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# THE UNIVERSITY DAILY

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## Financial aid process modified

By Christi Bidy  
Staff Writer

Texas Tech is modifying its financial aid process for students to make it more efficient and convenient.

One of the larger changes to financial aid is the increase of Electronic Fund Transfer.

EFT directly takes a student's loan check and will apply it to tuition without the student having to come in.

Jim Brunjes, vice president for fiscal affairs, said 93 percent of the banks who supply student loan checks are going to submit information electronically.

### Electronic funds transfers, mailing of refund checks, online access added to list of changes

Michael Heintze, vice president for enrollment management, said about 6,500 checks were handled through EFT this spring, and 6,000 paper checks were distributed.

He said by having more banks participate in EFT the number of paper checks distributed should decrease.

"We hope to reduce the number of paper checks down to 2,000," Heintze said.

He also said EFT might be extended to

loan refunds as well.

"We hope to have about 90 percent of loan refunds handled in electronic format."

Another change is mailing refund checks to students' residences.

Brunjes said he hopes by mailing checks, lines in the student business services and financial aid offices will go down.

"We had to have students show up to endorse checks," Brunjes said. "Now, students

won't have to show up to take checks."

As of March 1, refund checks were already being mailed out to students.

For the fall of 1999, refund checks, including financial aid awards, will be mailed 10 days prior to the start of classes.

Brunjes said the key factor for students to receive their checks in the mail is to keep their local address up-to-date with Tech.

He also said students will be able to cor-

rect address changes online at <http://sis-web.admin.ttu.edu/student>.

Another change for financial aid will be online access for students to check on their financial aid accounts.

Brunjes said students will be able to access their financial aid status online this summer. He said the site for that should be up around June 1.

Heintze said online access was something the administration has been wanting for a long time.

"We knew it was going to happen," Heintze said.

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## Sowell Center celebrated by Tech, Lubbock

By Ginger Pope  
Staff Writer

A pioneer in visually-impaired research, former Texas Tech Vice Provost Virginia Sowell still is remembered for her great collection of friends.

This was made evident Friday night as members of Tech and the Lubbock community gathered at the Lubbock Country Club to commemorate the Virginia Murray Sowell Center for Research and Education in Visual Impairment.

The center was named after Sowell, who died in a car accident in December 1997. She began Tech's effort to enhance education for the visually impaired in 1977.

Participants at the dinner all agreed to the hard work and dedication Sowell had in achieving her goals.

Tech President Donald Haragan said he became close friends with Sowell and had always admired her fervor.

"Virginia was a person who made a profound impression on everyone," Haragan said. "It's amazing what a person can accomplish if they don't think about getting credit for it."

The Virginia Murray Sowell Center will be located in the new English/Philosophy/Education Complex. The center will assist the education process for the visually impaired, conduct research and provide certification for those assisting blind and deaf individuals.

Sowell, who arrived at Tech in 1977, had been involved with advancements with the visually impaired in 1955, when she taught students with visual impairments within the San Antonio Independent School District.

Professor Roseanne Silberman, from the Hunter College City University of New York, said Sowell would have been overwhelmed by the enthusiasm for the center in a speech.

"Virginia was one of the most significant leaders in this area," Silberman said.

Tech Chancellor John Montford said Sowell's work made great contributions to Tech and for society.

About 80 to 85 percent of learning is done visually, Montford said. A visually-impaired child has to be taught in a different way with specialized and unique instructions.

"Virginia has left a legacy of being a leader in this field," he said.

Nora Griffin-Shirley, co-director of the Sowell center, said the programs will be in conjunction with the Texas Commission for the Blind. The center also will help bring students to the Tech community to learn and to work.

To help commemorate Sowell's work and the center, friends and administrators hope to have an annual, distinguished lecture series each April.



Sowell

## A Little TLC

### Students volunteer time for Lubbock family

By Sebastian Kitchen  
Staff Writer

Cameron roller-bladed through the front yard and into his future home at 2415 Hickory Ave.

At age 7, Cameron is ready for his new house to be ready, and Saturday, Texas Tech students were there to help out. He smiled as he played with future neighbors.

Cameron's mother, Ingrid Johnson, smiled as she cleaned a window. A window she soon will look out of and watch Cameron playing with other children.

There was a lot for her to smile about. Johnson was not only working on what would be her future home, but Texas Tech students were offering a helping hand.

Tech Lubbock Community Day brought hundreds of Tech students into the community Saturday.

"This is great. I am surprised to see this many people volunteered."

Ingrid Johnson  
Habitat homeowner

Some of the Tech students worked to help Habitat for Humanity assist Johnson.

Johnson was ready for a place of her own and wanted a house. Having heard about Habitat for Humanity through a friend, Johnson applied.

Now, she and Cameron are less than a month away from the dedication of their new home. Johnson said it felt great to know she was going to have her own place, and Cameron was ready, too.

"He's excited," she said. "He's never been in a neighborhood with so many kids. He'll have his own room, his own bathroom."

With the family on hand working in the house, student Kristy Polk said it made her want to help even more.

"He (Cameron) was so sweet," said Polk, a junior broadcast journalism major from El Paso. "He walked up to us and asked if we had signed in. We figured he was with the family."



Wes Underwood/The University Daily

Polishing for the Soul: Texas Tech student Allyson Rhodes, a senior design communications major from Dallas, cleans windows at a Habitat for Humanity house Saturday.

For Polk and her sorority, Delta Sigma Theta, Tech Lubbock Community Day is just one of the events during the year that the members come together for community service.

Other students, faculty and staff of the university dispersed throughout Lubbock to help participate in various community-service projects. Some worked at the Lubbock State School,

others worked at the South Plains Food Bank and some cleaned up neighborhoods and removed graffiti.

"This is one of the better volunteer activities around, as far as doing some lasting good," said Mark Young, a second-year medical student from Midland. "I'm glad I came out. It's a good day's work, and you help someone out in the process."

Students may have taken a small part of their day to help out, but they made a big difference on the future of people like Johnson and her son. Next month, he will be playing in his own front yard — no wheel barrels, no paint cans and rollers will be in his way. He will be settled into his own home for the first time.

## Fun in the Sun

Round Up:  
Brian Lopez, a junior architecture major from Las Cruces, N.M., ropes Sabrina Romero, a freshman pre-veterinarian medicine major from Los Lunas, N.M., at the Spring Fling outside of Coleman Residence Hall on Sunday.

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## Publications take state awards

Members of *The University Daily* and *La Ventana* staffs attended the 90th annual Texas Intercollegiate Press Association/Southwestern Journalism Congress convention April 9 and 10 in Kerrville.

Both staffs returned home with numerous awards.

In the on-site competitions, *The UD* won first place for best of show, Laura Hensley took second place for feature story, Jason Bernstein won third place for TV announcing, Bucky Nance won honorable mention for radio sports writing and Brandon Forby took honorable mention for yearbook design.

From SWJC, Wayne Hodgkin won honorable mention for best review, and John Davis won honorable mention for two separate reviews.

In best sports story category, Brent Dirks tied for first place, and Bernstein won honorable mention.

In the Division I newspapers from

TIPA, Gretchen Verry received third place for news feature, Sebastian Kitchen won honorable mention for feature story, Julie Mitchell won first place for general column. Ginger Pope won honorable mention for sports news, Alex Wells won first place in the single ad category and also a third place.

In news photo category, Wes Underwood took first place, and Wade Kennedy took honorable mention for best feature photo.

In critical reviews, Davis won first place, and Hodgkin took second place.

In page design categories, Laura Hipp took first place for picture page design, Hodgkin won honorable mention for sports page design and Amy Osmulski won third place for opinion page design.

For individual headline category, Lacey Palmieri won first place, and Bernstein took second place.

In the Division I yearbook category, *La Ventana* took second place in the best overall category.

John Woelke won first place for sports feature picture, and Suzanne Schnelker won honorable mention for sports action picture.

In the color feature picture category, Woelke took honorable mention, and Wes Underwood took honorable mention for picture essay.

Hensley took first place in the sports copy category, and Hipp took first place in student life copy. In academics copy, Bernstein took honorable mention.

Matthew Dillingham took third place for opening story packaging; Jacqueline Jennings took third place for organizations story packaging; Tyson Seibly took first place in sports story packaging, first place for feature/student life story packaging and honorable mention for academics story packaging.



# Professor to speak on 'afterlife' of Davy Crockett

By Jonathan Biles  
Staff Writer

Davy Crockett will be remembered in University of New Mexico history professor's dinner and speech on the "afterlife" of Davy Crockett. The dinner and speech will be at 7 p.m. Friday at the Merket Alumni Center.

The speaker, Paul Hutton, is the executive director of the Western History Association, as well as a history professor at the University of New Mexico.

Hutton's interest in history began when he was a child, and he saw the Walt Disney special on Davy Crockett, he said.

His passion carried him through-out high school, and he began his career in history when he accepted a job as a visiting instructor of history at Utah State University, at a time Hutton describes as the worst time for those in the history profession.

"(The year) 1977 was the worst job market for an historian," Hutton said. "But my hard work paid off, and I got

the job."

Hutton's hard work continued to pay off when he graduated from Indiana University's graduate school in 1981 with a doctrine in history and accepted his first job.

But being a historian was not his first passion, Hutton said.

"I became a historian so I could be a writer," Hutton said. "I needed to have a day job."

After seven years of working in Utah, Hutton accepted a history professor job at the University of New Mexico.

Hutton has spent his last 13 years with the University of New Mexico and has not regretted a single moment, he said.

"I can't believe I get paid for this," Hutton said.

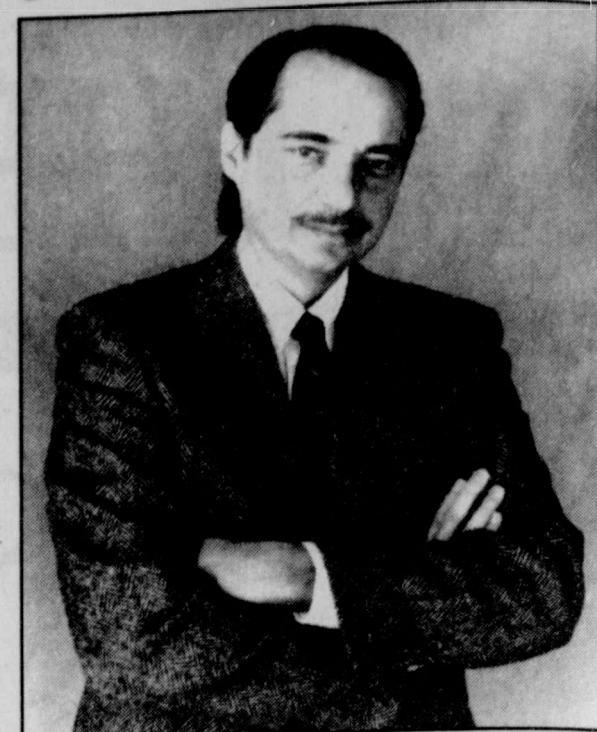
Hutton's focus of his speech will be on the life and death of Crockett, as well as the controversy surrounding his death.

"Crockett, in many ways, helped define what the American character was," he said.

Hutton's experience in western history ranges from publishing

several books, essays, lectures and appearing or narrating over 200 television documentaries.

The dinner is sponsored by Friends of the Library, and tickets cost \$20 for Friends' members and \$25 for the public. Reservations need to be made by Wednesday. For reservations, call 742-3685.



Paul Hutton  
Courtesy Photo

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Original one-act plays will be featured during a premiere performance today at the Texas Tech Lab Theatre.

Raider Red's One-Act Play Spectacular is a unique event that encourages local playwrights to submit scripts to be produced and performed to a theatre audience.

This is the second year for the event to bring together some of the most creative minds in the Tech community and highlight talent in the theatre department.

Cast, crew, writers and directors have been working together for months to take ideas on paper and bring them to the stage.

Seven plays will be performed each night during a two-hour period. The plays range from comedies to dramas and were written by not only Tech students, but also by local community members. Each play is directed, designed and performed by Tech crews.

Tickets cost \$8 for the general public and \$5 for Tech students with ID.

Student rush is available one hour before each show, but it does not guarantee a seat because space is limited. For information, call 742-3601.

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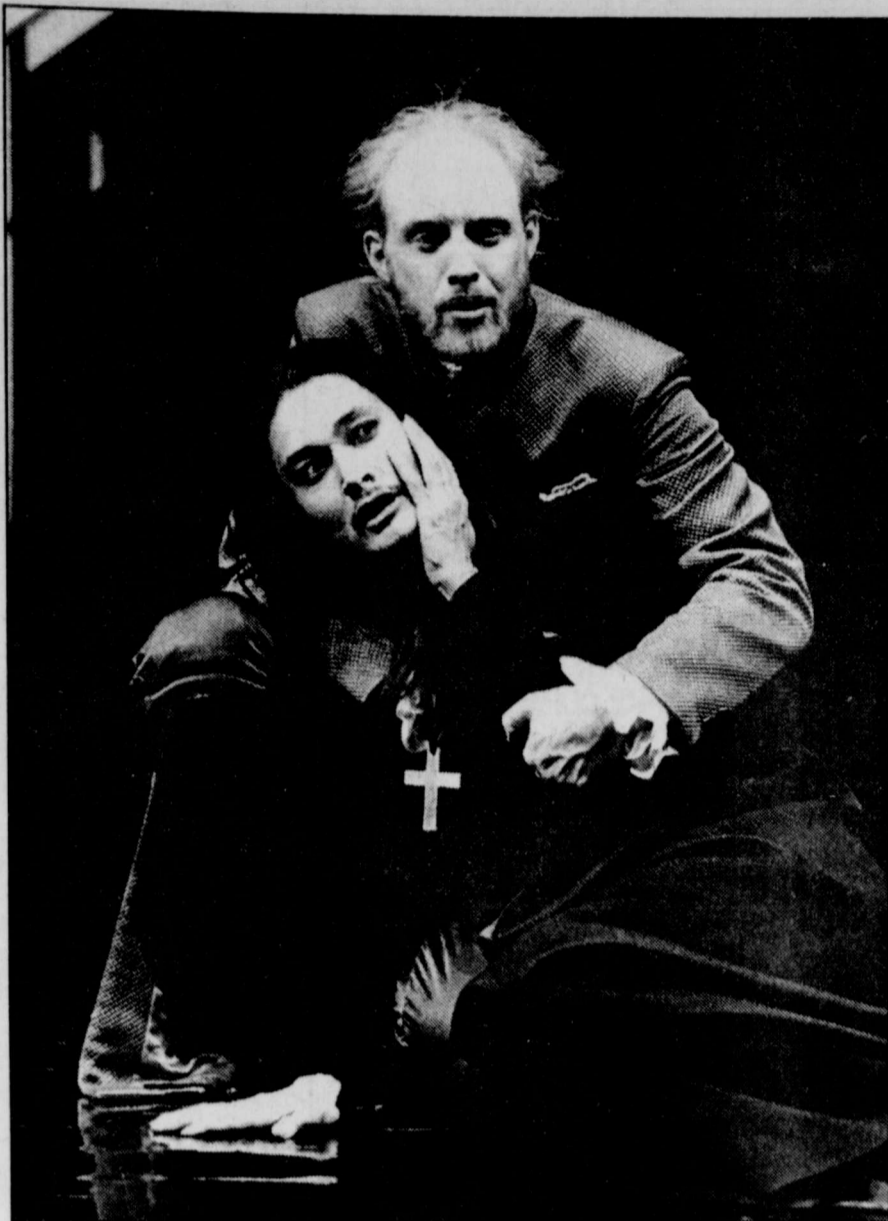
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New York's Acting Company will perform in the UC Allen Theatre on April 20.

## Sharing theater nationwide

### Acting Company brings 'Tartuffe' to Tech

As the voice of Trent Reznor, lead singer of Nine Inch Nails, blasts throughout the theater during Moliere's "Tartuffe," some might forget that the play was written in the 17th century.

While the play could be staged as a French 17th century production, the Acting Company captures both the historic context of Tartuffe and its up-to-date message in a contemporary way.

The Acting Company is a nationally-touring repertory theater company founded by current Producing Director Margot Harley and the late John Houseman.

Since its founding in 1972, about 250 actors have honed their skills on tour with the company. Some of

these actors have since become well-known such as Kevin Kline and Patti LuPone, while others are mainstays of American resident theaters.

The Acting Company will be performing Moliere's "Tartuffe" at 8 p.m. April 20 in the University Center Allen Theatre.

The play is about the hypocrite Tartuffe who usurps the fortunes of the pious and unsuspecting Orgon, but the villain is ultimately thwarted by Orgon's family and the King.

The play offers an hilarious mixture of seduction and chicanery, which makes Moliere's masterpiece one of the great treasures of world theater.

It has been enticing audiences to rage and sigh and howl with laugh-

ter alongside its lovers and schemers since its opening night 300 years ago.

By touring smaller cities, towns, and rural communities, the Acting Company reaches thousands of people who have few opportunities to experience live professional theater.

Also, by presenting superior productions of classic and contemporary plays, the company helps preserve and extend American cultural heritage.

This presentation of "Tartuffe" provides the Lubbock audience an opportunity to experience a contemporary production of a classic tale that humorously addresses ethical issues relevant to today's society.

The company's appearance in

Lubbock exposes local audience to world-class theater at its finest.

In recognition of its consistent level of excellence, The Acting Company has won several Obie Awards, Audelco Awards, the Los Angeles Drama Critics Circle Award and two Tony Award nominations.

Tickets are on sale in the UC Ticket Booth and all Select-A-Seat locations. Tech student prices are \$4 and Tech faculty, staff and general public tickets are \$8.

For more information, call the UC Activities Office Ticket Booth at 742-3610.

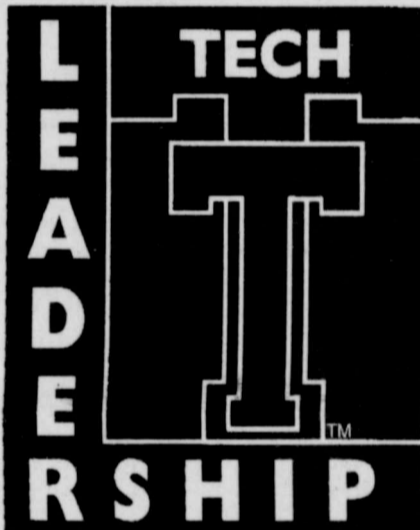
This program is made possible in part through a grant from the city of Lubbock, as recommended by the Lubbock Arts Alliance, Inc.

## Leadership Tech honors students

Leadership Tech and Student Organizations Services is sponsoring the third annual Leadership Tech Awards Reception to recognize students, organizations and advisers who have demonstrated excellence in their leadership and service to Texas Tech, their organizations and themselves. The reception will be at 7 p.m. Thursday in the University Center Ballroom.

Throughout this last academic year, Tech students and student organizations have been working hard to provide service to themselves, to Texas Tech and to the community. The organizations submit recommendations from students, faculty and staff for their efforts to promote the goals of their organizations or demonstrate the leadership skills and successes that leaders have contributed to Tech and the community.

Groups who submitted nominations demonstrated how they have



achieved internal goals and objectives. These groups provide developmental, educational and professional opportunities to their members. Advisers have shown tremendous support for their organizations,

more often than not volunteering their work with their groups. Student leaders demonstrate ability to effectively lead by organizational success and by example. A selection committee reviews the award nominations. The criterion, which is listed in the nomination packet, provides the element of evaluation. Each nominee is graded against the criteria, not against each other. The results demonstrate the highest achievement in the realms of leadership and service both to students and Texas Tech but also to the Lubbock community.

This year's reception will be recognizing a variety of awards. Nominations are reviewed through a selection committee to award the top four awards each year. The top four awards are Student Organization of the Year, Most Improved Student Organization of the Year, Adviser of the Year and Student Leaders of the Year. "We are very impressed with the

nominations and the outstanding students, adviser and groups which were nominated this year," said Ethan Logan, Activities Adviser and facilitator of the selection committee. "The candidates this year clearly express a level of excellence that deserves recognition at Texas Tech University and the community."

Other awards will be presented to groups within Leadership Tech categories, such as service organizations and residence life organizations. "These awards are more specific to the type of activities and goals that are common within the category groups," said Logan.

Also among the awards being presented will be the awarding of the Community Service Scholarship. Four students will receive this award as a result of their commitment and sacrifice for the benefit of others. This award is sponsored by Community Service Learning.

### UCP presents free movie

UC Programs Film's Committee is presenting "A Friend of the Deceased" at 8 p.m. today in the UC Ballroom. The film is free.

In the Russian thriller, Anatoli, a young intellectual, is at the end of his rope. He can't get a steady job, and his wife is leaving him for a richer man. He impulsively hires a hit man to end his miserable existence, but later changes his mind. But it may be too late. 100 minutes. Not Rated. In Russian with English subtitles.

### Mark your calendar

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| <p><b>April 12</b><br/>Annual Student Organization Registration Seminar, 4-6 p.m., UC Ballroom<br/>Images of St. Petersburg photo exhibit, UC Courtyard, 10 a.m. until building closes, runs until April 16.<br/>Russian Awareness Week Brown Bag Discussion, "Russian Economics and Societal Change", noon, UC Senate Room<br/>Russian Culture Awareness Film - "A Friend of the Deceased", 8 p.m., UC Red Raider Ballroom, free</p> | <p>Leadership Tech Council - Academic and Professional Student Organizations Meeting, 5 p.m., UC Bell Tower Room</p>   |
| <p><b>April 13</b><br/>Breakout! - Russian Culture Awareness Week Photo Exhibit, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., UC Courtyard</p>   | <p><b>April 14</b><br/>Annual Student Organization Registration Seminar, 5-7 p.m., UC Ballroom</p>   |
|   | <p><b>April 15</b><br/>Russian Awareness Week Craft Display, all day, UC Courtyard<br/>Leadership Tech Recognition Awards Reception, 7 p.m., UC Ballroom</p> |
|   | <p><b>April 19</b><br/>Annual Student Organization Registration Seminar, 4-6 p.m., UC Ballroom</p>   |

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## Columnist informs, questions

As the bombs continue to drop and news coverage permeates everyone's life, people finally are starting to take notice and interest in what is going on in the world.

However, since a great many people didn't care about Kosovo until Americans were taken prisoner, the American people are kind of lost when it comes to knowing what's actually going on.

Similar to only watching the second part of a two-part miniseries, most people are spending their time playing catch-up.

Questions, which should have been asked several months ago, now are jumping into the minds of the American people.

These questions still are not being asked, however, because nobody wants to look ignorant by asking basic questions this late in the game.

Questions such as:  
Where is Kosovo?  
If you look at a basic world map, you probably won't find it because Kosovo is not a country.

Kosovo is actually the southern providence of Serbia, which is a republic of Yugoslavia.

If you still have no clue, find the boot of Italy and the top of the boot's heel.

Now, look to the right, across the Adriatic Sea, and you will find Serbia.

What is all the fighting about? During World War II, Albania occupied Kosovo, and many Albanians moved into the region becoming the majority.

The ethnic Albanians now are trying to split from Serbia and become their own country.

Serbia doesn't want to let them because Kosovo is a religious focal point for the Serbs, similar to Jerusalem to the Jews.

Why are we there? Well, according to NATO's original charter and laws, we shouldn't be there because this is an internal conflict of a non-NATO country.

However, with the changing times, NATO is taking on more responsibility and stepping in where unjust acts are taking place.

If this was a simple civil war, NATO would not be bombing, but it isn't, so they are.

In order to alleviate the fighting, NATO tried to work out an agreement so both sides would lay down their weapons.

The ethnic Albanians laid their weapons down, and the Serbs rolled over them like a steamroller.

The Serbs, tired of all the rebellions, have decided to end them once and for all by basically killing everyone in Kosovo. NATO does not support this philosophy.

What are we trying to do? NATO, with as little commitment as possible it seems, is trying to:

- Stop the Serb offensive in Kosovo.
- Force a withdrawal of Serb troops from Kosovo.
- Allow democratic self-government in Kosovo.
- Allow an international peacekeeping force into Kosovo.

- Allow the safe return of Kosovar Albanian refugees.
- How long is this going to take? Who knows? NATO thought it would be over in a couple of weeks.

Why are the Russians so upset? NATO is setting precedence in Kosovo by getting involved in the internal conflicts of a non-NATO country.

Russia, along with most of its allies, which includes Yugoslavia, is not very stable internally.

It would not be hard for Russia to think that they could be next on a NATO agenda if a faction in Russia started to rebel.

Are we doing the right thing? If we do nothing, genocide will be the cause of death for millions of people.

If we succeed, we could be putting ourselves on the brink of another cold war or worse. World War I started in Serbia, and much of World War II was fought in the same region.

Not to say that it will come to that, but NATO must think very carefully about what they do next, and we must continue to ask questions.

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BEN SARGENT  
OF THE LUBBOCK INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Glorify good things done for community, don't commend bad things

To the editor: After reading the front page article in the April 6 issue of *The UD* about the "Easter Bash," I couldn't help but express my distaste.

This article glorifies this event as something that Texas Tech University should be proud to be a part of, that the people in this city would like to see more events like this and that we are doing good things for the community with this type of event.

I don't think that we need to be proud of a bunch of drunks setting fires and throwing beer bottles at the very firemen attempting to control the blazes.

I believe this shows a total lack of respect and maturity that we should not be endorsing as good behavior. I saw an interview with one of the firefighters on the news, and he was saying that they were going to just have to let the fires burn because it put them in jeopardy by trying to go in and extinguish the fires.

I also believe that this publication and Tech should in no way condone or glorify this type of behavior from our student body.

Rather, we should condemn this type of excessive behavior. There is a big difference between getting a bunch of people together to have a good time and getting a bunch of people together that turn the fun into violence directed toward the very people in this city who protect our city and our homes from burning to the ground.

Are these same individuals going to hurl beer bottles at the firefighters when they come to THEIR home in the

event of a fire? Are we, as a university, going to approve of this type of behavior? I should hope not.

I was not there, but I am sure that as a whole this event was not bad, and not all of the participants in this event were involved in these acts.

However, this publication owes it to the community and to Tech to not only glorify the good aspects of an event such as this but also to condemn the actions of the few individuals who abuse the right to hold this type of event.

Ron Gilmer  
junior  
civil engineering

## Lubbock called home because of love, beauty, accessibility to anywhere

To the editor: Ten for a nickel is the going price for useless Viewpoints in *The University Daily*. They'll even throw in a handful of poorly written, ill thought-out banter for another dime. Permit this humble individual, if you will, to toss his penny in with the lot, for he has a deep-seated wish to profess his love for the city known as Lubbock.

Surely no city on the face of this third rock we call Earth boasts a more spectacular skyline, the spectator's line of vision rising and falling, falling and rising with each marvel of four-leveled architecture. And now a five, now a six story high-rise tantalizes the awed eye. Who, but a master genius of addition and subtraction (plenty of which,

mind you, make their homes here in the Hub City), could plan such an endeavor?

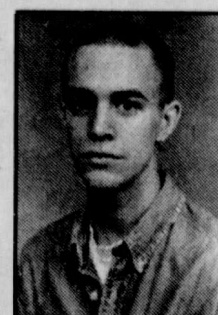
Nothing but love could be held for a town that never hesitates to greet an individual — upon returning post a dreadful Spring Break amidst great friends and the luxuries of civilization — with the heartfelt embrace of dust in the face after exiting the Lubbock International Airport. And the hat must be tipped to you, dear friend I.A. for it is from your plethora of terminals that the world is so easily accessed. Dallas, Houston, San Antonio... where else would one need travel?

A home is to be made in a place of comfort and beauty, both terms synonymous with Lubbock. Fed up with the socially-overrated trends of lush, green grass and rich, breeze-breaking forests, this town has opted for a new standard. Long live the dirt and dust and pebble and gravel; for it is in you, my sedimentary soldiers, that the wind finds weapons when he howls in his fits of 25 mph gusts. It is you, my granular garrison, that coats the automobiles and pollutes the air ducts in this tousled town. The people of Lubbock appreciate much more when you whip them in the eyes and bite at their exposed skin, than that hideous calmness found on relaxing afternoons elsewhere in this world. Wind, may you never forget your duty to blow, lest we all be happy.

It is to you, Hub City, that this man raises his glass before every meal. And, each night before his head takes refuge on his pillow, he thinks of the love he harbors there. With what degree of esteem is a city held where the tumbleweeds tumble over streets paved with pot-holes? Much, Lubbock, much.

Lan Luther  
freshman  
composition

## Smoking is not forced, it's a choice



Drew Thompson  
columnist

Oregon is the place to be if you particularly shun the idea of personal responsibility. It seems like an odd concept, though one easily understood, that people perform actions for which they are responsible.

Should someone drive a car recklessly or perhaps intoxicated? Hardly anyone would say that the culprit was not responsible for an accident he was involved in. Or, rather, should another person purchase a handgun and then shoot and kill someone else? Only bottom-dwelling defense lawyers would want to argue that the accused was ignorant of the effects that a bullet had on a human body or something to that effect.

But, if you happen to live in Oregon, you are no longer responsible for the food or drink you ingest or any other substance you put into your body. Or so, an Oregon jury ruled late last month.

The jury awarded the family of a deceased man, who

died of lung cancer from 40 years of smoking, \$40 million because the manufacturer of the particular brand of cigarettes did not publicly admit that cigarettes and the nicotine they have are addictive and quite injurious to the inhaler's health.

That's \$1 million for every year he smoked. Most people will agree that cigarette companies are doing the country a disservice by targeting young children and teenagers, who they see as prime consumers once they are addicted to their brand of cigarettes.

But, should a tobacco company be forced to shell out millions of dollars to the family of a person who dies from cancer?

My answer is a defiant "NO."

And, here's why. Tobacco companies do not force cigarettes into someone's mouth. They do not give cigarettes away for free in grocery stores, urging inquiring customers to sample a new low-tar cigarette.

They do not force anyone to shell out up to \$4 per pack.

By the Oregon jury's logic, you could successfully sue, say, Budweiser, because your father or mother was an

alcoholic.

You could even sue Kentucky Fried Chicken if your loved one ate there regularly and died of insane levels of cholesterol (better known as a heart attack.)

You, believe it or not, are responsible for actions you perform.

Sure, I'd admit, there are some mitigating circumstances that would call for a more judicious decision by jurors and judges when confronted with difficult questions of motivation some may have for performing certain actions. But smoking a cigarette?

The tobacco company does not force you to drive to the nearest gas station, slap down a few bucks and then pack, pull out, light and inhale smoke from their product.

That's the plain and simple truth. So, here's the end of this week's column. I've got some phone calls to make. I'm trying to find out if any of my relatives smoke so we can move to Oregon. It'll make me rich.

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Raiders complete sweep of Sooners

In completing a three-game sweep against the Oklahoma Sooners over the weekend, the Texas Tech baseball squad remains in pursuit of Baylor atop the Big 12 Conference standings.

Men's tennis escapes with conference win

The No. 28 Texas Tech men's tennis team narrowly escaped losing at home Friday at the hands of unranked Oklahoma State.

The match was played in windy conditions, and Cariov said the weather played a big roll in every match Friday.

Tech won without the aid of its regular No. 5 singles player Petar Danolic, who did not play for disciplinary reasons.

Director of Tennis Tim Siegel said he was pleased his team was able to win, despite not having one of its most experienced players.

This was that we were able to win this match without Petar," Siegel said. "Petar was suspended for disciplinary actions in a match against Texas.

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# Tech fastpitch wins three of four

By Brent Dirks  
Staff Writer

If ever the Texas Tech fastpitch softball team needed a good time for an offensive resurgence, this weekend may have been it.

Spurred by three wins from pitcher Amanda Renfro and a combined 15 runs in four games, the Red Raiders swept Missouri Saturday and split with Kansas Sunday.

Renfro (18-12) pitched in all four contests, throwing three complete games to pick up the wins. The sophomore allowed only six earned runs during the weekend.

After being used in a limited role because of an illness in Tech's last se-

ries, Renfro said the run support, which had been lacking at times this season, was a big help.

"It puts less pressure on me, and it makes me want to go out there and work hard for them because they're doing their job behind me," Renfro said.

"It makes me want to step up and show them 'thank you.'"

And, the Red Raiders (28-23 overall, 3-3 Big 12) gave Renfro all the help she needed in the wins.

After Kansas gave up only three hits, all in the seventh inning, while on the way to 4-1 in the first game of the doubleheader Sunday, Tech roared back in the second game.

Tech struck with one run in the

bottom of the second, and in the fourth, the Red Raiders added a two-run outburst to take a 3-0 lead.

The Jayhawks (16-22 overall) scored one run in the fifth, but Tech answered with one run in the bottom half of the inning to put the game out of reach.

"We came out here, and we're more 'let's do it with our hearts and play as a team,'" said Tech outfielder Eva Harshman, who drove in a run in Sunday's win.

"We're being aggressive ... with that kind of attitude, we've come out here and started to hit the ball really well."

Saturday, the Red Raiders used more of Renfro's pitching and the hot bats to defeat No. 25 Missouri 4-3 and 6-2.

In the first game, Tech had to execute a last-minute comeback for the victory.

Down 3-2 going into the bottom of the seventh, Jenny Kohler singled in Lauren Warner and Stephanie Walls with two outs to give Tech a dramatic 4-3 win.

In the second game against the

Tigers, the Red Raiders had an easier time with the contest, thanks to two home runs that capped a five-run fourth inning.

Kim Martinez started the inning with a solo shot, and Warner hit a two-run homer to help Tech take a 5-0 lead.

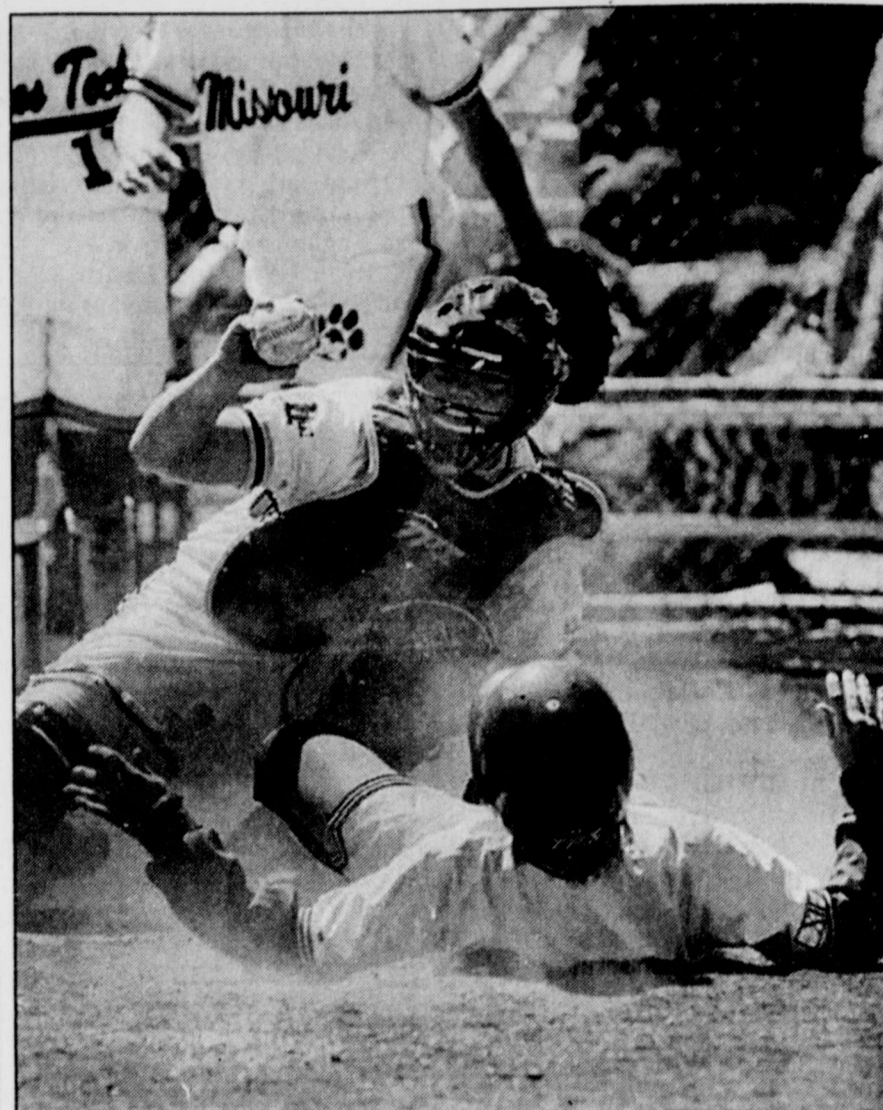
Missouri scored two runs in the top of the sixth, but Tech got an insurance run in the bottom of the inning to take the 6-2 win.

With the Red Raiders on the road the next two weeks for four sets of doubleheaders, Tech coach Rene Luers-Gillispie said winning three of the four games will help build momentum for the rest of the conference season heading into possible postseason play.

"I'm very thrilled with the way they played," Luers-Gillispie said of the Red Raider effort.

"We knew going into conference competition they would be stepping up."

"We just didn't realize how much they would be stepping up. They played at the level they were capable of all season. It's nice to see that."



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Path of Least Resistance: Tech infielder Paula Workman is tagged out during Saturday's doubleheader against Missouri. Despite the out, the Red Raiders won both contests against the Tigers, 4-3 and 6-2.

## THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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**ACROSS**

- 1 Single-masted boat
- 6 Air France fliers, for short
- 10 Light touches
- 14 Daddy
- 15 Normandy town
- 16 Not working
- 17 Join in
- 18 Taj Mahal location
- 19 Flushing stadium
- 20 Restlessness
- 22 Anthracite, e.g.
- 23 Final
- 24 Timepieces
- 26 Cool sunglasses
- 30 Anesthetic
- 32 Mischievous Norse god
- 33 Bacterial culture base
- 35 Twin Cities suburb
- 39 Like a mimic
- 41 Chafes
- 43 Singer Gill
- 44 Fellini film
- 46 Kiddy taboo
- 47 Director Welles
- 49 Camp follower
- 51 Part of an eye
- 54 Orient
- 56 Kitchen appliance
- 57 Unease
- 63 French head
- 64 Absorbed by
- 65 Classic tune
- 66 Clapton or Ambler
- 67 Lingering sign of injury
- 68 Flower of Paris?
- 69 Leave text in
- 70 Mountain lake
- 71 Shermans and panzers

**DOWN**

- 1 Stepped on it
- 2 Actress
- 3 Makes a choice
- 4 Fuel cartel's letters
- 5 Conditional release
- 6 Skedaddles
- 7 Herbal beverage
- 8 Sea swallow
- 9 Grasp suddenly
- 10 Off-key
- 11 Like a temporary committee
- 12 Dreary
- 13 Waterproofs
- 21 Wangy
- 25 Lascivious stare
- 26 Serb or Croat
- 27 Indians of Arizona
- 28 Related by blood
- 29 Unplug
- 31 Mine car
- 34 Kin of a sub or a falafel
- 36 Golden calf, e.g.
- 37 Grass on Oahu
- 38 Hebrew zither
- 40 Roll-call response
- 42 Deep-voiced singer
- 45 Type of general
- 48 Pain specialist
- 50 Extreme
- 51 Pigeon shelters
- 52 In plain view
- 53 Bind anew
- 55 Potential oak
- 58 Early Peruvian
- 59 Dog dogger
- 60 Chief Norse god
- 61 Hockey setting
- 62 Golfer's gadgets

By Robert Zimmerman 4/12/99  
San Diego, CA

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## SPOTLIGHT ON STUDENTS

Andrew D. Ickert, a civil engineering major and James A. Tarbox, a microbiology major, were selected by the Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation as Goldwater Scholars. Goldwater Scholars were selected on the basis of academic merit from a field of 1,181 math, science, and engineering students nominated by the faculties of colleges and universities nationwide. Since 1994, Texas Tech students have been awarded more Goldwater scholarships than any other school in Texas.

The Department of Plant and Soil Science's Soil Judging Team recently competed in the National Soils Contest in Tucson, Arizona. The 19 teams competing were chosen by placing 1st, 2nd or 3rd in their regional contests. Texas Tech placed 7th in the national contest. Team members are Keith Brorman, R.N. Hopper, Susan DeGraff, D.C. Ward and Keith Burch.

Heather Blount, a merchandising major in the College of Human Sciences, was named Family and Consumer Scientist of the Year by the Texas Association of Family and Consumer Sciences.

The Dads and Moms Association recently named the 10 recipients to their Student Academic Citizenship Award, which recognizes students for excellence in both academics and community service. They are Heather S. Busby, Ryan Lunsford, Andrew Schoppe, Amanda Clark, Christian Andrews, Melody Alleman, Candace Rothwell, Jimmy Johnson, Allison Bray and Ronnie Harper.

Members of the Texas Tech Residence Halls Association attended the Texas Residence Halls Association Conference March 4th-7th, hosted by Texas A&M in College Station. The organization won the School of the Year Awards. Carol of Lights won the award for Best Long Term Program. Gordon/Bledsoe/Sneed Haunted Basement won the award for Best Community Service. Member Stacy Reed was 1st runner up for Student of the Year in Texas. Member Lisa Rotge was inducted into the Society of Distinguished Leaders for being selected as the West Texas Region Student of the Year.

Advertising majors Mike Meixner, Candy Lara, Veronica Leon and Jeff Wyrick placed third in the Promotional Products Association district competition. The team developed a complete integrated marketing communications campaign for the corporate sponsor, Skil Power Tools.

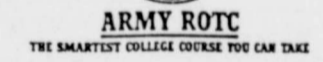
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