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# THE UNIVERSITY DAILY

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## Regent spots open

By Ginger Pope  
Staff Writer

Three Texas Tech Board of Regents members' terms are expired, leaving three positions open for Texas Gov. George W. Bush to fill.

The terms of Carl Noe, Bernard Harris and former Chairman Edward Whitacre are up, and although the positions are scheduled to be filled by Bush within the next several weeks, the appointments may not come before the regent's next meeting, Feb. 11 and 12.

"I would like to have the new regents before this next meeting," said Tech Chancellor John Montford.

Montford, who said he would not have come to Tech if it were not for the quality of the regents, believes the board has been well-balanced and aggressive. The only suggestions Montford can make to the governor regarding the appointment of new regents are that they be geographically balanced and they have the mind for fund raising, he said.

"If I were to recommend a name, they'd probably be the first one to be thrown out," Montford said.

The governor's office is in the process of interviewing regent candidates, and Bush hopes to name them in the next several weeks, said Linda Edwards, Bush's spokeswoman.

"This is a very busy time for the governor and a very busy time for appointments," Edwards said. "Hundreds of state agencies are needing appointments."

Edwards said of those being interviewed, some were in the running during the last regents' appointment two years ago. Edwards did not say who the candidates are.

The purpose of the regents is not to guide academic leadership but to guide growth in admission standards of the university, Edwards said. Academic backgrounds are not necessary in the appointing of a regent.

The chancellor manages the academics of a university, Edwards said.

Regents are appointed for six year terms, and Noe, Harris and Whitacre finished their terms Jan. 31. New regents have not been appointed, so exiting regents must continue sitting on the board until new regents are confirmed, said Marcie Johnston, executive director of the board.

## Tech loses campus to A&M

By Ginger Pope  
Staff Writer

Efforts to make Texas Tech an upper division campus for the San Antonio Palo Alto College were unsuccessful against Texas A&M University.

State Senator Frank Madla, D-San Antonio, chose A&M to be the upper division university because of their experience of establishing programs in Laredo, Corpus Christi, Texarkana and in Central Texas, and because they made a complete proposal for the opportunity, said Harold Oliver, Madla's legislative aid.

"They know the cookie-cutter method," Oliver said.

"This is probably the only reason A&M had a leg up."

San Antonio Palo Alto is in Madla's district, and his support for A&M could lead to start-up money for the

## Texas senator prefers Aggies' interest in community college

program. Money would have to be approved by the Texas Appropriations Committee, Oliver said.

Any university could come and set up an extension program because of the Texas Board of Higher Education Pathway Program, Oliver said.

The difference is Madla's support for A&M gives them a chance to work with more money.

Oliver said Tech never made an official proposal as did A&M in December. He said scheduling problems on Tech's behalf may have been a problem.

"The only correspondence from Tech I have is a letter from Regent Ed Whitacre, asking for a meeting to discuss the program," he said.

"I think I would have known if there had been any other proposals."

Tech already is present with environmental research programs in San Antonio at Brooks Air Force Base, and administrators had hoped to offer more programs especially for restaurant, hotel and institutions management.

"The interesting thing about the scenario is that I went down there

three times, and in December, he (Madla) asked me to hold off on our submitting," said Tech Chancellor John Montford.

While Tech wanted to be more established in the San Antonio area, Montford said Tech has many projects running on campus.

"We don't want to take money out of here, but we did want to establish more of our learning opportunities there," he said.

Oliver said Tech still can establish more educational programs, especially if Tech and A&M began offer-

ing joint programs. The Palo Alto campus is an open admissions college with about 7,000 students and serves a largely Hispanic populated area.

"Our goal with this is to place an upper division university right next door to Palo Alto, so the students would have better chances of getting a four-year degree," Oliver said.

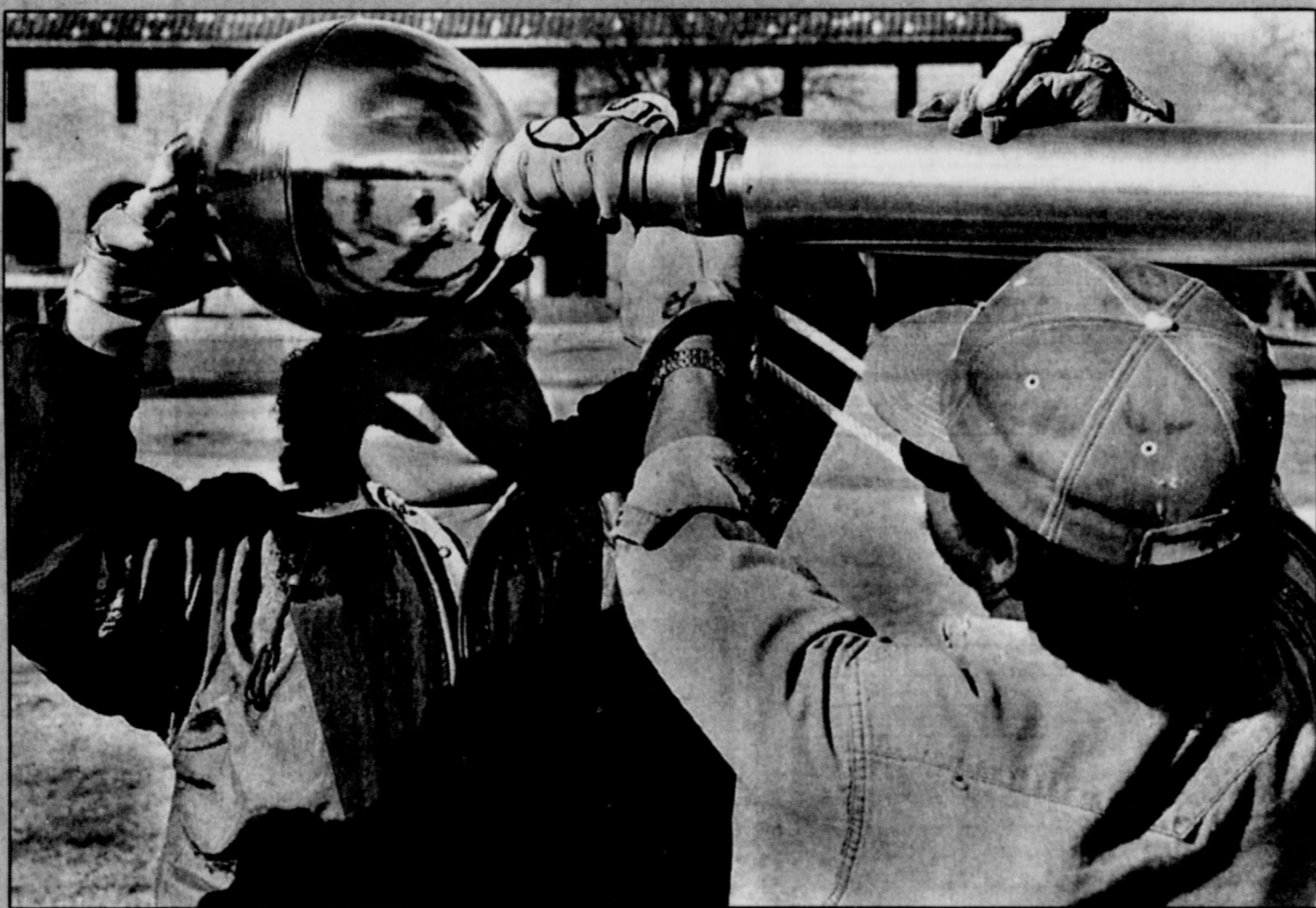
San Antonio Palo Alto, established in 1985, is the only college in the southside of San Antonio, said Ginger Carnes, director of community and public relations for Palo Alto.

"This has really been Madla's project," Carnes said.

"We've known about this for about a year, and he has always wanted to have an upper division university here."

"We will definitely benefit from this."

## Up With the New



Wes Underwood/The University Daily

**New Pole:** Members of ground maintenance add the finishing touches to the new center flagpole in Memorial Circle Thursday. The flagpole had to be replaced because the pole was not sturdy enough to hold the new flags ordered by the Board of Regents.

## Tech student assaulted in nearby park

By Lisa Marie Lachmann  
Staff Writer

After reporting an attempted sexual assault, a female Texas Tech student would like to educate others on what happened to her and hopefully keep it from happening to others.

The victim wishes to remain anonymous and does not want specifics of the attack revealed. The incident, according to the police report, happened on a Saturday in mid-January at the Tech Terrace Park located at 23rd Street and Flint Avenue.

She wants her story to be a lesson for other students to take caution.

"The one thing that was hard, even though it was not a full blown rape, was to talk about it and report it," said the victim. "People need to take it seriously and get help or counseling."

The police report said the victim was jogging when the attack occurred. While jogging, she noticed that a car was following her.

"I didn't think anything of it," the victim said.

Following her at the same pace, the car pulled over and stopped. The suspect exited the automobile, grabbed her and forced her to the ground.

"The police told me that most women give up right away, but I wasn't about to give up," the victim said. "The second he grabbed me I began to resist."

The victim recommends people fight right away, whether there is a weapon or not and take the chance to

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## Montford delivers State of University Address to senators

By Wayne Hodgin  
Managing Editor

Student senators met Thursday night and were greeted by Texas Tech Chancellor John Montford, who began the meeting with the State of the University Address.

Montford began by addressing topics such as the Campus Master Plan, the Horizon Capital Campaign and the university's elevation to a Carnegie I Research Institution.

Montford said he felt good about the progress of these goals and to achieve the status Tech needs, it needs to be earned.

"You cannot buy Carnegie I status, it must be earned," Montford said.

In the state of Texas, only two institutions have Carnegie I status, the



student senate

University of Texas and Texas A&M University.

"For Tech to become the third university to achieve

Carnegie I status, we must strive for academic achievement to increase the number of doctorates we award annually and to raise the amount of money we receive in research grants," Montford said.

Right now, Tech has a combined research amount of \$43 million, but only \$20 million to \$23 million was awarded federally. To be classified as Carnegie I, Tech must be awarded about \$40 million in federal grants, Montford said.

"We need more money for more faculty so that we can reduce class sizes and gain faculty for more research," Montford said. "Within a five-year window, Tech should obtain the Tier I status."

Montford said Tech is up 55 percent in federal grant money and up 65 percent in research from two years ago.

"Our faculty's talent exceeds its time," Montford said. "The faculty doesn't have the time, that's why we need more money."

Montford next addressed the construction on campus namely the ground breaking of the women's softball complex today and the ground breaking of the English/Philosophy/Education Complex within the next two weeks.

"My goal is to have the best facilities for students, faculty and alumni," Montford said. "And the new English/Philosophy/Education Complex will be the most impressive building built in Texas higher education in 30 years."

Montford said because Tech is vying with Texas and Texas A&M for the best students, the capital campaign will ease Tech into the lead by a scholarship endowment for students, an endowment for professors and chair positions and to bridge the gap with facilities' needs.

"We have achieved \$225 million and within the next two months, we hope to break \$250 million," Montford said.

Addressing the issue of financial aid, Montford again stressed that he

takes full responsibility for the situation, and the administration is looking at other schools and so the situation can be resolved as quickly as possible.

As for Y2K compliance, Montford said the administration is aware of the situation.

"I am advised that we are prepared for the Y2K problems, but I still have to be convinced," Montford said.

"But we are cognizant of the problems, and we are working on it." After Montford concluded his speech, the Senate swore in three new senators: Darin Bell and Cindy Johnson, as senators from the College of Arts and Sciences, and Jarod Busby, as Senator-at-Large.

The seats were filled because of

seven seats that were resigned last semester. Four seats have yet to be filled.

Senators also passed and adopted a Senate bill concerning the requirements for graduate school senators by amending the Student Election Code.

The amendment states undergraduate students are eligible to run for graduate senator if they will graduate at the end of the spring or summer session and will attend graduate school at Tech during the following year.

The same applies for members of business administration's 150-hour program who will complete six credit hours of graduate classes and all undergraduate classes at the end of the spring or summer semesters.

## Protesting farmers block Juarez-El Paso bridge

CIUDAD JUAREZ, Mexico (AP) — About 300 Mexican farmers blocked the commercial lanes of a bridge to El Paso for several hours Thursday to protest U.S. products being allowed into their country.

The blockade began around 11

a.m. on the Mexican side of the Zaragoza International Bridge, which connects to the southeast side of El Paso. The protesters blocked both the northbound and southbound truck lanes. The farmers said they were upset about U.S. crops such as cotton and corn.

## Retired Tech math professor dead at 61

By Melody Ragland  
Staff Writer

Derald Walling, a retired Texas Tech mathematics professor passed away Jan. 22. He was 61 years old.

Walling taught mathematics courses at Tech from 1966 to 1992 and was the founder and first director of the TexPREP program.

The program began in 1986 and is an eight-week summer course that in-

troduces junior high students to college.

"He was outgoing," said Ronald Anderson, chairman and professor of mathematics and statistics. "He was a student's teacher. He provided good leadership and active research."

Walling also was instrumental in helping to begin the masters of arts program for secondary teachers.

He was born Feb. 14, 1937. Walling received his bachelor's degree,

master's degree and Ph.D from Iowa State University. He taught at Arizona State before coming to Tech. After his retirement in 1992, he moved back to Arizona.

Dalton Tarwater, professor of mathematics, said Walling was the kind of man who got to know his students.

"He was person-oriented and very much in touch with them (students)," Tarwater said. "I hope his approach

rubbed off on the students he taught."

Walling is survived by his wife, Elizabeth; two children, a son, Gerald of California and Lizann Croft of Albuquerque, N.M.

Funeral services were Tuesday at Sierra Vista, Ariz., Graveside services will be at 3 p.m. today at Resthaven Cemetery, 5740 19th St.

The family requests memorials be made to the Derald Walling Scholarship Fund.

# Yahoo! gets merger for \$5 million

NEW YORK (AP) — Yahoo! Inc., one of the top sites on the Internet, is buying rival GeoCities Inc. for \$5 billion, the latest in a rush of deals helping transform the medium from a chaotic collection of sites into a more organized place to shop and exchange information.

The deal Thursday gives Yahoo! another powerful brand name while helping GeoCities reach more web users.

Such deals also are creating a more effective place for advertisers, retailers and consumers, analysts say.

"The Internet starts delivering on all the hype. It starts becoming easier to use, less complicated," said Sajai Krishnan, a principal with the consulting firm Booz Allen Hamilton.

Yahoo!, based in Santa Clara, Calif., was the third-most visited Web destination last month, attracting 27 million Internet users, according to researcher Media Metrix Inc. It is known as a "portal" because

it gives users a gateway to other services including stock quotes, news and e-mail.

Like other players in the fast-consolidating Internet industry, Yahoo! wants to expand further by pulling in a range of other popular sites where it can direct its visitors. The two sites will continue to operate separately, but will have more links to each other.

GeoCities, based in Los Angeles, is the No. 5 Web destination and has been used by several million people to set up home pages where they can publish their writings, post their family photos or try to sell things.

Yahoo!'s main limitation is that many users only use it for brief periods of time.

Yahoo! went after GeoCities "because they're trying to keep people on their web sites for as long as possible, and give people as little opportunity as possible to leave," Krishnan said.

One additional thing attracting these players is the potential to capture a chunk of the Internet's fast-growing sales.

Last year, online sales totaled \$4.9 billion and are projected to jump to \$29 billion in four years, according to Jupiter Communications LLC.

That's why Yahoo! was willing to pay a 52 percent premium over GeoCities' closing stock price Wednesday.

"There is a competitive market for leading brands that have a very large audience," said Yahoo! chief executive Tim Koogle, who will head the combined company.

The race to capture visitors to the Web has created a frenzied pace of consolidation among Internet businesses. Internet companies, many of whom aren't expected to be profitable for years, have seen their stocks soar due to incredibly high expectations among investors for a big payoff in the future.

In the deal, Yahoo! will exchange about 10.6 million shares of its stock for the 31.4 million shares of GeoCities common stock. In addition, Yahoo! will convert about 8.9 million GeoCities stock options into about 3 million Yahoo stock options.

Based on Wednesday's closing prices, the deal was worth \$4.58 billion, however Yahoo!'s stock rose more than 9 percent on the Nasdaq Stock Market, jumping \$31.87 1/2, to \$367.75, thereby increasing the value of the deal. GeoCities's stock rose 56 percent, up \$42.25 a share to \$117.25.

Among other recent purchases, At Home Corp., a provider of high-speed Internet access, reached agreement last week to buy Excite Inc., one of Yahoo!'s biggest rivals, in a deal now worth \$6.55 billion. America Online Inc., the biggest Internet service provider, agreed last fall to buy web software company Netscape Communications Corp. in a deal now valued at \$7.8 billion.

# Hand transplant patient moves fingers, out of danger

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Hand transplant patient Matthew Scott flexed his new fingertips ever so slightly Thursday, and one of his surgeons said he was almost out of danger of developing blood clots.

Scott, a paramedic from Absecon, N.J., received the left hand in a 14 1/2-hour operation that ended Monday morning at Jewish Hospital.

In a first, brief visit Thursday with two reporters and a photographer in his hospital room, Scott sat in a chair with his left hand and arm elevated and heavily bandaged. The nails and tips of his fingers were visible.

At Scott's request, no questions were directed to him or his wife, Dawn.

At the prompting of Dr. Warren C. Breidenbach, his hand surgeon, Scott made the fingers twitch faintly. Breidenbach said he was testing the tendons that control finger movement. There is no feeling in the hand, he said.

The success of the transplant will hinge in large part on how the tendons respond. Breidenbach said in an interview later.

"I can tell you Matt's going to give it every effort — he's an excellent patient — but the biologic process is going to ultimately control what happens, and we don't know. This is uncharted territory," Breidenbach said.

Scott's fingers are watched closely for signs of clotting, but blood circulation in the hand has been good so far, Breidenbach said.

# Student encourages counseling for assault victims

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"Crime happens no matter what," the victim said. "It's better to take precautions and be aware than be sorry."

Counseling is one way to heal from a sexual assault, the victim said. Even though the victim was not

raped nor hurt in the attack, she is currently receiving counseling from a Christian center.

The Lubbock Rape Crisis Center offers help and support to those who call in.

They have a 24-hour hot-line number for all who need someone to talk to.

If a victim has been raped, the center recommends the victim get tested at a hospital so they can gather evidence to help press charges.

"The Rape Crisis Center gets an average of 25 cases a month," Parsons said.

For help or counseling, call the Rape Crisis Center at 763-7273.

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# READER'S CHOICE AWARDS

The Readers Choice Awards are a fun spring promotion sponsored by *The University Daily*. Tell us your opinion of what you think are the best things about Lubbock by filling out the ballot. The most popular answers will be tabulated and published in a special section on Friday, April 23.

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1. Chicken Fried Steak \_\_\_\_\_
2. French Fries \_\_\_\_\_
3. Steak \_\_\_\_\_
4. Barbecue \_\_\_\_\_
5. Hamburger \_\_\_\_\_
6. Pizza \_\_\_\_\_
7. Buffet \_\_\_\_\_
8. Mexican Food \_\_\_\_\_
9. Italian Food \_\_\_\_\_
10. Oriental Food \_\_\_\_\_
11. Margarita \_\_\_\_\_
12. Happy Hour \_\_\_\_\_
13. Fast Food \_\_\_\_\_
14. All-Night Restaurant \_\_\_\_\_
15. All-You-Can Eat deal \_\_\_\_\_
16. Favorite Restaurant \_\_\_\_\_
17. Friendliest Service \_\_\_\_\_
18. Supermarket \_\_\_\_\_

### BEST SIGHTS & SOUNDS CATEGORY

1. Place to buy CD's & cassettes \_\_\_\_\_
2. Local TV News Team \_\_\_\_\_
3. Local TV Sportscaster \_\_\_\_\_
4. Local TV Weather caster \_\_\_\_\_
5. TV Show \_\_\_\_\_
6. TV commercial \_\_\_\_\_
7. Local Radio Personality \_\_\_\_\_
8. Local Radio Morning Show \_\_\_\_\_
9. TV Station \_\_\_\_\_
10. Radio Station \_\_\_\_\_
11. Movie \_\_\_\_\_
12. Movie Theater \_\_\_\_\_
13. Video Rental Store \_\_\_\_\_
14. Local Band \_\_\_\_\_
15. Local C&W Band \_\_\_\_\_
16. Soap Opera \_\_\_\_\_

### BEST SHOPPING CATEGORY

1. Sporting Goods Store \_\_\_\_\_
2. Women's Shoes Store \_\_\_\_\_
3. Men's Shoes Store \_\_\_\_\_
4. Department Store \_\_\_\_\_
5. Jewelry Store \_\_\_\_\_
6. Western Wear Store \_\_\_\_\_
7. Discount Store \_\_\_\_\_
8. Consumer Electronic Store \_\_\_\_\_
9. Convenience Store \_\_\_\_\_
10. Bookstore \_\_\_\_\_
11. Clothing Bargains \_\_\_\_\_
12. Tire Store \_\_\_\_\_
13. Women's Traditional Clothing Store \_\_\_\_\_
14. Women's Casual Clothing Store \_\_\_\_\_
15. Men's Traditional Clothing Store \_\_\_\_\_
16. Men's Casual Clothing Store \_\_\_\_\_
17. Shopping Center/Mall \_\_\_\_\_
18. Internet Provider \_\_\_\_\_
19. Best place to buy jeans \_\_\_\_\_
20. Best Tattoo Shop \_\_\_\_\_
21. Best Travel Agency \_\_\_\_\_

### BEST PLACES CATEGORY

1. Place to study \_\_\_\_\_
2. Place to take a date \_\_\_\_\_
3. Place to work \_\_\_\_\_
4. Night Club \_\_\_\_\_
5. Country/Western Dance Club \_\_\_\_\_
6. Bar \_\_\_\_\_
7. Business at the Strip \_\_\_\_\_
8. Cleaners \_\_\_\_\_
9. Carwash \_\_\_\_\_
10. Car Repair \_\_\_\_\_
11. Haircut \_\_\_\_\_
12. Hospital \_\_\_\_\_
13. Apartment Complex \_\_\_\_\_
14. Place to buy flowers \_\_\_\_\_
15. Church \_\_\_\_\_
16. Bank \_\_\_\_\_
17. Pharmacy \_\_\_\_\_
18. Romantic Dinner \_\_\_\_\_
19. Health Club \_\_\_\_\_
20. To Drink a Beer \_\_\_\_\_
21. Tanning Salon \_\_\_\_\_

### BEST OF TEXAS TECH

1. Residence Hall \_\_\_\_\_
2. Tech Tradition \_\_\_\_\_
3. Men's Sport \_\_\_\_\_
4. Women's Sport \_\_\_\_\_
5. Professor/Instructor \_\_\_\_\_
6. Student Organization \_\_\_\_\_
7. Class \_\_\_\_\_
8. Major \_\_\_\_\_
9. Most Helpful Department \_\_\_\_\_
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# Global leader visits RHIM program for review

By Melody Ragland  
Staff Writer

Representatives from ARAMARK, a global leader in managed service, recently traveled to Texas Tech to review the College of Human Sciences' Restaurant-Hotel and Institutional Management program.

Linda Raley, a RHIM instructor, said ARAMARK is a big supporter of the Tech RHIM program.

"They came here to see how and why they have such a good relationship with Tech," Raley said.

Matt Kiley, executive vice president of ARAMARK's campus services, said they have a lot of success recruiting Tech students.

"We need more good people. We're a people-intensive business," Kiley said. "You go where you have success."

That is why the representatives came to Tech.

Tech graduates employed by ARAMARK work harder and stay longer, said George Prindiville, vice president of ARAMARK campus services.

"We want to increase the num-

ber of graduates that come to work for ARAMARK," Prindiville said.

The company provides managed services for five different industries: health care, businesses, kindergarten through high school education, sports and entertainment and college campuses.

They provide these industries with food and facility services, Prindiville said. He said they serve more than 400 institutions and have clients all around the nation.

**"We want to increase the number ... that come to work for ARAMARK."**

George Prindiville  
ARAMARK

Several of the representatives from ARAMARK were graduates of

Tech's RHIM program.

Glen Hill, a 1989 graduate, now is the director of food and nutrition at Covenant Medical Center. He said Tech adequately prepared him for a job at ARAMARK.

Rebel Blackwell, a 1988 alumni, now is a district manager for ARAMARK's School Support Services.

"I received excellent experience at Tech," Blackwell said. "RHIM was an excellent spring board."

He said there were two reasons for the representative's visit to Tech. "One, the education level of the

kids is excellent, and the track record with them is terrific," Blackwell said.

"Two, we're here to promote the RHIM department at Tech."

Blackwell said one of the reasons Tech's program could be doing so well is the faculty does not just teach the students the basic RHIM material.

The faculty teaches them how to interview and tells them about the companies they will be working for.

"They give the students a clear picture of what is out there."

# Spring Break offers volunteer rewards

By Christi Biddy  
Staff Writer

This Spring Break, Texas Tech students will have the opportunity to experience a new culture while performing community service.

The Office of Community Service-Learning is sponsoring an Alternative Spring Break March 13-20 in New Orleans.

Sara Salloway, who oversees service programs for the department, said the main goal of the trip is to expose students and staff to new experiences.

"We want to immerse people in totally different cultures," Salloway said.

While all the details of the trip are not yet set in stone, Salloway said the main projects have already been decided.

"We will be working with Volunteers of America to help refurbish a house for those recovering from alcohol and drugs," she said.

There are seven houses in New Orleans run by the agency, but the volunteers only will be working with one house.

Another project the trip volunteers will be involved with is spending time with the elderly.

During the trip, volunteers are encouraged to keep a journal and share with the group their experiences with another culture.

"We're going to have a reflectional period each day over what we've done," Salloway said.

Salloway also said she expects

they will take approximately 13 students and three staff members on the trip.

She also said however, if more students are willing to go, they will make changes to include more people.

"Right now we have rented two vans. If more people want to go, we will look into perhaps renting a charter bus to take more people" Salloway said.

Salloway also said the group would meet two or three times before the actual trip in order to get to know each other and to discuss things such as grocery lists and who likes to cook.

"We have to cook all our own meals," she said.

As of now, the trip will cost \$150, but the committee is looking for ways to bring the price down.

The price, however, covers all expenses, including travel, meals and lodging.

Tomi Rodgers, a senior journalism major from Roswell, NM, attended the trip the group took in 1997.

"I got away from TV, phones. The concept of time went away," Rodgers said.

The senior recommends the trip for those who want to work.

"You have to be willing to open up yourself," she said.

"You keep a journal, and you do

a lot of talking with the group about your experiences and how it was affecting you."

Rodgers, who is applying for this year's trip, spoke highly of the experience.

"You have to be serious. It's a lot of work," Rodgers said. "But it's worth it."

Students wishing to apply for the trip can pick up applications in the UC Activities Office in 228 and the Student Organization Office in 210.

The application deadline is Feb. 15.

An information meeting will be given at 4:30 p.m. Monday, in the UC Masked Rider room.

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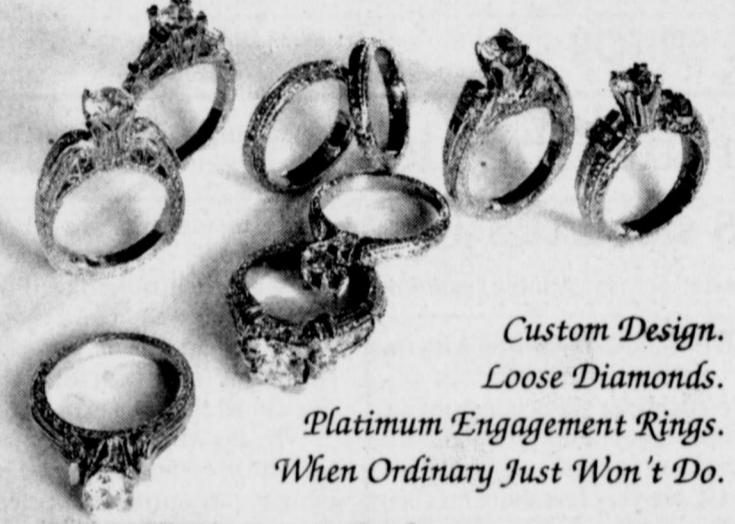
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# CHANGE in the AIR

## Tech graduate returns to lead department

By Greg Okuhara  
Staff Writer

A cardboard cut-out of Spock looks over his shoulder at all times. Darth Vader hangs on the wall behind his desk, with a piercing stare at those who sit in the chair across from him. Alan Graham is not your typical chemical engineering chairman, whatever the stereotype may be.

Graham came to Texas Tech in September as the new chairman for the chemical engineering department. When he arrived, the chemical engineering department was in need of a strong leader to guide the department in the right direction.

Graham provides a mix of enthusiasm, experience and work ethic. At 46, he already defies the age-old adage chairmen are old, white-haired, solemn men. He said leaving the research and professional world was necessary to see what else chemical engineering had to offer.

"I had to come back to find out if there was more to life than designing thermonuclear weapons," Graham said.

Graham also is a well-travelled man and does not fall short in experience. A graduate of Tech in 1974, Graham then travelled north to Wisconsin for his doctoral degree. He then went to work for Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico for 18 years. In addition, Graham worked for the Air Force Rocket Propulsion Laboratory.

Later, Graham found himself in Australia where he was a visiting professor for the Universities of Sydney and Western Australia. While there, he helped develop computers that could handle up to 500 advanced calculations at once when before they were limited to five. However, the educational field drew him back to Texas in September when he assumed the position of chairman.

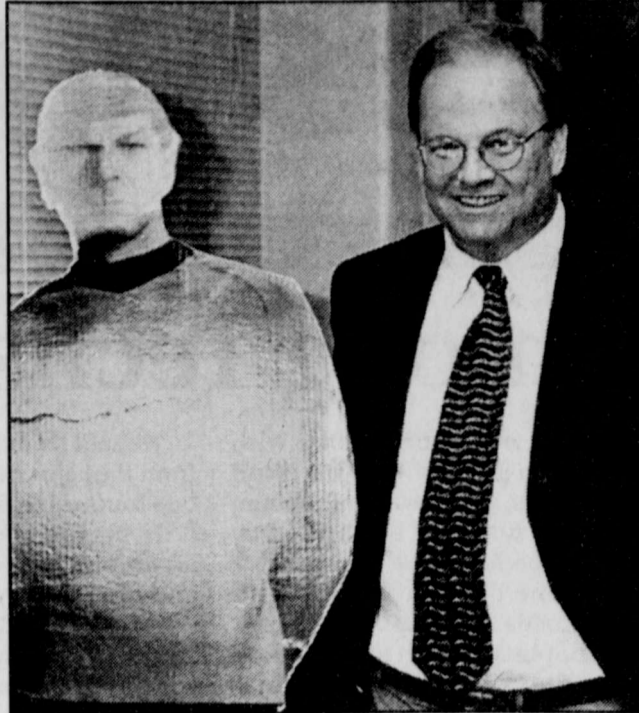
Graham said the challenges that awaited him were the selling points of taking the job. "A lot of it is the administration aspects of trying to run a department," Graham said. "The hard thing here is to keep the good aspects of student-teacher interactions, the high quality of the undergraduates and at the same time enter the scientific and engineering science mainstream."

Graham also takes the approach of having undergraduates work with graduate students and visiting professors. This approach helps the undergraduate students with publishing their research in journals.

Before taking the job at Tech, Graham said he had many offers from companies all over the nation. He said he chose Tech because he saw opportunities with Tech.

**Fresh look:** Alan Graham, the new chairman of the chemical engineering department, poses next to a gift from students.

Jennifer Galvan/  
The University Daily



"I had to come back to find out if there was more to life than designing thermonuclear weapons."

Alan Graham  
chemical engineering chairman

## Recycle program comes to close

Today is the last day Lubbock residents will be able to take advantage of the Blue Bag Recycling program.

The city of Lubbock Solid Waste department has terminated the Blue Bag program in favor of a cheaper and more efficient way of receiving items to be recycled. Previously, residents could place recyclable goods in blue bags and place them next to their alley trash containers for pick-up. The new program will require residents to take their recyclable goods to one of two drop-off sites. Residents can take their items to 324 Municipal Dr. and 1631 84th St.

## Program looks for volunteers

The Tech Tutors and Mentors program needs students to volunteer to help local children.

Texas Tech students can help children in grades kindergarten through 12th. Anyone interested can attend orientation sessions at 4 p.m. Tues-

day in the University Center Masked Rider room or at 6 p.m. Feb. 10 in the UC Llano Estacado room.

Those interested can pick up an application in the UC Activities office. For more information, call UC Activities at 742-3621.

## THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

1 Winner's token  
6 Prognosticator  
10 Critic Siskel  
14 Make right  
15 Folklore monster  
16 Egg-shaped  
17 Island nation  
18 Dub  
19 Cup brims  
20 Hospital wing  
21 "The Dating Game" theme  
24 Let it stand  
25 Teachers' org.  
26 Business transaction  
29 Stand  
31 Pyle, USMC  
36 Common man of ancient Rome  
37 One: it  
38 Beach shelter  
39 "The Mary Tyler Moore Show" theme  
42 "A Night to Remember" star  
43 Take to court  
44 Thought  
45 S. Korean city  
46 Dugout stack  
47 Char slightly  
48 Ariakara  
50 Come to a stop  
52 "The Doris Day Show" theme  
57 Egyptian cobra  
60 Do-others separator  
61 Smell  
62 Misrepresent  
64 False god  
65 Oscar Hoya  
66 Privileged few  
67 Little lake  
68 First garden  
69 One cubic decimeter

7 Short musical piece  
7 Alaska's first governor  
8 Weasel with a black-tipped tail  
9 Singer Della  
10 Links activity  
11 Wicked  
12 Back of the neck  
13 "Lohengrin" lady  
22 Examine  
23 "the Horrible"  
24 "Airport" co-star Jean  
26 Wet impact  
27 Hello farewell  
28 Flood shield  
30 Latin beat  
32 Woodwinds member  
33 Bea Arthur sitcom  
34 Three trios  
35 "M\*A\*S\*H" clerk  
38 Roman salad?

40 Accustom  
41 Protestant denomination  
46 Formed drops  
49 Wear away  
51 Product sticker  
52 Witty remark  
53 Loosen

54 Berkshire college  
55 Auctioneer's last word  
56 One-and-only  
57 Touched down  
58 Location  
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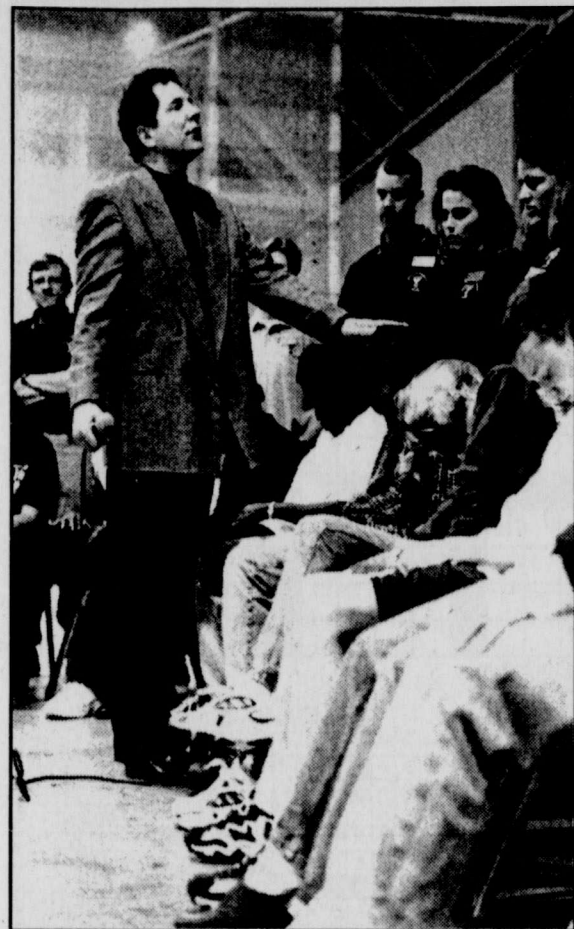
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lifestyles

Hypnotist popular among Techsans



Courtesy photo

Tom DeLuca shows off his talent of hypnotizing students at the all-nighter last year.

By Sebastian Kitchen Staff Writer

The young lady danced on the stage without holding back. She danced while 2,500 people watched her. She enjoyed every minute of it and so did the audience.

Then she returned to her seat and with the snap of fingers and a few words, she had no idea what she had done.

She told people she had never danced before in her life.

From Indiana to South Carolina, Florida to California, Tom DeLuca travels the United States entertaining students with his improvisation and hypnosis.

Tonight, DeLuca will return to Texas Tech to entertain students at the 19th annual Recreational Sports All-Nighter.

The event is free to students with their Tech ID and will be filled with sports, give-aways and hours of endless fun to be highlighted by DeLuca's performance at 11 p.m.

"We love his performance," said Joe MacLean, director of Recreational Sports. "We get to be up close and on the stage with him. Every year the show is different because he uses different kids. The kids make the show. He is so good at selecting the right ones."

MacLean said he is no longer skeptical about hypnosis. "They are so relaxed, so loose," he said.

DeLuca has performed for 16 consecutive years at the All-Nighter and continues to draw large crowds of well over 2,000 people each time.

"I always draw a large crowd, it is one of the biggest," DeLuca said on the phone from Indiana.

He performs at 140 to 150 colleges every year. Tech presents the second or third largest crowd every year. The University of Virginia has the largest crowd with 8,000 to 9,000 people. DeLuca enjoys the large crowds at his performance.

"It feels good," he said. "I want it. If I only have a 100 people in the crowd, it's not as good of a show."

He said he makes up his material from thoughts in his head and often one routine leads to another.

In his bag of tricks, DeLuca has a combination of staple material and new chancy material.

"I take chances with it," DeLuca said. "I try other stuff based on what I think would be funny. Some of it works, some doesn't."

DeLuca attended the University of Illinois at Springfield and was lost as to which direction to take in life.

"I thought maybe I would go to law school," he said. "Not because I wanted to, but because I didn't know what the hell else to do."

He started to work for a psychologist where he learned the art of hypnosis. DeLuca attended another hypnotist's performance and thought it was something he could do.

Since then, he has been entertaining students and corporations for more than 15 years, has his own web site (www.tomdeluca.com) and has been named Campus Entertainer of the Year four times, the most recent time being two years ago.

"The first time it was a real thrill, but I'm not looking to win it anymore," DeLuca said.

Knieval gets new liver

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Motorcycle daredevil Evel Knieval received a long-awaited liver transplant and was recovering Wednesday at Tampa General Hospital.

Knieval, 60, was in stable condition.

At the family's request, no further details were being released, including when the transplant was performed, hospital spokesman John Dunn said.

Knieval has hepatitis C, which he believes he contracted from one of the many blood transfusions he needed following spectacular crashes on the daredevil circuit in the 1960s and 1970s.

The disease destroyed his liver. Knieval announced in April that he needed a transplant, and he was hospitalized earlier this month with dehydration while awaiting a donor.

Health officials estimate 4 million Americans have hepatitis C, some 300,000 of whom were infected by

tainted blood transfusions before a reliable test was developed six years ago.

The virus affects the liver's ability to filter toxins from the blood and is the leading reason for liver transplants in the United States.

Knieval was first diagnosed with the incurable disease three years ago.

He broke at least 35 bones and underwent surgery 14 times during his stunt career, which included a jump over the 35-foot fountain at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas in 1967 when he flew head-over-handlebars, was knocked unconscious and crushed his pelvis.

One of his most famous stunts failed when the parachute opened as he was zooming over Idaho's Snake River Canyon in 1974.

The following year, a crowd of 90,000 at Wembley Stadium in London watched as he soared over 13 double-tiered buses and then crashed, again fracturing his pelvis.

He ended his stunt career in 1981.

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### Crown Royal Untamed and True Tour 2 brings stars to Hub City

Mark Chesnutt, Gary Allan, Chely Wright and Keith Harling will perform tonight at the Crown Royal Untamed and True Tour 2. The concert will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the Lubbock Municipal Auditorium. Tickets cost \$23 and are available at all Select-A-Seat locations, which can be contacted at 770-2000.

The performers will play in 40 cities bringing three hours of music to each one. The Crown Royal Tour is performing at small venues all over the United States for the first part of 1999. Lubbock is next on the list.

Chesnutt has three platinum and two gold albums to his name and was the winner of the 1993

Country Music Association Horizon Award and claimed 12 number one hit singles.

Country America recognized Gary Allan as one of the top 10 new artists of 1997 and was named *People Magazine's* 1998 sexiest country star.

In 1994, when her first album was released, Chely Wright was named Top New Female Vocalist by the Academy of Country Music.

Harling is another up and coming star in the world of country music.

People can find more information on the artists and the tour at [www.mca-nashville.com/crownroyal](http://www.mca-nashville.com/crownroyal).

# 'A Simple Plan' entertainment full of good acting, cinematography

By John Davis  
Staff Writer

## REVIEW

"Oh what a tangled web we weave, when first we practice to deceive."

This is the theme of "A Simple Plan," a movie which will have any audience on the edge of their seats.

Director Sam Raimi definitely put out a quality product with this film. The cinematography is perfect.

The foreshadowing, is powerful and the acting is brilliant.

The story runs much like a highly charged morality play for modern times and unfolds as though Edgar Allen Poe had written the shooting script.

The scene begins with an eerie shot of a crow's head, the bird of death, the first foreshadowing of the action about to take place.

The action begins on New Year's Eve in the economically depressed and snow-covered town of Delano, Minn.

Jacob Mitchell and his buddy,

Lou (played by Billy Bob Thornton and Brent Briscoe), come over to Hank Mitchell's house (played by Bill Paxton), to put flowers on their parents grave.

On the return trip, a fox with a dead chicken in its mouth runs in front of the truck, and Jacob swerves to avoid hitting it.

The truck slides in the snow and hits a tree.

Jacob's dog sees the fox and jumps out after it.

All three men chase after the dog and stumble upon the wreck of a plane.

Upon investigation, they find a bag filled with more than \$4 million in cash.

All three men now find themselves in a fix. Lou wants to keep the money.

Hank wants to return the money and Jacob, who is marginally retarded, doesn't know what to do.

Hank finally says he will agree to keep the money if he guards it until

spring, after the plane is found.

Then he will agree to split the cash three ways.

He tells the other two at the first sign of trouble, he will burn the cash. They all agree to take the money home.

Here the plot and the lies start to thicken. Hank tells his wife, Sarah (played by Bridget Fonda), who starts plotting with her husband to put \$500,000 back in the plane, in case someone is looking for the money.

The relationship between Thornton and Paxton is electric. They both work hard to pull of the relationship of two brothers.

But, it is Thornton who steals the show.

His portrayal of the marginally retarded Jacob is nothing less than moving and powerful.

He becomes a pawn in the hands

But above all, the story is so compelling, one will hardly feel they have sat for nearly two hours.

of Paxton and Briscoe. Thornton makes the audience feel, as well as see, how torn up Jacob has become.

Also, the cinematography is chilling—literally.

Even though the movie theater was unusually temperate, it seemed as though the audience was shivering from the cold scenes portrayed on screen.

But above all, the story is so compelling, one will hardly feel they have sat for nearly two hours. This movie is rated R.

★★★★ out of  
★★★★



- Jets To Brazil - Orange Rhyming Dictionary
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- Hefner - Breaking God's Heart
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- Sean Lennon - Half Horse, Half Musician
- Lo Fidelity All Stars - How to operate with a blown mind
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Brian Findley and Wade Parks-Hub City Brewery, 1807 Ave. H, 10 p.m., Free

Livestock Pavilion, 8 p.m., \$12

Buddy Simmons Band-Bleachers, 1719 Buddy Holly Ave., 9 p.m., \$3

Storage 66-Ichabod's, 2420 Broadway, 9:30 p.m., \$3

Iris-Philly's, 2417 Broadway, 10 p.m., \$3

Rec Center All-Nighter featuring Tom DeLuca-Texas Tech Rec Center, begins at 7 p.m., DeLuca at 11 p.m., free with Tech ID

**SATURDAY**

The Toon-Sports Zone, 2812 4th St., 9:30 p.m., \$3

Kyle Abernathy's Sing-A-Long-Bleachers, 1719 Buddy Holly Ave., 9 p.m., \$3

**SUNDAY**

Sue Arnold, vocals and William Westney, piano-Texas Tech Hemmel Recital Hall, 8 p.m.

26th Annual Bull Riding Championships-Fairground Livestock Pavilion, 8 p.m., \$12

Visions of Light Gospel Choir-UC Allen Theatre, 6 p.m., \$3

Buddy Simmons Band-Ichabod's, 2420 Broadway, 9:30 p.m., \$3

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# NFL suffering from a boring season

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per Bowl that capped it off. But the wave closed out. How often did you sit through an entire Monday or Sunday night game? The league didn't try and capitalize on the genius move to put Boomer Esiason on the Monday night broadcasts. You can't blame him for being so bad — just look at what and who he had to work with. So, maybe it was the broadcasts and not the teams. CBS' pregame and halftime shows left much to be desired. I just couldn't get enough of Brent Jones' quick wit, and what chemistry those fellows had. ESPN had problems as well. This year they showed how many overweight, former NFL chaps they could fit into a studio at one time. It looked as though they were going for a representation of the 22 field positions. They just need a former place-kicker

and they're set. As poor as the broadcasts and the performances by the players were, neither was as bad as the crew in stripes. The officials dictated the outcome of too many games this year and for that, things should change during this off season. With that said, look for the 1999 season to be full of experimental techniques and much more displeasure if things remain the same. On Sunday, one team will go away with a trophy. One team will go away as runner-up. One player will go away as MVP. One network will go away rich. Now, if they would just all go away. Jeff Wood is a senior advertising major from San Diego, Calif. He can be heard at 6 p.m. on Tuesdays at 88.1 KTXI-FM as host of the sports call-in talkshow "Gametime."

# Tech looks to stultify Sooners

By Jeff Keller  
Staff Writer

After three consecutive losses, the Texas Tech men's basketball squad will try to gather itself in a victory against Oklahoma at 12:45 p.m. Saturday at the Lubbock Municipal Coliseum.

The Sooners, losers of four-straight contests, are coming off of a 64-60 loss to Texas Monday night.

Oklahoma beat Tech in the two teams' first meeting, 78-68 in Norman, Okla., on Jan. 6.

Tech shot 59 percent from the floor the first time around against the Sooners while committing 24 turnovers.

A similar shooting performance with fewer turnovers is what Tech coach James Dickey said he is looking for from Tech come Saturday.

Offensive execution will be another key if the Red Raiders are to beat the Sooners and end their three-game skid, junior guard James Ware said.

"I don't think there is a major problem with our team right now," Ware said.

"We just need to execute our offense a little better and play hard for 40 minutes."

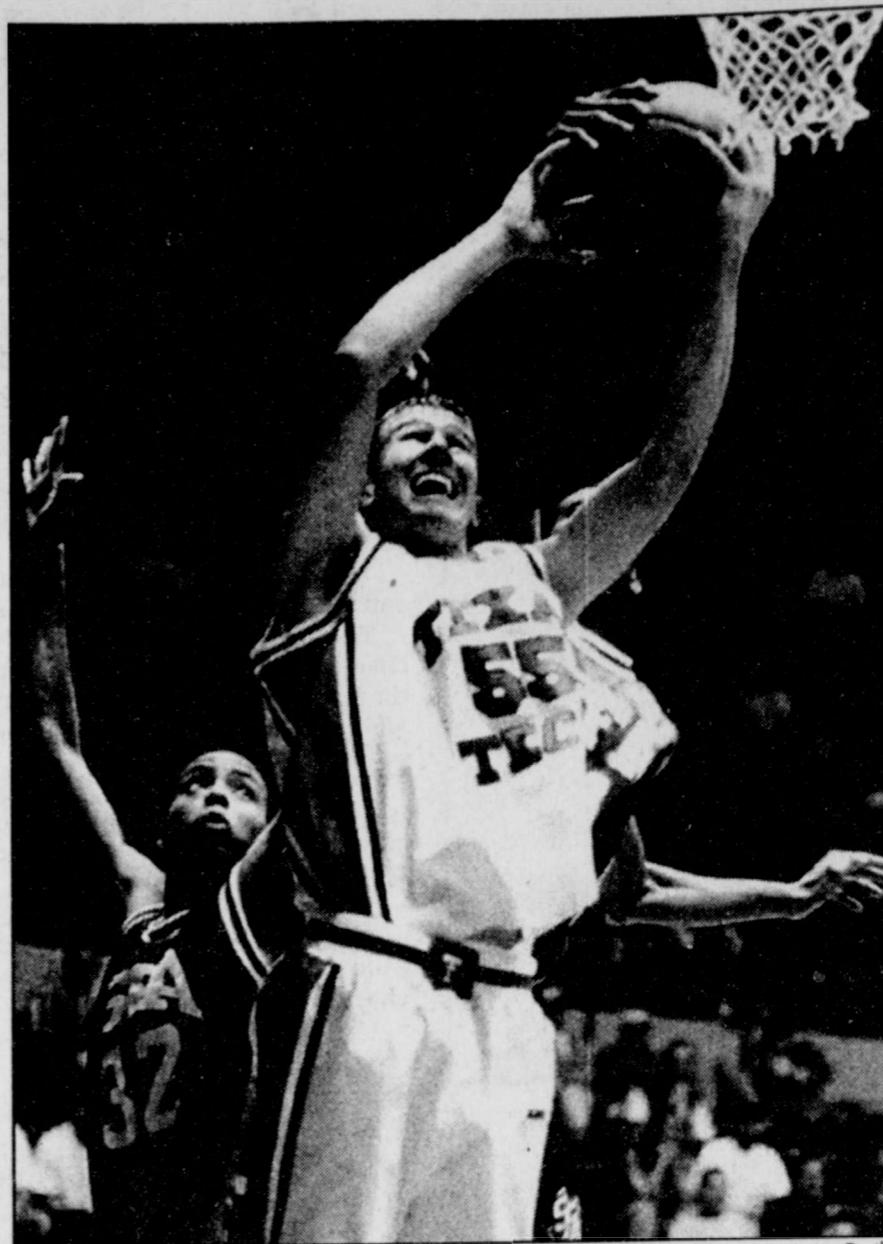
Ware has started the past two games in place of senior guard Stan Bonewitz, who is recovering from a hernia operation.

Ware made four three-point shots in Tech's 68-47 loss at Texas A&M on Wednesday and understands his role as a starter on this team, he said.

"Everybody plays their part," Ware said.

"My job is to make the open shots. When they come, I have to put them in."

The bottom line for the Red Raiders



Jennifer Galvan/The University Daily

Ellis' Island: Center Andy Ellis will try to help Tech end its current three-game skid when they battle OU at 12:45 p.m. Saturday at the Lubbock Municipal Coliseum.

ers against the Sooners is to get a win, said junior guard Rayford Young of Saturday's contest.

"There is a lot of things you can say we need to do," Young said. "The key to it all is just to get a

win." The Red Raiders trailed Texas A&M 29-25 at halftime but allowed 39 points to the Aggies in the second half while scoring only 22 points.

Playing hard for the entire game will mean the difference between a win and a loss, said junior forward Cliff Owens.

"The effort has been there," Owens said.

"We just need to plan-out and execute. We really didn't do that in the second half against the Aggies. These two teams know each other very well so there is not going to be any surprises. The team who leaves it all out there on the court at the end of the day will be the winner. Hopefully, that will be us."

The Sooner game will mark the second game back for Owens who missed the Iowa State game Jan. 23 and returned to play 19 minutes against the Aggies.

Owens scored nine points against the Aggies, but it is uncertain if he will be back in the starting line-up against the Sooners, Dickey said.

Dickey said that he would like to see better shot selection from the Red Raiders at crucial times against the Sooners.

"Overall, we have had pretty good shot selection," Dickey said.

"But at key times, we have had poor shot selection. In certain possessions when the game is on the line, we have got to do a better job of executing."

The coliseum will be a welcome sight to the Red Raiders after two-straight road games. Tech will hope to utilize the home court to their advantage, Ware said.

"We'll come out intense and ready to go," Ware said. "We're back at home finally, we'll get a win at home."

# Rockets' 'Big Dawg' set to take bite

HOUSTON (AP) — Just months ago, Antoine Carr was banging bodies with Hakeem Olajuwon and Charles Barkley, helping the Utah Jazz past the Houston Rockets and onto its second straight NBA Finals. Now, he's their best body guard. After four seasons with the Jazz and playing backup to Karl Malone, Carr jumped to the Rockets this season and plans to give his new teammates an occasional breather. Carr and the Jazz have eliminated the Rockets from the playoffs in each of the last two seasons, last year in the first round and two years ago in the Western Conference finals.

"It's definitely strange, but I'm happy to know that I am with a team that can win a championship," Carr said.

"Now I can go bang with some guys that I usually don't bang bodies with."

If opponents get too rough with his new Rockets teammates, Carr, 6-foot-9 and 270 pounds, is ready to live up to his nickname, "Big Dawg."

"When a dog changes yards, he has to bite the postman," Carr said of his predicament. "So don't get on my Hakeem and my Charles or you have to deal with me."

Carr won't get that chance how-

ever until the regular season because he's recovering from a strained right knee that he injured in Tuesday's practice.

Carr did not play in Tuesday's exhibition opener and he didn't participate in Thursday's scrimmage in the Compaq Center.

He won't return until after Saturday's exhibition game against the San Antonio Spurs in the Alamodome. An MRI taken on Wednesday revealed no major injuries.

The Rockets open the season Feb. 5 at the Los Angeles Lakers.

Carr is beginning his 15th NBA

season and signing on with his fifth NBA team.

He was Detroit's first-round pick in 1983 but played the 1983-84 season in Italy. His rights were traded to the Atlanta Hawks the following season and he also made stops at Sacramento and San Antonio before arriving in Utah.

"He's picked up everything well," coach Rudy Tomjanovich said of Carr's preseason efforts.

"The defensive schemes, he's done very well. He's a poised veteran with a big body."

Carr has career averages of 9.6 points and 3.5 rebounds per game.

The Rockets traded away one of their other big bodies by sending Kevin Willis to Toronto. The Rockets also have signed forward Anthony "Pig" Miller, 6-9, 255.

"He was a godsend," Tomjanovich said of Carr. "We needed to get somebody else in there. This thing (signing) came out of the blue and we acted on it within hours, right then and there."

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ON THE REBOUND

Red Raider men's hoops tries to get back on track see p. 8

# Tech baseball ready for Oldtimers

By Jason Bernstein  
Sports Editor

For the first time this pre-season, the Texas Tech baseball team will have an opportunity to scrimmage an opponent other than itself as they take part in the annual Alumni Game at 3 p.m. Saturday at Dan Law Field.

Of course, weather permitting, the contest will pose some of Tech's best players in years' past against the present and future of the Red Raider baseball program.

"It's going to be a lot of good competition," said pitcher Chad Reynolds, who is making a comeback after two injury-riddled seasons. "It's great competition every year, and they even beat us two years ago. They always play us well, and it ought to be a lot of fun."

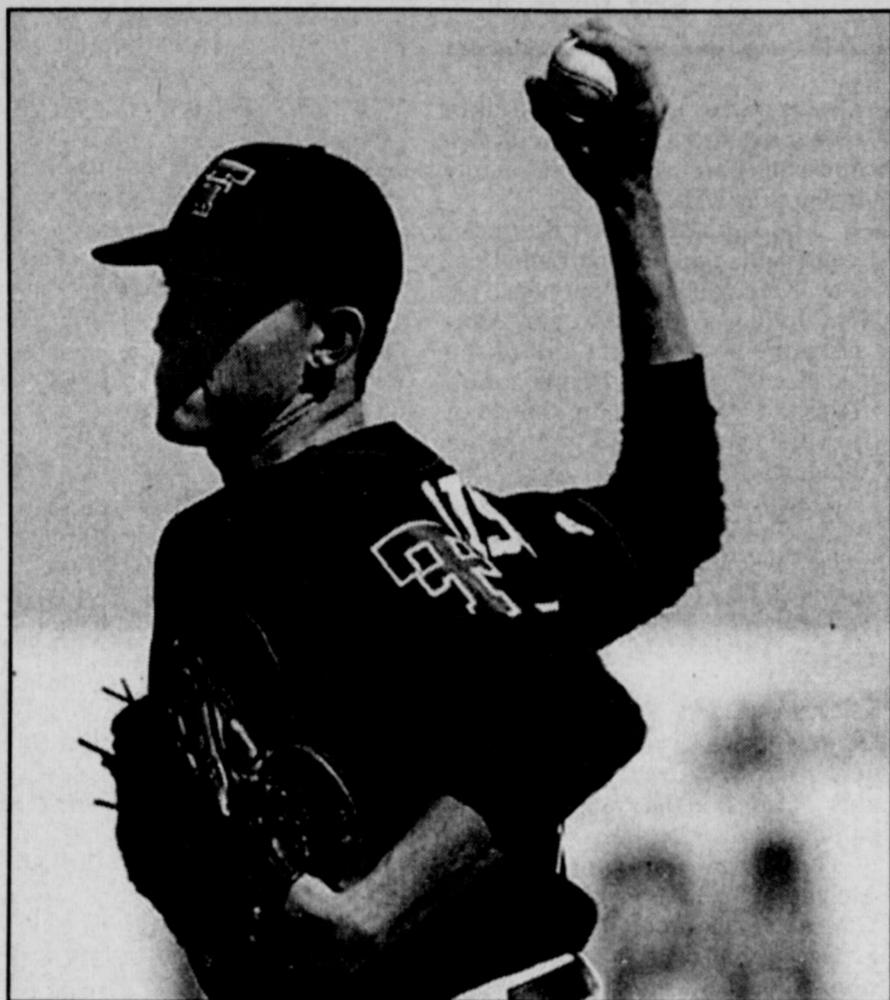
The Red Raiders are coming off of a 44-20 season a year ago in which they won the Big 12 Conference Tournament Championship and garnered the program's fourth-straight NCAA Regional appearance.

Despite the accolades and rich history in recent years, the Red Raiders are anxious to get on the field to show what they are capable of achieving, Reynolds said.

"We've been practicing against ourselves for the last couple of weeks now," he said. "Everybody's looking forward to getting some other competition, and we're ready to get out there."

"We still have a lot of work to do, and there's some key battles out there at some positions. It's going to be interesting come game time."

Leading the charge from the bench is coach Larry Hays who has developed one of the nation's most competitive programs, ranking as the tenth winningest college baseball



Wade Kennedy/The University Daily

Cade and Co.: Pitcher Cade Allsion and the rest of the Red Raiders will try to knock off the Tech alumni at 3 p.m. Saturday at Dan Law Field.

program in the 1990s.

Hays is focused on the '99 season, however, and he said Saturday's game may not be a good gauge of just how good the squad is because of the rust factor on behalf of the alumni team.

"We're going to be facing as good of pitching as we'll see all year, but the pitchers won't be in shape," Hays said.

"Sometimes a guy, when he's not in shape, will go out there and perform really well. But other times, he can't go so well, so it's going to be tough to see where we're at."

Part of the excitement surrounding the '99 Red Raider team heading into the annual event is of how the 25 newcomers will be able to mesh with the 12 returning letterwinners. That, coupled with the first-game

jitters for many newcomers, will be interesting to watch, Hays said.

"We've got so many new guys, I'm sure they're going to be nervous," Hays said.

"I've never tried to use this game as a measuring stick, but I think it's a process that if we can go through well, it gives us an opportunity to get a lot of jitters out of the way. That's important for the season."

The alumni game also gives current Red Raiders an opportunity to see former teammates who are now pursuing professional baseball careers.

"That's what's so fun about it," Hays said. "It's nice to get the old guys back, and you also want to get these guys an opportunity to see someone who's gone through the program and is successful and still playing baseball."

Tech senior pitcher Zach Stewart, who has taken some ribbing from his teammates for allegedly witnessing more alumni contests than coach Hays, said he is excited to see how some of his new teammates will react once on the field.

"I do know a lot of the guys we'll be playing," Stewart said. "It's also about bragging rights. We're pretty competitive in practice, but once we get out there, we should be able to tell a little bit more about what we've got and how the pieces are going to fit together."

"I think we're still pretty raw as a team. The talent and players are there, but we're still making a lot of little mistakes and coach Hays harps on it everyday. It's the little things that kill you. But, I think we're getting there, and we're all ready to go. This is a real good group of guys and if everything comes together right, who knows what we can accomplish?"

# NFL, Super Bowl in a stupor this season

If it wasn't for ESPN's marathon coverage of Super Bowl 33, most wouldn't know it was taking place this weekend. I don't hear the usual pregame hype coming from the public. It's even been difficult to find a good party.

What has happened? The "greatest" event in all of sports sparks little interest?

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In their defense, Denver is gaining momentum as "America's Cinderella." Atlanta is the league's Cinderella story. John Elway and Dan Reeves are involved in storylines every day. Two of the best running backs will be on display. One team is trying for the coveted repeat championship. And Byron Hanspard might be on the sidelines in a neon green suit. What more does the public need? Maybe the Backstreet Boys singing the national anthem.

With Jamal Anderson's yearly salary he can buy a 30-second commercial during the game in which he plays. Yes indeed, it will cost advertisers \$1.6 million for those special half-minute spots of

entertainment. The companies still believe. They think the people will watch, and they are the reason why.

The game will have a hard time living up to last year's match. So it looks to be a better battle between timeouts, when the advertisers go to war. Look for the living rooms to go through the reverse process usually seen during the evening prime-time. Instead of leaving the couch when commercials air, you just might be fighting for a spot on those pieces of carpeted cushions.

Sunday's game has worked up as much appeal as Super Bowl XXVIII, when the 49ers ate the Chargers for lunch.

Don't blame the players of these teams. They beat who they had to beat and earned the right to be in Miami. But perhaps one should blame the NFL altogether for it was a mediocre season.

The once-dominating NFC East looked as though they hadn't left training camp. Thanks to the Jets, Vikings, Falcons and Doug Flutie for stirring up some excitement because that's where it ends.

Ryan Leaf? Dana Stubblefield? Carolina Panthers? Chicago Bears?

The NFL had so much to compete with this past season with the NBA lockout updates airing each night.

This was a time for the NFL to keep the wave going after an impressive 1997 campaign and Su-

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Jeff Wood  
Sports Columnist

## Athletics on tap Saturday

Texas Tech athletics will be in full force Saturday as the Red Raider baseball team, both basketball teams and the Tech track and field squads will be in action on the Tech campus. The Red Raider men's basketball team takes on Oklahoma at 12:45 p.m. at the Lubbock Municipal Coliseum. The Tech baseball team will take on the alumni squad at 3 p.m. at Dan Law Field. The indoor track team hosts a meet starting at 9 a.m. in the Athletic Training Center. The Lady Raiders will battle Baylor at 7 p.m. at the coliseum.

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