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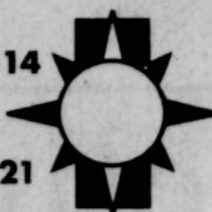
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Tech regents convene in Metroplex

Board to discuss stadium renovations, management

By Ginger Pope
Staff Writer



DALLAS — Texas Tech Board of Regents will resume meeting in Dallas today with discussions of renovations to Jones Stadium and issues of investment management.

Board members spent more than two hours in executive session causing the facilities committee meeting to be put off until today. Regents heard from committees on academics and finance on Thursday.

The facilities committee will present to the board the progress of the Master Plan, including the pedestrian mall plaza, renovations to West Hall and possible \$50 million in renovations to Jones Stadium. After the facilities committee meeting, regents will convene into the second session, where they will vote on items they heard in each committee meeting.

While the board heard several proposals regarding facilities, finance and academics, Vice President for Student Affairs Robert Ewalt brought sobering news to regents re-

garding the high number of college students abusing alcohol.

Interests from regents and legislators have led Tech President Donald Haragan to develop a task force on alcohol.

Regent Nancy Jones said she is interested in taking a direct approach in solving drinking problems.

"As a parent, I'm naturally concerned about this and also because of the personal impact it has on people's lives," Jones said.

Because Tech is venturing into many different building projects, regents and Tech officials also will consider in today's agenda the hiring of an additional investment management firm. The firm will be hired to help guide many of Tech's financial investments.

One in two million

PHOTOGRAPHY BY BRIAN WHITE
STORY BY TARA NISHIMURA
The University Daily

The Howard Hughes Medical Institute Undergraduate Research Program offers fellowships for undergraduates interested in biological or biomedical sciences and accepts applications for the program until March 12.

Texas Tech's Department of Biological Sciences received \$2 million last semester from the HHMI to fund undergraduate research. The grant is the second largest amount given by HHMI.

"We are accomplishing successful collaborations at all levels, administration, faculty and student, to make education what it needs to be," said Julie Isom, the department of biological sciences project coordinator.

The Science-Teaching Fellowship and the Technology Fellowship is a new fellowship that also will begin later this spring. Isom said no other university in the country has a science-teaching fellowship.

"Science-teaching fellows are for life science majors that want to be teachers," Isom said. "High-technology fellowships will start new projects with faculty to work with high-tech ways to teach."

Currently, 32 undergraduates participate in the HHMI Undergraduate Research Fellowship. The fellows choose a mentor faculty member from Tech or the Health Sciences Center.

"On an individual basis, you select a mentor, and then they help you to select a project," said Cindy Johnson, a senior microbiology and biochemistry major from St. Joseph, Mo., and president of the HHMI Fellow Service Organization. "It's a heck of an experience. Most people don't get this much experience until graduate school."

The program is an opportunity to learn skills and to receive a preview of graduate school, said Darin Bell, a senior biology and psychology major from Lubbock.

"They try to pay you enough so you don't have to get another job. So, you can spend all your time researching," Bell said.

Fellows are paid \$6.50 per hour and cannot exceed 20 hours per week during the semester. The fellowship starts in the summer and fellows can not exceed 40 hours per week during the summer.



Cool Hands: Texas Tech student Michelle Ehrlich works on her biology research Thursday. Tech's Department of Biological Sciences received a \$2 million last semester from the Howard Hughes Medical Institute to fund undergraduate research.

Convicted killer of four dies in death chamber

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — Condemned killer Danny Lee Barber was executed Thursday evening for fatally beating a Dallas County woman almost 20 years ago.

Barber, 43, was pronounced dead at 6:26 p.m., six minutes after the lethal injection was started and less than an hour after the U.S. Supreme Court denied his final application for a stay.

In a brief final statement, he greeted six members of his victims' families and apologized for his crimes.

"I'm sorry for whatever pain I've caused. I pray you get over it. I am regretful for what I (sic) done, but I am a different person from that time," Barber said.

He then turned toward witnesses he selected and said he had talked to his mother. "OK. Goodbye," he said in closing.

As the drugs took effect, Barber uttered a gasp and a snore before he stopped moving.

Among the witnesses was 93-year-old Ruth Clowers.

Clowers found the body of her daughter, Janice Louise Ingram, after the murder for which Barber was sentenced to die.

As Clowers and other witnesses emerged from the death house, a woman down the street chanted her opposition to capital punishment into a bullhorn. The witnesses stopped, turned and started clapping.

"The fat lady has finally sung," said Otto Lowrance, Ingram's cousin.

Ingram was slain on Oct. 8, 1979, at her home in Balch Springs, a suburb southeast of Dallas.

Barber described the murder of the 50-year-old woman as a burglary that went wrong, and blamed it on alcoholism and depression.

It was one of four murder convictions for Barber, who was within an

hour of lethal injection on Dec. 9 when a federal judge halted the punishment.

Barber's attorneys had raised questions about the legality of the Texas clemency process.

U.S. District Judge Sam Sparks in Austin issued a stay but later upheld the clemency procedures, and Barber's execution was reset.

It was the fifth execution in Texas this year and the second in as many days.

On Wednesday evening, George Cordova of San Antonio was put to death for the fatal beating of a 19-year-old man during a carjacking almost 20 years ago.

A native of Torrance, Calif., Barber also confessed to three other murders committed in Dallas County over an 18-month period between 1977 and 1979, earning him life prison sentences for each.

"I just regret what happened that night," he said before his December death date. "I can't undo the crimes I've done in the past."

Several relatives of his victims came to Huntsville in December to watch him die and were irate and in tears when they were told of the last-minute reprieve.

They returned to Huntsville Thursday.

Barber, who refused to speak with reporters since the December reprieve, said earlier he was bitter his good behavior while on death row meant nothing in his appeals.

"I've apologized to everyone I could," he said.

"I've learned to read and write. I've done all I could from in here.

"I don't feel I'm a threat to anybody. I've learned my lesson.

"I believe I've earned a right to live."

Prosecutors, however, termed him deserving of the death penalty, especially considering the brutality of Ingram's death.

City rounds up deadbeat parents

By Apu Naik
Staff Writer

Parents who owe child support in Lubbock County are receiving a rude awakening this week from the office of the attorney general and the Lubbock County sheriff's office.

The roundup began Tuesday with the investigation of 128 outstanding warrants and will continue throughout the end of the day.

Sixty-seven of the "deadbeat" parents are for people living in Lubbock county.

Don Stup, an El Paso-based investigator who is in Lubbock specifically for this week's roundup, said local officials working in accordance with state employees have helped to clear a total of 24 arrest warrants.

Stup said five teams of 14 total deputies, with the help of three inves-

tigators from the attorney general's office, two volunteer constables and two volunteers from the district attorney's office have spent the week going to homes and businesses of parents who owe delinquent child support.

"The program has been quite a success so far thanks to all the people who have stepped forward to help out," Stup said.

Stup said delinquent non-custodial parents must have violated one of two child-support related problems in order to be subject for arrest.

If a parent receives a notice to appear in court for a hearing involving the payment of child support, then fails to appear, a judge will file a warrant for that parent's arrest.

Also, if a parent appears in court, then is ordered to pay by that court, a warrant can be made if that parent

fails to pay support for the child.

Matt Winslow, press secretary for Attorney General John Cornyn, said child support enforcement is one of the top priorities of the attorney general's office since Cornyn's election last November.

He also said thanks to the help of local officials, that priority is closer to being accomplished in Lubbock County.

"We play a supporting role, but the local sheriff's office are the ones who can really take initiative and make a difference in rounding up delinquent parents," Winslow said.

"Sheriff Gutierrez and the rest of the Lubbock sheriff's office have been very aggressive in tackling this problem."

Winslow said Lubbock County is currently the only county in the state conducting the round up program

right now, but just last December, there were another 10 counties involved in a similar roundup.

In order to avoid being arrested for delinquent child-support payments, Stup encouraged non-custodial parents to pay on time and in full.

"The goal of this program is really about public awareness and making these parents think, 'Hey, this could happen to me if I don't pay my child support,'" Stup said.

"So, not all of these cases end in an arrest."

If a delinquent child support parent is able to pay their debts in full, Stup said arrangements are made to waive that parent's arrest.

Also, negotiations can be made, and are encouraged to be made if at all possible, for the delinquent parent to clear their debts in payments before an arrest is made.

Perspective Techsians to invade campus

By Melody Ragland
Staff Writer

For two days in March, bus loads of junior high and high school students will roam the Texas Tech campus. This will not be the first visit for the students who were at one time all chosen as the Dean's Future Scholars.

While the students are at Tech, they will listen to motivational speakers, tour the campus, eat lunch in the residence halls and talk to current Tech students.

The Dean's Future Scholars program is a part of Tech's College of Education. It began in 1994 by Alex Crowder, a retired professor, in the college.

Karen Jacobsen, coordinator of diversity programs, said Crowder saw a need to help kids. She said Crowder

came up with the idea through his own research.

Crowder found that children need to be exposed to college earlier in their education, Jacobsen said.

She said the program gives students the opportunity to learn what college is all about, and it is also a tool for recruiting students.

"We tell them they can go to Tech. They just have to work hard," Jacobsen said.

Jacobsen said most of these students do not know they can go to college because they have never been exposed to it.

"We just want to give them an opportunity they may not have had," she said.

The program serves 19 Title I-elementary schools in Lubbock, as well as five schools in the Lubbock

Dean's Future Scholars Program

- Phase I - Students are named Dean's Scholars and become familiar with Tech.
- Phase II - Project continues to keep students familiar with Tech
- Phase III - Designed for 10th and 12th grade students to begin planning to attend college.
- Phase IV - Become college students.

County. Title I schools are schools that have low socioeconomic students enrolled.

"The program has very little funding," Jacobsen said. "And, it's a service for all of Tech."

There are four phases to the program. Phase I begins with selecting the students. Students are chosen in the sixth grade.

The principal of Ramirez Elementary School, Lucy Brown, said the

program really opens the student's eyes to the possibility of furthering their education.

"When they meet with professors and walk the campus," Brown said, "they realize it's not the impossible dream."

Two to four children per school are selected by teachers, counselors and principals. They are chosen based on their character, leadership skills, their potential for doing well

and if they will be a first-generation college student.

During Phase I, the students are named Dean's Future Scholars and become familiar with Tech.

They visit Tech for a day and hear what to expect and what is possible in college.

Phase II of the project continues to keep the students familiar with Tech. It is for seventh through ninth graders.

Phase III is designed for 10th to 12th-grade students to begin planning and arranging financial aid to attend college.

And Phase IV of the program is when the students become college students, hopefully Tech students, Jacobsen said.

The first group of Dean's Future Scholars are now juniors in high

school. There were 55 in the program, and Tech is still in touch with 39. Their expected graduation date from college is 2004.

"The kids kind of attack the campus," Jacobsen said. "It's our future. If we don't address the needs of these students, it's going to be a real tragedy."

Brown said the program is a great support for the students.

"They just need the encouragement," Brown said.

The program has not only been an eye opening experience for the students but also for the parents.

"Because of this program, several parents have gone back to college," Jacobsen said.

The students participating in the program will be on campus March 5 and 26.

Underage Texans warned to stay out of casinos

(AP) — After coming up with a disproportionate number of underage Texans trying to get into Louisiana casinos, state police have issued a warning: don't even think about it.

According to state police figures, underage residents of Texas far outnumber youthful Louisianians trying to sneak into casinos in the Lake Charles area.

Part of the reason may be that Texas has only a handful of casinos, and that state's residents are not aware of enforcement efforts in Louisiana, said Trooper Paul

Edmonson, a spokesman for the state police Bureau of Investigation.

"Basically, we want underage Texas persons to know that if they try to obtain entry or actually gain entry, we view this as a serious issue," Edmonson said. "We do work closely with the Louisiana casinos in monitoring the underage gambling."

According to state police figures: From Jan. 1, 1995, through the end of last year, 454 underage people were arrested or issued summons for attempting to enter Lake Charles-area riverboat casinos. Of those, 418 were Texas residents, 17 were Louisiana

residents and 19 were from other states.

During the first month of 1999, 68 underage people were caught trying to enter the same casinos. Of those, 58 were Texas residents, one was from Louisiana and nine were from other states.

At the Grand Casino on the Coshhatta Indian reservation at Kinder, a total of 34 Texas residents were arrested for underage gambling.

During the same time, 14 Louisiana residents were arrested for the same offense.

Students given lessons in flirting

By Greg Okuhara
Staff Writer

With Valentine's Day around the corner, Texas Tech students had a chance to brush up on their flirting skills Thursday night in the Horn/Knapp Residence Complex formal lounge.

As a part of Student Health Services' Sexual Responsibility Week, the lessons were meant to let students know how flirting and communication can improve relationships.

Karla Jensen, a professor of communications studies, spoke to students about flirting habits of men and women and how communication between the two sexes differs.

Jensen said people flirt even when they are not aware.

"Flirting behaviors are almost all non-verbal," Jensen said. "The important thing is how the other person perceives it. It's important to show ourselves as open."

Jensen said women's flirting behaviors are more noticeable than men's.

"Men do less flirting, and it's less subtle," Jensen said.

"Women tend to exhibit behavior called 'assisting behaviors.' These are things such as taking out a cigarette, taking off a coat or reaching for something that is out of their reach."

Also, Jensen said there is a relationship between attractiveness and flirting.

On an "attractiveness scale", which is based on cultural definitions, Jensen said people who flirt automatically become more attractive.

While men and women flirt differently, communication styles between the two sexes are more noticeable.

Jensen said the differences between men and women can be com-

pared to cultural differences.

"If you're talking about cultures, men and women have different cultures. Different cultures leads to not understanding, which leads to confusion between men and women," Jensen said.

Students who attended said the opportunity is too interesting to pass up.

Betsy Jimenez, a freshman pre-physical therapy

major from El Paso, said flirting lessons sounded interesting when she heard of the event.

"We saw the poster and it looked really neat," Jimenez said.

Crystal Quillin, a freshman music performance major from Olympia, Wash., said she learned a lot.

"It was fun, it made you aware of every subtle movement of flirting," Quillin said.

Flirting behaviors are almost all non-verbal."

Karla Jensen
Tech professor

Internship opportunities given in UC

Engineering students looking for internships and co-operative programs can attend the College of Engineering job fair today in the University Center Red Raider Ballroom.

Companies from across the state will attend the fair looking for students to fill internship and co-op po-

sitions.

Among the companies in attendance will be the Texas Department of Transportation, IBM, Lockheed Martin and Lucent Technologies.

The fair will run from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Students will be able to interview with companies until 5 p.m.

Delores Ludwig, director of co-op programs at the College of Engineering, said some companies have full-time hiring needs for students interested. She recommends students bring copies of their resumes for distribution to the different companies. Dress is "business-casual."

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Dancing Valentines

Tech students present seniors with dancing

By Christi Biddy
Staff Writer

Thursday, members of Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Delta Delta Delta joined residents of Carillon Home Health Center for a Valentine's dance.

Sharon Mankin, the activity director at the home, said residents were pleased and excited to have the students visit them.

"Many of them said it brought back fond memories," Mankin said.

Mankin said she had been wanting to have a dance like this for a long time but was reluctant to do so.

"I didn't know how it would turn out," Mankin said. "Sometimes residents are hesitant to do things like this with people they don't know."

Tri-Delt member Steffany Simon, a freshman mass communications major from Gruver, said she thought the residents were having a good time.

"I think they love it," Simon said. "It's not every day they have visitors to talk to them and hear what they say."

Students spoke and danced with the residents in a make-shift ballroom in the front building of the complex. One resident that took ad-

vantage of the dancing was resident Helen Bisbee.

Nothing could keep Bisbee from two-stepping her way all over the dance floor. Not even the fact that she was 94 years old.

"She can dance," Wanda Darnell, Bisbee's caretaker, said. "It really is amazing."

Resident Rachel Ferrel was pleased the students came, especially the SAE members.

"There's never enough men," Ferrel said.

SAE member Jonathan Timmermann, a junior family finance major from Fort Worth, said he hopes this is something that will happen again.

"We are trying to do this every spring," Timmermann said.

Timmermann said the SAEs and the Tri-Delts had been plan-

ning the event for almost three weeks.

Ruth Braden, a resident of the home, was pleased the students chose to treat the residents to the dance.

"I think it's fantastic," Braden said. "It's so neat for you kids to come spend time with us."

Braden, who lives at the home to help out with the other residents, was pleased that the residents were having such a good time.

"There's a lot of inspiring people here," Braden said.

One resident Braden pointed out was Mardy Buehner, an aging woman who danced almost every day.

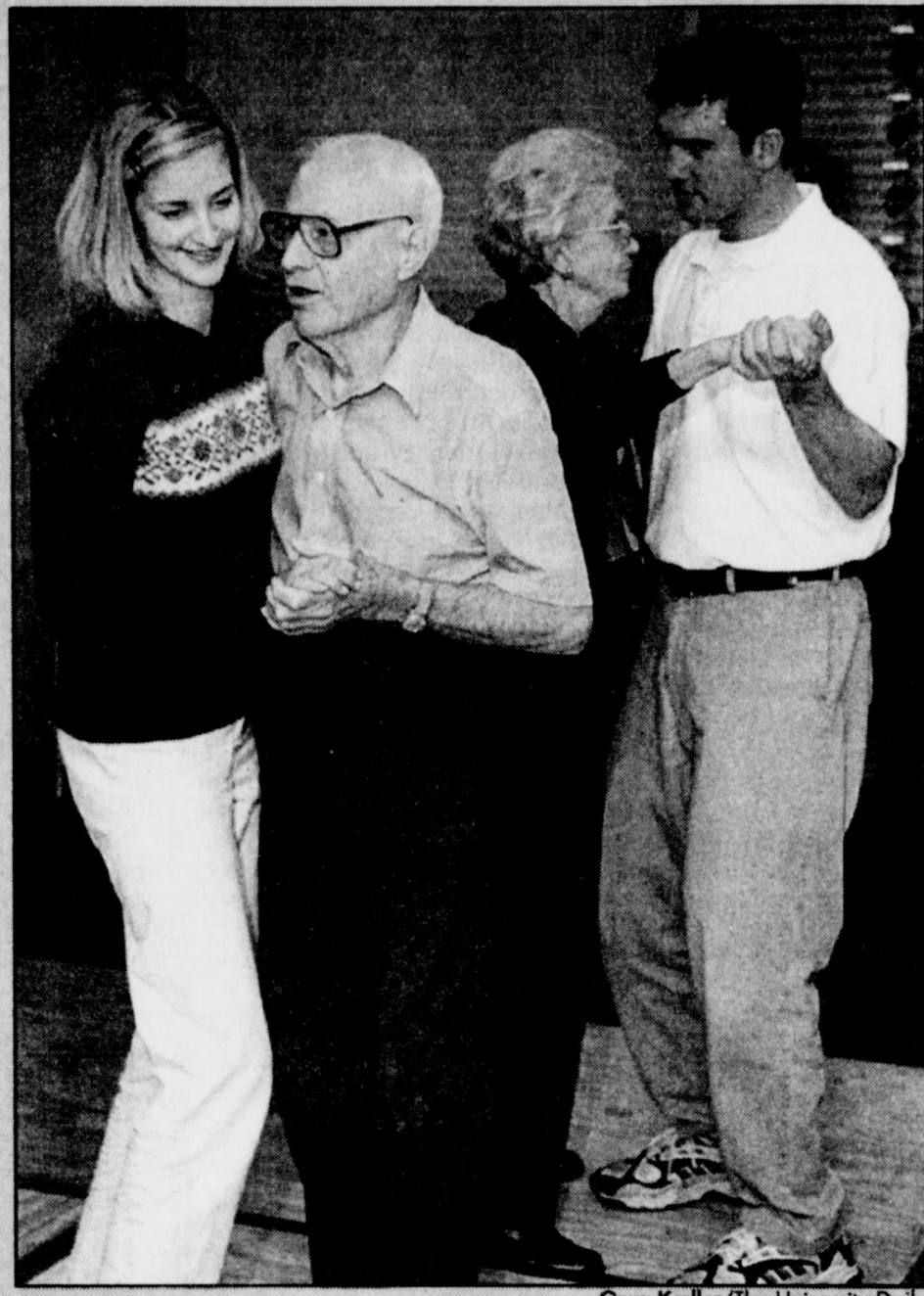
When she was not dancing, Buehner sat and took in everything, sighing every now and then.

"It brings back fond memories of when I was young," Buehner said.

The SAEs are no longer recognized as a registered student organization on the Tech campus.

“It is not every day they have visitors to talk to them and hear what they say.”

Steffany Simon
Tech student



Greg Kraller/The University Daily
Cheek to cheek: Erica Zacek, a sophomore interior design major from Sugar Land, and Randell Madison dance to polka music. Lucille Schulz and Hardie Bolton, a senior marketing major from Fort Worth, participate in the dance too.

Experts try napalm to save beach

COOS BAY, Ore. (AP) — In a thunderous flash of orange flames, demolition experts using plastic explosives and napalm set fire to a mired cargo ship Thursday night in an attempt to save Oregon's beaches from a disastrous spill of fuel oil.

The flames from the New Carissa soared hundreds of feet into the night sky, followed by an acrid black plume of smoke that poured from open cargo holds and drifted up the coast. The steel hull glowed bright red.

"We got all the pyrotechnics Hollywood could possibly want," said Roger Scott, one of 200 onlookers who reacted with oohs and ahhs to the late afternoon explosion. "I just hope it burns it all off."

The initial blast was designed to rupture the fuel tanks, filling the cargo holds with the molasses-like fuel oil.

Crews made sure the flames didn't go out with ignitions three minutes later of the C-4 plastic explosives that touched off hundreds of gallons of extremely flammable napalm gel.

"It's going to be like your barbecue pit, if you will," Coast Guard Chief Gene Maestas said.

"They are going to put lighter fluid on the coals and light it on fire."

The Japanese-owned freighter ran aground Feb. 4 about 150 yards offshore with nearly 400,000 gallons of fuel aboard.

It began leaking Monday as pounding waves widened the cracks in its hull.

With an approaching storm threatened to tear the ship apart with 70 mph winds, federal and state authorities decided to burn the vessel and its fuel — something never before attempted in the Lower 48 states — rather than risk trying to bring the New Carissa out intact.

The first attempt Wednesday night using grenades and buckets of gasoline fizzled with only a flash of flame and a plume of oily black smoke.

But the approaching gale slowed, and the revised forecast said a weakened storm would move ashore late Thursday with rain and winds of no more than 45 mph. "Our window of opportunity has widened," Maestas said.

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration experts have said an oil spill could, in a worst-case scenario, coat 50 to 100 miles of the coast.

Alternative Spring Break offers chance to volunteer

By Lisa Marie Lachmann
Staff Writer

Applications are due for students who want to help others during Spring Break.

Community Service-Learning is sponsoring the Alternative Spring Break, March 13-20. For \$150, Tech students will travel to New Orleans to assist local residents.

The deadline for applications is Monday. Forms are available in 228 of the University Center Activities Office in informal interviews will be

Tuesday through Friday. Three applicants will be interviewed at the same time.

Students will refurbish a house for people in recovery from substance abuse, said Sara Solloway, assistant coordinator of student activities.

Participants will work with Volunteers of America and interact with the clients. The chosen clients are elderly residents and people in recovery from alcohol and drug abuse.

Students will cook and clean for themselves and stay in a local youth dorm, Solloway said.

"I hope the students will learn about the clients and different people while out of Lubbock," she said. "I hope the service stays with them after graduation."

Alternative Spring Break is aimed at placing volunteers in unique cultures, heightening social awareness, engaging in experimental learning and promoting lasting service to the community, Solloway said. This is the second year for the project, said Driomme Smith, a business administration graduate student from Bitburg, Germany. In 1997, students

worked on a Navajo reservation.

"I'm going again because I had such a good time from before," Smith said.

The students will work together and share responsibilities, said Daniel Brown, a senior restaurant, hotel and institutional management major from San Antonio.

"I think it's going to be interesting,

“I hope the students will learn about the clients ... while out of Lubbock.”

Sara Solloway
assistant coordinator

and I want to see how they will react being in a different town and working with a different culture," said Brown, who will be attending for the first time. For more information, call 742-3621.

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10-11 Photocomm Speaker - Huy Nguyen, Dallas Morning News Photographer
11-12 Keynote - Scott Pelley, Chief CBS Whitehouse Cor.

Tuesday (2-16-99)

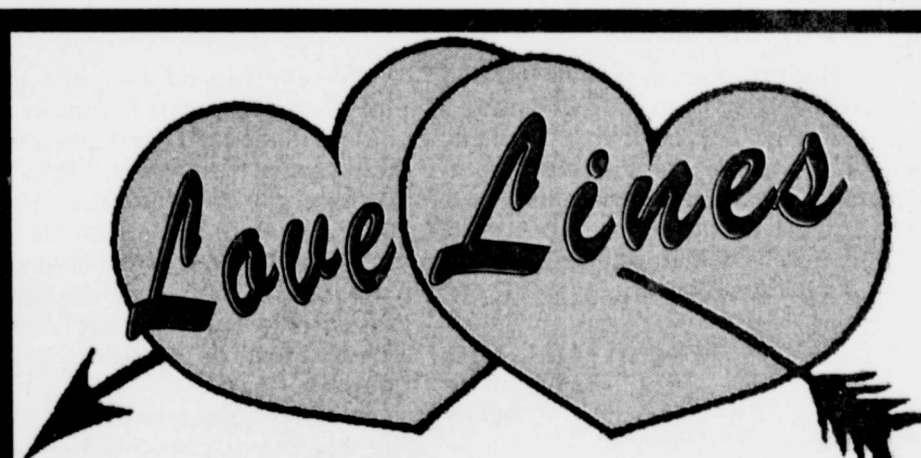
9:30-10:50 Advertising Speaker - Charlie Seraphin VP, Marketing for the TX Rangers
11:00-12:30 Advertising Speaker - Jim Ferguson, Chief Creative Officer, DDB Needham

Wednesday (2-17-99)

9-10 Broadcast Journalism - Rochelle Brown, News Anchor for Fox in Dallas
10-11 Print Journalism - Danny Robbins, Investigative Reporter Houston Chronicle

Thursday (2-18-99)

9:30-10:50 PR Speaker - Luann Martin, Director of PR Publicist International
11:00-12:20 PR Speaker - John Shaffer, Media Relations Director, FedEx Orange Bowl



KYLIE, U make me so very happy ... I'm so glad U came into my life!

Greg - Happy Valentines' Day sweetie! Enjoy your last semester before you have to grow up! I love you! Love, Brandi and Paisley.

Dear Jon-Paul, You're the best thing that has ever happened to me! happy Valentine's! Love always and forever, Baby Harmonson.

Dear Captian, You are such a sweetie! You make me so happy! I am looking forward to this weekend! Happy Valentine's Day! Love, Princess.

Pilar, I love you very much. You make me the happiest man alive. I never thought I would find my true love until you came along. Happy Valentine's! Love always, Robert.

Kimberly, Nothing brightens my day like your smile and nothing warms my soul like your heart. I love you, Brooks.

To my baby Greg Brown, Here's to a wonderful year.

I wish you the best in school and basketball. Love, your girlfriend, Candice Mandry.

Joslyn, Hope you have had a wonderful year! Happy Valentine's Day! Love, Steve.

Blackjack, I love you with all of my heart. You are my sun, moon and starlit-sky. Always yours, Trillium.

Honeydew, We've been through so much and its only made us stronger. Love You Always, Mis.

Chris, Happy Valentine's Day!!! I love you the most infinity shield! You complete me. With all my love, Baby Bear.

Zahir, You are my honey. You make my day sunny - You are so funny! Nakupenda! Love always, J.D.M.

B.B. I love you with all my heart. You've given me all I ever wanted. Happy Valentine's Day! M.B.

ACE, Thank you for another wonderful year. May heavens arms always embrace us. Sweetie.

Babe, Thanks for all the great memories! Love you mucho bunch of chitos. your babe! H.Z.

Trillium, Even poetry can not fathom all my love for you! You are my all! Blackjack.

To the West Area Student Staff: On this Valentine's weekend, thank you for all your support and dedication to your positions. Your hard work, spirit, and commitment never goes unnoticed. From D'awn, Amy Ellison and all the West Area RLDs, "Thank you, Happy Valentine's Day."

Robert, I am so happy that we are sharing another Valentine's Day together. You have made me truly happy-I wouldn't change a thing. It's time for round 2. Love you tons! Pilar.

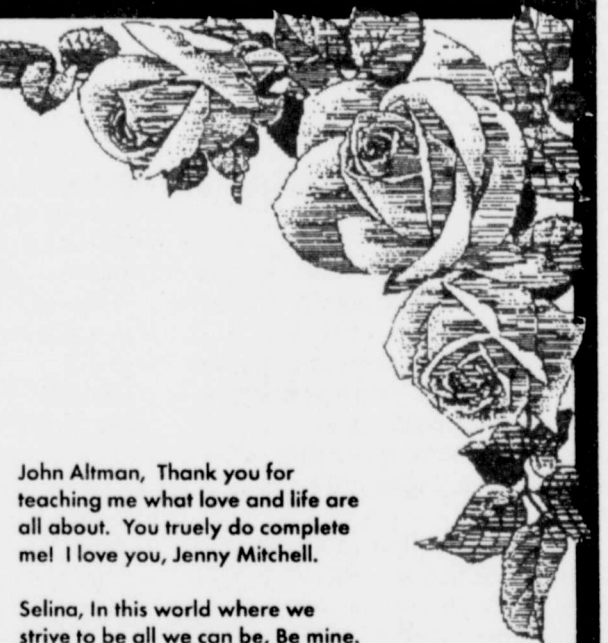
Babygirl, I plead insistently- and to quench my feverish desire you slowly trail your hand along my back - I implore you in a gasp - I love you. B.

Tiger, you are my everything. I would be lost without you. I love you. Teddybear.

Kaye, Thanks for being my best friend. God is Awesome! I Love You! Raymond.

I love you Brandon. You make every day worth waking up to! Your babydoll, Alma.

Greg: No words can describe just how much I love you! Happy Valentine's Day. Love, you know who!



John Altman, Thank you for teaching me what love and life are all about. You truly do complete me! I love you, Jenny Mitchell.

Selina, In this world where we strive to be all we can be, Be mine. Z-Beck.

Happy Valentine's Day, Crista Kay. You mean so much to me.

THL Olive you acres and acres! Yours forever, AKS.

Dearest Rakhee, A good friend is someone you value and that some is you. Love, Rajn.

Dearest Mayuri, Thanks for being so understanding. I love you, I always will. Love, JV

To my beautiful wife Patricia, Happy Valentine's Day! I love you! Your husband, Mr. McDaniel.

A million stars and a million dreams, You're the only star I see and the only dream I dream. I love you, Ricky-D.

My dirty boy-You know I love you even if I can't always say it. Love, Carolyn.



VIEWPOINTS

Graduating seniors have platforms, too



Julie Mitchell
Columnist

I have been utterly, totally and completely snubbed. How is it possible that someone with my credentials is not a candidate for president of the Student Government Association?

This is an outrage. You may not be aware of this, but there is a major prejudice against graduating seniors around here.

The power claims that just because I won't be here next year, I can't run for office. Well, the way I understand democracy is that anyone with a platform can run for office. I have a platform, and I believe that the students of Texas Tech University have the right to know about it.

My platform is six feet by eight feet, it's about a foot high, it's made of plywood and four by fours.

On one side I have an Ichthus (the fish) with feet with Darwin written in it, and on another side I have the bigger Ichthus eating the smaller Darwin fish, and then on another side I have Buddha

eating the Ichthus that is eating the Darwin fish, and then on the other side I have the White House eating the Buddha who is eating the Ichthus who is eating the Darwin fish.

On one half of the top is painted a huge jack-ass (it's not a picture of Clinton but of an actual donkey) and on the other half is a big elephant.

And then on the very bottom is a really small picture of an elephant's head with a donkey's body (I call it an "eleass"), wearing a T-shirt that says third party, and it's being crushed by the big donkey and elephant.

Then in one corner there is a marriage license, and in the opposite corner there is a purple Teletubby.

As if this politically correct platform isn't enough to impress you, I have even more. My other platforms are about two inches high. They're silver and open-topped with sandal straps, and they go great with my black hot pants.

I have to admit I never knew why

campaigns cost so much until I bought all these platforms, and now I know that it costs a lot to stand on someone else's work. I certainly couldn't build my own platforms. I mean, I don't know a cigar from a screw gun.

Anyway, I think this whole platform thing is pretty stupid. Why can't candidates just tell the voters about what they plan to do if they are elected, and forget all this platform stuff?

Wait just a minute. I think I just had a genuine idea — a revolutionary idea. (I can always tell if I have an idea because I feel suddenly exhausted and my head throbs.)

Maybe, if I am honest with you about what I could do if I was in office, I could change the way elections are run forever and ever. And my name would go down in the history books as the first candidate

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to tell the public what I could honestly do for them.

Who knew that by reading my column today you would witness history? I sure didn't. So here goes nothing (literally nothing).

If you elect me to office, I promise to guarantee you the right to walk all the way across campus in dust storms and biting cold wind.

I swear on my office that the new arena will not be done in time for graduation in May.

As long as I am president, you will always know to expect long lines and plenty of computer problems at financial aid, and I promise that the bookstore

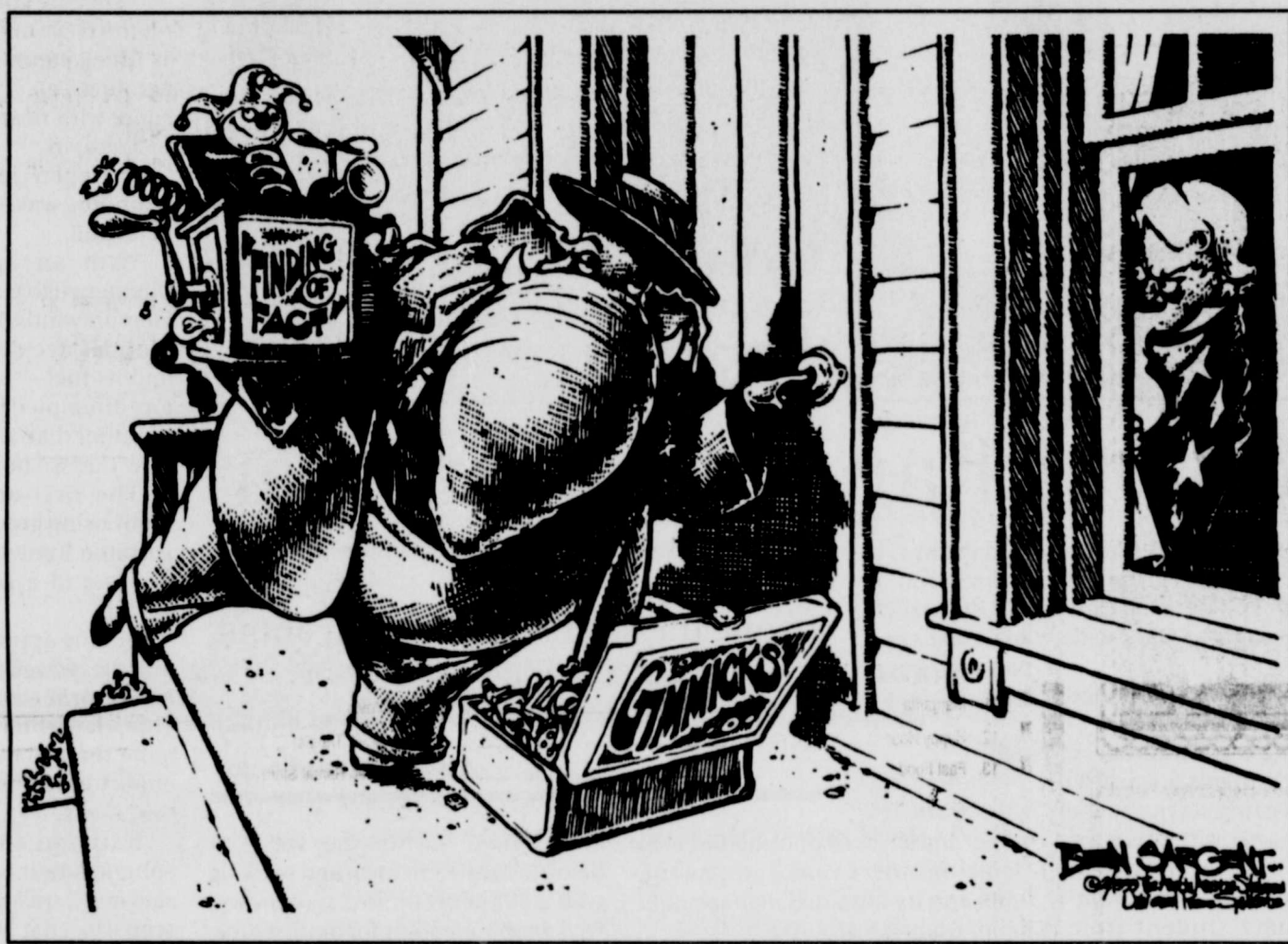
on campus will never order enough books and that at least half the staff will treat you like the nothing you are.

I will build a new English/Philosophy building sometime in the next few years. I guarantee there will never be enough parking spaces.

I promise to continue the tradition that anyone with no credentials or valid opinions is eligible to be a columnist. On the same token I promise that as long as I am in office, the best columnists will be those who have no business writing letters to their mother much less writing for the school newspaper.

So now that you know what I can do for you, I think we all know who is the right candidate for president of SGA. And yes, it's true that I'm not actually a candidate and that I won't actually be here next year, but at least now you know what you'll be missing.

Julie Mitchell is a senior theatre arts major from Corsicana.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Columnist wrong about pro-life activists, beliefs

To the editor: Mr. Thompson, I am pro-life, Roman Catholic and female. I found your column regarding abortion to be extremely offensive.

However, I understand everyone is entitled to the right to voice his/her individual opinion, and I will do my best to not be as horribly offensive in the stating of my opinion as you were.

I will be the first to admit that there are certain members and factions of the pro-life movement that do not reflect our goal of giving each individual the right to life.

This does not mean all of the people working toward making abortion illegal as a means of birth control are going to pick up the next available handgun and go to town on those that perform or receive abortions.

That is like saying everyone from the Middle East is without a doubt a terrorist. I find your depiction of the people involved in the pro-life movement to be rather left-wing and biased.

Here are some raw facts for you. The unborn baby has no rights and is utterly without protection.

The snail-darter, baby seals and even a blade of grass are protected by law. The government has determined that a cow at the moment of conception is in fact a cow and can be claimed for tax purposes by a farmer while it is still in the womb.

Yet they stand by and say that it is unclear if a human is actually human at conception.

(The following paragraph may be difficult for those of you with weak stomachs to read, but I feel that it is necessary to get my point across adequately — and it is factual.)

I was wondering, Mr. Thompson, if you have ever seen an abortion performed?

Have you ever seen a helpless baby (who has been inside the mother's womb for six months) sucking his thumb only to be torn from his mother limb-from-limb and left in a bucket of his own blood only moments later.

Yes, this is graphic, but it is reality. Do you know anything about partial-birth abortions in which the child is carried to term (nine months), turned breech (feet first) while being born, and the brains are removed before the head is out of the "mother"?

These are legal acts in parts of the United States, which ranks first in the world for abortion through the full nine months of pregnancy.

At eight to 10 weeks, it has been found that the fetus feels pain — never in any of these procedures is the child given any form of anesthesia. That is given to ask as last rights. But, what am I thinking? That little human has no rights.

To conclude, I would like to say that it is my personal belief that if a woman is mature enough to make the decision to have sex, she also should be mature enough to handle the consequences of her actions.

And, please do not say, "What

about the cases of rape or incest?" Abortions given in cases of rape and incest make up less than one percent of all abortions performed. Women need to learn some self-control, take necessary precautions or deal with the results of their actions. I can say that because I am one.

Rosemary Kaye Olenki
sophomore
English

Students should be wary of group

To the editor: I want to warn my peers at Texas Tech about a very dangerous and destructive religious movement that is recruiting soul-searching students in Lubbock.

I was approached in Wal-mart two weeks ago by a nice-looking woman in her early 20s who was extremely interested in what kind of fruit I mix with the granola I had in my shopping cart. However, her real interest was inviting me to "a new, non-denominational church" that concentrates on worship and praise. I gave her an "I like my church, thanks but no thanks" answer. She invited two more people before I turned the corner to the next aisle. I didn't think anything else about the encounter until I was made aware of the group's detriment by various sources.

"Dateline" reported on this religious group last week with scary, mind-boggling stories of people who gave up their families, boyfriends, girlfriends, even their own identities to follow the group's beliefs.

The report stated the group also brainwashes believers to forsake all worldly possessions and give their money to the church for God's sake.

The organization, which is recruiting worldwide, is called the International Church of Christ and is meeting at the Lubbock Christian Church in the Lubbock Civic Center. This group is in no way related to the Church of Christ.

I researched the group on the web site www.reveal.com. The web site stated that the ICC demands "total commitment" from its members who are called "disciples." Mentors make decisions for his/her respective disciple, including what to major in college, who to date and who to marry.

Representatives of the ICC are recruiting on our campus and around Lubbock in hopes of reaching homesick, depressed students and unemployed adults who are vulnerable to this religious horror. The ICC takes full advantage of these weary, often lonely people. I wish everyone saw the "Dateline" that revealed the life-changing, life-threatening beliefs of the ICC and the devastation it brings. I was mortified. Please be aware of any character and activity changes in your friends, and seek help if you suspect any behavior that is fanatic or even cult-like. Several universities, including Texas A&M were successful in warning students by not granting university privileges to the ICC. I hope Tech can do the same.

Amy Bymun
sophomore
finance and real estate

Students' carry strong aromas to every class

I would like to take a break from the trials and tribulations of our beloved dope from Hope to gripe about something that has plagued me ever since I hit this campus.

Now don't get me wrong. It is not that I like to complain about stuff all the time, but there are things that just cry out to be bitched at.

Let me set the stage for you, gentle reader.

It is about three zillion degrees below zero outside.

It is eight in the blessed a.m., and I am waiting for the bus. Now, keep in mind I have already driven halfway across town only to park and take a bus to the other side of town where my class is located.

One bus goes by and doesn't stop because it is crowded with people.

Another bus goes by. And yet another, and by this time I am contemplating marching across campus keeping step to Rowdy Roddy Piper's bagpipe music that I hum to myself when I walk, but I really don't want to. I mean, I admit I could certainly use the exercise, but I would like to get to class before the airplane becomes obsolete.

Besides, if the good Lord in heaven above wanted us to walk all the time, he wouldn't have let Henry Ford invent the car.

So I decide to wait, and finally, I am able to squeeze myself into the cattle car environment of the bus.

The driver either has the radio blasting country western or is jabbering on that damn microphone they now have. All this is driving my mild headache into migraine proportions.

I hold on for dear life and off we go. Now here I am standing on this bus wondering if I have my last will and testament up to date when I notice something, and this is what I am really writing about.

In front of me is a guy who smells. We are talking ripe here, friends and neighbors.

This guy has a body odor that would offend B.O. Plenty.

He is unshaven, hair pushed under the cap of some ball team or another and with his arm raised to hold on to the handgrip, I am treated to

the pleasant aroma of his armpit.

Yes, I know this sounds disgusting, and trust me, it is.

Now standing behind me is a very lovely young woman. She is dressed nice, denim pants and a sweatshirt sporting some logo or another.

She has a very lovely and warm smile, and when I turn my head to look at her and I contemplate striking up a conversation my nose notices one thing.

She has enough perfume on to put me in to a coma. Not just enough to catch a scent of whatever it was. No, this girl must have poured a gallon of this stuff over her head.

My nose is burning, and my eyes start to tear up.

And, I am trapped.

My choices are not good here. I could either face forward and get a first-hand experience of mold in action, or I could face the other way and risk going into vapor lock from pungent fumes.

Well, to make a long story short, I opt for the pungent fumes, and I will be honest and say that at least this person was better looking than what stood in front of me.

But here is my real point. I am a strong believer in personal hygiene.

It works and works well for those that use it. But folks, there is a limit to everything. Why do people — both men and women — insist on dousing themselves in some kind of cologne just to go to class.

When I get ready for class, I keep it to plain soap and water.

I save the Old Spice (yes, I said Old Spice cause some things just can't be improved on) for the few and far between occasions when I am out on the prowl.

I mean, I am only going to class, not on the date to end all dates. So I would ask my fellow students, both male and those of the feminine gland to yes, by all means, take a bath before you leave home in the morning.

It is only called common courtesy to your fellow man. But, please don't take it to the extreme and hose yourself down in so much cologne that you can put the Mormon Tabernacle Choir to sleep.

To end this, I will paraphrase Mr. Winston Churchill. "Never have so many offended so much to so few."

Until next week, happy bathing and try to do it with someone you love.

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United States to add oil to reserves

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government will add to the petroleum reserves being hoarded as a protection against times of oil crisis, the Clinton administration announced Thursday, saying the move would improve the country's energy security.

Energy Secretary Bill Richardson unveiled a plan to add 28 million barrels to the Strategic Petroleum Reserve, replenishing oil that was sold off by the government in recent years to raise revenue for federal spending elsewhere.

The move makes economic sense at a time when oil prices are at historic lows, Richardson told a news conference. While the oil currently in the reserve cost an average \$27 a barrel, new oil could be added for less than \$12 a barrel.

"The American taxpayer wins because oil prices are low and we store for a rainy day," Richardson said.

The reserve, conceived as a bil-

lion-barrel cushion to protect against supply disruptions like the 1970s Arab oil embargo, now stands at 563 million barrels — enough to replace 62 days of imports.

Some lawmakers are pressing the administration to completely fill the reserve, which is about 119 million barrels shy of full capacity.

"If I'm disappointed in anything about today's decision, it's that it did not go far enough," said Rep. Mac Thornberry, R-Texas, who last week introduced legislation similar to the plan put forth by Richardson.

The move was well received within the energy industry and on Capitol Hill, where Oil Patch lawmakers have been prodding the admin-

istration to help domestic producers reeling from depressed crude oil prices.

"It is good to see certain officials in the administration finally have recognized a need to protect our nation's energy security," said Senate

Energy and Natural Resources Committee Chairman Frank Murkowski, R-Alaska.

Said Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas, co-chair of the Congressional Oil and

Gas Caucus: "Instability in the Middle East and increasingly volatile oil markets require every effort to ensure our nation has an adequate emergency supply."

The administration proposal,

which doesn't require congressional approval, would add up to 100,000 barrels daily to the reserve stored in underground salt caverns in Texas and Louisiana. The oil would come from companies drilling on federal leases in the Gulf of Mexico. Instead of paying their royalties in cash, the producers would make their payments "in kind."

Domestic producers, who have seen prices plunge 55 percent over two years because of a worldwide glut, have been clamoring for help from Washington as their industry has sustained thousands of job losses and tens of thousands of idled wells.

Gil Thurm, president of the Independent Petroleum Association of America, praised the reserve replenishment as "a first step on the road to preserving our nation's ability to continue to supply our energy needs and avoid complete reliance on uncertain and unstable international markets."

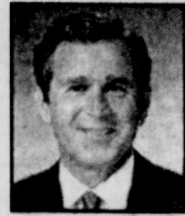
Britain's Conservative Party leader calling on governor

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. George W. Bush, whose "compassionate conservatism" goes international in a meeting Friday with Britain's Conservative Party leader, says one key to his philosophy is victory at the polls.

"First you have to win," Bush said this week when a British reporter asked what the Republican might tell Conservative leader William Hague when the two confer.

"You've got to be in a position to implement policy," Bush said. "It's hard to talk about it ... unless you're in a position to be able to put policies in place that prove the point."

The Republican governor, who breezed to re-election in November, has made compassionate conservatism the corner-



stone of his election success.

That success — and front-runner status in some presidential opinion polls — brought calls for his presidential candidacy this week from 66 state legislators in Iowa and a group of current and past GOP congressmen in Washington.

While one potential rival, Lamar Alexander, has labeled Bush's philosophy "weasel words," former New York congressman Guy Molinari said: "We believe that, by far, George Bush represents the best candidate the Republican Party can put forward for president next year."

Historians converge on campus

Texas Tech will be having the first "Conference of French Historians in Texas" beginning at 3 p.m. today at the International Cultural Center.

Eleven historians from various universities throughout Texas along with Tech professors, will be present throughout the day and Saturday to present panels to students in attendance. Today's panels include "France and the Second World War," "The

Meanings of Food and Drink," "The Art of France," "The Social History of the State" and "The Teaching of French History."

At 7:30 p.m. at the center, there will be a free showing of "A Self-Made Hero," which won the 1997 Cannes Film Festival. Events will begin at 9:30

a.m. Saturday at the center and will last until about 5 p.m. All events are sponsored through the Provost's office, the Office of International Affairs, the College of Arts and Sciences and the Department of History. For more information, call Megan Koreman or David Troyansky at 742-3744.

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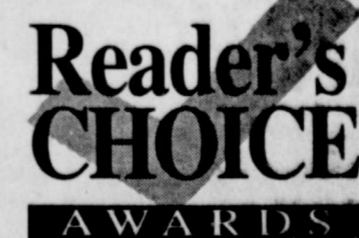
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Valegrams say it with love, a song

Texas Tech Choral Fraternity vice president, Jeremy Brown thinks he has the ultimate remedy for last-minute Valentine's gift hunters.

The 3-year-old fraternity, Chi Beta is offering a gift option that Brown said is sure to win the heart of anyone

"Anyone can take their date out to eat or to a movie," Brown, a senior music major from Tyler said. "We are just trying to give a little flavor and



variety to Valentine's Day."

For \$25 the fraternity will send out a Valegram consisting of four of its members, dressed in tuxedos who will deliver a single

rose. The men will then sing one song barber shop style.

A deluxe package is also available for \$100.

This includes the entire fraternity of about 20 men singing and the receiver will get a dozen roses.

"We thought to send out a quartet would be a great thing to do," Brown said. "It would woo any woman."

This is the first year the fraternity

has offered the Valegrams, but Brown said they hope to make it a tradition.

Chi Beta is accepting orders at least 24 hours in advance for delivery Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

"We will go any where," Brown said. "A restaurant, a park, anything, we just won't interrupt any classes."

Brown said space is limited, and time availability will depend upon schedules. For more information, call 791-2760.

Cemetery of stars given life

LOS ANGELES (AP) — There's been another face lift in Hollywood.

New life has been breathed into the 100-year-old Hollywood Memorial Park Cemetery — renamed Hollywood Forever by its new owners — and the graveyard's permanent celebrity residents are now showcased in a setting befitting their fame.

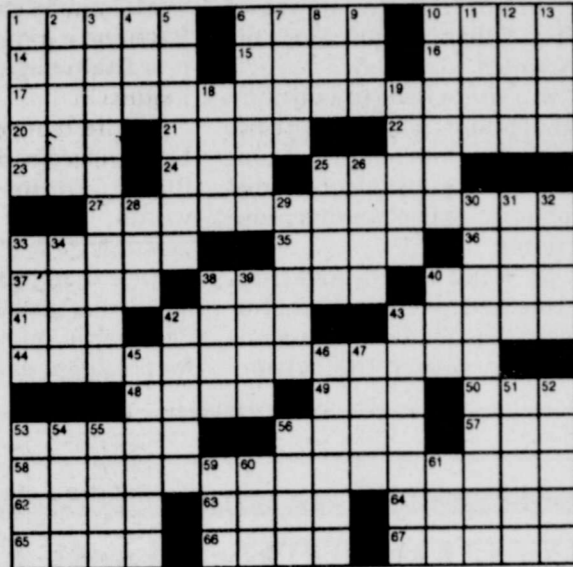
Lawns, roads and roofs have been

repaired or replaced. There is a new look to the buildings, including the sun-splashed chapel leading into an elegant columbarium with glass-paned niches. Two decades of decay and neglect have been erased.

The once crumbling mausoleum where Benjamin "Bugsy" Siegel is entombed has been revitalized and pigeons have been shooed away.

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Step show canceled

The Pan-Hellenic Step Show scheduled for 8 p.m. tonight will be postponed until later this month.

Angie Dunlap, activities specialist with UC programs, said though a precise date has not

been determined, they will definitely make sure the performance will be rescheduled into the "Black History Month: A Unifying Celebration" line-up.

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2. Ani DiFranco - Up Up Up

3. Built to Spill - Keep It Like A Secret

4. Bowling for Soup - Tell Me When To Whoa

5. Boo Radley's - Kingsize

6. Various Artists - Digital Empire
7. MXPX - Let It Happen
8. Asian Dub Foundation - Raffi's Revenge
9. Ben Lee - Consult Your Electric Minions
10. Spiritualized - Live at the Albert Hall
11. Jets To Brazil - Orange Rhyming Dictionary
12. Portable - S/T
13. Hate Dept - Release It
14. Lagwagon - Let's Talk About Feelings
15. Various Artists - Songs for

- the Jetset
16. Dr. Israel - Inna City Pressure
17. Imperial Teen - What is Not to Love
18. Fatboy Slim - You've Come A Long Way Baby
19. Dub Pistols - Point Blank
20. Dig - Life Like
21. Coldcut - Let Us Replay
22. Paul Van Dyk - Seven Ways
23. Various Artists - Psycho Soundtrack
24. Jimmy Eat World - S/T

25. Fun Lovin' Criminals - 100%
26. Buck Wild - Full Metal Overdrive
27. Hefner - Breaking God's Heart
28. Stereolab - Aluminum Tunes
29. Jon Spencer Blues Explosion - Acme
30. Croppduster - S/T

The KTXT-88.1 FM Top 30 is compiled by Amit Kumar, music director. The Top 30 can be heard at 7:30 p.m. every Friday.

Ventura turns into action

NEW YORK (AP) — Success has turned Jesse Ventura into a real doll. An action figure of the Minnesota governor and former professional wrestler is making its debut at this week's American International Toy Fair.

The 12-inch doll has different clothing options: a dark gubernatorial-like suit, a Navy SEAL outfit, and a black sweatshirt and loose-fitting pants. The sweatshirt bears the logo of Champlin Park High School, where Ventura is a volunteer football coach.

The dolls are expected to be in stores in April, priced at \$15 to \$20. More than 60,000 of the action figures have been ordered this week.

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 12						
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7:00	Bloomberg Body Elec.	Today Show	News	Shop @ Home	Good Morning America	Magic Bus O'Gy
8:00	Sesame Street					Doug Duclales
9:00	Mr. Rogers Barney	Martha Stewart	Sally Jessy Raphael	K. Copeland Match Game	Regis & Kathie Lee	Howie Mandel
10:00	Teletubbies Wmzie House	Sunset Beach	Price is Right	Dating Game Newlywed Gm.	View	Donny & Marie
11:00	Zoboomatoo Arthur	Leeza	Young & the Restless	Forgive Or Forget	All My Children	People Court
12:00	Nancy Sews S. Adams	News Days of our	News Beautiful	Ricki Lake	ABC News Port Charles	Mills Lane Joe Brown
1:00	SewQuilts Barney	Lives Another	As the World Turns	Paid Program BoyWorld	One Life to Live	Matlock
2:00	T. Tugboat Grounding	World Hiwy Square	Guiding Light	Mr. Cooper Liv'g Single	General Hospital	Nanny Paid Program
3:00	Arthur Washbone	Rosie O'Donnell	Roseanne	Martin LAPD	Maury Povich	Spiderman Godzilla
4:00	Zoom Bill Nye	Oprah Winfrey	Jeopardy! Saifed	E.T. Real TV	Montel Williams	P.R. Space Myst. Knight
5:00	R. Rainbow Nightly Bus.	News NBC News	News CBS News	Jerry Springer	News ABC News	Sis/Sister Grace/Fire
6:00	News Hour	News Extra	News W/ Fortune	News Judge Judy	News ABC News	Home Impr. Simpsons
7:00	Wash. Week Wall St. Wk.	Providence 'PG	Kids Say Candid Cam.	Legacy	Two of Kind BoyWorld	Brimstone
8:00	Africans in America	Dateline	Magnificent Seven	Love Boat	Sabrina 'G Bro. Keeper	Millennium 'TV14
9:00	Photo-Novelas	Homicide 'TV14	Nash Bridges	Ricki Lake	20/20	Cops Cops
10:00	Nightly Bus.	News Tonight Show	News David	Mills Lane Joe Brown	News MASH	Frasier Cheers
11:00		Conan	Letterman Tom Snyder	Hard Copy Real TV	Nightline Mad'You	Jerry Springer
12:00		O'Brien Friday Night	Paid Program	Shop @ Home	Incorrect Access	Newsradio Paid Program

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8:00	Teletubbies Pappyland		Rupert 'Y3 Anatole 'Y5	Anim. Adv. Pop. Mech.	Sal. Morning	Godzilla P.R. Galaxy
9:00	Arthur Eddie Files	M. Stewart Hang Time	Dumb Fly'g Rhino	New House Bob Vila	Bugs Bunny	Myst. Knight Spy Dog
10:00	Wishbone Newton Apple	One World City Guys	Birdz 'Y7 Mythic	OPS Force	101 Dalm.	Mad Jack O'Gy
11:00	Puzzle Place V. Garden	Hang Time In/Stuff 'Y7	NAPA Auto Parts 300	WCW Wrestling	Winnie Pooh Squigglevis.	Honey I Shrank the
12:00	J. Wilson Old House	Saved/Bell Ford Show		Movie: 'Pacific Heights'	Paid Program Basketball: Texas A&M	Red Raider Big 12
1:00	Workshop Hometime	TBA	Gatorade	Wake Forest @	Basketball: Texas A&M	@ Okla.
2:00	Router Wkshp R. Rainbow	Best of Golf	125's	Movie: 'All Tied Up'	Duke	@ Okla.
3:00	Kratt's Motoweeek	Sportsworld: World	Buick Inv'it1		Figure Skating	Big 12 Basketball:
4:00	Painting Chef Paul	Alpine Skiing		Movie: 'Broadcast	Champ'ship	Kansas @ Texas Tech
5:00	Landscape Body & Soul	Dumb. Crim. NBC News	TBA CBS News	News	Fresh Prince ABC News	Walker TX Ranger
6:00	Viewpoint Texas Parks	News TX Reporter	News W/Fortune	News MASH	V.I.P.	
7:00	Nature	National Geographic	Early Edition 'G	Voyager	Winnie Pooh Valentine	Cops Cops
8:00	Lawrence Welk	Pretender 'PG	Martial Law	Earth Final Conflict	US Figure Skating	AMW
9:00	Austin City Limits	Profiler 'TV14	Walker TX Ranger	Outer Limits	Champ'ship	Deep Space 9
10:00		News Saturday	News Hercules	Poltergeist	News MASH	MAD TV
11:00		Night Live		Stargate SG1	NYPD Blue	NY Undercover
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7:00		Sunday Today	Ag Issues Lord's Way	Pop. Mech. Bill Nye	Good Morning	Game Warden Eddie Trice
8:00	Teletubbies Tots TV	TX Reporter 1st United	CBS Sunday Morning	Beetleborgs Hulk	Feed/Child. Prophecy	K. Copeland Rod Parsley
9:00	Arthur Wishbone	Methodist Meet the	News Face Nation	X-Men Spiderman	In Touch Saturn Show	FOX News Sunday
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1:00	Rick Steves Technopol.	Pub. Schools NBA Special		Wild Things	Texas @ Okla. St.	Steel
2:00	Firing Line McLaughlin	Sportsworld		Viper		Hockey: Phil. @
3:00	Small Bus. Comp. Chron.		Golf: Buick Inv'it	NY Undercover	Speed Skating	Colorado
4:00	Austin City Limits	NBA Basketball:		Baywatch	Booker	
5:00	JoAnne Lund Healthweek	Teams TBA	News	V.I.P.	Fresh Prince ABC News	Coach Paid Program
6:00	Lawrence Welk		60 Minutes	Highlander	WWD: 'Rogers & Funnist	World's Finest
7:00	Nature	Dateline	Touch'd by An Angel	Movie: 'Die Hard 2'	Hammerstein's That 70's	Simpsons 'PG
8:00	Mobil Masterpiece	NBC Mini: 'To Serve	CBS Movie: 'Deep In		ABC Mini: 'Storm Of	X-Files
9:00	Crown & Country	And Protect.	My Heart		The Century.	X-Files
10:00	Mystery!	News J. Dickey	News Seinfeld	On Patrol	News Basketball	X-Files
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Movie's storyline revised for the '90s

By John Davis
Staff Writer

In the spirit of Valentine's Day, those who find themselves with someone to be with and nowhere to go might want to do the traditional "dinner and a movie" thing and see "She's All That."

Though the storyline is as old as the hills, (boy gets girl, boy loses girl, guess what happens next?) it is surprisingly entertaining and fun to watch.

With deep Pygmalion undertones where the roles have been reversed, the story takes place at a rich high school in California.

The class president and hero of the high school, Zack Siler (Freddie Prinze Jr.), has just gotten back to school after Spring Break.

To his surprise, his snobby girlfriend and prom queen candidate, Taylor Vaughan (Jodi Lyn O'Keefe), found herself a new man while vacationing in Florida.

Zack's friend Dean (Paul Walker), makes a bet with him to turn the homeliest nerd-girl they

can find into his prom date.

Enter Laney Boggs (Rachael Leigh Cook), a reclusive artist who can't even fit into the artist crowd at school. She is picked by both boys as the candidate for their "project."

Soon, Zack is showering Laney with as much attention as he can muster.

Zack goes to her work, follows her home and invites her to come to a big party with all the popular kids.

Of course, a make-over is re-

REVIEW

quired before the date is made, so Zack gets his sister, Mackenzie (Anna Paquin), to do the honors.

The climax of the action happens when Taylor's Floridian fling breaks up with her, making her go back to Zack.

Then Dean tells Laney about the bet and tries to win over her heart for a bedroom interlude.

Wonder what happens next?

It may be as predictable as the tides, but this cornball throwback from the '80s is certainly well worth a look-see.

The acting is surprisingly tight, as well.

Freddie Prinze Jr. does a great job of playing the prom king who

finds out about himself in the cruel joke he inflicts.

Slowly, Prinze's work matures into a caring, feeling human being who has just fallen in love for the first time.

To counter Prinze's work, Cook flattens out, then spices up the screen as she comes out of her tight shell and lets someone into her heart.

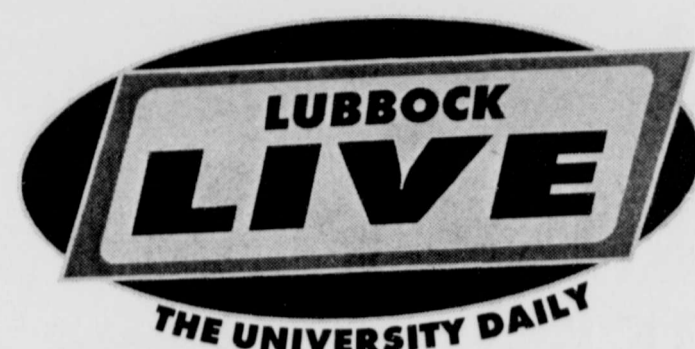
She, above all others, shines the brightest in the picture.

The subtext of her character's mother dying is evident at all times, playing into the tortured artist and making every moment she portrays is truthful.

The sadness comes with the excellent opportunity for great character roles are given up by O'Keefe and Walker.

Their work is flat and two-dimensional at best. Neither actors bring anything to the scene except boring and tired rich brat stock characters.

★★★ out of ★★★★★



SATURDAY

Paul Peacock Band—Clousseaus's, 1802 Buddy Holly, 10 p.m., \$3
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St., 9:30 p.m., \$6

SUNDAY

Lubbock Chorale's Valentine Pops Concert—Knippling Center, Methodist Hospital, 7 p.m., \$40
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Tickets for the concert go on sale tomorrow at 10 a.m.
Tickets cost \$25 plus a \$2 service charge and are available at both locations of Ralph's Records, 909 University and 3322 82nd St. An opening band will be announced at a later date.
All the original members are back and will perform together in Lubbock.
Many of Motley Crue's songs were heard on radio airwaves including "Girls Girls Girls," "Smokin' In The Boy's Room," "Shout At The Devil," "Looks That Kill," "Wild Side," "Dr. Feelgood" and "Don't Go Away Mad (Just Go Away)."
Motley Crue has sold more than 35 million copies and produced more than four top 10 singles. The band was recently featured on the VH1 series "Behind the Music."

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Lady Raiders prepare for Missouri
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BIG TIME HOOPS

Tech hosts Kansas in Big 12 play
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Friday, February 12, 1999

Baseball to take swing at national champs

By Jason Bernstein
Sports Editor

Every now and then, an athletic program has the opportunity to make waves on a national level.

For Texas Tech baseball, that time is now.

As one of the ten winningest collegiate baseball programs of the 1990's, the Red Raiders are known for consistent baseball year-in and year-out.

Tech will have a chance to prove that as the Red Raider baseball squad will embark on an eight-game, 11-day road trip to California that begins with a three-game series starting at 5 p.m. today against the USC, the defending national champions.

The trip will be a chance for Tech to show west coast programs the kind of hard-hitting and fast-paced baseball Texas Tech has been recognized for under coach Larry Hays.

"We have a lot of confidence going into this trip, especially since we heard about the Texas and USC series in Austin where UT swept USC," said Tech shortstop Chris Sampson. "We think we're a much better team than UT. I think we're confident."

Tech takes on the Trojans at 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday to close out the

series.

Sampson and the Red Raiders are collectively batting .450 as a team through five contests this season. Tech (5-0 overall, 0-0 Big 12) has faced USC only once in its 49-year

history and dropped that decision 13-10 in 11 innings back in the 1996 NCAA Central Regional at Dan Law Field.

But, the faces are new and the confidence is high for Tech as they head into the squad's first road trip of the season, Sampson said.

"We are going on their home field, and that will be a little tougher," he said. "I'm sure USC will be mad about getting swept by UT. We've got a great ball club here, and we're going to give them a real good battle."

After the three-game set with USC, the Red Raiders will take on Loyola Marymount at 4 p.m. Monday before making the 2 1/2-hour drive

south to San Diego for the San Diego State Classic Tournament.

"I think we're pretty prepared for this trip," said infielder Lance Woodcock. "We just have to take it one game at a time while we're there and keep playing tough baseball."

Woodcock is one of eight Red Raiders from the Golden State and said that some players are excited to pay a visit to California because it is a homecoming of sorts.

"Some guys' families are from California and will be out there," Woodcock said.

"It should pump everybody up to play hard, and I think we're going to have more fans than anybody else out there."

As a team, the Red Raiders have belted 11 home runs with three players, including sophomore Miles Durham recording three longballs of their own.

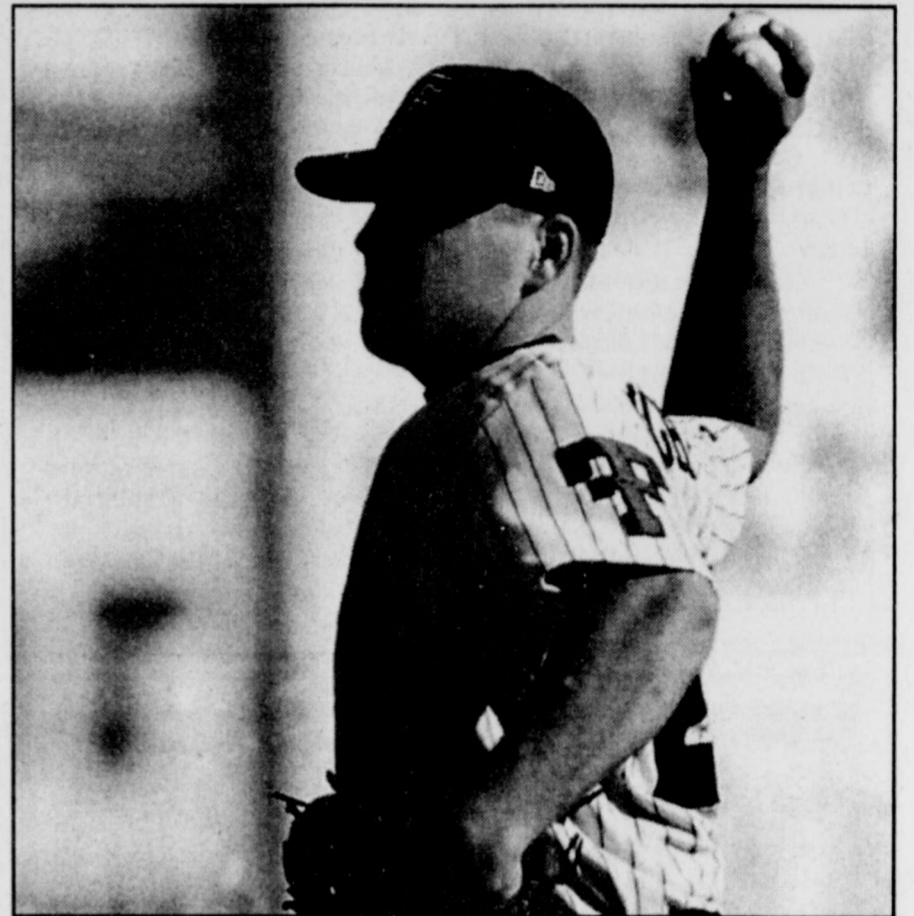
"It always helps me whenever I

have friends or family in the stands," Durham said. "I think a lot of these guys don't get an opportunity to do that as much. It's going to help them and give them a little extra incentive to play for. Everybody on this team plays hard as it is, but with family out there, I'm sure it will be a little better for them."

But families aside, Durham and the Red Raider squad are heading into the road trip focused on every aspect of the game in order to come home with as many victories as possible.

"I think we're ready for this trip," Durham said. "We've just got to stay focused in order to get what we want out of it. This is a good opportunity for us to play teams like USC, UCLA and all those teams. It's going to be a good fight and overall, it's going to help us for conference play."

"I'm excited to just go out there and play baseball. I've never been to California. A lot of it for me is that I've never seen that part of the country. It's going to be a good experience all the way around. Half this team is going to go back and see their families. I've never been out there, and I've only heard great things about it. It's probably biased from the guys on this team, but I'm sure it's great."



The Wright Stuff: Tech pitcher Shane Wright has helped the Red Raiders to a perfect 5-0 record this season. Tech takes on USC at 5 p.m. today in California.

“We've got a great ball club here, and we're going to give them a real good battle.”

Chris Sampson
Tech shortstop

Softball to play in UTA Tourney

The Texas Tech softball team will continue its season when the Red Raiders take part in the Texas-Arlington Intercollegiate Classic beginning today in Arlington.

The Red Raiders (1-2 overall) will start the tournament at 9 a.m. today against Illinois-Chicago. Tech will then play Southwest Texas State at 1:30 p.m. today and Nicholls State at 9 a.m. Saturday.

The rest of Tech's schedule at the tournament will be determined by the results of the pool play.

Tech will try to bounce back after losing two of three games against New Mexico last weekend in Albuquerque.

"We know right now after last

weekend, when we went 1-2, that some of the areas we need to work on is our pitching," Tech coach Rene Luers-Gillispie said of last week's contests against New Mexico. "We got behind a lot on the counts."

But, Luers-Gillispie said she was happy with the way the Red Raiders played defensively and offensively against the Lobos.

Tech catcher Shauna Briggs led the Red Raiders offensively last weekend against the Lobos, going 5-for-7 with two RBIs.

"We played well defensively, and we played well offensively," she said. "We're hitting the ball hard, especially with runners on...Overall, I think it was a good start for us to show where we're going and what we need to do."

Sporting world offers ups and downs

As of yesterday, the Dallas Mavericks were two games behind the Utah Jazz for the Midwest Division lead. Thanks to the lockout. This time of year hasn't been this exciting for Mav fans since the mid '80s. Maybe that's the reason fans have made their way back into the arenas for NBA basketball.

Note to David Stern: November, December and January should not be included in the NBA regular season. Just imagine not having to hear from whining little boys like Chris Webber, Latrell Sprewell, Anfernee Hardaway or Nick Van Exel for those three months. The NBA would be better. Life would be better. A longer season gives the babies of the league more time to cry. It also gives them more money in their wallets. Less games would have to mean less money.

Conference Call

Big 12 basketball, are you out there? Some really awful teams have taken your place this season. The men of the Big 12 hardwood forgot that this is one of the best confer-

ences in the nation. I have a hard time believing Raef LaFrentz, Paul Pierce, Cory Carr and Tyrronn Lue were so important.

I also have a hard time believing that a South Division team (Texas) is on top of the standings. What happened Kansas, Oklahoma State, Missouri — are you letting a Longhorn team show you up? And, you all were the universities so reluctant to allow SWC schools to join your elite group of Big Eight schools a few years back.

Whenever Nebraska hands Kansas their Jayhawk jockstraps in their own house, you know something is wrong.

And what about the Red Raiders?

Sharing room with the Baylor Bears in that basement is not fun. The other teams have their head start now. It's time for Tech to start the race.

Since mentioning the Big 12, the women cannot be forgotten.

Thank you, Lady Raiders. They have helped heal the wounds left over from Shreveport and eased the pain brought about from James Dickey's crew. With programs like Baylor, Kansas State and Iowa State improving each game, the women's games are a notch above the boys.

Dreadlocks or Bluegrass

The newest team in the NFL for 1999 will be the Cleveland Browns. What's with these expansion teams thinking of stupid names like the Browns? And, I highly doubt the NFL will catch on in a town like Cleveland. I mean, how does an organization think it can survive coming into a city that has the Cavaliers and the Reds.

The Browns? Get real.

Truly, Cleveland getting a franchise back in their arms is the best thing that could happen for the league. The Browns are football. The

fans are football. The river running through Cleveland is football.

What's next for this team after such an exciting expansion draft? Jim Pyne can now say he was the number one pick. His parents should be proud. With the strategy to build an offensive line from this draft, it didn't reveal their plans to pick Kentucky-boy Tim Couch as their signal-caller or the dreadlocked Longhorn Ricky Williams to fill the backfield.

But wait, Michael Jackson returns.

Getting a big-name wide receiver in Jackson shows Couch will be the Browns' choice in the traditional draft. Added the fact that Williams could be very Deion-like and play some baseball here and some football there. How can the "dog pound" live with that on their conscience? They want football players there and nothing else.

The Browns should pick the Wildcat and pass up the Longhorn.

I will always advise passing up on a Longhorn.

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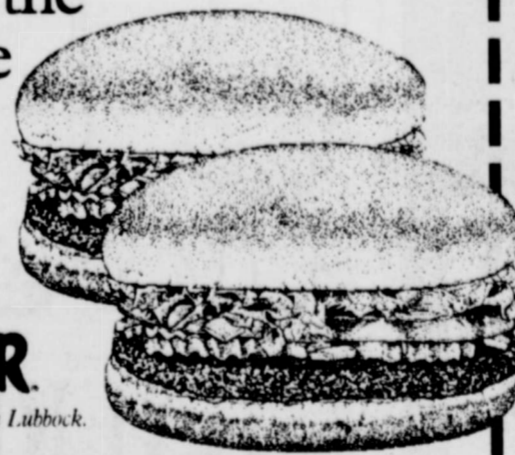
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Agassi fined for outburst

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — What separates cursing at yourself in frustration from uttering obscenities that get you tossed out of a tennis tournament? Andre Agassi, ejected from the Sybase Open, says officials overreacted to his comments.

Agassi, leading by a set but trailing in a second-set tiebreaker against 120th-ranked Cecil Mamiit, was defaulted from a tournament for the second time in his career Wednesday night for a series of profanities.

The default will cost him \$13,000 and a loss of rankings points that could drop him one or two places from his No. 7 world ranking.

Agassi said the curses were directed at himself and that he covered his mouth with his hand when he said the last two of his three obscenities. ATP tour supervisor Tom Barnes said the curses were aimed at linesman Al Klassen.

"The words I used weren't singling him out at all. To default because one linesman thinks I'm making something personal with him is a bit of a stretch," Agassi said.

"The judgment was made that the line was crossed. I don't think the line was crossed. I wasn't even making eye contact with the linesman."

Agassi, seeded second, won the first set 6-0 in just 18 minutes against Mamiit, a qualifier who had never made it past the second round of an ATP tour event. But in the second-set tiebreaker, trailing four points to none, a frustrated Agassi began cursing.

Tech hopes to fly high over Jayhawks

By Jeff Keller
Staff Writer

With a six-game losing streak behind them, the Texas Tech men's basketball team (11-13 overall, 3-8 Big 12) will try to start a streak in the win column.

Tech ended a six-game slide with a 75-66 win over the last place Baylor Bears Wednesday and will try to continue its winning ways against Kansas at 3 p.m. Saturday at the Lubbock Municipal Coliseum.

The Jayhawks (16-7 overall, 8-3 Big 12) were beaten 64-59 at home Wednesday by Nebraska.

The Cornhuskers became the first Big 12 basketball team to sweep the season series with the Jayhawks.

Kansas has never lost to Tech, winning all nine meetings between the two squads including an 88-49 win over the Red Raiders last season.

Guard Stan Bonewitz remembers last season's contest against the

Jayhawks but says that the memory will not play a factor in this year's game.

"It won't play a factor," Bonewitz said of last year's Kansas game. "Any team can tell you that you forget about that. We went down there last year, and they beat the heck out of us and drilled us for two halves. It was ugly but that happens. That just stands for how good a program they are. You just have to prepare for this game because it is a different season. We just have to put that game out of our minds and try and play well Saturday."

One Red Raider who will be facing Kansas for the first time is freshman center Andy Ellis.

Ellis started for the first time as a Red Raider Wednesday against Baylor and scored 16 points.

He was pleased with his performance against the Bears and said he is looking forward to playing the Jayhawks.

"It was a lot of fun starting against Baylor," Ellis said. "I thought that I

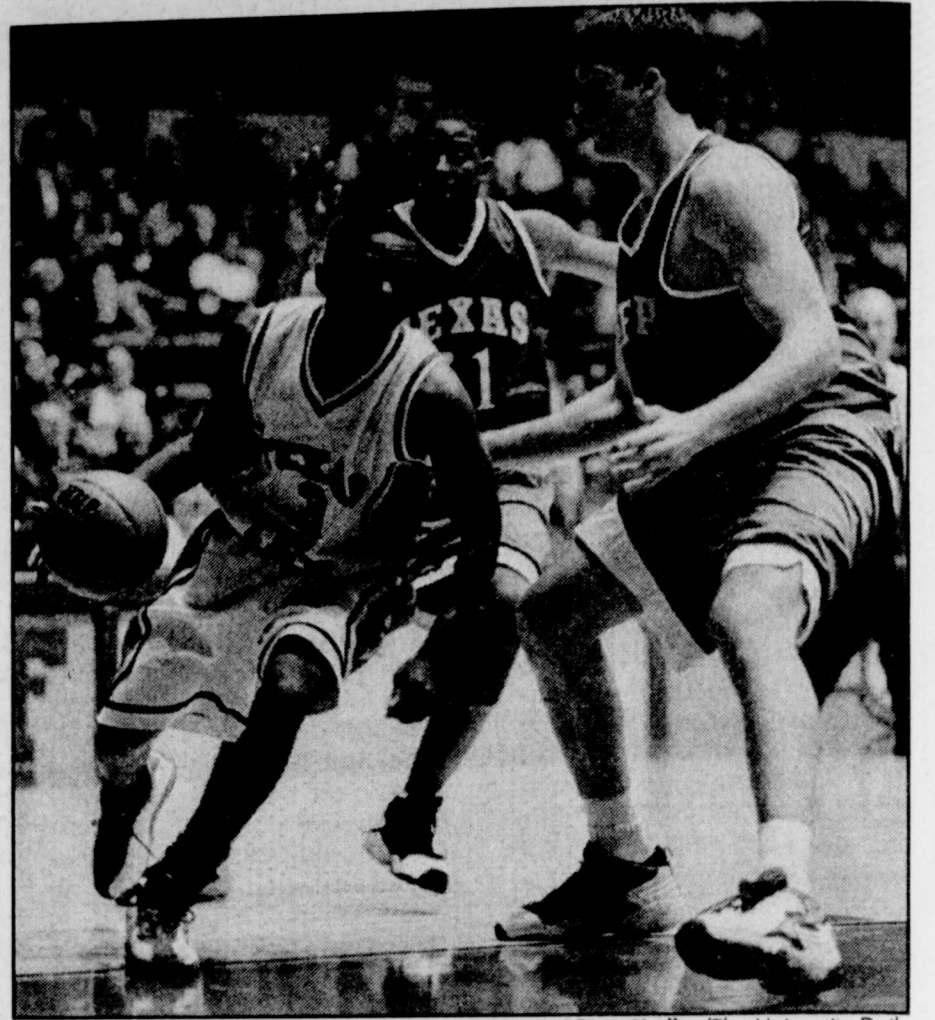
played all right, and I played with a lot of emotion. It kind of carried over through the whole game. This weekend I am looking forward to playing again. It doesn't really matter if I start. I'd like to but if I don't, I will come off the bench and do all I can."

Snapping a six-game losing streak gives Tech momentum as they take on the Jayhawks, Ellis said.

"We just had to get that off of our backs and get a victory," Ellis said. "We got one on the road which was something we haven't done a lot this season. So, we'll come back here playing with a lot of momentum. Playing a team like Kansas, we'll have a lot of emotion going into the game. We just have to carry it out there on the court and keep ourselves under control but play with a lot of emotion. If we do that, I think we can get a victory."

The Red Raiders are glad to face the Jayhawks at home this season and feel that this year they can get a win against Kansas, said guard Rayford Young.

"We hope we can pick up a win," Young said. "They're a good team. No matter who they have, they are always going to be the Kansas Jayhawks. They have a great tradition. So, we are just going to have to go out there ready to play and try to get a win."



Greg Kreller/The University Daily
The Young and the Restless: Tech guard Rayford Young will try to jump start the Red Raider offense against Kansas Saturday.

“...we are just going to have to go out there ready to play and try to get a win.”

Rayford Young
Tech guard

NFL free agents prove risky investments for owners

(AP) — The Minnesota Vikings conquered free agency last season by signing all their high-priced, high-quality players.

Now they'll have to do it again. As the free agent signing and trading period begins Friday, the Vikings, who finished 15-1 before being upset by Atlanta in the NFC championship game, have seven starters who are unrestricted free agents and not a lot of money with which to work.

That's because most of it went last season to defensive tackle John Randle, offensive tackle Todd Stuessie, running back Robert Smith and wide receiver Jake Reed, to

whom the team committed \$93 million. They've since re-signed quarterback Randall Cunningham and offensive tackle Corey Stringer, who could have become free agents this year.

"That's the way you like to do it, particularly when you can keep people of that quality," Buffalo general manager John Butler said.

"You know what your own players can do — on and off the field. You're never sure when you bring in new people. But that doesn't mean you won't look to plug holes or be forced to let people go because of the cap." Right now, teams are looking to rid

themselves of players whose salaries exceed their value. This year's salary cap is just short of \$57.3 million, \$5 million more than last year.

Quarterback Jeff George, his \$5 million salary and his questionable attitude, might be out of Oakland.

The Carolina Panthers dropped two of their originals — defensive lineman Mike Fox and oft-injured linebacker Lamar Lathon; San Francisco is likely to dispose of cornerback Marquez Pope and running back Terry Kirby and is restructuring other salaries. Buffalo saved \$4 million by ridding itself of veterans Quinn Early and Wayne Simmons and New Orleans has made it known it won't re-sign troubled quarterback Kerry Collins, picked up from Carolina last season.

There's also an X-factor, the new Cleveland Browns, who went cheap in the expansion draft, leaving them

close to \$40 million to spend on free agents, meaning they can outbid almost anyone. For example, they are reportedly ready to bid \$5 million a year for defensive end Chad Bratzke of the New York Giants, a number the Giants probably won't try to match.

The deepest position in free agency is wide receiver, headed by All-Pro Antonio Freeman of Green Bay, who is likely to be given a franchise player tag to protect him. Cincinnati did the same this week with Carl Pickens, whom they may trade for the two first-round draft picks that come with that tag. Arizona might do the same with Rob Moore.

Others available include J.J. Stokes of San Francisco, Sean Dawkins of New Orleans, Charles Johnson of Pittsburgh and Leslie Shepherd of Washington. The 49ers' Terrell Owens, a restricted free agent, might be the most attractive and could go

because San Francisco is nearly \$30 million over the cap and probably can't match a pre-emptive offer from a team with money, like the Browns.

The success of the Vikings contrasts with the way other teams have thrown money around with little result. For example, Seattle spent millions on big-name free agents for the second straight year, but finished 8-8, costing coach Dennis Erickson his job. One problem: the revolving door game in which the Seahawks lost center Kevin Mawae, who went to the New York Jets and became the hub of their vastly improved offensive line.

That's what makes free agency risky.

Many players are improved by the players around them, like wide Alvin Harper, a standout in Dallas playing opposite Michael Irvin. He did nothing after signing in 1995 with Tampa Bay.

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