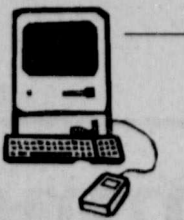


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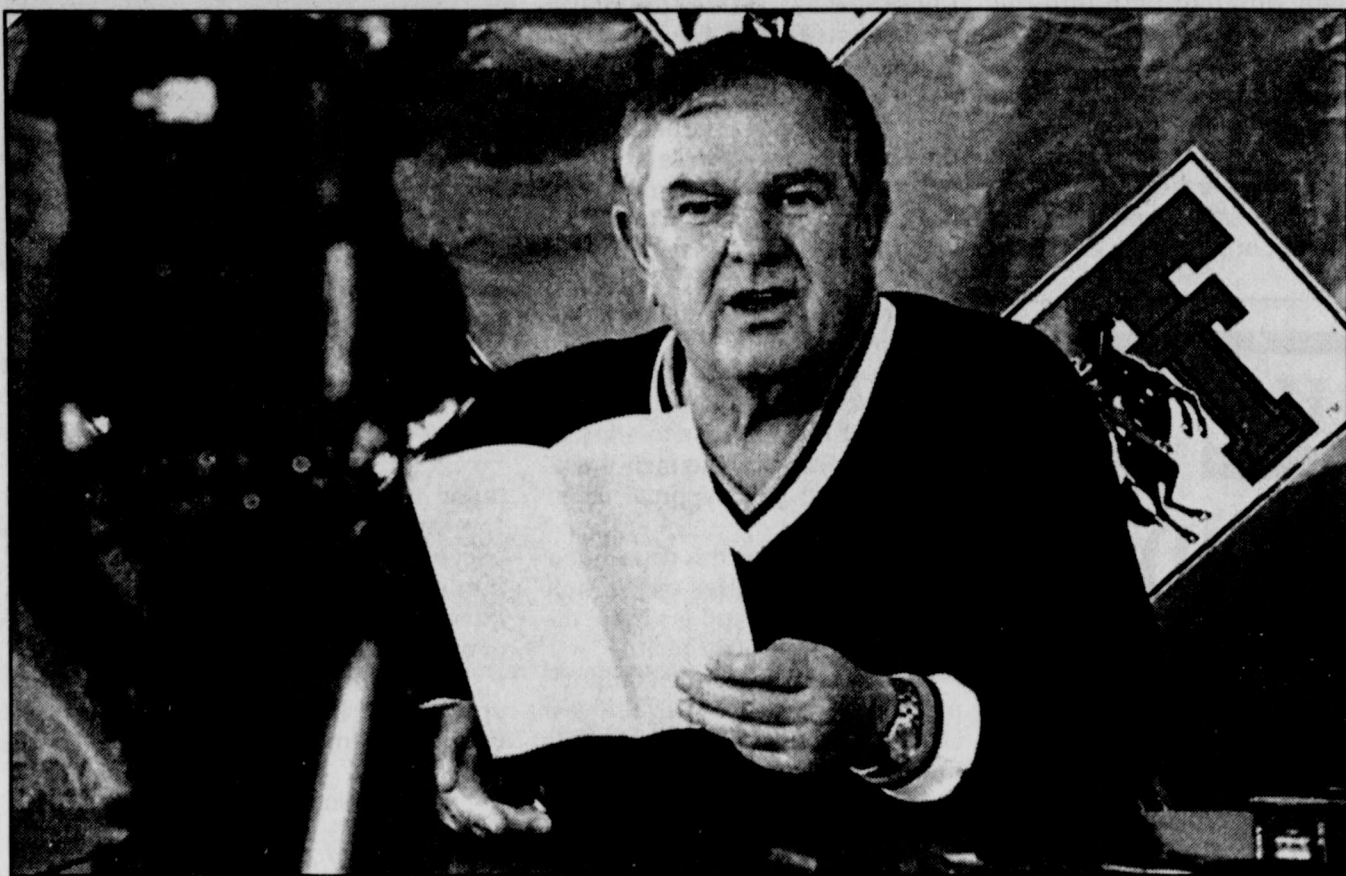
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**Hyped:** Spike Dykes, Texas Tech head football coach, speaks at a press conference Wednesday. Fifteen new faces were signed to represent the team in the fall.

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## 15 Texas Tech recruits on the sign national letters of intent dotted line

By Jason Bernstein  
Sports Editor

**W**ith the signing of 15 players to national letters of intent on the first day of the NCAA signing period Wednesday, the Texas Tech Red Raider football program has already taken a step towards a seventh-consecutive bowl-eligible season.

"I think the impact of the Big 12 is paying off," said Tech coach Spike Dykes. "I think the recruiting classes that I have seen, from what I know, are really good."

The Red Raiders signed four of *The Dallas Morning News'* top 100 state football recruits on the heels of a 7-5 season and an appearance in the Sanford Independence Bowl.

Quarterback Nathan Chandler was one of the most sought after signal callers in the state.

He completed 110-of-183 attempts as a senior this

season at Southlake's Carroll High School. The 6-foot-6 inch, 230-pound quarterback was named the District 11-4A Offensive MVP and was also a class 4A all-state selection by the *Associated Press*.

"We recruited what we wanted," Dykes said. "I think the recruiting is great. We went after need, and we signed what we thought was the best running back in the state. We signed three of the top four quarterbacks that we felt were on the top shelf when we started. We got four offensive linemen that we felt real good about."

Tech signed offensive linemen Toby Cecil (Richardson Berkner), Casey Keck (San Antonio Clark) and Beau Radney (Sulphur Springs).

The Red Raiders also inked signatures from standouts such as defensive lineman Lamont Anderson (Nimitz), offensive lineman Rex Richards (Midland Lee) and running back Shaud Williams (Andrews).

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*I think the impact of the Big 12 is paying off*

— Tech Coach Spike Dykes

## War goes on with Senate

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate Democrats threatened on Wednesday to turn President Clinton's impeachment trial into a party battle if the Republicans go through with plans to vote on a declaration of wrongdoing before deciding his fate.

As House GOP prosecutors questioned the third of three witnesses in the case, Democratic leader Tom Daschle said his party's rank-and-file lawmakers were solidly opposed to any live trial testimony on the Senate floor.

He also raised objections to the immediate public release of Monica Lewinsky's videotaped deposition.

But what sparked the Democrats' sharpest criticism was a GOP proposal for a formal finding of wrongdoing, a measure that would require a simple majority for passage rather than the two-thirds needed for conviction on impeachment.

"If Republicans persist in demanding live witnesses and demanding more depositions, and demanding extra legal devices like findings of fact, the more it becomes a Republican trial," Daschle told reporters.

The White House also renewed its objections to the proposal, at the same time spokesman Joe Lockhart pledged a restrained response if — as expected — Clinton is acquitted on the two articles of impeachment.

"I now declare in a post-impeachment era, this is a gloat-free zone," he said.

Republican senators met privately late in the day, pondering their next moves in the trial, which is scheduled to resume on Thursday.

John Czwartacki, a spokesman for Majority Leader Trent Lott told reporters he expected a vote at that time on a proposal to release the depositions of Lewinsky and two other witnesses, both the written transcripts and the videotapes. He suggested they could remain under seal for a limited period of time.

For their part, House prosecutors met to weigh the results of the three depositions. They said an attempt would be made to have witnesses testify in the Senate in person. But GOP

### And the survey said ...

A survey of 1,058 adults taken Saturday through Monday said two-thirds of Americans believe the way House and Senate Republicans have handled the impeachment matter has hurt the public image of the GOP.

56% disapprove of the way the Senate is handling the trial  
37% approve of the way the Senate is handling the trial

source: Associated Press

aides conceded it would be difficult to secure enough votes to prevail on that issue, particularly with public opinion in favor of a swift end to the proceedings.

The Democratic maneuvering came as Sidney Blumenthal, a White House aide, was questioned in a heavily secured room in the upper reaches of the Capitol.

A source familiar with the deposition, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said Blumenthal repeated the testimony he had given a grand jury last year concerning a conversation he had had with Clinton about the president's relationship with Lewinsky. The president lied to him, Blumenthal said.

Presidential friend Vernon Jordan and Ms. Lewinsky submitted to depositions earlier in the week as prosecutors probed for information that could buttress their case against the president.

White House lawyers also attended the depositions but gave no indication they heard any revelations that caused them alarm.

Clinton is accused of perjury and obstruction of justice for attempting to conceal his sexual relationship with Lewinsky.

Republicans have been working in recent days on a "finding of fact" that would formally declare that Clinton had "willfully provided false and misleading testimony" to Independent Counsel Ken Starr.

## Three indicted for theft

By Matt Green  
Staff Writer

A Texas Tech student and two former students were indicted by a grand jury Monday for the crimes of burglary of motor vehicles and possession of stolen property.

Tech student Indika Ratmayake, along with former students Lee Boyce, and Ramsey Saad, was arrested by Lubbock Police at 3:30 a.m. March 31 in the 6800 block of Avenue P.

"What triggered the arrest was that they were out at 3 a.m. ... carrying a bag full of burglary tools," said Assistant District Attorney Roy Carper.

At the time of the arrests, all three suspects were living in Sneed Residence Hall.

After searching the suspects' residence hall rooms, the police recovered stolen audio equipment, Carper said.

"The next step is arraignment, which should be within the next two weeks," he said.

If everything proceeds on schedule, a trial should begin in about six months, Carper said.

## Fraternity added to Greek system

By Lisa Marie Lachmann  
Staff Writer

Tech welcomes a new social Greek fraternity to campus to promote and expand cultural diversity. Sigma Lambda Beta is a fraternity based on cultural understanding and wisdom of its membership and brotherhood.

The international social fraternity was founded in 1986 by 18 men, 16 of which are of Latin American or Hispanic origin and descent. SLB is looking for new members to be a part of the culture and traditions at Tech. Spring informal Rush will continue through Feb. 13.

The international multi-cultural fraternity has 38 chapters and 23 colonies across the nation, including Puerto Rico. Starting this spring semester, Chris Fuentes, Oscar Baeza and many others began a discussion on starting SLB to be a chapter at Tech. The ideals of the fraternity is to create all its members into renaissance Hispanics.

Fuentes, a junior art design and communication from San Antonio, wants to set high standards and work together.

"SLB is like my second family, we have gotten so close together, and SLB helps us bond as a culture," Fuentes said.

SLB is oriented in helping the community in all aspects including the Helping Other Students to Succeed elementary tutoring program.

"SLB is involved in educating its members in CPR, training and tutoring the young community through schools and program like HOSTS," said Adrian Salazar, a senior psychology major from Muleshoe.

The basic fraternity principles include brotherhood, scholarship, leadership, cultural awareness and community service.

Baeza, a junior psychology and political science major from Stratford, works with local churches

in serving the community. "Once a month, we work for the community, lately SLB served food at a church to help feed the hungry," Baeza said. "It's an honor to help those in need."

Bernie Schulz, assistant dean of students, is working with the organization to set a structured charter. SLB and other multi-cultural organization are building a diverse community at the campus.

"Forming the multi-cultural Greek fraternity and council is a great addition to the Greek community, and I am excited and honored to be involved," Schulz said.

The new Hispanic-based fraternity brings opportunity and choice for students, Schulz said. The option of educating the community is turning Tech to a new direction of diversity.

For more information on SLB rush, call Luna or Oscar Baeza 744-6960 or 788-1522.



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**New Fraternity:** Sigma Lambda Beta members Oscar Baeza, Rosario Luna and Chris Fuentes distribute their fraternity's information to prospective students.

## Campus construction expected to end by fall

By Christi Biddy  
Staff Writer

With all the grandeur of the United Spirit Arena, students may not be aware there is other construction going on as well.

The other two current projects on the Texas Tech campus, in addition to the United Spirit Arena, are the Frasier Alumni Pavilion and Park

Place. The three projects are all part of the Master Plan.

Wayne Robins, administrator of regulatory compliance for facilities planning and construction, expects all of these projects to be finished by next fall at the latest.

"I expect a July to August date on the Spirit Arena," Robins said. "We will be having a dedication on March

1 for Park Place." He said the Alumni Pavilion will be ready before football season next fall.

Park Place, an outdoor area for students to congregate, also will include extensive landscaping and an outdoor sculpture by Glenna Goodacre.

"I don't know what Tech has worked out with the artist, but we al-

ready have the pieces of the sculpture in the police department," Robins said.

Robins said many of the costs going into Park Place were being taken care of by donations.

"The construction with the bricks is donated...the lighting is donated," Robins said.

Robins was unable to give a specific account on the cost of or dona-

tions to the Pavilion. In addition to the construction that is going on at the campus, renovations also are being made to Tech facilities at Reese.

Paulo Peres, project architect for the Reese renovations, said the renovations are being made to accommodate research being completed there.

"We are working with the Institute see Construction, page 2



## Bush poised to name three new UT regents

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. George W. Bush is expected to appoint three new members to the University of Texas System Board of Regents within the next couple of weeks, his spokeswoman said.

The appointments will make the nine-member board entirely Bush appointees.

The three outgoing board members, Tom Hicks of Dallas and Lowell Lebermann and Martha Smiley, both of Austin, are the last of former Gov. Ann Richards' appointees.

Their terms end after the Feb. 10-11 board meeting. At least 183 people have applied for the three positions.

There is also a question of who will lead the board, which oversees UT's 15-campus sys-

tem, including the flagship in Austin.

Chairman Don Evans of Midland is not saying whether he will stand for re-election.

"I'm interested in continuing to serve" on the board, Evans said. Evans served as finance chairman of Bush's gubernatorial campaign committee and is considering moving to Austin.

There are also three board vacancies on Texas A&M University System's board, said Bush spokeswoman Linda Edwards. At least 143 people have expressed interest in those positions, she said.

The vast majority of university board applicants are alumni of the particular school, Edwards said.

## Chairman ready for commitment

By Greg Okuhara  
Staff Writer

Sean Lennon followed in his father's, John Lennon, footsteps. So did Eagle-Eye Cherry. Who knows what songs Tim McGraw and Faith Hill's children will hit the charts with? For children raised by musicians, there is the possibility they will enter the music world also. This is not the case with Daniel Cooke, the new computer science department chairman.

Cooke was raised by classical musicians. He and his brother were surrounded by music throughout their childhood. However, Cooke took a decidedly different path into the world of computers.

Cooke said although the two disciplines may seem unrelated, they do share some common ground.

"In music, you write down symbols to understand what the creator is conveying," Cooke said. "Computers also use symbols, but what the creator is

saying is interpreted differently. Both require a strong sense of symbolism and creativity."

Cooke began his job Jan. 1 and said there is a fine balance between the teaching, research and administrative tasks now required of him.

"That's what life is, finding balances, and it's only when things are out of balance when you have problems," Cooke said. "A chair(man), I think, needs to be doing research because we lead people by example. And I think you have to be credible in your discipline, and your credibility is often reflected in your research."

Before coming to Texas Tech, Cooke spent 11 years at the University of Texas-El Paso. He said Tech is headed in the right direction to become a first rate institution.

"I'm very happy to be here, I'm impressed with Texas Tech as an institution," Cooke said. "I see great potential at Texas Tech in general and in computer science at Texas Tech. There was a lot of opportunity for growth here that really excited me. So, that is what drew me here."

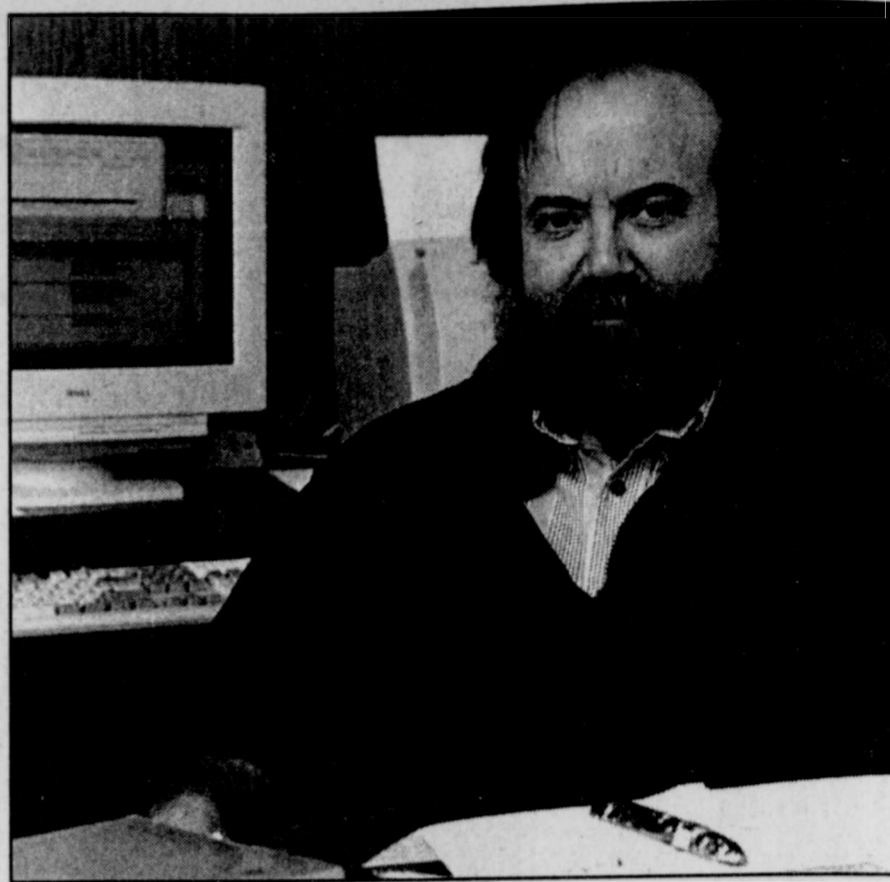
John Antonio, an associate professor of computer science, believes Cooke was the right man for the job.

"Dr. Cooke is an extremely intelligent man and is very approachable," Antonio said.

"He is the boost this department needs at this time. He's very in tune with the students and is visible nationally. I think he'll do great."

With many predicting computer problems associated with the year 2000, Cooke has done a lot of reading into the problem.

"I've been asked to comment



Wes Underwood/The University Daily

**High-tech chairman:** Daniel Cooke, computer science chairman, is settling into his new position on the Texas Tech campus. Cooke came to Tech from Texas-El Paso.

many times about Y2K," Cooke said. "No one really knows what the impact of Y2K will be. I tend to believe that it will be a good example of a nuisance more than it is some type of catastrophic situation."

Despite his optimism about the upcoming year change, Cooke is still weary of the impact the bug will create.

"It is a problem, and its just a ques-

tion of how severe a problem it will be," Cooke said.

Cooke believes that his new position will occupy much of his time, but he is willing to take on the challenges.

"In terms of what I do and what I think about, I don't just turn it off when I go home at 5," Cooke said. "It is part of my life, its part of my family's life. Its not a nine to five job. Its your life, it's what it becomes."

## THE UNIVERSITY DAILY TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY 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.

The rules are easy...Follow them and your vote will count!

1. Entries must be clearly printed or typed. To be counted, ballots must include name, address, phone & student ID number (SSN) of the person submitting the ballot.
2. Entries become property of *The UD* which reserves the right to publish ballot answers & comments.
3. Final decisions on ballots, categories & winning entries will be made by *The UD*.
4. Ballots must be filled out completely.

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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

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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

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| 2. Tech Tradition       | 8. Major                   |
| 3. Men's Sport          | 9. Most Helpful Department |
| 4. Women's Sport        | 10. Coach                  |
| 5. Professor/Instructor | 11. Tech Landmark          |
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## Judge urges settlement of dispute

AUSTIN (AP) — A judge has urged higher education officials to try to expedite settlement of a dispute concerning ties between Texas A&M University and the South Texas College of Law.

State District Judge Suzanne Covington told educators Tuesday to hire a mediator to settle a lawsuit that South Texas officials filed against the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

South Texas officials want a court order declaring legal and binding an affiliation agreement between A&M and the private Houston law school.

The affiliation was billed as giving A&M a sorely wanted law school without building or buying one, and South Texas more name recognition without leaving downtown Houston.

However, the deal came under criticism from the Coordinating Board, which last year rejected A&M's request to expand its curriculum to include law. The Coordinating Board oversees state-supported universities and approves academic degrees.

The judge's order came after several hours of arguments Tuesday by attorneys of both schools and the Coordinating Board over how terms of the affilia-

tion should be interpreted.

Coordinating Board lawyers also contended that A&M officials should have gotten the board's permission before signing the affiliation.

Lawyers for the schools said there are no state laws or regulations banning public universities like A&M from crafting such affiliations.

The judge said if the case is not resolved soon, "spin-off" lawsuits could be filed by people and agencies affected by the case.

"The longer this situation goes on unresolved, the worse situation that everyone is in," she said.

## Campus construction completion date set for fall

Construction from page 1

for Environmental and Human Health," Peres said. "The scope of the projects is mostly labs."

Peres said some of the things which will be located in the labs include a virtual reality cave and a \$4-5 million computer system.

"This is another step in us becoming a Tier I University," Robins said of the Reese renovations.

Money for the Reese projects are coming from different places, including some money from the city of Lubbock.

Robins said he hopes to begin construction on new projects soon.

"I want to start renovations on Jones Stadium as soon as possible," Robins said.

Other projects, Robins said, which will be underway soon include the Broadway entrance, the campus-wide irrigation plan, the women's softball

field and an overall landscaping that will take place campus wide.

"We had the ground breaking on the women's softball field last Friday," Robins said. "I'd like to start on it as soon as funding is fully in place."

Robins also talked about the new English/Philosophy/Education building.

The ground breaking for the new English/Philosophy/Education building will be on Wednesday.

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# Women's Leadership Forum presented on campus

By Misty Dawn Reed  
Staff Writer

Student Organization Services, Leadership Tech and the Department of Women's Studies are sponsoring a free Women's Leadership Forum for current and potential women student leaders to sharpen their leadership skills and connect with other student leaders.

"This is an opportunity for women students who are, or may be, leaders a chance to increase leadership skills," said Leann Elkins of SOS. "Because we live in what is considered a male-dominated society, it's going to help students learn about the leadership styles women have and the differences between men's

and women's styles."

Elkins said one of the goals is to improve on what the women already know, and help them communicate with other women, as well as men.

Jeannine Dudley, of SOS, said the forum will be interesting as well as beneficial.

"There is a need for women to get involved, especially on a campus this size," Dudley said.

The forum is designed to "bring out leadership skills, and help students lead or start organizations."

Dudley said it also will help develop skills for life in the professional world.

Elkins said a diverse committee of various students and faculty designed the forum. One of the com-

mittee members was Esther Lichti, assistant coordinator of the Women's Studies department.

"I think that it's very important for students to realize that the world of the work place is different from the world of the academy. On a university campus, it is a closed community and doesn't operate like the real world," Lichti said. "The topics selected are important because they deal with skills in communication, time management and goal setting for people going into the work place, as well as organizations on campus."

Lichti said the committees did an effective job in choosing topics, and students who attend will find their time is well spent.

The first seminar is about time

management and goal setting. It takes place from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Feb. 25 in the Lubbock Room of the UC. The presenter will be Betty Anderson, civic volunteer and organizational management specialist.

The second seminar is about recruiting, motivating and recognizing volunteers. Louise Cummins, executive director of the volunteer center of Lubbock, will be the presenter. This seminar will be from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on March 11 in the Lubbock Room. Lichti said this is one of the most important seminars because it is important to develop the skills to work with volunteers, as well as the skill of being a saleable asset.

Communication and self-confidence is the third seminar. It will take

place from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on March 25 in the Lubbock Room. The presenter will be Karla Jensen, assistant professor of communication studies at Tech.

The final seminar is a recognition reception for participants from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on April 8 in the Llano Estacado room of the UC. The presenter is Debbie Montford.

Seminars will include a light dinner and will allow time for discussion, sharing ideas and asking ques-

“There is a need for women to get involved...”

Jeannine Dudley  
Student Organization Services

tions. Elkins said anyone can sign up to attend the Women's Leadership Forum, but they must commit to attend all four seminars.

Space is only available for 20 students, and it is a first-come first-served basis. Registration is in 210 of the UC.

# Guest speaker to educate College of Architecture students

By J.D. Boswell  
Staff Writer

A South Africa native, David Lewis, will speak Friday in the gallery at the College of Architecture.

The 3:30 p.m. lecture will cover issues of globalization and housing. Lewis will speak about his own work.

"The lecture should be provocative and entertaining" said Texas Tech professor of architecture Michael Jones, who has known Lewis since they attended college

together in the 1950s.

Lewis' area of specialization is in housing and urban development, and he has published several books discussing these topics.

"People live in communities of houses, unless they're living up in the Appalachians somewhere," Lewis said.

The work that put Lewis "on the

map" occurred after the Pontiac, Mich., riots, when he took it upon himself to "heal" the area of the city that was damaged.

“The lecture should be provocative and entertaining.”

Michael Jones  
Tech professor

Jones said.

"He started with a small public

school and later a public library and it turned into a huge community project," Jones said.

"He makes things happen."

In 1964, Lewis founded Urban Design Associates, a 28 person firm. The firm has projects in 28 American cities and "10 to 15 major projects," Jones said.

In 1999, the firm was given the American Institute of Architects Honor Award for urban design, the most recent of UDA's more than 80 national, state and local awards.

Lewis received the Kemper Award in 1988, the AIA's highest award for

contribution to the profession, as well as the Pennsylvania Gold Medal for Architecture in the same year.

Lewis grew up in Cape Town, South Africa and served his country during World War II, as a member of the South African Navy.

From 1946 to 1956, he held jobs as a writer, gallery curator, farm worker and a short order cook in his home country, London and Cornwall, before pursuing his studies in architecture.

Currently, Lewis is teaching at Carnegie-Mellon University in

Pittsburgh, Pa., and has also worked at such institutions as Yale University, Carnegie Institute of Technology, and the University of Nebraska.

He studied architecture at Leeds College of Art in England, where he met Jones.

When asked if he was excited to come to Lubbock, Lewis said he was looking forward to the visit.

"I'm terribly excited to see Michael. I'd love to go to the middle of nowhere because I've always been in the middle of somewhere."

# Tech master's degree possible with online services

By Tara Nishimura  
Staff Writer

Students participate in class discussions without hearing the voices of their classmates or seeing their faces. The professor knows the student's name and their e-mail address but has not seen their faces.

With online classes, students attend class, read materials and turn in papers without actually setting foot in the classroom.

Texas Tech's English department provides a chance for online classes and even a master's degree in art in technical communication with a Distance Education Program.

"We have the opportunity to reach a student body that we nor-

mally couldn't serve," said Carolyn Rude, director of technical communication.

The program targets people interested in filling the high demand for technical writers.

Professionals already working in the technical writing industry but lacking a degree also participate in the program.

"The field is really booming," Rude said.

"There are more jobs than there

are qualified people to fill them," Rude said. "We thought we might prepare some career changers."

“There was an un-met need and a strength on our part.”

Carolyn Rude  
director of technical communication

program.

"There was an un-met need and a strength on our part," Rude said. "It seemed like a good match."

Professionals already working in the field have the chance to get a degree in technical writing without leaving their current jobs to move to Lubbock.

"Most technical writing takes place in urban areas, so people who work and want an advanced degree would have an opportunity to do so," Rude said.

Jason Willebeek-LeMair is a distance learning student in Phoenix pursuing a master in art in technical communication.

"I've been working as a technical writer," Willebeek-LeMair said.

"I've got a wife, two kids and a career. No matter where I am I can dial up and go to class."

Students apply for the Distance Education Program the same way they would apply for on-site classes, but they must also have technological skills.

Rude said most students interested in the program already have these skills.

"What we found of students who are working technical communicators is that the profession requires pretty sophisticated technological knowledge," Rude said.

## Statements begin in heroin case

BEAUMONT (AP) — Opening statements began Wednesday in the federal trial of 11 people accused of distributing the heroin that led to four 1997 deaths in a Dallas suburb.

Twelve jurors and four alternates were chosen from about 80 potential jurors interviewed Tuesday and Wednesday. The trial, moved from Sherman to the federal courthouse here, is expected to last four to six weeks.

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# VIEWPOINTS

## New toys lack tools to teach

No matter how old people get, the urge to play with toys never seems to evaporate into thin air. In fact, toys remain with people so long that many people — even high-ranking executives — have one or two of them sitting on their desks at work.

A slinky to play with. Chinese medicine balls to roll in your hand to release stress.

A Superman action figure on top of a computer monitor ready to take on the evil bad guys and save the world.

The toys may vary, but nonetheless their importance remains.

Just as cars have shifted from big, heavy-duty tanks that could take a licking and keep on ticking, to more economical cars whose exterior shells seem to be made of plastic to lessen the cars' weight in an effort to improve fuel efficiency, toys have taken on a new look over the years.

The most noticeable change in many toys is the shift towards making the play experience simulated reality more so than in the past.

Everyone has heard of Pong, the classic Atari tennis game that represented a tennis racket with a line about one inch long on the screen that moved left and right across the monitor.

If a video game was made about tennis today, you'd likely be seeing the action from down on the court as a player facing a number of opponents bearing a resemblance to some of today's top players like Pete Sampras and Martina Hingis.

Such a game would also provide the player with the option to pick between grass, clay, cement or another type of surface to play the match on.

With so much emphasis being placed on simulating virtual experiences, the one element that stands to get lost in the shuffle is human creativity.

Now this doesn't mean the human creativity involved in making and designing the games.

Rather, this means the human creativity involved when children play with their toys.

For example, boys in the '80s probably filled their toy boxes with G.I. Joe and He-Man action figures.

Each figure had a different title and a different reputation drawn from the cartoon figures the toys were modeled after.

But this is as far as the toy went in helping to make play-time a blast.

The rest of the fun was left up to the creative juices in children's minds.

If G.I. Joe's mission was to free He-Man and the good guys held captive in Skeletor's castle, how would the G.I. Joe troops penetrate to the interior of the castle?

Would it be best to toss a rock, found in the backyard, taped to a piece of kite string over the castle wall so the G.I. Joe men could get inside?

How about sneaking a Transformer into the inside of the castle like the Greeks did in the Trojan War when troops hid inside a wooden horse that was brought into Troy's walls?

The Transformer could lower the castle's gates just as the Greeks hidden in the horse opened Troy's gates to let their comrades outside Troy's walls enter and storm the city.

If neither of these two worked, what about taping the G.I. Joe guys together in a ball and throwing them at the castle to knock it down?

It's a tough decision.

Likewise with Barbie dolls, children had to consider what type of mood Barbie would be in and match her clothes to her mood or the weather.

The children were left to develop and analyze all these features in their minds.

These decisions children must make during play-time aren't all that important in the big scheme of things.

But the need to stretch the imagination to make such decisions is key.

Imagination invigorates people of all ages and spurs them to question things throughout life.

If this questioning and imagining ceases, so goes the ability to develop new and improved items and methods to do things in the future.

So don't toss away your toys just yet and spend all your money on virtual reality goggles and superior video games.

The good ole toys will always have an important role in people's lives no matter what the age.

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Andrew Schoppe Columnist



### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Construction leaves bad mark on student's car

**To the editor:** In fall 1998, I parked my vehicle by my residence at Gaston Apartments, located across from the Carpenter-Wells construction site.

In October, my vehicle was sprayed by paint from this construction site when some of the new buildings were being painted. I wouldn't have noticed it right a way, if I had not gone home one weekend and washed my truck. Being parked in that parking lot all semester, my vehicle stayed dirty, and the over-spray is hard to see.

This letter is intended to alert every person who parks near construction on campus.

Check for small speckles of paint on your vehicle, and if you did have the over-spray removed by the paint contractor, I want to let you know that your troubles may not be over.

After first noticing the paint, I consulted experts from my hometown as to what it would take to fix my truck. I was told about an activator/clay process that would take the paint off and not scratch the finish.

I also was told by experts that the longer the paint over-spray stays on your vehicle, the harder it becomes to take off.

I returned to school and went through the proper channels to file an incident report. I was told by my residence hall director and a representative from Lee Lewis

Construction to "Keep It Quiet." Over a month passed, and I had not heard anything.

When I was contacted, I was told to take my truck to the paint contractor's home to have the over-spray removed. I was concerned that the paint contractor had not heard of the process that I had been told about. I was reluctant to take my truck to him because I felt this was the paint contractor's way to get the job done cheaper and keep the problem quiet.

When I picked up my truck it looked awful. The finish is damaged, the windows are scratched and must be replaced, and my new truck needs a new paint job — not to mention — there is still over-spray on it.

Please don't let these people get by with this. Look your car over carefully.

If you have over-spray, insist on a professional to have it removed.

The paint contractor intimidated me and basically called me a liar, but I refuse to let him get by with damaging my truck. I am in the process of working with his insurance company now to have my truck fixed.

Did you know that if your car gets over-sprayed a second time, the insurance company will not pay again? Why? Because you were warned not to park there anymore.

The insurance company admitted that there is construction all over the Texas Tech campus. From what I understand, where there is construction, there is the possibility of over-spray.

Tech administrators should look into this issue to keep

this from happening to others, and maybe they should check their own vehicles.

Bree Walker junior design communication

#### Generation should take responsibility for actions

**To the editor:** I am worried about my fellow generation. Responsibility for one's actions seems to be neglected on a whole. The column by David Turner, "Police Lax on DWI" (*The University Daily* on Monday) demonstrates this finger pointing ideology. The idea the police are responsible for the amount of drinking and driving going on is completely absurd. Mr. Turner, and my fellow Generation Xers, need to realize everyone is expected to follow the laws. The individual is responsible for whatever law he breaks. The police are there to enforce the laws by catching the lawbreakers breaking them. I find it hard to believe a policeman let off a drunken driver. And if in fact that is what happened, that indeed is an issue, but surely Mr. Turner does not believe it was the policeman's fault for Mr. Turner's friends' drunkenness.

Jonathan Ellis junior construction engineer technology

Write a letter to the editor. Now.

## SGA elections get students involved



Blythe Clayton Student Government Association President

It's that time of the year again. Backpacks become crowded with campaign buttons, organizational meetings become a little longer with candidate speeches and stress levels seem a little higher.

Preparation for Student Government Association elections commence this week.

The SGA represents the 25,000 students at Texas Tech to the administration, faculty, staff, state and local governments, board of regents and community.

All 25,000 students are members of the SGA, but those who want to become more involved choose to

run for senate positions or for one of the three executive offices.

The work of the SGA is not always understood or seen, but we hope it does make a difference and makes student's lives easier.

The results of the SGA's work can be seen in the extended Citibus routes and the free access to buses for students.

The SGA also sponsors the Bring-A-Child Game and the Tech-Lubbock Community Day.

The SGA ensures input on matters that affect students such as parking, safety, financial concerns and Student Service Fee allocations.

Campus organizations receive

more than \$155,000 to help their organizations each year.

This money is distributed by the SGA.

We represent student concerns in the city government and in Austin.

The SGA made it possible for students to take water bottles into the library.

Elected or appointed members of the SGA serve on more than 40 committees across campus and within the SGA.

These actions are only a few of the areas that the SGA is involved with.

It is important to become involved in student government so

students can continue to be represented.

The SGA needs people from different majors, areas in Texas, countries and backgrounds to become involved.

Friday is the last day for students to sign up to run for SGA positions.

To file an intent to run, students must sign up by 5 p.m. Friday in 227 of the University Center. For more information about the SGA, students can access the web site at [www.sga.ttu.edu](http://www.sga.ttu.edu). Good Luck.

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# lifestyles

**PRISON PAROLEES HAVE DEPTH**

Fort Worth gallery displays parolees artwork  
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## Black History Month celebrates heroes, heritage

By John Davis  
Staff Writer

African-Americans like Martin Luther King Jr. and Rosa Parks worked hard to better the lives of people like themselves, in a time when being black meant sitting in the back of theaters and using "colored" washrooms. Their voices are part of American fabric and are celebrated with Black History Month every February.

Jeanine Dudley, a senior sociology major from Austin, said for her, Black History Month was a time to take pride

in culture.

"It gives a chance to voice our heroes, because we hear about all the other ones every day," Dudley said. "So, this month lets us stand out."

Dudley said her family celebrates Martin Luther King Jr. Day by having a barbecue at a relative's house. Here, she said her family members swap stories of the old days, making sure to include important historical information for the younger generation.

"I wish I could have actually spoken with them then," she said. "All I can actually do is hear the hearsay from other family members."

University Center Programs is celebrating Black History month with a series of events including music, dancing, a poetry contest and speakers.

Tymeka Coney, organizer of UC Program's "Black History Month: A Unifying Celebration," said she planned the events as a learning experience for Texas Tech as a whole.

Coney, a junior psychology/theater major from DeSoto, said the celebrations will kick off with a panel discussion on medical issues that affect African-Americans at 12:30 p.m. today in the UC Senate Room. She also said Yolanda King, actress and daughter

of Martin Luther King Jr. would be coming Feb. 18 with a theatrical presentation.

Alwyn Barr, professor of African-American history at Tech, said the roots of Black History Month were celebrated as far back as World War I.

"An organization was created and founded to focus on what was then called Negro history," Barr said. "They began to promote the idea, in a time of segregation, of Black History Week, and that grew into Black History Month."

Barr said he created the Black his-

tory class here at Tech in 1969 and began teaching it in 1970, after he had done the same at Purdue University in Indiana.

Barr also teaches History of the South and Civil War Reconstruction.

As far as Black history at Tech is concerned, Barr said Tech was segregated until the 1950 Sweatt decision. The decision involved a black student, Herman Sweatt, who was trying to get into the University of Texas Law School.

Barr said the courts decided

against the "separate but equal" clauses that kept Sweatt from getting into the law school because the alternative schools were clearly not equal, but separate.

It was not until the summer of 1961 that Tech registered its first black student — a woman named Lucille Graves — Barr said.

"Tech probably lagged behind because there wasn't as many blacks living out in West Texas at the time, but they did lag behind," Barr said.

### Ballet Lubbock glorifies culture

Ballet Lubbock will be bringing the best of world cultures to the stage in the form of dance this weekend. The company will be performing in the first chamber series of its 30th anniversary season at 8 p.m. Saturday at the Texas Tech International Cultural Center, 601 Indiana Ave.

"A Celebration of Cultures" will highlight nine different dance pieces, each representing a different culture with interesting background material given on each set.

"It's totally different of what you perceive of as dance,"

said Carla Olson, the executive director of Ballet Lubbock. "You will get everything from Flamenco to classical ballet. It's the best mix of everything all in one setting."

The program will include a total of 20 dancers performing lyrical ballet, Spanish style dance, Flamenco, East Indian style dance, Hungarian character dance, classical jazz, swing and African modern dance will conclude the performance.

Tickets cost \$11 and are available by calling Select-A-Seat at 770-2000. Tickets also will be available at the door the night of the show.

### Former Monkee gets millions

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The Public Broadcasting Service must pay nearly \$47 million to Michael Nesmith, a member of the 1960s band the Monkees, and his defunct company for defrauding him in a home video deal that sank the firm.

A federal jury decided Monday that PBS went behind Nesmith's back to steal the home video rights to such popular fare as "Sesame Street" and the Ken Burns documentary "The Civil War" while promising to keep his faltering firm afloat.

Jurors rejected PBS' breach-of-

contract lawsuit that claimed Nesmith owed the nonprofit corporation millions of dollars.

Stu Cantor, a PBS spokesman, said the association of public television stations will appeal.

The case is the latest controversy over PBS' aggressive new moneymaking techniques.

Nesmith's company, Pacific Arts, made a deal in 1990 to distribute the PBS Home Video Line. He licensed the PBS trademark and obtained home video rights to dozens of programs from their producers.

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# Parolees exhibit artworks in Fort Worth library show

FORT WORTH (AP) — When artist Charles Curry puts a pencil in his hand and creates an image of a friend or an unforgettable place, he hopes people will look past the obvious.

As a prison parolee, Curry wants people do the same when they meet him.

"Since we all have depth, we all have worth. Nobody is nobody," said Curry, 54, who is on parole after serving two years of a five-year sentence for welfare fraud.

That is why Curry agreed to exhibit his work in "Creating Something Positive," an art show that runs through Feb. 26 at the Eastside Regional Library in Fort Worth.

The show features about 10 parolees' artwork in the first show of its kind in Tarrant County and one of a handful in the state. It is sponsored by the Fort Worth Public Library and the Tarrant County Community Participatory Council, a volunteer organization that serves as liaison between the community and the parole division of the state Criminal Justice Department.

To be eligible, parolees had to be on parole in Tarrant County and had to be in compliance with all of the

conditions of their release.

Participating artists were convicted on a variety of charges, including burglary, weapons, drugs and forgery, said Jamie Hawkes, community information officer for the parole division of the Criminal Justice Department.

Sex offenders are not eligible to participate because they are not allowed to be around children, and the exhibit is at a library, Hawkes said.

A few other parolees submitted their work but were recently disqualified because they violated their parole, Hawkes said. "They're unfortunately back in jail," Hawkes said.

Several of Curry's pieces will be on exhibit, including "Blessed Are the Beasts," an abstract piece.

He will not explain what it means to him; what is important, he said, is what it means to the person viewing it.

In his 1982 piece "Walk Under the Morning Moon," Curry completed a portrait of a friend from the past who used to walk through the forest near her home in Chicago. She wore nothing but those "silky, filmy ladies' things," he said.

"To me, it simply means that a person enjoys their freedom despite their particular handicap at the moment," Curry said, referring to his friend's pregnancy.

"It was that freedom that touched me."

As he sits on a bench in the courtyard of his apartment complex on Lackland Road, Curry answers questions by quoting Shakespeare and philosophizing on man's purpose in life.

He said he is not sure how the public will react to the art show. So many people say they are open-minded, Curry said, but then they "go immediately to puritanical and prudish."

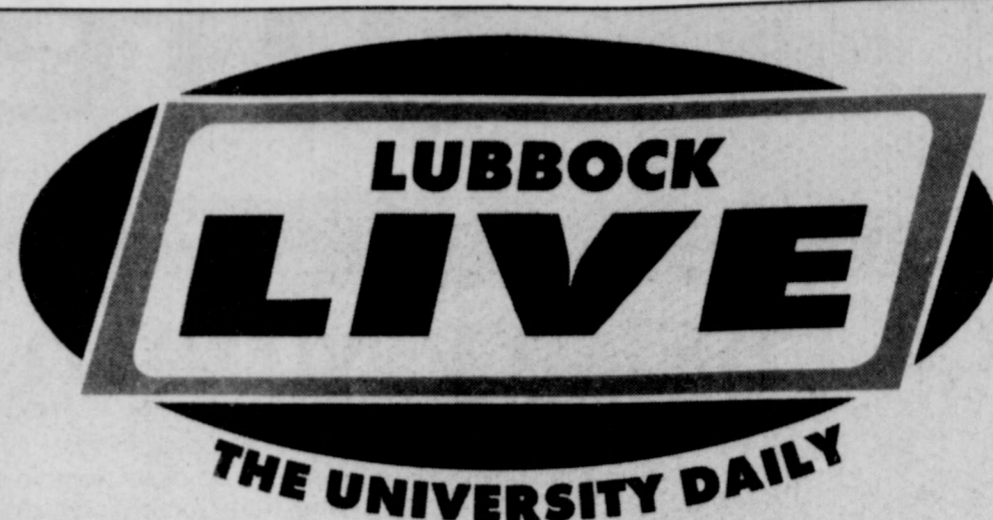
But those unwilling to accept the value of another person, regardless of the person's past, cannot learn and grow, Curry said.

"How are you supposed to receive anything if your mind is as closed as this clenched fist?" Curry said.

Hawkes said she was surprised that so many businesses either declined to showcase the art or simply did not call her back when she put in the request.

“Since we all have depth, we all have worth...”

Charles Curry  
parolee



### THURSDAY

David Trout's Karaoke—Through Saturday, Chelsea St. Pub, South Plains Mall, 9 p.m., Free

The Toon—Ichabods, 2420 Broadway, 9:30 p.m., \$2

Swing Night—Clouseau's, 1820 Buddy Holly Ave., 9 p.m., cover free, lessons \$5

### FRIDAY

Will Riley of Intake—Bash's Power Hour, 2419 Main St., no cover

Rhett Akins—Midnight Rodeo, 7301 University Ave., 10:30 p.m., \$11.50 minors, \$9.50 adults

Omar & the Howlers—Clouseau's, 1820 Buddy

Holly Ave., 10 p.m., \$8

Briggs Brothers Band—Bash Riprock's, 2419 Main St., 10 p.m., \$3

West Texas Medicine Show: Unplugged Acoustic—Hub City Brewery, 1807 Ave. H, 10 p.m., Free

22nd Annual Lubbock Winter Rodeo Series—Fairground Livestock Pavilion, 8 p.m., \$5

Will Riley of Intake—Renaissance Coffee House, 2420 19th St., 9 p.m., \$25

Jim Morse Swing Band—Clouseau's, 1820 Buddy Holly Ave., 10 p.m., \$3

Elvis T. Busboy & the Blues Butchers—Bleachers, 1719 Buddy Holly Ave., 9 p.m., \$3

Watertribe—Ichabods, 2420 Broadway, 9:30 p.m., \$5

Ballet Lubbock's Chamber Performance—International Cultural Center, 601 Indiana Ave., 8 p.m., \$11

Jeffery Duke Patterson—Hub City Brewery, 1807 Ave. H, 10 p.m., Free

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

Briggs Brothers Band—Philly's, 2417 Broadway, 10 p.m., \$3

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Ballet Lubbock's Chamber Performance—International Cultural Center, 601 Indiana Ave., 8 p.m., \$11

Jeffery Duke Patterson—Hub City Brewery, 1807 Ave. H, 10 p.m., Free

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

Will Riley of Intake—Scuttlebutts, 3404 Slide Rd., 9 p.m., no cover

### SUNDAY

## Award nominees announced

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The screenwriters for "Shakespeare in Love," "Saving Private Ryan" and "Gods and Monsters" are among the nominees for the Writers Guild of America awards. Winners of the guild's 51st annual awards will be announced Feb. 20 in ceremonies held in Beverly Hills and New York.

WGA nominations tend to mirror those of the Oscars. Last year, WGA nominees Matt Damon and Ben Affleck won an Academy Award for their original screenplay for "Good Will Hunting" and guild nominees Brian Helgeland and Curtis Hanson went on to win an adapted screenplay Oscar for "L.A. Confidential."

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8:00	Mystery! Signature	Frasier 'PG Veronica 'PG	Turks		ABC Mini-Tom	Shocking Moments	
9:00	Signature	E.R. 'PG	48 Hours	Ricki Lake	Clancy's Netforce	Cops Cops	
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# SPORTS

ROCKET MAN?

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**TO STEAL OR NOT?**

Guard Katrisa O'Neal has made an impact for the

Lady Raiders

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## Tigers eye Tech in 88-63 victory

Columbia, Mo. (Special) — The Missouri Tigers (16-4 overall 7-2 Big 12) handed the Texas Tech men's basketball team (10-12 overall 2-7 Big 12) their fifth-straight loss, 88-63, Wednesday night.

Missouri sprinted out to a 6-0 lead before center Johnny Phillips put Tech on the board with a two-point score.

Phillips scored Tech's first three points of the game but the Tigers extended their lead to seven points at 10-3.

The Tiger lead was stretched to 14 at 30-16 with 8:00 left in the first half before Tech closed the gap 39-33 on a slam dunk by guard Jevon Banks.

Banks was whistled for a technical foul for hanging on the rim

and Missouri converted the technical foul shot.

Tech shot 46 percent from the field in the first half while holding the Tigers to a 41 percent clip from the field in the first stanza.

The Red Raiders started out the second half on a 9-2 run to tie the ball game at 45-all at the 16:44 mark in the second half.

Missouri stretched its lead to 10 points at 58-48 with 11:11 left in the contest.

The Tigers doubled-up the Red Raiders from that point, outscoring Tech 30-15 to close-out the game.

Tech shot 47 percent from the floor on the night and were led in scoring by guard James Ware with 13 points.

## Tyson set for jail decision

WASHINGTON (AP) — The two men Mike Tyson attacked at a fender bender think the former heavyweight champ shouldn't go to jail. The prosecutor feels otherwise.

The opinion that counts is that of Judge Stephen Johnson, who on Friday will determine whether Tyson's latest comeback is done after just one fight.

Johnson will sentence the fighter on two counts of second-degree assault, prompting a decision in Indiana on whether Tyson violated his probation for a 1991 rape conviction.

"If he goes to jail here, it's much, much more likely he'll go to jail there," said Paul Kemp, Tyson's lawyer.

Johnson must determine whether Tyson is "nothing less than a time bomb buried in our backyard" — as argued by Montgomery County State's Attorney Douglas Gansler — or a "different Mike" who has taken well to therapy and has become a

more caring person — as put forth by his adviser Shelley Finkel and others.

On Aug. 31, Tyson kicked one motorist and punched another after a minor three-car accident in the Washington suburb of Gaithersburg, Md. On Dec. 1, Tyson pleaded no contest — meaning he neither protests the assault charges nor admits guilt — and could receive up to 20 years' imprisonment.

"He acted inappropriately that day," Tyson's wife, Monica, who was driving when the accident occurred, told The Washington Post.

"But he never intentionally struck anyone."

The two victims, Abmielec Saucedo and Richard Hardick, were paid an undisclosed amount to avoid a civil suit shortly before Tyson's plea. Both will be present Friday, ready to testify on Tyson's behalf.

"Any inference that we've been purchased or bribed is off the wall," said Saucedo's lawyer, Glenn

Culpepper. "From the very beginning, my client said he didn't want him to be convicted, he wanted him to be helped."

Tyson's lawyer, who will ask for probation, plans to call character witnesses, including one from a Washington homeless shelter where Tyson has been doing volunteer work. He will also point out Tyson's goodwill acts while training in Arizona — he visited teen-age inmates and paid for the funeral of a 2-year-old girl shot to death.

Tyson, who lives in Bethesda, Md., is undergoing therapy at Georgetown University.

"I think that his actions speak for themselves. You're seeing a different Mike," Finkel said.

"This was a minor accident. The two defendants settled with him and said they wanted him to get help, and that's what happened. What more could you ask?"

The prosecution sees things dif-

ferently. Gansler called Tyson a "bully" who committed "road rage." The prosecutor quoted the November Playboy interview in which Tyson called himself a "hateful individual" and said, "I know I'm going to blow one day."

"The state need go no further than the defendant's own statements to arrive at the conclusion that (he) is not only volatile, but dangerous," Gansler said.

Gansler also details Tyson's rape conviction in Indiana, seven brushes with the law as a juvenile, as well as the infamous fight in which Tyson bit off part of Evander Holyfield's ear in June 1997. Tyson subsequently had his boxing license revoked for a year before returning to knock out Francois Botha in a comeback bout last month.

What Gansler cannot do is ask the judge to put Tyson in jail. The no-contest plea agreement negotiated by Gansler's predecessor forbids that.



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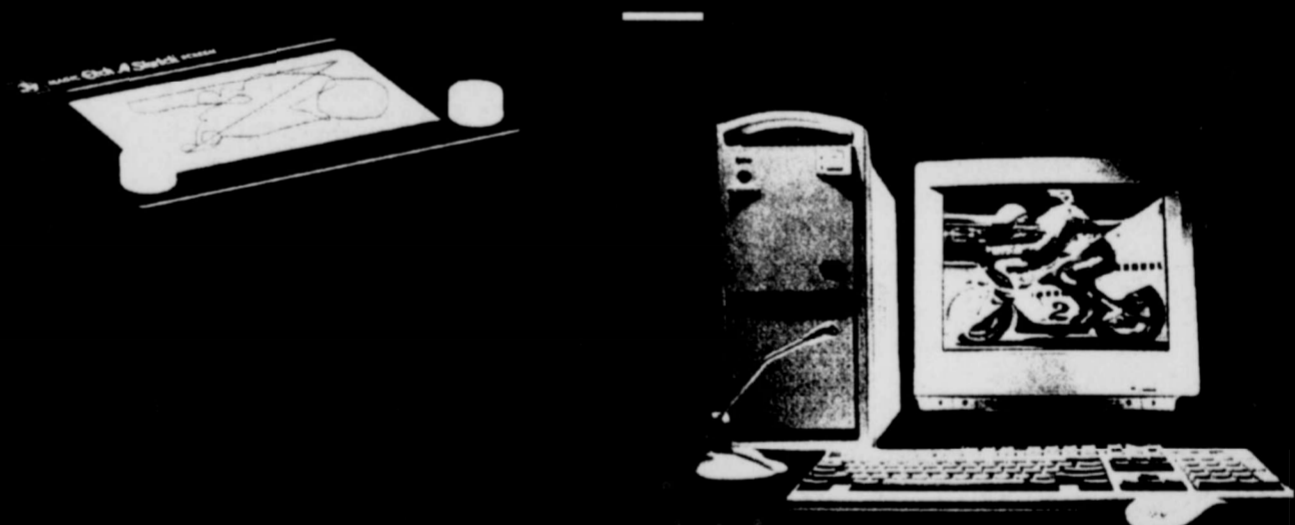
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## Rockets reportedly interested in Rodman

HOUSTON (AP)—Suddenly in need for a back-up big man because of the injury to reserve forward Antoine Carr, the Houston Rockets reportedly will pursue Dennis Rodman.

Quoting unidentified sources, the *Houston Chronicle* reported Wednesday that the Rockets are interested in the free-agent forward and owner of five champion-

ship rings, two with Detroit and three with Chicago.

Rodman could not be reached for comment. The Los Angeles Lakers also have shown interest in Rodman, whose former Bulls teammate Scottie Pippen already is a Rocket.

"He would definitely help us," one anonymous Rocket told the *Chronicle*.

# Kat-nap

## O'Neal has become an impact player for Tech

By Brent Dirks  
Staff Writer

While watching the Texas Tech Lady Raiders this season, don't blink, or you may miss guard Katrisa O'Neal making another impressive defensive play for Tech.

"I think it's basically anticipation," the sophomore from Plainview said of her prowess on the defensive end of the court. "Looking at guys on defense and trying to see what they're going to do with the ball next and trying to be there when they throw the ball."

That anticipation has paid off for O'Neal and the No. 10-ranked Lady Raiders.

O'Neal is currently second in the Big 12 with more than three steals per game while helping a stingy Lady Raider defense that is allowing only 59.5 points per game.

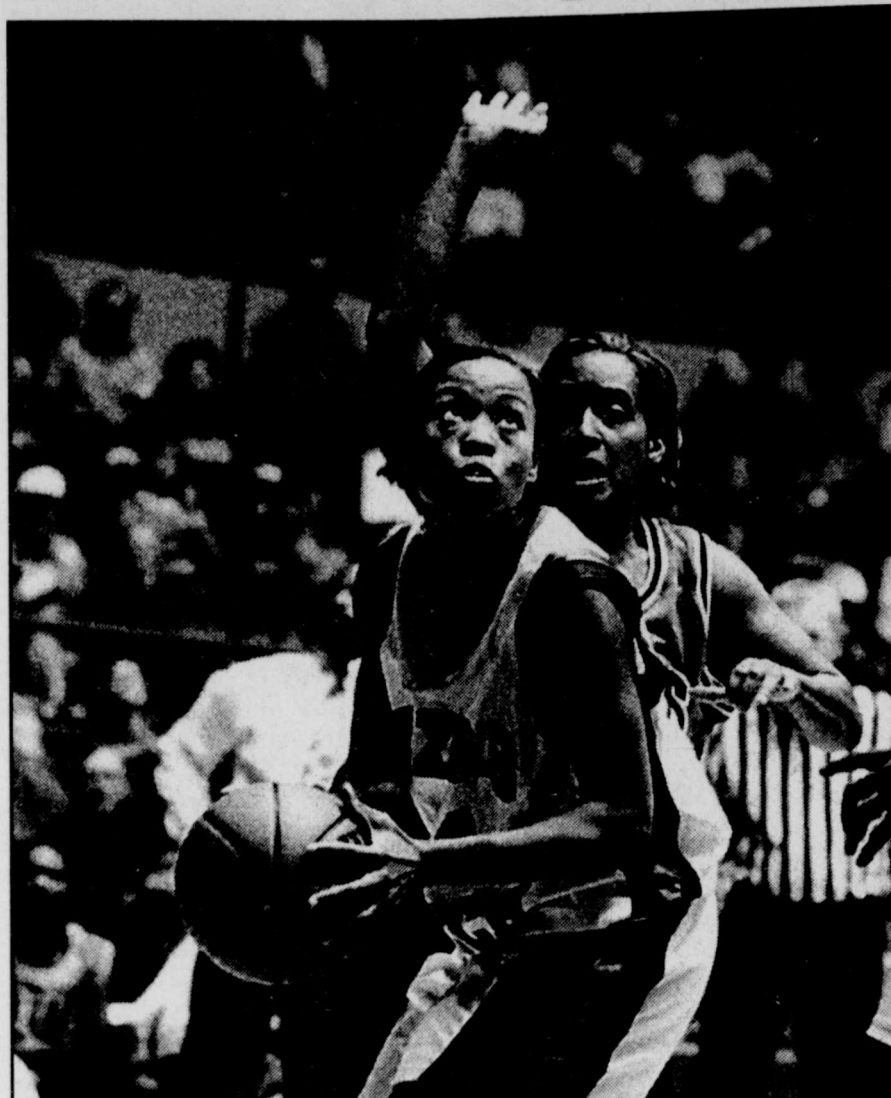
While being a major part of the defense, O'Neal also contributes an average 6.4 points per game on the offensive end.

"The defense creates some offense and motivation when things aren't going well," O'Neal said. "It helps us get started and creates a lot of things for the whole game."

One prime example of O'Neal's ability to motivate the Lady Raiders and a sell-out home crowd was in the 65-48 win over Baylor Saturday.

In 24 minutes of play, the 5-foot-6-inch O'Neal nabbed five rebounds, six steals and career-high three blocks. She helped Tech overcome an eight-point deficit and defeat the Bears. Only her 6-foot-4-inch teammate Angie Brazier could get more blocks against the Bears (5).

One of O'Neal's best defensive moments Saturday came when Baylor was trying to increase a slim



Jennifer Galvan/The University Daily

**Kat Can Score:** Lady Raider guard Katrisa O'Neal has helped Tech to a No. 10 national ranking and a 1/2-game lead in the Big 12 Conference.

24-23 lead by holding the ball for last shot of the first half.

Instead, O'Neal got a steal and made a layup at the buzzer, giving Tech a 25-24 halftime lead.

"I find it fun to get the crowd excited," she said. "It's fun on my behalf knowing I'm five-six and blocking shots. I just jump at the ball. People say my wingspan is long. I just

happen to hit the ball every now and then."

While she currently comes off the bench for the Lady Raiders, O'Neal did get a taste as a starter this season. With starting guard Julie Lake sidelined with an elbow injury, O'Neal started eight games earlier this season for Tech.

During that stretch, she scored a

career-high 14 points twice and snagged a career-high nine steals against Kansas State.

"It gave me confidence and made me look more toward scoring while filling the void for her (Lake) and still maintain my defensive effort," O'Neal said of her experience as a starter.

And in a little less than two seasons, O'Neal, nicknamed Kat by her teammates for her agility and quickness on the floor, also has impressed the Lady Raider coaching staff.

"When you talk about Katrisa O'Neal, the first thing that comes to mind is quickness," Lady Raider coach Marsha Sharp said. "She's probably the quickest player I've ever had the opportunity to coach. She also brings a lot of enthusiasm and excitement."

"She probably is, from our fans point of view, one of the most exciting players that we have on our team. I think she has the energy to turn a game around very quickly just changing the tempo and momentum."

In just a little less than two seasons, O'Neal has quickly moved her way up the all-time Lady Raiders steal list. She is currently ninth on the list with 141 steals. The all-time record is held by Camille Franklin, who tallied 303 steals from 1983-1986.

"I feel like I'm just starting," O'Neal said. "I'm more experienced this year. I hope I can get better at whatever is needed on this basketball team. I'll be ready for it."

And Sharp said she was glad to have O'Neal on her team.

"I think that's one of the best things about it," Sharp said. "She's a sophomore, and we'll have the opportunity to watch her for her two more years and have her be a big part of what we're doing."

### THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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- 9 Head covering
- 14 Make one
- 15 Scarf like a snake
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- 18 Jonson or Franklin
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- 20 Be silent
- 23 Barnyard enclosure
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- 29 That woman
- 31 Dull
- 35 Show devotion
- 36 Violent outburst
- 38 Lyric poem
- 39 Stays mum
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- 51 Showy performer
- 52 Shut up
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- 63 Hubbub
- 64 Solitary
- 65 Spelling contest
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- 67 Authority to decide
- 68 Crafty
- 69 Glossy

**DOWN**

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- 21 Final degree
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- 26 Au revoir!
- 27 Chopper feature
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# Baseball considering Puerto Rico

NEW YORK (AP) — Baseball is looking to expand to another international frontier this year: Puerto Rico.

A three-game series between the Chicago White Sox and Texas Rangers in May might be moved to San Juan, according to officials in the commissioner's office.

No final decision has been made, the officials said, adding there is a 50-50 chance the series will be moved

elsewhere.

The series currently is scheduled for May 10-12 at Comiskey Park, home of the White Sox.

For the first time, baseball is opening the season outside the United States and Canada.

The NL champion San Diego Padres moved their home opener on April 4 to Monterrey, Mexico, where the Padres met the New York Mets two years ago in the first regular-sea-

son games ever played outside the United States and Canadian boundaries.

In addition, baseball is considering a proposal to have the Seattle Mariners open the 2000 season in Japan.

American League Most Valuable Player Juan Gonzalez and Ivan Rodriguez, among the top Puerto Ricans in the major leagues, make the Rangers the focal point for any

games in Puerto Rico, the baseball officials said, speaking on the condition they not be identified until a decision has been made.

However, Texas had the fourth-highest attendance average in the AL last year, 36,141, making the Rangers reluctant to give up any home games this season.

Chicago had the third-lowest attendance in the AL, averaging 17,609. As part of any agreement, the White Sox would be compensated for the lost home games, the officials said.

Sandy Alderson, the executive director of baseball operations in the commissioner's office, said there was a possibility of playing in Puerto Rico but declined to identify the teams involved.

Others, however, confirmed the Rangers-White Sox series was the candidate.

"They haven't contacted me at all," White Sox general manager Ron Schueler said of the possible venue change. "We haven't heard anything."

Rangers general manager Doug Melvin did not return a telephone call seeking comment.

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Duncan trying to avoid sophomore jinx in NBA

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — With his outstanding rookie season behind him, Tim Duncan is ready for an encore.

Spurs center David Robinson is once again his co-star, and several well-known NBA veterans have joined the supporting cast.

"It's a totally different year. I've been through the league one time and gotten a lot more experience under my belt. I'm ready to go. I know what to expect," Duncan said after a team practice this week.

Of course, Duncan's opponents now know more about what to expect from him. Therein lies his new challenge.

"I know the people will kind of go after me every night," Duncan said in his usual quiet manner that belies his intensity on the basketball court.

Duncan, the 7-foot top draft pick last season from Wake Forest, was the overwhelming selection for NBA Rookie of the Year. He started all 82 regular-season games last year for San Antonio and averaged 21.1 points, 11.9 rebounds and 2.51 blocks.

Duncan launches his second pro season Friday when the Spurs face Sacramento in the Alamodome.

This year could prove more spectacular for Duncan, particularly when it comes to fine-tuning his partnership with 7-foot-11 Robinson, a 10-year veteran searching for a route to the NBA Finals.

"We've gotten a lot more used to each other," Duncan said. "I think we'll just keep getting better and bet-

ter, being able to read each other, being able to play with each other."

Robinson has similar expectations.

"I'm hoping it'll be a lot better, just Tim's confidence level and his consistency level. The challenge will be a little greater this year. Obviously, nobody is going to be surprised by Tim," Robinson said.

Robinson welcomes the late-game scoring Duncan provides.

And he admires all that young energy.

Duncan, 22, spends lots of time on the court and concentrated so heavily on improving his game during the off-season that the 33-year-old Robinson found himself feeling "like the old guy" trying to keep up.

"Every day he's out there. He's working, he's running, he's lifting, he's doing the things he needs to do to get better," Robinson said. "Tim takes it seriously. He's deciding now that he wants to be great."

With Robinson and Duncan on the front line — and at times bolstered by another 7-footer, Will Perdue, in the lineup — the Spurs went 56-26 last season and advanced to the Western Conference semifinals before being eliminated 4-1 by Utah. Before training camp, the Spurs

added Steve Kerr in a trade with Chicago and signed free agents Mario Elie of Houston and Jerome Kersey of Seattle. Antonio Daniels was dealt to San Antonio by Vancouver last June.

"I think management went out and got some great picks," Duncan said. "All these guys came in here to do something."

Returning to the Spurs roster are Perdue, point guard Avery Johnson, shooting guard Jaren Jackson and forward Sean Elliott.

Coach Gregg Popovich calls Elliott the "X-factor" for the Spurs, explaining that his health will be a key to San Antonio's season. Elliott missed much of the last two seasons with injuries to both quadriceps but says he has recovered.

Popovich believes the Duncan-Robinson duo will be smoother.

"They were great together in helping each other and learning about positions on the court, but this year I think they'll be able to find each other passing-wise even more than they did last year," he said.

Duncan said he intends to keep learning from Robinson — and striving for a championship.

"We have a good team," Duncan said. "We have a chance to go and do something special."

I think we'll just keep getting better and better...

Tim Duncan San Antonio Spurs

Red Raiders will attempt to capitalize on new recruits

Recruits from page 1 Williams led all class 4A rushers in Texas with 2,121 yards on the ground while finding the end zone 27 times.

As one of the highest-rated prep rushers in the state, Williams garnered a number of awards, including the Gatorade Circle of Champions Southwest Region Player of the Year award.

"I think the coaches have done

an outstanding job recruiting this year," said Tech Athletic Director Gerald Myers. "I think we signed quality student-athletes with good academic records."

Also joining Williams in the 1999 class is Lubbock Coronado product Ryan Aycock.

Aycock, a standout quarterback for the Mustangs, will be converted to defensive back, Dykes said.

"It seems that we've filled a num-

ber of needs on our squad," Myers said. "It's nice to see such a good number of players join our program each year."

In all, Tech was able to tack on four defensive backs, two defensive linemen, four offensive linemen, three quarterbacks and one wide receiver and running back to the Red Raider program.

"It's a good class and it's what we needed," Dykes said.

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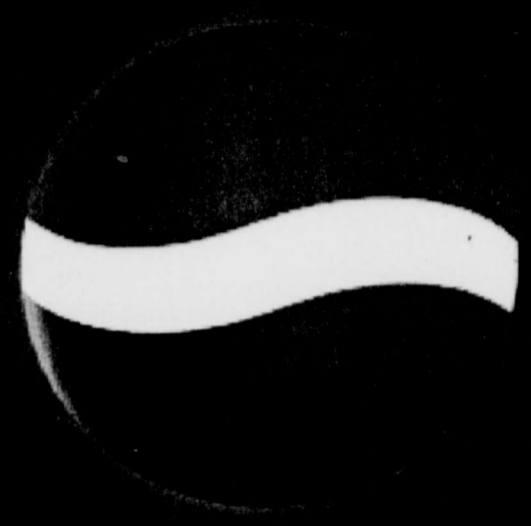
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