near record-setting en route to a 9-1 Tech victory. combined 12,851 fans in the threegame series against Baylor, the Texas Tech baseball team dropped 2-of-3 games against the No. 12 Bears over the weekend at Dan Law Field.

Sunday, the No. 23 Red Raiders' (19-10 overall, 4-4 Big 12) late-inning comeback fell short as they lost to Baylor 10-6 in front of 4,550 fans in Lubbock. The combined fans in the series was the second most in school history for a three-game series.

Baylor took the early lead with three runs by the third inning. With more hot bats, the Bears (19-7 overall, 7-3 Big 12) were up 7-1 by the fifth.

The Red Raiders did battle back, getting as close as 9-6 after seven, but Baylor scored one more run in the next inning while holding Tech in check for the rest of the contest.

Tech pitcher Jesse Cornejo (5-3) pitched 2 2/3 innings while picking up the loss. Bear Kip Wells (1-1) earned the win with eight hits and five runs in six innings.

Saturday, Red Raider pitcher Shane Wright threw a complete game

Wright (6-1) had an easy time in his seventh complete game of his career, pitching nine hits and one run along with seven strikeouts.

Tech's hitting crew also helped back up Wright with early hits.

The Red Raiders scored four runs in the first two innings sparked by a Jason Landreth triple and a Brennan Burns double.

Burns, who went 3-for-5 at the plate on the day finished off the Bears in the eighth with a two-RBI single.

Friday, it was a pitchers' duel as Baylor squeaked by with a 3-2 victory. Baylor winning pitcher Jason Jennings (5-0) pitched a complete game while allowing only six hits from the Red Raiders.

Tech starting pitcher Monty Ward (4-2) took the loss allowing eight hits and three runs in 6 2/3 innings of work. The Red Raiders could only score their two runs in the first inning.

Tech is next in action at 7 p.m. Tuesday against Eastern New Mexico at Dan Law Field.

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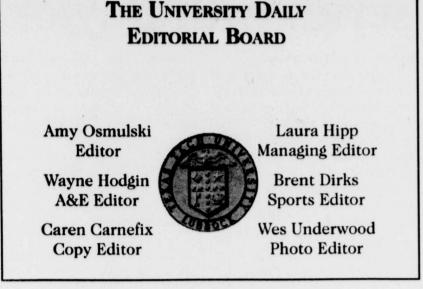


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Lady Raiders deserve fan respect always



AMY OSMULSKI/ EDITOR

I've been attending Texas Tech for almost five years, and my greatest regret is never attending a Lady Raider basketball game.

I've watched quite a few on television, but I never was there in person to cheer on what I considered a group of champions. Not just because they are phenomenal players, but because of who each Lady Raider is full of heart.

From Marsha Sharp to Alicia Thompson to Angie Braziel, these women personify what it is to be a lady. They never strut onto the court with annoying arrogance, they walk on with the pride of an entire school behind them and their accomplishments.

Their defeat broke my heart, but unlike other women's basketball teams who threw childish fits on the court, the Lady Raiders smiled, shed a few tears and walked off that court with their heads held high.

How terrible it must have been for them to see the audience filing out before the final buzzer. What a shame those women who worked so hard during the season had to witness their "fans" running for the door.

When the Lady Raiders finished their game and stood at the side of the court in appreciation of fan support, the fans weren't there.

Not only did they leave, they had the audacity to spend the next week talking about how the team "choked under pressure" and "sucked." How dare they.

Motorist mad at pedestrians

Look both ways before crossing interstates



COPY EDITOR

I was tempted yesterday to plow over a few inconsiderate individuals who chose to abuse the pedestrianshave-the-right-of-way law.

Traveling at an illegal speed of 80 mph on Interstate 87, I looked up ahead to see four people, two on both sides of the road, walking with trash bags. I hesitate to actually say they were picking up trash because they didn't appear to be working too hard to beautify Texas' highways.

Being a former student of defensive driving, I kept a watchful eye on them as I approached, just in case one or all of them decided to wander onto

the road.

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Good thing I was paying attention ing halt, but my speed decreased by a because even though I was not the

the highway at the time, the two "workers" on the Sauntered! Who right side dein their right mind cided to cross the saunters across a I was about a quarter of a mile highway? away from them when I noticed, and I remember

thinking to my-

self, "Why are they walking?" When I cross a street, let alone a highway, I at least walk briskly paying close attention to the distance between me and the moving vehicles.

These individuals sauntered across the highway never even flinching when I slammed on my horn and braked to avoid hitting them.

Sauntered! Who in their right mind saunters across a highway?

I didn't have to come to a screech- a vehicle on an interstate highway. good 20 mph. One of them even had the nerve to wave to me, and it was

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control always irks me, no matter

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I see pedestrians challenging mo-

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The main thing that upsets me is

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It seems to me that these people either choose to flagrantly disregard the law, or they think they are protected by the law in these situations. In either case, they are presumptuous, all I could do and they need to change their ways. keep my middle fingers on the

Last year I read in a "Readers Ask" section of The University Daily that pedestrians only have the right of way in designated crosswalks.

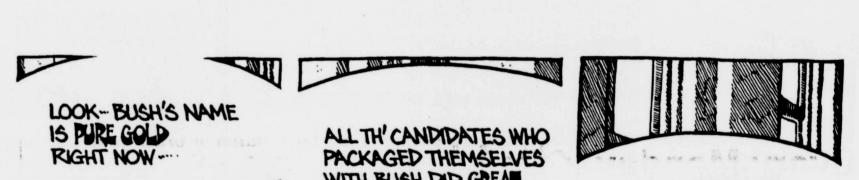
Though that doesn't give me the right to use my Mazda as a lethal blatant arroweapon, pedestrians always should use caution when crossing a street or highway.

Remember? We all learned this in kindergarten.

Please, for the sake of my sanity and possibly your life, look both ways before crossing the street, and pick up the pace of your crossing if you see me barreling down University Avenue. No one wants to catch me in my car on a bad day.

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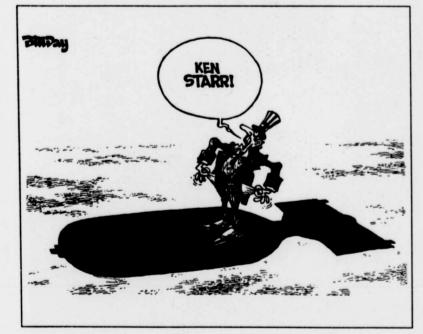
Coach Sharp runs the cleanliest program at Tech, and those players define hard work in practice, school, community and charitable events and still try to maintain a social life. They play their hearts out multiple times a week to satisfy themselves and their fans. When they are winning, the fans are there. But when times are rough, folks seem to bail.

I wonder how many of those "Pink Raider" fans can accomplish even a fraction of any member of the Lady Raider team? Not many, I bet.

I never made it to a game during my time at Tech, but I never once doubted that those women were doing anything but giving their best.

Lady Raiders - no matter what anyone says or how anyone acts, this school is proud of each and every one of you. Your many accomplishments as basketball players, students, people and ladies show the true spirit of Texas Tech.

Amy Osmulski is a senior journalism major from Big Spring.





Underage tired of paying in minor leagues



LAURA HENSLEY/ REPORTER

I've been marked, branded, tagged and stamped. The mark of a minor has landed on my hand many nights and has pretty much left a permanent black "M" there.

Everyone knows the feeling. Everyone has been there at one time or another. You are standing in line at your favorite club, bar, concert whatever with only one minor problem.

Your are having a good hair night. You are wearing your favorite goingout clothes, and you are with some good friends. You really don't mind the 45-minute wait in the biting wind because once you get inside everything is going to be great.

Finally you are nearing the door. The guy checking IDs roboticly asks to see the little plastic card that holds the information he seeks. You flash the card knowing your fate. UNDER 21 UNTIL 2000.

You are then marked, stamped, whatever and sent on your way to pay the full cover price.

some fun. One problem, you are under 21. The actual inability to drink

is not the entire problem. I know that it is possible to have fun minus the alcohol. It's the fact that being branded a baby is humiliating. We are pretty sucks.

lucky in Lub-Most bock. places allow people under 21 in. We are not stuck attending teen nights in the middle of the week.

I've been to the Metroplex area heads?

You are out and ready to have with some older friends, and we walked and walked and found only one lame club that allowed 18 and up.

> My older friends paid no cover and waltzed right in. I This whole propaid \$5, my boycess has led me to friend (also age underprivileged) one conclusion wound up paying \$10. We were being 19 or 20 marked on both hands, given a neon bracelet, and we had to

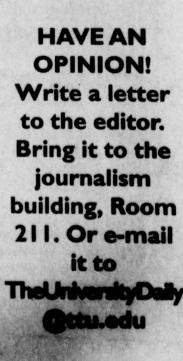
> > leave our IDs at the door. Why didn't they just slap some shackles and chains on us and tattoo "BABY" on our fore-

This whole process has led me to one conclusion - being 19 or 20 sucks.

What is so magical about the age 21? Do people receive some wondrous insight or maybe get a big bag of maturity one day? It's just a number.

There is not really that much I can do but wait. You see, there is a law and getting a MIP is not fun. Many of my friends busy their time by perfecting the ultimate fake ID, but I just plan to wait until the fateful day in June of 2000 when the days of scrubbing away at the Marks-A-Lot ink have past. Until then, I will settle with drinking a glass of ice water and the "M" on my hand.

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Purdue, Lady Techsters battle in Midwest final

BY BRENT DIRKS

The University Daily

Even without the Texas Tech Lady Raiders, the road to the Final Four continues at 6:30 p.m. today when Purdue and Louisiana Tech battle in the NCAA Tournament Midwest Regional final at the Lubbock Municipal Coliseum.

Tickets for the contest can be purchased at the Tech Athletic Ticket Office or at the door. The game also will be televised locally by ESPN

(Cox Cable Channel 31).

The Lady Techsters (29-3 overall) reached the Elite Eight by means of a 71-57 regional semifinal win over a controversy-filled Alabama squad Saturday in Lubbock.

Louisiana Tech came out from the beginning on fire, hitting 47 percent from the field while taking a 35-23 halftime lead.

The Lady Techster lead increased to 16 points with 16:13 left in the second half, but Alabama (24-10 overall) went on a run to get within five

loss.

Purdue battles Louisiana Tech in the NCAA Tournament Midwest Regional final at 6:30 p.m. today in the Lubbock Municipal Coliseum.

points with 7:18 left in the game. But back-to-back three-pointers by

Lady Techsters Tami Jackson and Moni Maxwell put the game away for Louisiana Tech.

Barmore said his program is still fighting for respect. "Some of the fans don't under-

stand how hard it is to get to the Final Four," he said. "It seems like every year we are fighting for respectability, but we have much to be proud of. If we don't happen to make it to the Final Four, I am not going to let these kids think it is a failure, because it's not."

Purdue (23-9 overall) had a little harder of a time making it to the Elite Louisiana Tech coach Leon Eight as the Boilermakers defeated

Lady Raider killers, Notre Dame, 70-65, Saturday in the other regional semifinal.

The Fighting Irish (22-10 overall), led by guard Shelia McMillan's 5-of-6 performance from behind the threepoint line in the first half, shot 50 percent from the field, taking a 42-30 lead into the locker room.

But the Boilermakers slowly fought back in the second half after Notre Dame's 6-foot-5-inch center Ruth Riley fouled out late in the second half.

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Led by Purdue forward Stephanie White, the Boilermakers took the lead with 4:13 left in the game and never relented.

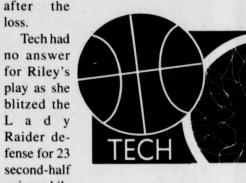
Purdue coach Carolyn Peck said her team is excited to be one step away from the Final Four.

"We are extremely excited to be in the Elite Eight," she said. "I am proud of this team. We have played three different teams who have played us three different ways, and they have stepped up to the challenge and played hard."

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Tech shot 42 percent from the field in the first half as they connected on 11-of-26 shots. Notre Dame shot 37 percent from the

team



that our seniors had to go out like this."

Thompson ended her Lady Raider career as she scored 17 points and nine rebounds in front of a sold out crowd at the Lubbock Municipal Coliseum.

really concentrated on the post offensively and they knew where to go to do it,"

Keeping Tech in the game during

Tech never really got into a groove

on the defensive end while not producing any offensive consis-

"We just couldn't get anything done offensively," Thompson said.

Despite not reaching their ultimate goal of a championship, the





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Leadership Awarded

Event recognizes outstanding campus leaders

For the second year, the Leadership Tech Advisory Committee and Student Organizations Services will be sponsoring the Leadership Tech Recognition Reception to honor outstanding student leaders, advisors, and student organizations. The reception is on Wednesday, March 25 at 7 p.m. in the UC Matador Room.

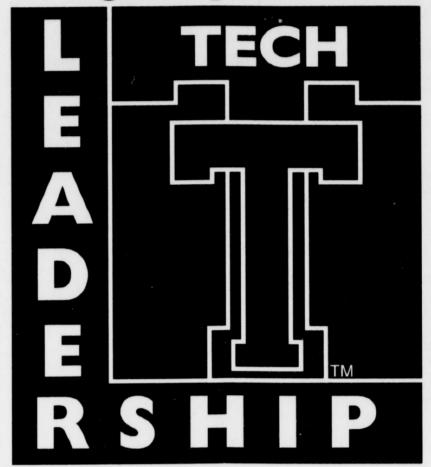
A variety of awards will be presented this year, including special award winners from throughout the year. Over 50 nomination packets were submitted for Student Organization of the Year, Most Improved Organization, Advisor of the Year and Student Leader of the Year. One recipient will be honored from all the nominations for each award and a variety of awards will also be presented within Leadership Tech categories for student organizations.

Throughout the academic year, Tech students and student organizations provide thousands of hours of community service, host leadership institutes for their members and students from other schools, invite community speakers to meetings to share wisdom and prepare students for the future, and raise funds for socials and other organizational activities. These experiences enhance the educational process by providing students an opportunity to develop and enhance their skills. They also strengthen a student's bond to Tech and become memories that last a lifetime.

Groups who submitted packets had to document how the organization achieved its goals and objectives. They also had to include information on organizational activities and show how they provide a benefit to the individual members and the campus and Lubbock community. A selection committee comprised of faculty, staff, and students selects the recipients. They have the difficult task of choosing one recipient from the nominations submitted.

Kim Lovelace, Activities Advisor in Student Organizations Services and coordinator for the recognition reception said, "We are trying to improve our recognition programs for students and create more ways to showcase the fine work of Tech students."

In addition to the category awards, monthly Leadership nominees from Student Organizations Services' newsletter, The Signal, will also be honored at the recognition reception. The fall Emerging Leader



Program graduates will also be recognized and the first-ever Community Service Scholarship sponsored by the Community Action Network will be presented.

All faculty, staff, and students are invited to the reception to celebrate student achievement and honor the best and brightest of Texas Tech. Light refreshments will be served.

"Unfortunately, there can only be one recipient for the awards; however, the best part of a recognition process is being nominated." said Lovelace. "It is an evening you won't want to miss!"

Dates to Know

March 23

•Tech Cheerleader and Pom Pon Squad Tryout Applications Available, Student Organizations Services-210 UC, 8am-5pm

March 25

 Tech Unplugged - Tom Acousti, UC Courtyard, Noon, FREE

 International Film, La Cérémonie, UC Allen Theatre, 7 p.m.

 Leadership Tech Recognition Reception, UC Matador Room, 7 p.m.

• "Put Your Brand on Texas Tech" Name the Mascot Contest, entry deadline at 5 p.m.

March 26

 Comeback Jack's Comedy Showcase - Eric O'Shea & Vic Henley, UC Ballroom, 7:30 p.m., \$5 TTU Students/ \$10 General Public

Registration deadline for Tech Lubbock Community Day

March 31

 Tech Cheerleader and Pom Pon Squad applications due, Student Organizations Services-210 UC, 5:00 p.m.

April 1

 Tech Unplugged - Society of Student Composer's UC Courtyard, Noon, FREE

 Student Organization Registration Seminar, UC Ballroom, 6:00 p.m.

April 3

 Independent Film - Kicking & Screaming, UC Allen Theatre, 7 p.m.

April 4

 Tech Lubbock Community Day, Lubbock Civic Center, 9:30 am

UC Briefs

• Tech Unplugged, sponsored by University Center Programs, presents Tom Acousti Wednesday at noon in the UC Courtyard. Acousti holds the Star Search Male Vocalist original music record. In a winning streak that resulted in seven performances, he became the first contestant ever to present a solo acoustic piece without backing tracks (or hair spray!). Tom's Harbor Records cassettes will be available at the show.

· Tech Lubbock Community Day will occur April 4. The day provides an opportunity for students, staff, and faculty to participate a one day community service project. Working with 10-15 area agencies, Tech volunteers donate more than 900 service hours in one afternoon. Individuals and groups are invited to

Free comedy show, concert offered in UC

Spring Break festivities, University Center Programs is offering a FREE comedy concert called COMEBACK JACK'S COMEDY SHOW-CASE.

This concert will be set in a club-style environment with table seating, live music, three stand-up comedians and free goodies, including door prizes and food!

Comeback Jack's Comedy Club has been revived and changed into a showcase concert by the students of UCP to present live comedy on campus. The showcase will feature a student comedian who will open the show followed by two national comedians, Vic Henley and Eric O'Shea. The live music will be provided by the Brian Mcrea Jazz

For all of those students who are tired, burnt and broke from you've seen everything, Eric brings back to life right before you eyes the cast of Seinfeld...with a twist...as they were in Kindergarten. Eric's animated humor turns back the clock while putting a unique perspective on life — unlike any you've ever heard!

> Former VH-1 veejay, Vic Henley will headline the show. With amazing improvisational ability, quick wit, and a "good ol' boy" with high energy attitude, Vic is described as a cross between Opie Taylor and Don Rickles who charms audiences with his home-spun humor. Vic has made appearances on every stand-up comedy show on the air, is the author of Things You'd Never Expect a Southerner to Say and co-author of Games Rednecks Play with fellow comedian Jeff Foxworthy. Vic has performed with Dennis Miller, Dana Carvey, Curtis

register and participate in this meaningful and fun activity. The registration deadline has been extended to March 26. Call 742-3621 for more information.

• University Center Programs Films Committee presents La Cérémonie, the second movie in its spring semester International Film Series, Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the UC Allen Theatre. Tickets for TTU students cost \$2 and \$4 for all others. La Cérémonie, directed by Claude Chabrol and starring Jacqueline Bisset, is a riveting drama of secrets and lies that takes place in an elegant and isolated chateau whose inhabitants play off of each other's social and cultural differences. As these differences become more and more apparent, violence erupts in the chateau as an outgrowth of each character's secret life. La Cérémonie is 112 minutes long, not rated, and in French with English subtitles.

• Applications for the 1998-99 cheer and pom squads are due to Student Organizations Services by March 31. All applicants interested in trying out must submit the application and attend all of the clinics during the weekend of April 3-5. The actual tryout for both squads is April 18-19.

Quartet who will open the show.

The opening comedian, Jill Brenneis, is a Petroleum Engineering major from Texas Tech who has appeared at Froggy Bottoms.

The feature act is Eric O'Shea, a comedian known for his clean comedy. Eric takes the audience back to some of life's most embarrassing moments while growing up - from family squabbles to shopping with mom. His wit and priceless observations pick up where home movies leave off but his targets don't stop there. Just when you think

Mayfield, and Brooks and Dunn.

So don't feel blue because your broke from over-indulging your wallet on Spring Break...be happy that some things in life really are free! Thanks to UCP, you can see live comedy, a great band AND GET FREE STUFF! What more could a student want?

COMEBACK JACK'S COMEDY SHOWCASE will be presented, free of charge, in the UC Ballroom Thursday, March 26 at 7:30 p.m.. Bring your buddies and your funny bones!

Student organization registration deadlines

All student organizations must renew their registration to continue receiving registration benefits at the university.

Organization officers must attend one of four registration seminars in the UC Ballroom: April 1, 6-8 p.m.; April 6, 4-6 p.m.; April 15, 5:30-7:30 p.m.; April 16, 5:30-7:30 p.m. The only way to receive a registration packet is to attend one of the four seminars. Completed registration packets must be returned to Student Organization Services by April 30.

Registration benefits include:

- SGA funding
- Free meeting rooms in the UC
- Approval for use of TTU logos
- Eligibility for Leadership Tech awards
- Participation in leadership development programs
- Approval for ground's use
- Approval for solicitation and fundraisers

