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## Governor receives applause, doubts

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. George W. Bush's proposed \$2 billion school property tax cut will be hard to pass, said the Republican who heads the Senate Finance Committee. Democratic senators said meeting Texans' need for critical services is more important than cutting taxes.

The Republican governor's State of the State speech Wednesday, made in the glare of speculation over his possible run for president, put public schools as the top priority but also contained ambitious tax-slicing proposals.

"It's going to be very difficult, but nothing about this job is easy," Senate Finance Committee Chairman Bill Ratliff, R-Mount Pleasant, said of Bush's proposed property tax cut.

"I think I and many members of the Legislature, if we're going to put our priorities in order, probably education comes above tax cuts. But how much we can do of each is very difficult to say," Ratliff said.

Democratic senators said tax cuts are possible but should occur only after the state's other pressing needs are covered.

"The Democratic members of the Senate are going to make a case for public education, health care, senior citizens, and after we take care of those critical needs, if there is money left over, then we'll address a tax rebate," said Sen. John Whitmire, D-Houston.

Transportation tangles in his home district are a bipartisan headache that deserve attention, Whitmire added.

"Republicans, Democrats and independents cannot get to work, take their kids to school, because of the inefficiency of state government in terms of transportation," he said.

Sen. Judith Zaffirini, who heads the Senate Human Services Committee, sounded the same theme.

"Everyone wants tax cuts ... but at the very same time all of us who are before you today say first, education. First, health and human services. First, meet the needs of all the people who need our services," she said.

The \$2 billion tax cut should benefit all Texans — including renters, not just property owners — said Sen. Mario Gallegos Jr., D-Galena Park.

"I want to make sure that they touch every Texan, not just some. ... In no way did I hear anything about renters in the governor's speech," Gallegos said.

Bush proposed cuts in sales taxes and small business taxes along with the property-tax cut.

# Senators: Trial must go on

## Tech reacts to new word in Clinton case

By Apu Naik  
Staff Writer

Two monumental votes were made in the impeachment trial of President Clinton Wednesday, when the Republican-controlled Senate defeated a Democratic motion to dismiss the trial by a vote of 56-44. At the same time the parties gathered enough party-line support to approve the Republican House prosecutor's request to allow witness depositions, also by a vote of 56-44.

Three witnesses will now be required to give testimony in the trial, including Monica Lewinsky, presidential friend Vernon Jordan and former White House aide Sidney Blumenthal. The private questioning

will be a six-hour video-taped testimony in which the three witnesses would separately answer questions asked by both Republican prosecutors and White House lawyers.

Jordan is expected to be asked questions about his efforts to help Lewinsky find a job at the same time she was being subpoenaed in the Paula Jones sexual harassment case, and Blumenthal told a grand jury that Clinton described Lewinsky as a stalker who had aggressively pursued him.

Senators will have to determine in a separate vote whether to bring in witnesses for live testimony.

"My guess is that they won't bring in the witnesses for live deposition out of fear that something embarrassing may be said in front of the senate,"

said David Lanoue, Texas Tech political science professor. "I wasn't very surprised with either of the votes today, but it will be interesting to see if the White House lawyers decide to call witnesses of their own."

But although the vote to dismiss and depose witnesses required only a majority vote by the Republican-controlled senate, House prosecutors will have to rally for more support to gain the 67 votes necessary to remove the president from office.

Under Wednesday's Senate resolution to call witnesses, that final vote on the articles of impeachment could come in less than a week.

Under the resolution, a timetable of events was defined which indicates that the trial would end late Fri-

day or Saturday of next week.

During a College Republicans meeting in the University Center Tuesday, guest speaker and National Republican Committeeman Tim Lambert told members that the GOP must stick strongly to what they feel is right.

Lambert said there are too many Republican Senators who are unsure of how to vote on the conviction of Clinton, while the Democrats will not budge their votes against the articles of impeachment.

"This president lied under oath and obstructed justice," Lambert said. "Not convicting him of that is disregarding the words of the Constitution and everything it stands for."

At least 11 additional Democrats would have to vote for conviction in

order for the president to lose his office, which if Wednesday's votes give any indication as to the final outcome, will not happen. Only one Democrat, Sen. Russ Feingold of Wisconsin, crossed party lines and voted with the Republicans on both motions.

"Right now, the Democrats are just voting to keep their president in office," said Texas Tech College Republicans Chairman of Committee Relations Cameron Graham. "They aren't concerned about perjury or obstruction of justice at this point, only saving face."

Phone calls made to University Democrat's president ShaRhonda Knott and former president Frank Sanchez were not returned.

# Bringing Up Babies

## Tech family celebrates a foursome of joys

By Laura Hensley  
Staff Writer

Christina and Jason Laquey's chances of winning the Texas Lottery were higher. But now, instead of a cool million, the young couple have been given four small gifts that no amount of money could ever replace in their hearts.

After trying for years to become pregnant, the two were pleasantly surprised about six months ago to hear the news Christina Laquey was finally pregnant.

But not with just one baby, but with four.

"We just expected it," said Laquey, a 1995 Texas Tech graduate and a production operations coordinator in Tech's Extended Learning department.

"The rest of the world freaked out about it, like our family. But honestly we were so excited to be pregnant we didn't care if it were one or four."

The Laqueys had a 2 percent chance of having quadruplets. But they defied the odds and are proud parents of two boys, Jacob Lance and John Luke, and two girls named Austen Nicole and Allison Christine.

"It couldn't be any more perfect," Laquey said.

"Two little boys and two little

girls. It's perfect."

The babies were born Jan. 16 by Cesarean section at St. Mary's Hospital. Only one of the four remains on ventilators and all are thriving and healthy.

"We are real excited," she said. "We give everything to God. He's the one who gave them to us and let us carry them as long as we could so they would be healthy. It's truly a gift from him."

The Laqueys are a little overwhelmed but very excited about taking their babies home soon. Laquey was released about a week ago and plans to return to work in mid-February.

For now, the couple takes a trip each day from their home in Levelland to the hospital to visit the babies.

The Laqueys are not shy about showing off their children. They have been featured on local television and newspapers but are not bothered by the attention.

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Wade Kennedy/The University Daily

**Keeping Watch:** Christina and Jason Laquey visit their 13-day old quadruplets Wednesday at St. Mary's Hospital. The Laquey's are the proud parents of two boys, Jacob Lance and John Luke, and two girls Austen Nicole and Allison Christine.

would get this much attention," Laquey said.

"It was just four and when the quintuplets were born about two years ago here in Lubbock they got a lot of atten-

tion and they had one more, so I didn't think we would get a lot of attention."

Jason and Christina have been married for 3 1/2 years, and they do not plan to have any more children.

"We worked really hard to get these four," Laquey said.

"Unless God has plans otherwise, we plan not to have any more."

## Former vice chancellor's seat still not occupied

By Jonathan Biles  
Staff Writer

Since John Opperman, former vice chancellor for Administration and Finance, left Texas Tech to accept a job with Lt. Gov. Rick Perry's office, there has been no attempt to fill his position.

Opperman's duties have been split between James Crowson, deputy chancellor and Jacqueline Garcia, Opperman's previous assistant, Crowson said.

Opperman's involvement in the Tech investment bond and his direct overseeing of the police department responsibilities have been given to Crowson. His other duties have been given to Garcia, Crowson said.

Opperman's leaving has caused Garcia and Crowson to pick up a little more responsibility and work a little harder, Crowson said.

"For a while, we will have to be a little bit busier," Crowson said.

Opperman not only left the office his responsibilities, but he also left an empty atmosphere, Garcia said.

"He is very even-tempered," Garcia said. "One of the brightest people I have ever worked for."

Even though he will be missed and the work load has increased for Crowson and Garcia, Crowson said Opperman's leaving was a good decision and one Opperman is well qualified for.

"He has an extremely good job with the lieutenant governor, one in which he is extremely qualified for," Crowson said. "The state will definitely benefit. Of course, he will be missed ..."

Opperman gained his experience when he served under Chancellor John Montford on the Senate Finance Committee.

There has been no decision to replace Opperman and as of now, Garcia is the acting vice chancellor for Administration and Finance, Crowson said.

## School now wheelchair friendly

By J.D. Boswell  
Staff Writer

Disabled Texas Tech students now have easier access to the graduate school, because of slight modifications and a lengthy path through Holden Hall.

The school, located in the basement of the rotunda of Holden Hall, has added handicap accessible doors.

The school also has circulated newsletters in the Honors College, Arts and Sciences College and the Graduate School detailing the route for disabled students to take.

"Everyone in the department wants to make certain individuals that are handicap know how to get down here," said Graduate School Assistant Dean Ralph Ferguson.

Ferguson said he received an anonymous letter from a student who felt it was difficult to get to the graduate school.

"It took one anonymous letter, not 25," Ferguson said. "It shouldn't be tough to get to the graduate school, so we immediately made it simple."

Buttons, which open the doors, braille signs and path signs should provide better

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Ralph Ferguson  
graduate school

access, said Andrea Dolven, counseling supervisor of the Disabled Students office.

More than 600 disabled students are enrolled at Tech, with 50 to 60 mobility-impaired.

"If there were just one, it still needs to be done," Ferguson said.

The Texas Commission for the Blind and Disabled Tech students were invited to examine the route and found it functional. Everyone was supportive of the changes, Ferguson said.

Students with disabilities should enter Holden Hall through the east entrance facing the bus stop at West Hall and take the American Disabilities Act elevator to the first floor.

Exit the elevator proceeding straight, then take the first corridor to the left. At the end of the corridor, turn right to the double doors

and enter the stairwell foyer.

To the immediate right is the ADA entry to the College of Arts and Sciences. Staff members at the college will then assist the student on to another elevator and down to the graduate school.

Another option is for students to contact the graduate school in advance, and a staff member will greet the student at either the Arts and Sciences or the east Holden Hall entrance. The number at the graduate school is 742-2781.

"It's a lengthy path but accessible," Dolven said. "It's the best thing we can come up with."

The department has completed as much as they can, and there are currently no plans for further additions or alternative routes, Ferguson said.



# Texas House accessible on web site

By Christi Biddy  
Staff Writer

Beginning this session of state legislation, the public will be able to access committee meetings and floor sessions from the Internet.

The Texas House of Representatives' web site now supports live video and audio of House floor sessions, live audio of House committee hearings, the House journal and daily floor briefings and research reports on legislation from the House Research Organization.

Director of House Communications, John Bender, said the additions are a way of increasing public awareness of what is happening in Austin.

"Through the Internet, we are able to use new technology to bring more information to the public about what

the legislature is doing," Bender said.

Bender also talked about Speaker of the House, Pete Laney, wanting to get the House journal," Bender said.

He said calling Austin sometimes could result in waiting four or five days for a response.

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know about it," Cooksey said. "It would help with keeping up with Texas Politics."

Tech political science professor Roger Schaefer believes the site will be helpful in reaching the greater public.

"It's conceivably an attempt to reach out and make themselves more relevant," Schaefer said.

However, the site probably will not have much of an impact on the general public, due to low political interest, Schaefer said.

"I suspect the low level that already exists is not going to have an impact on the normal person," he said.

All those wishing to visit the Texas House of Representatives web page can visit it at [www.house.state.tx.us](http://www.house.state.tx.us).

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# Wargames give students chance to vent anger

By Lisa Marie Lachmann  
Staff Writer

On Friday and Saturday, Texas Tech will be sponsoring a returning Warfare Gaming Festival to donate money to the Women's Protective Services at the University Center.

The gaming festival is an annual event to raise money for Legion West and also to raise money to donate to WPS.

David Scott, the president of Legion West, has designed and organized the Warfare Gaming Festival for the students to participate in.

The activities will begin 1 p.m. Friday and continue until 2 a.m. Saturday. Saturday's events will begin at 1 p.m. and end Sunday 2 a.m. at the UC Courtyard. Admission to the festival is \$10 and includes a full-access pass for both days. Scott is encouraging all who at-


tend to dress-up in either a gothic, vampire or historical war-figure costume for an interesting live-action roleplaying game.

Amtgard, a special group that will be presenting vampire role playing games, will be the guest entertainment playing and acting out Gothic horror and science-fiction battles. The wargames allow the player to pick a partner and a weapon to fight with.

"It is a great stress reliever and nothing beats the thrill of beating a friend," Scott said.

All weapons are foam padded, so there is no risk of injury and no physical contact for those without weapons.

Based on the sales made, a percentage of the money will be donated to WPS. A large part of WPS is funded by donations, and a donation from Legion West proves "going out of the way can make a difference," Halcomb said.



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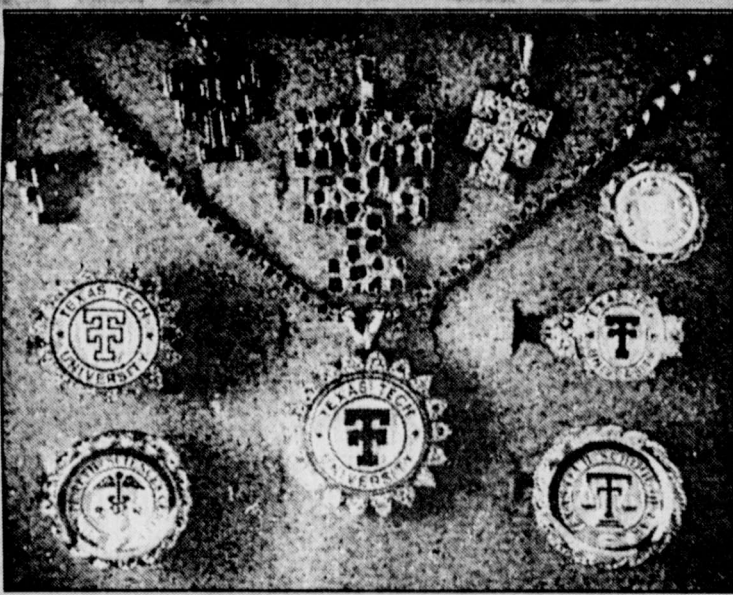
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# POLICE BLOTTER

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Jan. 17

• 1:11 a.m. A student was arrested for DUI and MIP following a traffic stop in the Z-3L parking lot

Jan. 18

• 1:18 a.m. A non-student was arrested for DUI by a minor following a traffic stop in the 1800 block of Indiana.

• 3:05 p.m. A student was arrested following a traffic stop in the 1800 block of Boston.

• 9:13 p.m. Officers investigated a theft at the bike rack on the north side of the architecture building

• 11:16 p.m. A non-student was arrested for outstanding LSO warrants following a traffic stop in the 800 block of Akron.

Jan. 19

• 1:45 a.m. A non-student was arrested for failure to ID and outstanding LPD warrants at the corner of 18th and Hartford.

• 3:16 a.m. An officer took possession of alcohol at Murdough Hall.

• 12:10 p.m. Officers investigated a theft at the University Center.

• 6:38 p.m. Officers investigated theft at the Weymouth Hall bike rack.

Jan. 20

• 9:03 a.m. Officers investigated a single vehicle accident with no injuries at 18th and Boston.

• 2:46 p.m. Officers investigated suspicious business cards distributed on the fourth floor of the Health Sciences Center.

• 3:48 p.m. Officers investigated a theft from the lobby of the psychology building.

• 6:31 p.m. Officers investigated a traffic accident with no injuries in the R-25 parking lot.

• 10:36 p.m. Officers investigated theft of a motor vehicle in the A-3 parking lot of the Health Sciences Center.

Jan. 21

• 2:31 a.m. A non-student was arrested for outstanding LPD and LSO warrants in the 3400 block of 10th St.

• 1:45 p.m. Officers investigated disorderly conduct occurring at Student Business Services.

• 2:47 p.m. Officers investigated

a traffic accident without injuries in the C-1 parking lot.

• 3:04 p.m. Officers investigated a traffic accident without injuries in the Health Sciences Center parking lot.

• 10:18 p.m. A student was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia in Room 110B of Gordon Hall.

• 1:53 a.m. A student was arrested for DUI by a minor in the Z-5C parking lot.

• 8:30 a.m. Officers investigated a theft which occurred at the south athletic coaches offices of Jones Stadium.

• 12:26 p.m. An officer responded to a request for an emergency detention at the Department of Psychiatry.

• 4:11 p.m. A non-student was arrested at the Texas Tech Police Department for outstanding LSO warrants.

• 4:55 p.m. Officers investigated harassment in Room 705 of the architecture building.

• 5:56 p.m. Officers investigated damaged property in the R-18 parking lot.

• 8:18 p.m. Officers investigated a theft in Room 1B124 of the Health

Sciences Center.

• 11:01 p.m. Officers documented vehicle damage in the R-17 parking lot.

• 11:57 p.m. A non-student was arrested for outstanding LPD and LSO warrants and possession of marijuana at the corner of 19th and Avenue T.

Jan. 23

• 2:08 a.m. A student was arrested for DWI in the 1800 block of Hartford.

• 2:30 a.m. A student was arrested for public intoxication in the Z-4P parking lot.

• 8:04 p.m. Officers investigated possession of Marijuana in Room 1225 of Coleman Hall.

• 10:33 p.m. Officers investigated criminal mischief at Hulen/Clemet Residence Hall.

Jan. 24

• 3:22 p.m. Officers investigated harassment in Room 608 of Gates Hall.

• 11:37 p.m. Two non-students were arrested for failure to ID and outstanding LPD warrants in the 1700 block of Indiana.

## Alternative Spring Break offered to Tech students

The Office of Community Service-Learning is presenting an Alternative Spring Break on March 13-20.

The Alternative Spring Break offers community service opportunities to students and faculty.

The Alternative Spring Break members will be going to New Orleans, La., to work with Volunteers of America.

Information sessions will be presented at 5:30 p.m. today and at 4:30 p.m. Monday in the University Center Masked Rider Room.


Volunteers in the program will be given the opportunity to work with the elderly, drug and alcohol abuse survivors and people from various cultures.

The week will give students the opportunity to work in a group, gain a new concept of what community is, cultural differences, personal satisfaction, making new friends, changing peoples perceptions of service and having fun.

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# VIEWPOINTS



## U.S. issues travel across continents

Australia, a.k.a. "the land down under." In a little more than a year from now, the home of Crocodile Dundee will receive more attention than it probably ever has gotten, thanks to the Summer Olympics that will be there in 2000.

Up to now, everyone probably associates a few things in particular with Australia: kangaroos, the Great Coral Reef, the Tasmanian Devil, Crocodile Dundee and boomers.

In a junior high history class, the material covered might also have explained that in the 1800s, the British exiled their criminals to Australia for their prison sentences.

What's sometimes overlooked is that just like any other nation, or in this case, a continent, Australia has to deal with the same situations and issues that people in other parts of the world deal with.

In recent months, the people of Australia have been faced with issues surrounding education and health insurance — two items that are always hot topics in the United States.

The difference is that unlike the usual menu of solutions proposed here in the United States, the Australians have come up with some different suggestions worth taking a look at.

Teachers in Australia were involved in new salary negotiations in late 1998 because their previous pay agreement was set to expire at the end of 1998.

Teachers in the Australian Education Union demanded a 14 percent pay increase and some additional resources valued at about \$300 million.

The government did not plan to open its vaults so wide to the teachers' demands.

It came back with a proposed 13 percent pay increase and some additional resources valued at about \$155 million.

Both sides held their line and refused to budge much. That's when some members of the Australian Education Union got creative.

They made a take-it-or-leave-it proposal calling for only a 10 percent pay increase instead of a 13 percent pay increase, provided that all the additional money they agreed to sacrifice be spent on resources for schools.

This is quite a novel proposal but one that shows the teacher's first priority is to improve the quality of education.

The \$30 million the teachers would be sacrificing would go towards hiring additional teachers, creating smaller classes, providing resources for disadvantaged schools and hiring more special education teachers.

The next time teachers in the United States have a salary dispute, they might find it worthwhile to follow the lead of the Australian teachers.

Teachers aren't the only ones who should be watching what the Australians are doing.

Health insurance providers are often a hot topic of conversation for people in many developed nations.

In November 1998, the Australian Medical Association was urging patients to sign a petition urging the approval of some key health insurance legislation.

The proposed initiative called for a 30 percent rebate for private health coverage.

The purpose of the rebate is to try to put an end to the exodus from private coverage.

In the last year alone, more than 250,000 Australians dropped private coverage.

Americans would do good to take notice of this dilemma because it is very likely something similar could occur in the United States in future years.

These two situations show that there's more than one way to "skin a cat."

Sometimes you just need to look outside the window and watch what others do.

*Andrew Schoppe is a junior broadcast journalism and business management major from Houston.*

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Financial aid still bothersome

To the editor: This letter is regarding those mile-long lines for financial aid checks.

I have waited in a line for four days now, totaling about 17 hours.

Each time, I was told by Financial Aid that my checks were in, so I would wait.

And each time, after reaching the desk, I left irritated because I was told they didn't have anything with my name on it. Now, the fact that my checks were not in was quite bothersome.

Most of my aggravation

stemmed from the fact that I waited so long to hear that I had wasted my time.

I could have actually gone to class instead of waiting for them to smile and say "sorry."

There is an easy resolution to this problem, but it seems to be too difficult for the university.

To my understanding, Texas Tech is the only university in Texas that does not mail the financial aid checks to the students.

I don't understand, how can other universities do it, but Tech cannot? I love Texas Tech, but I feel that this department needs to make some changes.

For anyone who reads this

and agrees, write to the editor, maybe we can be heard.

Kelie Baird  
freshman  
public relations

#### Staff member will be missed

To the editor: Texas Tech lost a great supporter and friend last week.

She did not give huge sums of money to the university, but she did give untold number of hours and much, much love.

Ann Fisher welcomed hundreds of international students to the university, found them

host families, made them feel that someone here cared about them and considered them as family.

Ann also spent many hours in docent training and gave hundreds of tours at the museum and the Lubbock Lake Landmark to bring history and the arts alive for children.

She always had a cheerful disposition, a ready smile and an infectious laugh for everyone.

Her death will leave a hole that will be very difficult to fill. We will miss you, Ann.

April MacDowell  
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## Colleges train more than in past

It used to be graduating from high school was a quintessential point in a young adult's life.

By such time, most had conquered their first job, developed business and interpersonal skills and fostered a certain "personal code of ethics and beliefs," which they would carry with them for the rest of their lives.

Interestingly enough, this is no longer the case. In today's society, the division between teenage years and adulthood is becoming more and more apparent as we realize young adults are, in fact, no longer adults at all.

"All the play time with none of the responsibilities." This has become the code of the '90s generation. The evidence of such a philosophy is blatantly obvious in all aspects of modern culture. In the past 10 years, there has been a significant rise in the amount of flippant lawsuits against corporations who

do not label their hot chocolate drinks as being "hot" and other such subjects.

The phrase "no sex until marriage" now has become a punch line accusation against the Christian conservative right. Children today would rather put their absolute faith in the cheapest contraceptive on the shelf of their local drugstore than develop a value system or the strength to say "no." It is no longer a question of "Why should we have sex on this date?" It has now become a question of "Why shouldn't we?" with no thought of repercussions if a pregnancy should result and no life skills to handle the ordeal should it occur.

Children today are exactly that: children. There is no longer a process of maturation during high school years that exists among the youth. It is now a process of "experimentation." So, where does that leave the high school graduate?

The answer is simple: unprepared for the rest of their life. So, society — as it has a tendency to do — has adapted itself to the new inflow of "untrained" adults into the adult world. We now have abortion clinics to clean up the mess of unprepared teenage parents and dozens of lawyers to get untrained people money —

that they have no right to possess — in "fine print" legal battles. And the last option, for those that can afford it, is to send their children off to college in hopes they will mature there. Yes, college has become the new high school.

Colleges today are arenas to types of social chaos that never before existed. There are college students who have never had a job, never been on a date and have no real concept of what they want to do for the rest of their lives. Today, there exist more students who are "undeclared" majors than there have ever been. Many students resemble the all too familiar archetype of Charles Dickens' character Pip in his classic novel "Great Expectations."

They wander about aimlessly with a frightening uncertainty of who they are and where they are going.

Consequently, these young adults grasp at elements of earlier years that seemed to have held great importance such as popularity, new cars, partying and relationships. School immediately has limited significance.

Students who graduate col-

#### Colleges today are arenas to types of social chaos that never before existed.

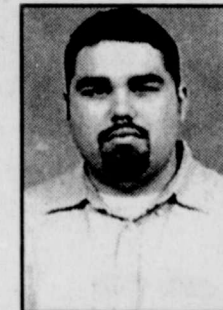
lege eventually do so because they are forced to "grow up." College continues to be a land of higher learning, but the lessons have shifted from the classroom to life. Many businesses today require a college degree. The reason for this is not because of a higher education, for many college graduates will never have careers in the fields of their respective majors. The reason for requiring a college degree in today's work place is to ensure the employee is a mature, thinking adult. The workplace has not raised its standards; the worker has extended its "gestation" period.

"This is your life, and this is the time when you have the opportunity to make it what you will." We have all heard those words. Now, "children," go sit under a tree without anyone else around and think about them for a change. It's time you let go of high school.

*Thomas D. Tucker is a junior general studies major from Midland.*

## Sponsors spin meeting toward own religion

Much like our chancellor would sell out his loved ones for a vote or positive press for the "yes 'um masta" plan, it seems that certain "Christians" these days are willing to sell out their religion to make a quick dollar.



Alex Hinojosa  
Columnist

compliant.

At this get-together, these people preached more conspiracy theories than Mulder and Scully. Hmm ... I guess that would make Jesus "Deep Throat."

- 1. The government is hiding the truth.
- 2. How to be a good Christian.
- 3. How to overthrow the government.
- 4. How a man can protect his family.
- 5. How women can make spaghetti out of earthworms. (Women were only encouraged to attend this one, since we all know Christian females are only good for cooking and making babies.)

Most disturbing was one could buy some product that would help them live through the times of "tribulation" to come because of Y2K.

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What bothers me most is I don't understand why these Christians, of all people with religion, are so worried about Y2K causing the Apocalypse.

My reasoning leads me to believe if one were a Christian and solid in their beliefs, then one would want to die as soon as possible.

Isn't that the point?

Death means going to the greatest place a person could never possibly imagine.

No, not a Larry Flint party presented by Marilyn Manson with loads of freeze-dried squeezable pudding that one can snort, but the "real" heaven.

Am I wrong? Of course not.

Y2K may not be so bad after all.

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No phone for phone sex — bust out the magazines.

No radio to listen to "Vox Pop Expose" Sunday's at 6 p.m. on 88.1-FM — then go crazy.

Although I am usually very cynical, I sincerely hope that Y2K weans us from our techno-dependency and causes some sort of a rebirth in the thirst for human interaction and a search for knowledge from other resources than TV or the Internet.

Please, there's no need to swindle good-hearted Christians out of their hard-earned money so that you can get rich quick.

Besides, things will be so bad that money will be worthless, and we'll have to acquire necessities through a type of barter system or our good looks.

This means I'll be just fine, but "masta" Montford will be up a bursar's office line with no UD to read.

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# lifestyles

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## Japanese discover disco dancing

TOKYO (AP) — After a long day at the office, Noriuchi Ito is ready to boogie — with a relentless, demanding partner who always takes the lead.

Like countless other young Japanese, Ito has succumbed to the latest dance craze sweeping the nation — an electronic arcade game called "Dance Dance Revolution" that could change the look of arcades worldwide.

For \$1.75, players climb onto a lighted platform and dance with a computer-generated partner, trying to match their footwork to arrows on a 29-inch screen.

Music, mostly '70s disco stuff, pumps at the players' feet, while a sensor underneath the platform monitors whether they are stepping up, down, left or right, and keeping time with the rhythm.

"Perfect! Great!" the screen flashes in gold letters when a player is doing well. "Boo!" it proclaims for missteps.

After the first, merely minutes-long round, the 28-year-old City Hall employee was dripping with sweat. He took off his suit jacket, loosened his tie and was ready for another spin.

"This is great exercise, and the

music is really good," he said. "I'll probably be here for another two hours, or until my legs give out."

Part of the reason for the machine's success is the growing popularity of dance in Japan.

Kids practice hip-hop routines on the streets and their parents head off to the studio for ballroom dance or salsa lessons.

Chika Nomura, a spokeswoman for game-maker Konami Co., said "Dance Dance Revolution" is part of a broader trend in arcade entertainment: games that allow players to show off and draw crowds.

Sales figures have not yet been released for "Dance Dance Revolution," which debuted in November.

But analysts speculate they already surpass the 1,000-mark — the industry standard for a hit.

"Dance Dance Revolution" can also be played in pairs, with dancers standing side-by-side on the platform and dancing in sync.

Advanced players create "DDR teams," choreographing complex routines in which dancers switch off on a single machine.

There are competitions, and the game's high scorers are listed on Konami's web site.

## All-nighter set for Friday

Beginning at 5 p.m. Friday and running well into Saturday morning, the 19th annual Recreational Sports All-Nighter will offer hours of various entertainment for students.

The event is free to students with their Tech ID.

Activities will include indoor soccer, two-on-two basketball, three-on-three basketball, swimming, sumo wrestling, racquetball, miniature golf, spades tournament, inner tube water polo, three-point shot contest, table tennis, underwater hockey exhibition, swing dance demonstration, wallyball tournament, kayaking, rock climbing, rappelling, domino tournament, "Let's Make A Deal"

and featured entertainer Tom DeLuca.

DeLuca, four-time Campus Entertainer of the Year, has performed for several years at the Rec All-Nighter and will take the stage at 11 p.m. He performs his "An Evening of Imaginative and Hilarious Hypnotic Insanity" for students.

DeLuca involves students in his hypnosis act. Thousands of students attend to watch him perform and to

participate in the events.

Students can register until Friday evening for a chance to shoot and win a Chevrolet S-10 pick-up. After the DeLuca show, names will be drawn for a chance to shoot and win the vehicle.

Some events require prior registration.

For more information, call Recreational Sports at 742-3351 during regular business hours.

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# SPORTS

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The NBA may be back, but is that a good thing?  
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## McGwire meets Pope

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Mark McGwire got his summit meeting with the pope, after all. McGwire, who was raised Catholic, met briefly with Pope John Paul II Tuesday night before a youth rally at St. Louis' Kiel Center.

The two shook hands just before the rally began. The home run king was in town for a St. Louis Cardinals' charity function and a dinner honoring him as the city's Baseball Man of the Year Sunday and Monday.

## Tech tennis set for weekend action

By Jeff Keller  
Staff Writer

The Texas Tech women's tennis team will begin their spring season at home when they take on Abilene Christian today at 1:30 at the Athletic Training Center. The match against ACU will be the first of three home matches this weekend for the Red Raiders because they will battle Texas at noon Saturday at the Lubbock Country Club and Southern Methodist at 10 a.m. Sunday at the ATC. Playing three schools in four days should not be a problem for the Red Raiders as far as being physically prepared, said assistant tennis coach Mary Dailey.

"They'll be tight after the first matches, no matter how the matches go," Dailey said of the Red Raider squad. "The break Friday will help us. But two matches in a row, we should be in good enough shape to do that. If we aren't ready for that, then we're just not ready." ACU will be a good first test for the Red Raiders, Dailey said. "They always come here with a good team," she said. "We always play them in the first part of the season when both teams are getting used to dual matches. So it will be good for both teams." Tech will have seven players on the women's squad, and all of them will be in action for the weekend matches.

Freshman Ana Serrot and freshman Noel Ruiz will be making their Red Raider debuts as they take to the courts against the Wildcats. Serrot said that she is growing accustomed to playing in the ATC. "I'm getting used to playing in the bubble," Serrot said. "The first week was weird. I couldn't even breathe. But now, it's much better." The ATC will provide a home court advantage for the Red Raiders, junior Amanda Earhart said. "It's hard to come in the bubble and play if you're not used to it," Earhart said. "The air in here is hard to breathe, and the courts are extremely fast. If you're not used to it, it can definitely be a disadvantage." Returning for the Red Raiders will

be senior Misty Meyer who sat out the fall season. Freshman Ghislaine Hernandez will return from the fall squad along with sophomores Zana Zlebnik and Alenka Ovin and Earhart. Ovin will be playing dual matches for Tech for the first time after not being eligible last spring. It is an opportunity that she is looking forward to, Ovin said. "We've been practicing really hard for the past two weeks," Ovin said. "I'm really looking forward to playing dual matches. I am excited. But I don't think I'm nervous, I'm just ready to play." Zlebnik returns for the Red Raiders after a fall season hampered by a foot injury.

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12:00	Old House Bak'g Julia	News Days of our	News Beautiful	Ricki Lake	ABC News Port Charles	Mills Lane Joe Brown
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# Lady Raiders use Lady Luck in win over Sooners

**NORMAN, Okla. (Special)** —The Texas Tech Lady Raiders used 62 second-half points to power their way past Oklahoma 89-87 Wednesday night at the Lloyd Noble Center.

The Lady Raiders (18-2 overall, 7-1 Big 12) and Sooners (8-9 overall, 2-5 overall) traded blows throughout the final minutes with neither team getting more than a four-point lead.

But with the Lady Raiders up 81-80, the turning point came when Tech guard Rene Hanebutt, who had 15 points on the night, hit a three-pointer to put Tech up 84-80 with 1:17 left in the game.

That forced the Sooners, who coming into the game had only lost one time this season in Norman, to foul to try to get back into the contest.

And the Lady Raiders, despite only shooting 24-of-41 from the charity stripe, were able to knock the free-throws down to bounce back

from a loss against Kansas last Saturday.

Earlier in the game, the scene didn't look so good for the Lady Raiders.

After trading buckets for the first 10 minutes of the game, Oklahoma was able to ride past the Lady Raiders in a big way because of a major Tech scoring drought.

With the score tied at 12 with less than 13 minutes left in the first half, the Sooners went on a 13-4 run to make the score 26-16 with 6:38 left in the half.

Despite the fact the Sooners two top scorers, Stacey Dales and Phylesha Whaley, sat out the final 10 minutes of the first half with three fouls each, the Sooners were able to take a 39-27 lead at the half.

The first-half effort was led by Sooner guard LaNeisha Caulfield, who had 14 first-half points and finished with 30 points in the game.

But starting the second half, the Lady Raiders began to bounce back from a sporadic first half.

Led by Lady Raider post Angie Braziel, Tech went on an 18-8 run to tie the score at 47 with 14:42 left in the contest.

The two teams, who had a combined 51 fouls in the game, continued to rough up each other and rack up the fouls late in the contest.

The Lady Raiders looked like they were starting to put the game away when forward Aleah Johnson hit a pair of free-throws to give Tech a 66-62 lead with 7:02 left in the game.

But Dales, who finished with 17 points, was able to keep the Sooners in the game until Hanebutt's three-pointer iced the game for Tech.

After bouncing back with a win against Oklahoma, the Lady Raiders will next be in action at 7 p.m. Saturday when they play Baylor at the Lubbock Municipal Coliseum.

Texas Tech athletics will be in full swing Saturday as the Red Raider basketball squad, the Lady Raider squad and the Tech baseball team will all be in action on the Tech campus.

The men's basketball team will take the court at 12:45 p.m. against Oklahoma at the Lubbock Municipal Coliseum. The baseball team will play in the annual Alumni game at 3 p.m. at Dan Law Field. The Lady Raiders will wrap up the day with a 7 p.m. battle against Baylor in the Coliseum.

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<b>Red Raider Baseball</b>			Alumni Game 3 p.m. Dan Law Field				
<b>Red Raider Softball</b>	Regular Season Starts Feb. 6						
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# A&M stifles Red Raider hoopsters

College Station (Special) — The road woes continued for the Texas Tech men's basketball team with a 68-47 loss to Texas A&M Wednesday night at Reed Arena in College Station.

Tech has lost all four of its conference road games, winning only one road game this season at North Texas Nov. 21.

Tech fell behind 11-4 to begin the game but battled back to take a 23-22 lead with 2:30 left in the first half.

The Aggies scored seven points to Tech's two to close the first half taking a 29-25 lead at half time.

The Red Raiders shot 38 percent from the field in the first half while the Aggies shot 43 percent from the floor and went 4-of-10

from the three-point line.

Junior forward Cliff Owens did not start but came off the bench to score nine points for Tech in the first half.

Texas A&M scored the first five points of the second half to take a 34-25 lead only to have the Red Raiders battle back to tie the game at 35 at the 16:00 mark in the game.

Tech took its last lead of the game at 38-37 on a three-point shot by guard James Ware.

The Aggies allowed the Red Raiders only 10 more points the rest of the way closing the game out on 31-10 run.

Tech had 23 turnovers against the Aggies and were out-rebounded 36-32.

# NBA struggling with new image

When is it time to say goodbye to the NBA? How about now.

After months of bickering over a \$250,000 clause in a \$10 million contract, these babies have finally headed to training camp.

But before training camps could start, some 200-plus free agents had to find employment. This year's crop of players have comprised perhaps the deepest free-agent pool in the history of the game.

Players such as Scottie Pippen, Tom Gugliotta, Antonio McDyess and Charles Barkley were all hoping to reap the benefits of a new, collective, bargaining agreement passed by the NBA players and owners.

But a funny thing happened on the way to the check-cashing station.

The aforementioned players who were arguing for the NBA's "middle class" during the lockout were the first in line to demand the big bucks

from the almighty owners.

Now keep in mind that the owners aren't exactly hurting for money either.



Jason Bernstein Sports Editor

All that aside, however, it is a sad day when Barkley and company turn to the fans and say, "We're just trying to get guys what they deserve."

What they deserve is a swift kick in the ass.

Players like Brent Barry signed a \$27 million contract

even though his only accomplishment in the league was winning a slam dunk championship.

Can you say Harold Miner? Since Jan. 21, there have been more than 150 transactions in the NBA.

Fifty-two players have re-signed a contract with their existing teams while 45 trades have taken place. Forty-two players have accepted contracts with new teams.

Another high-profile transaction is that of the player Barkley labeled Allen "Me, Myself and Iverson."

The Philadelphia star signed a six-year, \$70.9 million extension, giving him an annual salary of at least \$10 million.

But it's not all about the money, right? It is about the fans, or so the league says.

But the league is working on a deal to win fans back. The NBA is requiring each franchise to make 500 tickets available to the public at no cost for every home contest next season.

Not only is that a pathetic attempt at regaining its popularity, it is also a sad commentary on the nature of professional sports.

Here you have owners of these \$600 million-\$800 million franchises shelling out the bucks for free agents but yet, they still have an unwillingness to pass the good fortunes (i.e. discounts) on to the average fan.

There seems to be no reason any fan should dig into his wallet or her purse in order to splurge for an NBA game this season.

In the world of professional sports where winning is everything, a common phrase often graces a team after a disappointing finish.

What have you done for me lately?

In the case of the NBA — nothing. The NBA is in need of its biggest rebound yet as they try to come back from an off-season of discontent and political posturing.

But what is perhaps even more disturbing is the fact that Latrell Sprewell has been reinstated, and no further sanctions against him are in tact.

The media, as a whole, had its day in the sun with the Sprewell incident, but nothing more has been made of it.

It has been said that what is done is done, and people should move on from mistakes they have made in the past. But no one in their right mind deserves to have another opportunity after attacking his or her supervisor.

In short, the NBA is like Don King arguing with Evander Holyfield over whose quarters to use at the local coin laundromat.

Clearly the NBA has an image problem and this time, Michael Jordan can't come up with the game-winning shot.

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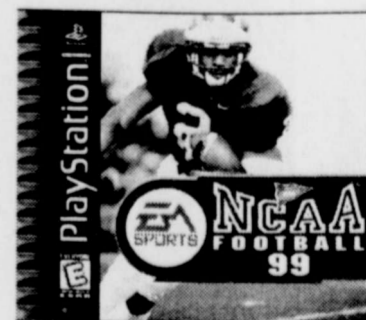
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