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## Complex receives \$80,000 donation

By Jonathan Biles  
 Staff Writer

Ronald and Sandra Sitton along with James and Jere Lynn Burkhart gave a donation Monday toward the future English/Philosophy and Education Complex to establish a children's reading room and library.

Texas Tech matched the donation with funds from the president's office, which brought the total donation to \$80,000, said Larry Hovey, acting dean of the College of Education.

For years, the staff of the educational department has been reaching high standards in education, and Hovey said, it is time for them to receive a high standard building.

"It is about time a high quality staff is finally given a high quality complex," Hovey said.

The children's reading room and library, established by the donation, will be named The Sitton/Burkhart literature collection in honor of the donors, Hovey said.

The donation was given in the Board of Regents room in the administration building, which is where most Horizon Campaign donations are made. Tech President Donald Haragan said this donation is the most important ever received.

"We've announced many gifts from this podium," Haragan said, "but I don't think we have announced any gift more significant than this gift."

The donation made by the Sittons is given in honor of Sandra's late grandmother, Helen Cox Canada, an education advocate. The donation given by the Burkharts is in honor of Jere Lynn's mother, Faye Irwin, a 1959 graduate from Tech and a teacher for 32 years at various institutions.

Sandra Sitton is an instructor in the college of education and teaches children's literature as well as supervises student teachers.

The collection will be located on the second floor of the education building in the new complex. The complex construction will begin with a ground-breaking ceremony on Feb. 10.

The architect firm chosen for the design of the complex is Hellmuth, Obata and Kassabaum, Inc. in Houston.

The donations made Monday also will be added to the Horizon Campaign total and will open up opportunities for others to make significant donations to begin naming the complex, Hovey said.

## Senate debates dismissal of case

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate closed its doors Monday to debate a Democratic attempt to dismiss all charges against President Clinton and bring his impeachment trial to an end.

House prosecutors pressed their case for testimony by Monica Lewinsky and a shortened list of additional witnesses.

The senators deliberated into the night in a rare secret session as the White House, confident of Clinton's ability to win eventual acquittal, announced it would ignore a written list of questions submitted by Majority Leader Trent Lott and other Republicans.

An attempt by two Democrats to open debate was rejected by a vote of 57-43 — it would have needed a two-thirds majority to pass — after

## Trial could end sooner than expected

last-minute legal arguments by the White House and House prosecutors on the question of dismissal.

Rep. Henry Hyde, the lead prosecutor, told the Senate that dismissal would mean that "charges of perjury, obstruction of justice are summarily dismissed, disregarded, ignored, brushed off, and these are charges that send ordinary folk to jail every day of the week and remove federal judges."

There will be continuing contention about Clinton's case, he said, unless the articles of impeachment themselves are brought to a vote.

"The case cannot be made. It is time to end it," countered Nicole Seligman, a private attorney who has

long represented Clinton and is part of his impeachment defense team.

No votes are expected before today or possibly Wednesday, but after more than two weeks, the first presidential impeachment trial in 131 years was fast approaching a pivotal moment.

House Republicans are expected to produce a formal proposal for witnesses on Tuesday, to be voted on after the Democratic attempt to dismiss the charges.

A decision by the House prosecutors to winnow their witness list during the day marked an attempt to hold the support of wavering Republican senators whose votes will be crucial when the roll is called.

Lewinsky remains at the top of the list, House officials said, and there is continued interest in seeking testimony from Betty Currie, the president's secretary.

Additional consideration is being given to adding presidential friend Vernon Jordan to the list, or perhaps a White House aide, either chief of staff John Podesta or Sidney Blumenthal.

The officials, who spoke on con-

dition of anonymity, said the idea of trying to question Kathleen Willey had been dropped, as had the idea of summoning any of a handful of other, less well-known women who have alleged that Clinton made unwelcome sexual advances.

House prosecutors had long sought their testimony to see whether Clinton or associates tried to intimidate them to change their stories.

"We've got to prioritize this and get down to the bare minimum and not run the risk of getting zero witnesses because we put on too many," said Rep. James Rogan, R-Calif., a member of the House team prosecuting the president.

Prosecutors and defense lawyers were granted an hour apiece to argue the motion to dismiss the charges.



*"I was tired of dealing with being stuck at a right-handed desk. I thought maybe I could do something about it."*

— Austin McWilliams, lefty and SGA senator

## A Lean to the Left.

## SGA works to make campus lefty-friendly

By Laura Hensley  
 Staff Writer

It is a balancing act hidden each day in a sea of swishing ball points and flipping pages of spirals.

Amidst the daily task of note taking in many Texas Tech lecture halls and classrooms, lurks an often silent discrimination in the opinions of some. The few left-handed students who are stuck at right-handed desks contorting their bodies scribbling on a right-handed spirals smearing their ink and often suffer in silence in this right-handed world.

Austin McWilliams, a junior political science major from Austin and life-long lefty, decided to come forward and speak out for the left-handed population at Tech. His main concern being to increase the number and availability of left-handed desks in classrooms.

About 10 percent of the population deals with being left-handed, including the past three presidents of the United States. These right-side-of-the-brain dominated people handle being labeled as awkward, clumsy and backwards. And McWilliams is tired of dealing with this everyday hassle.

"It's a discrimination," McWilliams said. "There are very

few left-handed desks in some classrooms, or sometimes they are scattered throughout the room and hard to find."

McWilliams also is a senator of the Student Government Association and helped to pass a resolution stating the need for more left-handed desks.

"I was tired of dealing with being stuck at a right-handed desk," McWilliams said. "I thought maybe I could do something about it."

The resolution was brought to the attention of Gene West, vice president of operations, who was surprised to find out about the need.

"We are glad the students have brought this issue to us. We never knew we had a problem," West said. "Frankly, I'm right-handed and have never really thought about it."

West said he has found out some classrooms do not have any left-handed desks. He said he knew some of the larger classrooms and lecture halls in the biology building have pull-up desks that lack the left-handed luxury.

"The state only requires that 5 per-

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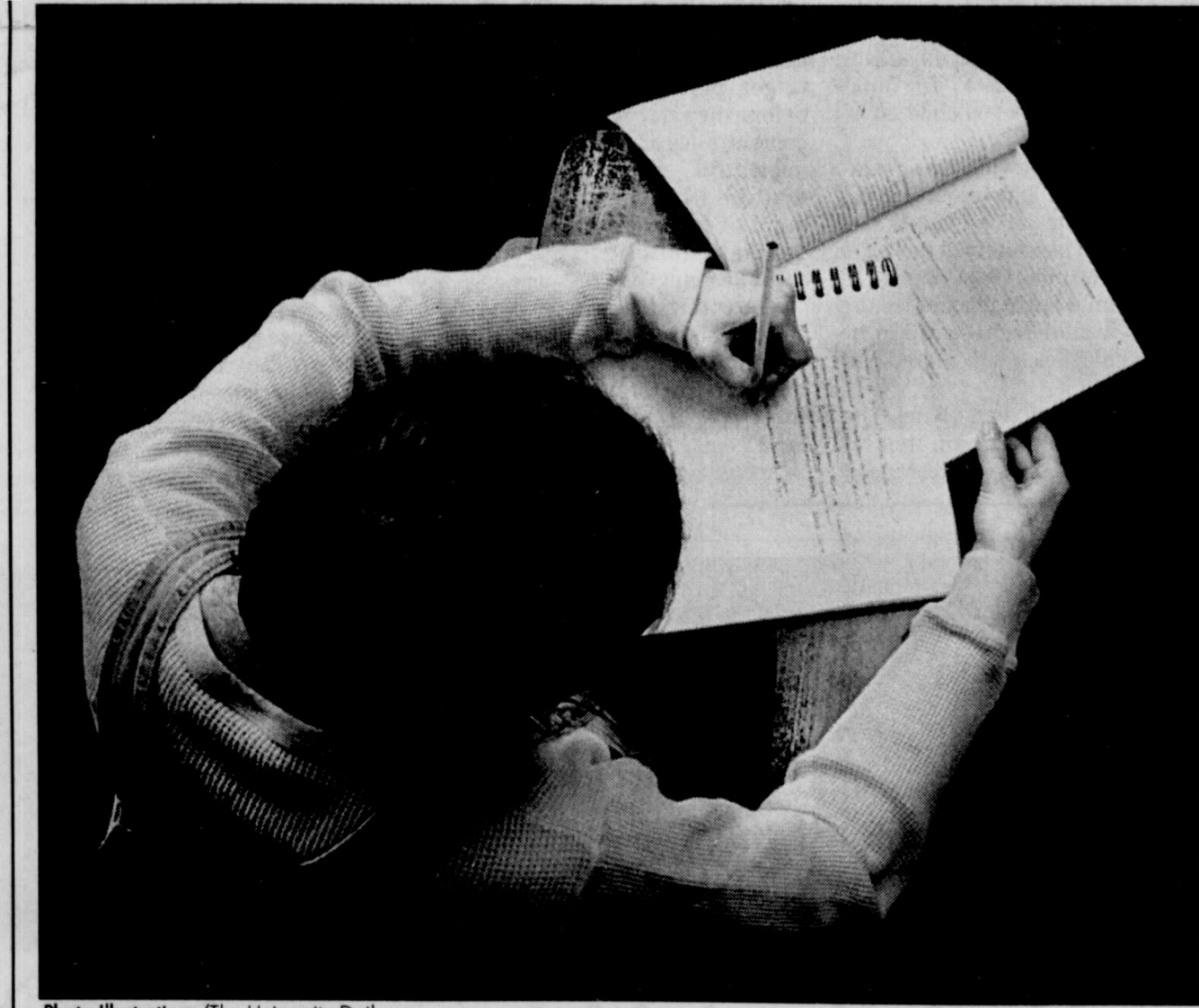


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## UMC officials to reverse decision

By Greg Okuhara  
 Staff Writer

University Medical Center board members and Texas Tech Health Sciences Center doctors met Monday morning where UMC officials decided to reverse a decision to allow private physicians access to hospital privileges.

In October, UMC decided to allow private physicians to apply for physician privileges, such as patient admitting, without that doctor being approved by the School of Medicine. Although the decision was never put into effect, this sparked a protest from HSC doctors outside a UMC board meeting in December.

Friction between the two sides boiled over and caused local politicians to intervene. State Sen. Robert Duncan and State Reps.

Delwin Jones and Carl Isett stepped in Jan. 9 to mediate a meeting between the groups.

That meeting spawned a closed-door meeting on Jan. 15 to discuss the issue further. Both sides agreed that "progress was made" toward a solution.

Dr. Joel Kupersmith, dean of the School of Medicine, said the meeting concluded in a compromise.

"Historically, since the inception of the medical school, those doctors who had privileges at UMC were full-time school of medicine faculty," said Kupersmith. "The board decided to rescind that (policy) and in return, we will give notification when we turn down clinical appointments."

Lonnie Hollingsworth, board president of UMC, agreed the meeting went well.

## U.S. missiles strike southern Iraq

BASRA, Iraq (AP) — U.S. missiles slammed into residential neighborhoods in southern Iraq on Monday, demolishing sturdy, stone-walled homes. Iraqi officials reported at least 11 people killed.

U.S. officials said its Air Force and Navy jets fired at air defense systems in response to "threats by anti-aircraft artillery fire" and by four Iraqi warplanes flying south of the 33rd parallel in violation of the no-flight ban.

Pentagon officials said it was likely that U.S. jets targeting the Iraqi defense installations misfired and that at least one missile may have killed civilians in and around the city of Basra. Spokesman Navy Capt. Michael Doubleday said U.S. officials were "still assessing the site damage."

The missiles hit five areas of southern Iraq, including the working-class al-Jumhuriya neighborhood on the outskirts of Basra, Iraqi officials said. Several homes in that

neighborhood were destroyed, their roofs caved in. Broken dishes and kitchen utensils were strewn among the rubble. Civilians worked late into the night to clean the debris from the morning strike.

Ahmed Ibrahim Hamash, the governor of Basra, said two aircraft fired five missiles that killed 11 people and injured 59. The missiles struck in the morning and Hamash said most of the casualties were women, children or the elderly because many men had

already left for work.

The missiles hit three civilian areas in or near Basra, as well as a site near the airport and another near the Rumailah oil fields.

An engineer at the oil field was reported injured in the attacks.

Iraqi officials took reporters to the al-Jumhuri hospital, one of the city's two main hospitals. Several injured children and women were at the hospital. Iraqi officials said they had been wounded in the strikes.

## Trial begins in case of Jasper man's death

JASPER (AP) — A black man was alive while chained to the back of a pickup truck and dragged for several miles, then his shredded body was left outside a black cemetery "as some form of a message," a prosecutor told prospective jurors as the first defendant's trial began Monday.

Jasper County District Attorney Guy James Gray briefly outlined the details of James Byrd Jr.'s violent

death last June to the 122 potential panelists in the capital murder trial of John William King.

King, 24, sat attentively with a 50,000-volt electric belt tied around his waist as Gray spoke.

He put his elbows on a table and buried his forehead and face into his clasped hands when his two defense attorneys talked about the death penalty. If convicted, he could be

sentenced to life in prison or lethal injection.

King, a onetime member of a racist prison gang and an avowed white supremacist, is the first of three men to be tried in the Byrd murder. The capital murder trials of Shawn Allen Berry, 23, and Lawrence Russell Brewer, 31, haven't been scheduled.

King denies killing Byrd, saying he stood by innocently as Berry com-

mitted the murder over a soured drug deal. Byrd's blood was found on the shoes of all three suspects, and other personal items and DNA samples found at the scene implicate the trio, prosecutors say.

Gray told the jury pool that the 49-year-old Byrd was intoxicated after attending a party the night of June 7 and was walking home when the three men picked him up.

# Admiral visits Reese Center to discuss research

By Greg Okuhara  
Staff Writer

The Institute for Environmental and Human Health at Reese Center was visited by Adm. Elmo Zumwalt, Jr. on Monday for a tour and briefing on chemical and biological agents and countermeasures.

Zumwalt met with officials from TIEHH to discuss a joint effort between Texas Tech and Tech Health Sciences Center to research countermeasures for biological warfare and stressed the need to be ready to combat such weapons.

"We need a center to be prepared

## TIEHH REESE CENTER

for any combo (of biological weapons)," Zumwalt said.

Although still under construction, Dr. Ronald Kendall, director of TIEHH, showed Zumwalt through the facilities and explained the different research that will take place.

"In the next four weeks, this area will be cleaned out and the equipment arrives," Kendall said of a lab area under construction. "The equipment is literally lined up to be or-

dered right now."

Kendall said the labs will be used to analyze soil and water samples as well as have capabilities to test human subjects.

Also, TIEHH will utilize virtual reality set to present consults and meetings through satellite links to the Department of Defense.

Zumwalt said he was impressed with the facilities and the effort Tech has put into the project.

"You've got the momentum and you've got the facilities," Zumwalt said. "It's all really exciting."

TIEHH was founded in 1996 by Tech and the HSC to collectively per-

form research of the affects of toxic chemical impacts on the environment and the human body.

Zumwalt said he would like to see Tech a national leader in the research of countermeasures.

"The Department of Defense could rely on the capabilities that exist here for practice and for the real threat," Zumwalt said.

One of the main focuses of the institute is providing interdisciplinary studies into solutions for biological warfare according to Kendall.

"This is a significant national threat," Kendall said. "We have emphasized strong interdisciplinary re-

search and focus on real problems. We'd like to create a national library of information that is accessed and used in consults."

Kendall said the area of biological and chemical warfare is so vast, Tech would not be able to cover all aspects.

"We have the motivation and willingness of faculty to bring multi-level partners with other universities," Kendall said.

He also added "conversations" are in progress with the University of Texas-Galveston to partner in research.

Tech President Donald Haragan also attended the briefing and tour

and said this is a chance Tech needs to seize.

"I think we need to take advantage of this opportunity that we have," Haragan said.

"We need to combine this opportunity with our strengths, and our friendship with Zumwalt allows us to do that."

Zumwalt was appointed by President Bill Clinton to the President's Special Oversight Board for the Department of Defense to look into chemical and biological incidents from the Gulf War. He also is a former chief of naval operations in the Navy.

# Lawmakers tout plan to take down social promotion

DEL VALLE (AP) — Hillcrest Elementary Principal Jean MacInnis is all for a plan touted by Gov. George W. Bush to attack social promotion, the term for advancing students from grade to grade when they can't do the work.

"It's real difficult for fourth-grade teachers to teach the fourth-grade curriculum to children who can't read," said the principal, whose school covers third through sixth grades and receives children from other campuses.

The bill outlined at the school Monday by Bush, Sen. Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo, and Rep. Paul Sadler, D-Henderson, would set a standard of requiring students to pass the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills in third, fifth and eighth grades to be promoted.

"This plan is designed to use the TAAS as an early warning device to get students help early when it's most effective," Bush said.

Third graders would have to pass the TAAS reading test; fifth-



Bush

graders, reading and math; eighth-graders, reading, writing and math.

Students would get three tries, coupled with remedial courses.

The requirement would kick in with the fall 1999 kindergarten class, which also would receive an increased state focus on ensuring they are on track in reading.

Students already in school wouldn't have to meet the TAAS standard.

Even for affected students, exceptions would be allowed.

The bill would set up an appeals process to allow a student to be promoted despite failing the TAAS three times — if the parent, teacher and principal agreed.

Bivins, the Senate Education Committee chairman, has said the appeal might take into account whether a student's test scores

kept rising and were just short of passing on the third try.

Fourth-grade teacher Sami Kinsey, who watched with pleasure as Bush listened to two of her students read, appreciates the fact that pupils would get three chances at the test.

"You never know what kind of experience these kids have had the night before," she said.

Bush — whose battle against social promotion was a major campaign promise — was asked a year ago whether there would be any way under his plan that a student would be promoted to fourth grade without passing the third-grade TAAS reading test.

"No there's not," he said then, adding, "The student will immediately go into remedial help."

Bush said Monday that allowing the appeals process improves his original idea and "embodies the spirit of what I campaigned on."

The governor and lawmakers

noted that decisions to promote students despite TAAS failure would be public and part of the accountability system used to assess schools' performance.

State law already says students may be promoted only on the basis of a academic achievement or demonstrated proficiency.

But there's no state standard to ensure students aren't passed without demonstrating knowledge.

The Texas Federation of Teachers estimated in 1996 that 150,000 Texas students are promoted every year without passing their courses.

Bush's plan drew praise from

Texas AFL-CIO President Joe Gunn, who has been at odds with the Republican governor on other issues.

"Students who do not earn their promotions in school will not prosper in tomorrow's job market," Gunn said.

Bush has said he will ask state lawmakers to spend more than \$200 million on early elementary school programs to ensure students have skills they need before being promoted.

Republican Lt. Gov. Rick Perry, who presides over the Senate, said senators intend to act quickly on the measure and send it to the House for consideration.

## Women celebrated in sports

In honor of the National Girls and Women in Sports Day, Texas Tech will offer a special activity day promoting female involvement in sports.

A morning session for kindergarten through sixth grade girls and their mothers will be in the Student Recreation Center Saturday. The day of activities will include volleyball, soccer and fitness and will begin at 8:45 a.m.

Later, the athletic department will present "Take a Kid to the Game" day at the Lady Raiders basketball game.

All of the events at the rec center are free, but the registration deadline is Wednesday. For more information, call 742-3351.

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Sami Kinsey  
fourth-grade teacher

"...don't think they are not capable of handling child pornography."

Mike Shultz  
assistant U.S. attorney

## Health costs expected to jump 9 percent in 1999

NEW YORK (AP) — Rising health plan premiums and skyrocketing drug costs are among the reasons it will cost 9 percent more to provide health benefits for workers, a survey of employers predicts. The jump is the biggest in seven years. The survey, released Monday and covering 4,200 employers, was conducted by the consulting firm William M. Mercer. In 1998, health benefits costs rose 6.1 percent, Mercer said.

Employers blamed the increases on rising premiums charged by health plans and much higher drug costs. To deal with rising costs, employers are continuing to drop coverage for retirees and are reducing drug benefits for some active workers.

Last year, the percentage of companies with 500 or more workers providing health benefits to retirees over age 65 fell to 36 percent, down from 46 percent in 1993.

## Child abuse damage can rob child of ability to love

AUSTIN (AP) — Timing is everything — especially when it comes to early child development, a state conference on child abuse prevention was told Monday.

"If you take a child who was never touched or loved in their first year of life, even if they were then adopted by someone like Mother Theresa, that year of neglect would have robbed the child's potential to love," Dr. Bruce Perry warned some 700 child advocates.

"The key is to provide the right experiences in the right amounts at the right time in the life of a child," said Perry, head of psychiatry at the Texas Children's Hospital. "Few infants will benefit from a linear algebra lecture — and few adolescents need to be held for hours each day, rocked and breast fed."

What young children do need, he said, is constant attention that includes touching, talking and loving —

not television, which strips away an average of 30 percent of the time they would otherwise have for enriching social interactions.

Speakers at the conference emphasized that prevention programs should target parents before they become abusive or neglectful so that the likelihood of future maltreatment could be reduced.

The conference came in the wake of recent statistics issued by the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services that showed how child abuse-related deaths in 1998 were up some 71 percent from the year before.

According to PRS board member

Maurine Dickey, that is just one more reason why it is critical that leaders in child abuse prevention take action now.

"We have a \$5.6 billion surplus in the state and 1.4 million children with no health insurance," said Ms. Dickey, adding that Texas is 47th in the nation in the amount of money spent on health care.

She called the current legislative session an opportunity for Texas to reverse those trends.

The two-day conference also featured 56 specialized workshops, including one on the prevalence of child pornography on the Internet.

"The problem is that it is just as easy

to get a recipe for chocolate chip cookies online as it is to get a photo of a 7-year-old girl doing whatever sex act you'd like," said Mike Schultz, an assistant U.S. attorney based in Houston.

"And just because they have a Ph.D. or they're a NASA engineer, a preacher, a butcher, baker, or candlestick maker — don't think they are not capable of handling child pornography," Schultz said.

The punishment for child pornography is five years imprisonment for simply possessing it — even one image — and 15 years for any sort of distribution or reproduction, he noted.

Diana Fleming, executive director of Youth and Family Counseling Services, offered tips on how to protect children from online pornography.

"Place the computer where it will be visible if you walk by," she said. "Educating your children about bad things online should be like telling them not to take candy from strangers."

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**SPOTLIGHT ON STUDENTS**

Zumela Zamora, a sophomore RHIM major, was awarded an International Education Fee Scholarship to study at The Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey in Mazatlan, Mexico during the Spring 1999 semester.

Eighteen members of the Tech Advertising Federation attended the Houston Advertising Federation Student Competition and Conference, November 11-13. Students worked in teams with students from other universities in Texas, Oklahoma and Arkansas to develop a complete advertising campaign for the Texaco Houston Grand Prix. Jeff Mizeur, a senior advertising major, was a member of the winning team.

A delegation of 14 students attended the South Western Association of College and University Residence Halls Conference held in Norman, Oklahoma in November. Lisa Rotge and Jonathan Wilson won the Conference Case Study competition. The Gordon/Biedsoe/Sneed Haunted Basement won Program of the Year and will be forwarded for consideration at the national competition. Danielle Uher won the Student Leadership Service Award. William Jenson, RHA Vice-President, was presented with a Three Year Service Plan for Leadership. Tiffany Munsen, RHA National Communications Coordinator, was recognized as Rookie of the Year.

The Texas Tech Army ROTC Red Raider Battalion won 2nd place in the 1998 Apache Brigade Ranger Challenge Competition at North Fort Hood on October 16-17. The team beat 22 other teams for the runner up spot. Team members are: Matthew R. Fite, Team Commander, Chad Gross, Michael Beach, Robert White, David Adams, Brandon Lewis, Kristian Leibfarth, James Conkling and Jacob Grant.

Allen Hooser, a senior advertising major, attended the Direct Marketing Education Foundation's Collegiate Institute in Chicago, November 11-15. Allen was one of 32 students in the country selected to attend and was the only student from Texas.

To submit entries for this notice, contact the Office of the Vice-President for Student Affairs, fax 742-2137, e-mail kathyq@ttu.edu.

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# Computers are root of all evil



**John Davis**  
Staff  
writer

I have to say this now, because I really understand the depth of my hatred for computers this week.

**COMPUTERS ARE EVIL.**

It all started at the check-out line at a store. I had one item, so the lady in front of me was nice enough to let me go first. Of course, I had the one item in the whole store that didn't have a bar code, so we all had to wait for about 15 minutes to find out the price.

I kept looking over my shoulder at the lady behind me who had let me go first. She smiled politely, but her eyes said she would never let anyone in front of her in the check-out line again.

Then, I have this ancient laptop I use to write my papers on. Actually, it's more like a kitchen counter top computer, as big and heavy as it is. If I ever tried to put it on the tray table of an airplane, I'd send the head of the person in front of me flying into my lap.

Anyway, this wonder of semi-modern technology decided to go south on me. I took it into the computer store to see if they could fix it, and they told me they might not be able to because of its age. So, if they cannot fix it, I will

have a nice piece of trash that lights up yellow and clicks a lot. Great.

Even though I use them every day, and, yeah, they do some pretty neat stuff — OK, they've revolutionized the way we live — I think they are a scourge on our society.

You know, when I come home and watch the news talk about the whole Y2K problem, I have to say, "Hell, rub it into them." I guess it serves us right in our over-confidence. Now, people are selling dehydrated food, candles and wood-burning stoves like it's 1955 and the Russians are coming. My dad even fell into the trap and bought my mom "for Christmas" a radio that generates its own energy. She absolutely loved it so much, she put it in a place of honor — the closet in the utility room.

People laugh at me because I am way behind the times. The dial telephones get laughter from people when they come over. I had to buy my first push-button phone recently because computers answer phones now. If I want to know my checking balance, credit card information or call anywhere, you have to have one.

All I can say is this. We, in our desire to modernize, have messed ourselves up by depending on a machine that can easily fail. Heck, they even catch colds. So, perhaps we all should re-evaluate our dependence on such a machine.

*John Davis is a senior journalism major from Fort Worth.*

# Couple gets criticism

LONDON (AP) — A wedding between two strangers who met for the first time when they exchanged vows Monday has drawn criticism from church leaders and marriage counselors.

Carla Germaine and Greg Cordell were married after winning each other in a "lonely hearts" competition organized by BRMB radio station in Birmingham in central England.

Relationship counselors and church leaders have accused the radio station of reducing the institution of marriage to a game show.

The station called the competition "Two Strangers and a Wedding," after the film "Four Weddings and a Funeral," starring Hugh Grant and Andie McDowell.

The ceremony was scheduled to be broadcast live on the radio but the registrar expressed his distaste for the

idea, saying he did not want it "turned into a media circus," a spokesman for the radio station said. It was broadcast 30 minutes later.

The model and the salesman, both in their 20s, dismissed the critics and vowed to make their marriage work.

"Everyone expects us to split up, but we want to prove them wrong," Cordell said.

The couple were selected from 200 hopefuls by a panel employed by the radio station. The panel included relationship counselors and an astrologer.

As well as each other, they won a free honeymoon in the Bahamas, where they will be accompanied by a film crew and a newspaper reporter. Their prize also included free use for a year of a sports car and a two-bedroom apartment in an upscale development in Birmingham.

# Mercury Rev looking for new CD cover

More than 20,000 albums are released every year with thousands of innovative covers to conceal the musical contents.

BMG and V2 Records are sponsoring an art contest to promote Mercury Rev's new album *Deserter's Song*.

The contest has no rules on mediums used for the artwork.

The deadline for the contest is April 10.

The entries can be sent to V2 Records "Mercury Rev Contest"; 14 E. 4th St., Third Floor; New York City, NY, 10012.

For more information, check out the website at <http://www.bugjuice.com/mercuryrev> or call BMG college marketing representative Shannon Moore at (972) 480-5124.

Moore said the web site will be the best source for rules and other various information on the contest.

## THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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# Left-handed desks needed in classroom

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cent of desks in classrooms be left-handed," McWilliams said.

The existing policy at Tech is to ensure 10 percent of desks are left-handed, but the 10 percent goal has yet to be reached in all classrooms.

West said he needs input from concerned left-handers. The problem must be identified in order for desk replacement. There also will be a need of additional funding to replace desks. The average tablet arm chair

desk costs about \$150.

McWilliams said he knows there are items higher in priority to Tech but thinks the issue is important and should be considered.

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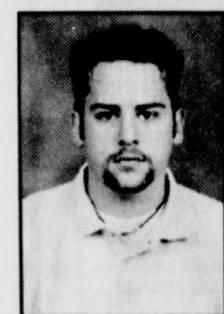
# VIEWPOINTS

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## Likability based on letters

Not sure you have a likeable personality? A little insecure about how people really see you? Afraid all your friends have forgotten about you? Ever wonder if mom misses you as much as she claims?

You can put all doubt to rest, my fellow Raiders. You don't need therapy, a personality test, or communication workshops. All you need is a pencil and a piece of paper.



Brandon Formby  
Columnist

Everything you need to know about just how likeable you are can be found in the types and amounts of correspondence you receive.

Case No. 1: The E-mail Chain Letter. These are the types of e-mail that usually require you to pass on the letter to a certain number of friends, within an allotted amount of time. It promises good luck, but threatens that if you do not comply your life will become a living hell. While it's great to see that your friends think about you enough to include you on their address list, don't grow an ego just yet. Score: 1 point per chain letter.

Case No. 2: The E-mail Forward. They can be a cheesy poem of inspiration, a hilarious joke, a personality test or even the Simpsons doing things you'll never see them do on Fox. Every group of friends has a forward king or queen — you know the kind. They have an address book longer than financial aid line. These usually include impersonal messages such as "Hey ya'll — this one is too funny! You have to read it!" Score: 25 points.

Case No. 3: The Quicke E-mail. It's one of the letters that reads something like this: "Hey! Sorry I haven't responded since the Reagan administration. Sorry to hear about your mom dying on Christmas Day. That must suck or something. Well I better run!" Just look at the bright side — at least they took the time to finally write a personal message and acknowledge the single most traumatic event in your life. Score: 75 points.

Case No. 4: The Agenda E-mail. These are only sent to a selective group of people with the purpose of updating everyone on the sender's busy life, send a few words of wisdom or plan a group trip. Someone really likes your company if you get one of these. Either that or they just need help splitting the cost of a hotel room. Score: 150 points.

Case No. 5: The Personal E-mail. Whether the sender is asking how you are, just letting you know what's up with them or writing with no apparent point, you know they are thinking about you. Or really really drunk and had nothing better to do after the bars closed down. Score: 250 points.

Case No. 6: The Old-Fashioned Letter. It's much like the personal e-mail, only better because the writer actually took the time to bust out pen and paper and let you know what's up. Or they just wanted an excuse to see what the new 33-cent stamps looked like. Score: 300 points. Fifty bonus points for any enclosures. One Hundred bonus points for money included in the envelope.

Case No. 7: The Long Distance Phone Call. Now this one is expensive. Either the caller thinks you're a really good friend or they find your voice sexy in some "What are you wearing?" sorta way. Either way, given the money involved, this one provides the opportunity for tons of points. Score: 350 points (for 0-30 minutes). Ten points for each additional minute.

Case No. 8: The Package. The big, grand mama of mailings. Whether it includes food, money, clothes or presents, you know you're popular when you get one of these. However, if your parents sent it, and it includes bills you have yet to pay, you receive no points by default or irresponsibility. Score: 500 points. If it was overnighted you get 50 bonus points. If it includes money you receive 100 bonus points.

Case No. 9: The Visit. Whether planned or a surprise, this is the grand high priest of communication. Especially since we live in Lubbock, which is nicely nestled in the South Plains of West Texas (read: the middle of nowhere.) This provides a chance to show your friends how, where and with whom you party (not recommended if your parents are the visitors.)

It also provides a chance to get your brainwashed Aggie friends away from the cult known as A&M. Score: 750 points per visitor. One bonus point available for every mile visitors travel more than 200 miles. Well I hope you did well. Of course, you if you are actually tallying you should feel ashamed for being fished in to a joke. And you read too many women's magazines.

This is college — you shouldn't be worrying about if you're "loved." But then again, it is nice to get a package every now and then. Especially with money in it. Oh well, see you next week.

Brandon Formby is a junior journalism major from Plano.



### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Millennium Project raises money for two class gifts

To the editor: With the greatly anticipated millennium, this year will be full of many "lasts" and "firsts" that will help us to remember we are witnessing an a rare and exciting event.

As a member of the last graduating class of this millennium, I am participating in an effort to bring back the tradition of class gifts.

Many students have organized the Millennium Project committee, which will raise money from the class of 1999 for two gifts to Texas Tech.

This will be the first class gift given to Texas Tech since the 1950s. Students initiated this project and selected the gifts.

Although it is hopeful that the Millennium Project will inspire other students to organize class gift campaigns, the primary goal of the Millennium Project is to give something back to Texas Tech and leave something that will remind everyone of the class of 1999.

Throughout the year, members of the Millennium Project committee will organize fundraising efforts that will give students the opportunity to donate as much as they can for the clock tower that will be by the Carpenter/Wells Residence Complex and a sundial that will be next to the Frazier Pavilion near Jones Stadium.

These projects will feature the names of students who donated to the cause.

Students who graduate in May, August and December of 1999 are encouraged to give.

I know everyone about to graduate is probably already

having nightmares about trying to pay off loans. I know I am.

Money is tight, but if everyone will sacrifice a couple of beers, a night at the movies or pizza for a month, it would be possible for almost everyone to give a little.

Please help by supporting the activities of the Millennium Project committee. As members of the class of 1999, we will enjoy returning to Texas Tech to see what we helped make possible.

Blythe Clayton  
senior  
public relations and journalism

#### Departments on campus respond to students' needs

To the Editor: Amidst the flurry of complaints about the Financial Aid office, I wanted to compliment other departments on campus about their quick response to student concerns. I was very upset when I went to The Market that I couldn't even get a drink, chicken fried steak and mashed potatoes on my meal plan. I had to pay an extra \$.40. I quickly called Housing and Dining and told them about the situation and received a call the very next day. Keith from Housing and Dining assured me that is not how it is supposed to work and that the price would be quickly fixed so that I could receive a complete meal on the meal plan.

I have also heard three neighbors had a complaint and the university quickly responded to it.

I just wanted to say there are departments on campus

that do take student concerns to heart and immediately deal with them. Good job!

Lynn Gittinger  
junior  
family studies

#### Professor's compassion awarded with recognition

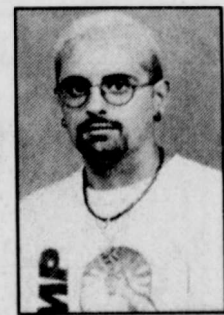
To the editor: I am writing to say how pleased I was to read the Texas College Reading/Learning Association has recognized one of the most helpful and caring faculty members this campus is lucky to have, Don Garnett.

Many know of Garnett's compassion for the students he works with. I appreciate all that Garnett has done for my academic career. No matter what direction I wanted to go in while begin advised at the UTAC, Garnett was always there with a smile and time to talk to me about my interests in different majors. I know he has made many students feel comfortable with the fact that uncertainty about our future is all part of the academic process.

During a time when all we read about is what is wrong with this university, I just wanted to take the time to recognize a very special faculty member who tries to help us make sense of the processes we must work through during our academic careers. Congratulations to Garnett.

Sally Smith  
senior  
public relations

## Spending too much time waiting in life?



Dwayne Mamo  
Columnist

I know this is not a phenomena of only this institution or of institutions of education in particular, but no matter which way you go about it we all have to wait.

We wait in lines for loan checks, to fix our financial aid problems (or things they messed up), get a parking sticker, get our lunch at the dorms, or even our groceries, the mechanic, to get online, etc. It seems like all we do in life is wait.

I remember reading somewhere that a long time ago people spent 80 percent of their time leisurely and 20 percent working — now it's almost completely reversed, and college is getting us ready for this total waste of time and potential. In fact, it would appear upon graduation all of us should be double majors with a second in time waste management.

We all get tired of having to wait in lines, but not only because it is boring, it's also because there are

better things we could do then wait for hours at a time just to get our due. I continually scream at the top of my literal lungs about the travesty of the convenience of squeezable pudding. But if we are such a lazy society that hails our convenient principles why do we end up with such a dichotomy?

I figure if we uphold convenience as a veritable constitutional amendment then we should use that in all respects of our society. Pretty soon if we don't watch out we'll be waiting in lines to wait in lines, all the while thinking that life is so convenient with our remote controls, computer accessed information and delivered pizza.

I'm thinking now we spend 80 percent of our time working (whether it be an actual job or even schoolwork for those of us who do it), 10 percent of our time waiting for whatever reason and the rest is spent for yourself and by that point you are so exhausted, irritated or frustrated that you sleep.

It is a pretty sad endeavor going into higher education knowing that most of your college career is spent bureaucratizing your way through a sea of red-taped waiting lines. Somehow they should make this worth your while, offer incentive to actually have to waste a good portion of your life keeping the floor down.

Like I stated before though this isn't exclusive to institutions at all, it happens everywhere: refund lines at stores after Christmas, getting concert tickets, going to the express lane behind the woman who has twice as much with the cashier who just now started training, or even waiting in the drive-thru lane behind a 20 meal separate ticket order.

We create different ways to make life more convenient in the hopes that we can regain some of that 90 percent of the time we use to other things, like ourselves.

Instead, life doesn't become convenient it still eats up all our time waiting for these time-saving mea-

sures. Life becomes faster and faster, and therefore we expect immediate gratification. I'm not sure what is worse: complaining about the inconvenience of convenience or the fact that we, as Americans, have been weaned on this notion we want things now and right the first time.

It's a tough decision to make, all I know though is that if we make this an important issue, as subtle as it already has crept into our daily routine, then it should apply to all situations.

So if convenience is as important as our practices dictate, then steps should be taken to rectify the by-products of these procedures — namely the incongruity of waiting to make life easier and more pleasurable in a world where we supposedly don't have to wait anymore.

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Lady Raiders look to rebound after loss see p. 8

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# Newcomers make their pitch for Tech

By Jason Bernstein  
Sports Editor

As two of the 20 new transfer players eligible for the regular season, Marco Cunningham and Lance Woodcock are just trying to fit in on a Red Raider baseball team who won 44 games a year ago.

"It's taken me awhile to get to know everybody," Cunningham said. "Now that I know everybody, I think that we'll all get a lot tighter as a group."

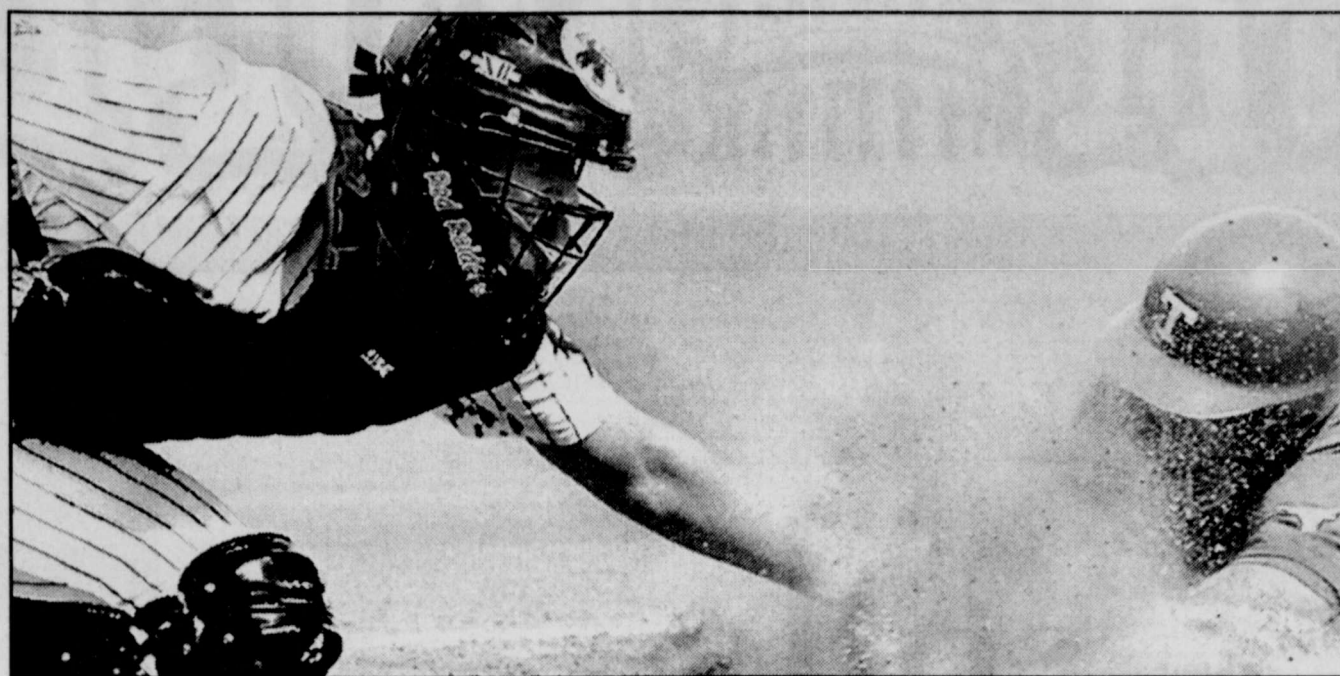
As an outfielder, Cunningham, a junior transfer from Trinidad State Junior College in Trinidad, Colo., was named to the National Junior College Athletic Association's All-America Second Team as a sophomore last season.

"It should be a lot of fun this year," Cunningham said. "Especially if we win. That's the goal."

"I think with the talent we have on this team, we can be very successful if everybody does their job."

Cunningham will be looked upon to inject instant offense for Tech in 1999. He scored 93 runs and stole 38 bases a year ago and he also tallied 18 doubles and three triples as he helped lead the Trojans to a 49-11 record and a regional playoff appearance in 1998.

"I expect a lot of speed out of this team," Cunningham said. "We also have some really good pitching. I wasn't here last year so I can't say how much better we will be. But I can tell you that people will see a better team this year."



Wade Kennedy/The University Daily

**Back Stopped:** Catcher Josh Bard and the rest of the 12 returning letterwinners will team with 25 newcomers this season to make their run at another Big 12 Championship. Tech takes on the Red Raider alumni 3 p.m. Saturday at Dan Law Field.

The Red Raiders return only 46 percent of its players from the 1998 roster and will often look to its newcomers to fill various voids either at the plate or in the field.

Woodcock, a junior transfer from American River Junior College in Sacramento, Calif., is vying for a starting position at shortstop this season but hasn't let the competition get in the way of his having a good time at Tech.

"I'm having the best time of my life so far," Woodcock said. "I went to junior college in Sacramento, and this is 10 times better."

Woodcock was selected to the

NJCAA All-America squad as a freshman after hitting .385 and leading his team to a conference title.

But what's in the past is done, and Woodcock said he is prepared for baseball at the NCAA Division I level.

"It's definitely a step up," he said. "There's great competition and more depth at every position. There's more than just a few solid guys on this team and every team."

Woodcock will be one of four players fighting for the starting job at shortstop, leaving his role on the squad undefined as practices become more fierce heading into the

Alumni game Jan. 31.

"I'm not real sure what my role is right now," he said. "I just want to step up and be the shortstop for Tech and help us get to the College World Series."

In similar fashion to Cunningham, Woodcock has been tabbed with the newcomer label and has been adjusting to new players and new friends as well.

"It's been great for me," Woodcock said. "It's a great experience, and I think everybody should do it if they can. Everybody works hard and they know what they want to do here."

## Tech offers free admission

The Texas Tech Athletic Department announced free admission to all February Tech baseball games for Lubbock Little Leaguers.

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# Cowboy's reserve arrested after chase

LACOOCHEE, Fla. (AP) — A linebacker for the Dallas Cowboys was arrested after he fled from deputies who tried to pull him over for speeding, police said.

Darren Hambrick was charged with fleeing a law enforcement officer and resisting an officer without violence Sunday.

Hambrick, who just finished his first season with the Dallas Cowboys, was arrested in his hometown of Lacoochee in Pasco County, about 39 miles northeast of Tampa.

Sheriff's officials wouldn't say why Hambrick ran from a traffic ticket,

but the arresting deputy reported a "a very strong odor of unburnt marijuana" inside the linebacker's pickup truck.

A Pasco County Sheriff's deputy said that when he turned on his flashers to pull over the speeding truck, the driver turned onto a muddy side road and drove through a stop sign.

At one point, the driver jumped from the moving truck and ran into the woods, leaving the passenger holding the steering wheel. Police did not identify the passenger.

Deputies found Hambrick's driver's license and NFL players card

in a billfold stuck behind the truck's sun visor.

While deputies searched for the driver with a tracking dog, Hambrick drove up in another car wearing clean blue jeans. He told deputies he had been at Club Hollywood in Lacoochee and had loaned his rental truck to a friend.

But deputies said Hambrick, 23, matched the build of the driver and his socks were wet and covered with mud.

The Sheriff's Office said Hambrick changed his muddy pants and shoes but forgot to change his socks.

Hambrick spent several hours in the county jail in Land O'Lakes. He was released on his own recognizance about 10 a.m. Sunday.

Hambrick played football at Pasco High School and the University of South Carolina.

He was drafted by the Cowboys last April.

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# TECH LIFE

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## Politics *Techsan* style

### Isett begins second term as representative

By Christy Biddy  
Staff Writer

It is time for round two for Carl Isett.

Isett, Texas House of Representatives member for district 84, begins his second term in office this week. Isett is working with legislation to help improve West Texas living.

Some of the legislation Isett is working on involves funding issues for Texas Tech.

Isett said he also is involved with the Tech medical school. "We're making sure we resolve issues with the medical school in El Paso," he said.

Other pieces of legislation will not directly affect Tech students here in Lubbock, but will affect their road travel to places such as Austin or Dallas.

"We are working on a bill that will raise the truck speed limit to 70 to decrease congestion," Isett said.

In addition, the representative also is championing the Lubbock legislation agenda.

Lubbock City Councilman David Nelson said he is pleased with Isett's performance in Austin.



"He has always been honest, forthright and effective," Nelson said.

Nelson stated he was especially pleased with Isett's involvement with Activity Based Costing system.

This system, Isett's primary objective from the 75th session, derives the actual cost of goods and services.

Isett, a Tech alumnus, said his accounting degree has been invaluable to him during his service in the House of Representatives.

He said during the 75th session he was the only CPA in the house.

"It gave me a unique perspective and opportunity to use my education and background," Isett said.

Isett received his financial and accounting degrees from Tech in 1987. In 1992 he received his master's degree in accounting.

"I pretty much led the poor college student life," Isett said.

### Bullock reflects on life in politics, Tech, future

By Ginger Pope  
Staff Writer

Over three decades of public service came to an end last Tuesday for one of Texas Tech's most famous graduates.

Former lieutenant governor of Texas, Bob Bullock, left office Jan. 19, after choosing not to seek a third term as lieutenant governor elections in November.

For a man, who nearly avoided public office, Bullock left the Capitol steps with much credit to his name.

A 1958 Tech graduate, Bullock began his service as lieutenant governor in 1991. Other public offices include: Texas Comptroller, 1975-1990; Secretary of State, 1971-1972; Aide to the Governor, 1969-1971; Assistant Attorney General, 1967-1968; Texas History Commission, 1963-1965; and Texas House of Representatives, 1957-1959.

"After I served in the Texas Legislature, I never intended to get back into office. I kept thinking I'd serve and get out, but I kept being gravitated back," Bullock said.

Encouragement from a one-time law partner, former Texas Gov. Preston Smith, and a brother-in-law helped Bullock continue his life of politics.

"My brother-in-law, who helped raise me, taught me how important it is putting something back in to what you take out, and that service to others is the best service of all," he said.

As governor, Smith relied on the talents and connections of Bullock.

It was Smith who appointed Bullock as Secretary of State.

"He helped Tech climb the ladder and continue its programs but not at the expense of others."

Preston Smith  
former Texas governor

"I'm not sure that I would have been elected as governor had it not been for him. He is tremendously capable," Smith said.

The friendship between Smith, also a Tech graduate, and Bullock began when they were in the Texas Legislature.

Besides politics, the two men shared their common alma mater background at a time when Tech's name was scarcely heard through the state Capitol.

While in office, Bullock was in a favorable position to benefit Tech, but he was fair to all Texas universities, Smith said.

"He helped Tech climb the ladder and continue its programs but not at the expense of others," Smith said.

A lot of graduates still have strong sentiments or allegiances for their alma mater, and Bullock said he will always keep Tech in mind.

"When I was in school, I was married and had a child, so I treated school more like a business and got out quickly. I regret not experiencing a student life," he said.



Bob Bullock

Courtesy photo

Bullock might have gone to Tech law school, but it did not exist at the time so he received his law degree from Baylor law school.

While Bullock believes the state of Texas is in a good position, he cannot help but be concerned about the future of all politics, especially as events unfold in the nation's Capitol.

Many people are somewhat disillusioned by Washington with so much partisanship, he said. Bullock believes it is important for legislators to remember to vote for what is best for the country and remember who they represent.

"I'm afraid our younger people are not drawn to politics because they do not want to subject themselves to it," he said.

Even though he will not have a government position, Bullock will continue to be a part of the development of Texas.

He already has moved his employment to a Public Strategies firm in Austin and will be involved in long-range planning for companies interested in Texas.

### Graduate speaks out about life in House

By Apu Naik  
Staff Writer

Texas Tech graduate and Texas Speaker of the House, James E. "Pete" Laney (D-Hale Center), has established himself as a mainstay in Texas Legislature after a 26-year career dating back to 1973.

Laney, a Tech distinguished alumnus, received a bachelor of science degree in agricultural economics in 1965 along with his wife, Nelda McQuien Laney.

"Pete first got involved in politics because Robert Wayne, the representative of our district, was leaving his office, and the citizens of Hale County started to ask him if he was interested," said Laney's wife.

"What was interesting about that race was that he ran for the Democratic seat against Delwin Jones, who is now a great friend and member of the Texas House."

He was first elected to the most powerful seat in the Texas House of Representatives by the mem-

bers of the House in 1993.

In his 13th term as the representative of the House District 85 in West Texas, Laney's peers and staff have described him as "the archetypal citizen-legislator," an everyday Texas farmer and citizen who cares about the needs of Texans and strives to meet them.

"I think he gets the label of citizen-legislator because of the way he just naturally is. I mean, back in Hale Center people don't call him Speaker Laney or even Mr. Laney, they just call him Pete," said daughter Jamey Laney Phillips. "On Friday nights, you'll see him at the high school football game. He's really no different than his other constituents, except for the fact that he's just like everybody else, not only in the way he lives but in the way he legislates."

During the time Laney has presided over the Texas House, many changes and advancements have been passed through legislation as a result of his close efforts alongside Texas Gov. George W. Bush and former Texas Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock.

"Even though they had different political philosophies, they (Bush, Laney and Bullock) concentrated on what was good for Texas, and I think it really set an example to the rest of the state by showing that they could pass non-partisan legislation and have a

good working relationship."

During the speaker's third term in office, a \$1 billion tax cut was passed, the largest in state history.

Many other important legislative initiatives, including a comprehensive water conservation plan and a cut in the state government by over 4,000 jobs were passed.

During his career, Laney has received many awards and honors, including the Outstanding Texas Leader Award from the John Ben Sheppard Public Leadership Forum and the 1995 Headliners Leadership Award.

He was named 1998 Man of the Year in Service to Texas Agriculture by Progressive Farmer Magazine.

Today, Speaker Laney lives and farms in Hale Center, a cotton-growing region in the Texas Panhandle.

Between Laney, his wife, his three children and their spouses, the Laney family claims seven Tech graduates: daughter KaLyn Laney, the 1988 Tech external vice president, who is now governmental relations director of the Texas State Bar; daughter Jamey Laney Phillips, a 1991 Tech graduate and former student senator is a Lubbock attorney; and son J. Pete Laney, a 1998 Tech Graduate and former student senator is a Hale Center farmer. The Laney's son-in-law and future daughter-in-law are also Tech graduates.

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### Former student begins third decade as lawmaker

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The 76th session of the Texas Legislature began Monday and Texas Tech students will be represented by Delwin Jones.

Jones, a member of the Texas House of Representatives and a 1949 Tech graduate, will represent West Texas and Tech.

Jones, R-Lubbock District 83, has been a key figure in the changing face of Tech.

Many of the improvements and additions to the campus are a result of legislation by Jones.

Both the law school and the medical school were a part of legislation Jones helped to bring to campus. Jones was involved with bringing funding for these two schools.

He also was on an appropriations funding board which helped build the Tech Museum.

Other legislation Jones was involved in include legislation on the West Texas International Center and the Tech Textile Center.

Michael Reeves, a Lubbock Chamber of Commerce chairman, is happy with all the work Jones has done for this area.

"Lubbock is very well represented,"



Jones

Reeves said. "(Jones) is a great voice for Lubbock. What we lack in numbers we make up for with quality."

Currently, Jones is not involved with legislation regarding Tech or West Texas.

"We haven't even been appointed to committees yet," Jones said.

House committees will be appointed sometime in late January. Jones did not state which committees he thought he would be on.

Jones' roots in Texas government began almost a quarter of a century ago.

Initially Jones was interested in farm and water issues.

"I found out a lot of it was under legislation," Jones said.

To help solve problems he was concerned with, Jones ran for District 83 Representative and has been serving West Texas ever since.

This will be Jones' 20th year as a Texas Legislator.

Although he now is involved with Tech legislature, while a student at Tech he was never involved with the Student Senate or other organizations due to his schedule.

Jones was born in Lubbock and has lived here all his life. He graduated from Tech with a bachelor's of business administration in accounting.



James E. "Pete" Laney

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