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**STATENEWS** —

**Governor's education record praised, questioned**

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas has gained national attention for academic progress while George W. Bush has been governor. But it hasn't all been gold stars for the Republican presidential front-runner.

In California today, Bush will deliver what his campaign staff calls the first of three major education policy speeches he plans over the next six weeks.

In Texas, student scores on a state achievement test and teacher salaries are up. There has been a continued drive to move education control to the local level while holding schools accountable through a statewide rating system.

Education problems remain, however, including some in the charter school program that Bush championed. The governor also hasn't been able to convince lawmakers to approve everything he's wanted.

Most notably, the Legislature refused to pass a pilot program Bush sought to allow public funding for private school tuition vouchers — something his brother, Jeb, accomplished on a statewide basis as Florida's governor.

**NATIONALNEWS** —

**Nation's deadliest drunken driver released from prison**

LA GRANGE, Ky. (AP) — The man convicted in the nation's deadliest drunken driving accident — a fiery, head-on collision that killed 27 people on a church bus — was released from prison Wednesday after 9 1/2 years and is free to get another driver's license.

"It is my impression that he wants to blend back into society," said state police Lt. Henry "Sonny" Cease, who investigated the 1988 crash that led Kentucky to tighten its standards for school buses. "I think he's done the time that was dealt to him and it's time to move on."

Mahoney, his blood-alcohol level three times the legal limit, was driving his pickup truck the wrong way on an interstate when he smashed into a bus carrying 67 people home from a church outing to an amusement park. The bus' gas tank ruptured, and flames engulfed the front section.

The former chemical plant worker was convicted of manslaughter and sentenced to 16 years in prison but got time off for good behavior and taking courses.

**WORLDNEWS** —

**At least 64 dead in Argentine airplane disaster**

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP) — Investigators pulled badly burned bodies from the charred wreckage of an LAPA airlines Boeing 737 on Wednesday, the day after a fiery crash claimed at least 64 lives in Buenos Aires.

The jetliner lifted only a few feet off the ground Tuesday evening before roaring through an airport fence, skimming across a busy roadway and striking cars and heavy machinery before stopping.

"It took out everything in its path before stopping and the plane broke in half," said businessman Julio Arealvas, who jumped from the burning wreckage. "The flames were coming from the front of the plane and there was smoke everywhere."

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## VERY FOUR-TUNATE FAMILY

*A story of multiples . . .*

### Muench foursome enters first semester of college as Texas Tech's only quadruplets

by Angela Loston  
Staff Writer

All their lives, Ryan, Courtney, Matt and Marisa Muench have had to do many things together. They have shared birthdays, clothes, toys and even a car.

The quadruplets are doing one more thing together — attending the same university. This fall Ryan, Courtney, Matt and Marisa are beginning their first year of college at Texas Tech — together.

Each sibling has to share a room, the sisters in one residence hall and the brothers in another. Courtney and Matt are enrolled in the same mass communication class at Texas Tech. They all have to share the same car that they used from high school, either for dates or jobs.

"It is cool because there was always someone to do something with," said Matt, a freshman journalism major from El Paso. "I was never really bored."

The quartet was born June 12, 1981, in Albuquerque, N.M. Each brother and sister was born 30 seconds apart, with Matt being the first-born son and Marisa being the first-born daughter. Courtney is the third oldest and Ryan made his entrance into the world last.

"We think our mom deserves all of this," said Courtney, a freshman mass communications major from El Paso, in regard to some of the attention she and her siblings have received as quadruplets. "We just came in the world."

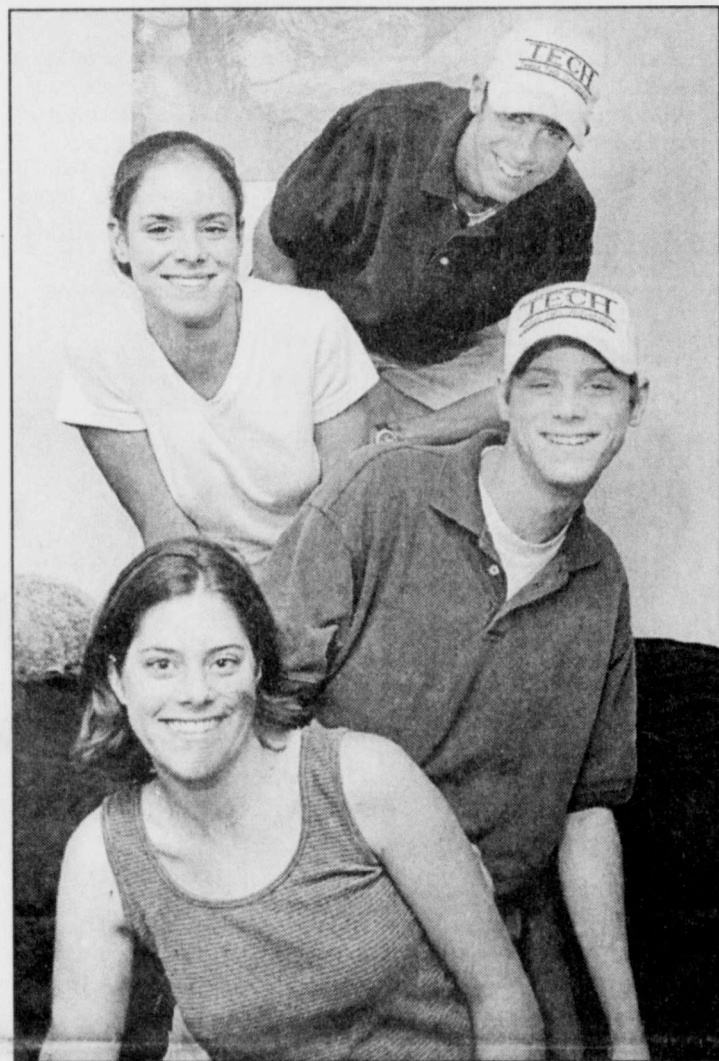
For five years, the Muench quads grew up in Las Cruces, N.M. before moving to El Paso. Instead of having the typical sibling rivalry, the quadruplets maintain that each of them have a close relationship.

While growing up, Courtney said because she was surrounded by brothers and sisters, she always had a playmate.

"It was like a big sleepover with your friends ... because you had someone your age to play with," she said.

Ryan, a freshman undeclared major from El Paso, said an asset of being a quadruplet is that he and his siblings help each other with homework while in school.

Despite the fact that they are quadruplets, the siblings agree that they all had a typical childhood. Throughout their years in school, Marisa, who also is an undeclared major, said being a quadruplet was not an issue with her classmates until after they dis-



Lisa Gonzalez/The University Daily

El Paso natives Matt, Courtney, Ryan and Marisa Muench are the first quadruplets ever to enroll at Texas Tech.

covered her unique relationship with her sister and brothers.

Marisa said one disadvantage of people knowing that she and her siblings share the same birthday is that people will refer to them collectively as "the quadruplets."

"We each have our own personalities, but we have some similarities like any other brothers and sisters have," she said.

Ryan said after friends find out that they are quadruplets, they sometimes compare the quads by asking questions about who was better at some things.

"They always asked questions such as 'who can beat up who' or 'who's better at baseball' or 'who's smarter,'" Matt said.

Financially, Matt said being a quadruplet sometimes can be difficult for his parents since they have to provide for him and his brother and sisters.

Since all four siblings are attending college at the same time, they had to apply for loans.

In addition to the loans, Courtney said they also received \$100-

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## Buddy Holly Center ready for public with grand opening

by Sebastian Kitchen  
Staff Writer

The music did not die Feb. 3, 1959, when Lubbock's favorite native son Buddy Holly and fellow musicians died tragically in a plane crash. The music lives on through generations of music and, now, through the opening of the Buddy Holly Center.

Months of building, renovating and construction will come to an end Friday with the much-anticipated grand opening of the center, which is located at 19th Street and Avenue G. The site of the museum is housed in the historic Fort Worth and Denver Depot building.

When the city acquired the depot, Mayor Windy Sitton said she told people she wanted nothing short of a world-class facility.

Wednesday evening at a media reception at the center, Sitton seemed more than happy with the center.

"Boy, did they provide us with a world-class museum that will be recognized around the world," Sitton said.

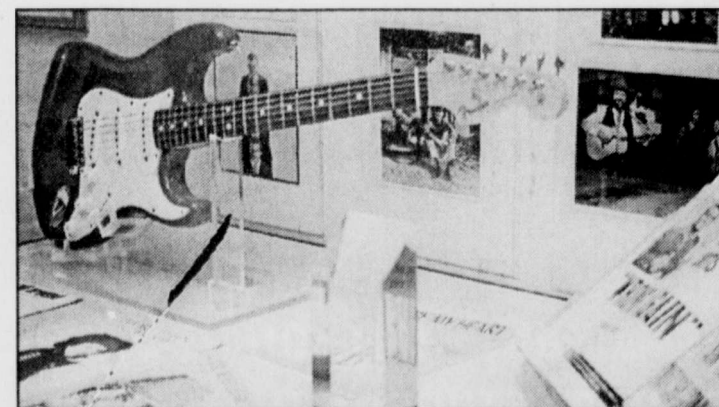
Last year, the Texas Legislature designated Lubbock as the Musical Crossroads of Texas. Sitton thought it was great the designation could be used with this weekend's festival and the opening of the Buddy Holly Center. The museum is finished, but future plans are in store for the facility.

"We have plans to enlarge this to be a West Texas Music Hall of Fame, of which Buddy Holly is the star," Sitton said.

The center is more than a tribute to the late, great musician but also contains art and tributes to other musicians.

One of the main attractions of the center is the Buddy Holly Collection. The collection contains memorabilia from various stages of Holly's 22-year life — from his childhood to high school and his tragic death. Some of the highlights are his signature black glasses, Holly's Fender Stratocaster and Gibson Les Paul guitars, a microphone, numerous pictures, clothes, albums and awards.

The display also contains a Buddy Holly timeline and a music-history timeline.



Scott Hunter/The University Daily

A Fender Stratocaster guitar, used by one of the Crickets, is one of many pieces of memorabilia on display at the Buddy Holly Center.

A video presentation allows people to look into the life of Holly more in depth. The video contains information about his upbringing, musical career and his lasting influence on music.

The video shows the impact Holly had on musical greats such as Paul McCartney, the Rolling Stones and Bob Dylan. The presentation shows what made Holly a true music pioneer and a musical innovator. Texas musicians Hall of Fame is another display inside the center. The Crickets are the first to be recognized by the exhibit.

A gift shop contains artwork and Buddy Holly souvenirs for fans. The Lubbock Fine Arts Center has relocated to the location and contains artwork from area talent. Retrospection 15 is a gallery containing a 15-year compilation of the Fine Arts Center's exhibitions and programs.

"I think this building will bring new and great things to the city's culture and arts," said Connie Gibbons, director of the Fine Arts Center.

## Bill lowers alcohol level to .08

by Andrew Thompson  
Staff Writer

Drivers across the state may want to think twice before getting behind the wheel after having a few drinks.

House Bill 210, which went into effect Wednesday, redefines what "intoxication" means. A person is legally intoxicated if their "alcohol concentration is 0.08 or more," according to the text of the bill.

Essentially, a blood-alcohol concentration of 0.08 percent means that a person is legally intoxicated after about one drink in one hour. The bill also states that a person is intoxicated if they do not have "the normal use of mental or physical faculties by reason of the introduction of alcohol" or other drugs.

Written by Rep. Scott Hochberg, D-Houston, and Rep. Reberto Gutierrez, D-McAllen, the bill went into effect at 12:01 a.m. Wednesday. House Bill 210 previously had been submitted for approval four times before being signed into law last spring by Gov. George W. Bush.

Sherhonda Ginn, president of the Lubbock County Chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Driving, said she is extremely pleased.

"We've been trying to get it passed for quite some time," she said. "Too many people labor under the misconception that you have to be falling-down drunk to not be able to drive, when really one drink starts the process. We're 100 percent behind the .08 legislation."

Joe Garcia, general manager of Midnight Rodeo, said the new bill will not affect the club's operation.

"Everyone has to be TABC certified, and (the bartenders) are trained not to serve minors or anyone that appears to be intoxicated," he said. "I think the bill is great because it will put more pressure on drinkers to realize that there's a time to say 'no more.'"

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Jennifer Galvan/The University Daily

Robert Ewalt will step down as vice president for Student Affairs in January 2000.

## Ewalt to retire in January

by Andy Jones  
Staff Writer

Just two days after Texas Tech President Donald Haragan announced his resignation, Robert Ewalt, vice president for Student Affairs, announced he will retire from Tech after 27 years of service.

As the only vice president for Student Affairs the university has ever seen, Ewalt's retirement becomes effective Jan. 31, 2000.

Ewalt announced his retirement to the Student Government Association during a weekly luncheon he has with the group, said Douglas Jeffrey, SGA president.

"I am very surprised," Jeffrey said. "He is an incredible leader and has been a mentor to the Student Government Association for a long time."

Jeffrey said Ewalt had been influential in getting students involved in meetings where they might not have been invited otherwise.

Ewalt, who will turn 65 in November, told the students it was time to retire.

Haragan said an interim vice president for Student Affairs will be appointed upon Ewalt's retirement.

Haragan said Ewalt has been a very important part of Tech's success over the years,

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# Golf tournament to help raise money, awareness for blindness and glaucoma

by **Adrienne Gaviglio**  
Staff Writer

The South Plains and Panhandle branch of the Prevent Blindness Organization is offering the public a chance to help raise money while doing something they enjoy.

On Sept. 17, the Prevent Blindness Organization will sponsor the Swing Fore Sight Golf Tournament at Meadowbrook Golf Course.

"We expect between 60 to 100 people to participate in this year's tournament," said Lynn Garcia, program director for blindness prevention.

"The tournament is \$125 per team, and fees include all holes, a putting contest, lunch, unlimited driving range and one golf for sight card," said Garcia.

The organization also offers a Golf Fore Sight Card for \$35, 2 for \$60 or 4 for \$100, Garcia said.

The Golf Fore Sight Card allows

the cardholder to receive a free game of golf at certain courses.

"The Golf Fore Sight Card will be on sale for half-price next week and can be redeemed at most golf courses in Texas and New Mexico," Garcia said.

"They allow the holder to play for free. Each course then donates their green fees to the Prevent Blindness Organization."

The money raised from the tournament and from the Golf Fore Sight Card will help provide money for programs such as glaucoma screenings, preschool vision screenings, adult vision screenings and safety education.

It is necessary that people have facilities where they can have regular check-ups, she said.

"One of every 30 people in Texas have glaucoma and are not aware that they do. This is very harmful because one of the leading causes of adult blindness is glaucoma," Garcia said.

There are many ways in which you could possibly go blind later on in life, and most students think it will never happen to them, Garcia said.

"If students have a lazy eye, somewhat of crossed eyes or diabetes, they are more apt to have some sort of blindness later on in life," Garcia said.

One of the biggest supporters of the Prevent Blindness program is the Delta Gamma Sorority, Garcia said.

"Each year their new members are certified to screen for blindness and for years have been an incredible help to us," she said.

Delta Gamma last year raised more than \$160,000 for programs for the blind, said Lisa Thompson, Delta Gamma vice president.

"Delta Gamma's philanthropy is to help the visually impaired, and it is something that we are very dedicated and passionate about," Thompson said.

"We realize it is an issue that sometimes students do not worry about, and we hope to help the pro-

gram get the word out that regular testing is necessary."

Regular vision screening tests can help detect any symptoms that could lead to blindness. Therefore, a regular examination can be very helpful, Garcia said.

"The cost of screening each person is rising," she said. "Since school is the best place to do the screening, money is needed to fund the program."

"We spent more than \$2,500 last year in Lubbock to test elementary children, and the cost this year is expected to rise."

Reservations for the tournament can be made by contacting Meadowbrook Golf Course, and tee time is at 9 a.m.

"Students don't realize that by supporting these programs, they may be supporting themselves one day," Garcia said.

"It will be a fun tournament, and we hope that the turnout will be very beneficial."

## Graduate scholarship winners announced

St. Mary's/Covenant Health Systems hosted a reception Tuesday in honor of the fall recipients of the Health and Social Services Fellowship scholarship.

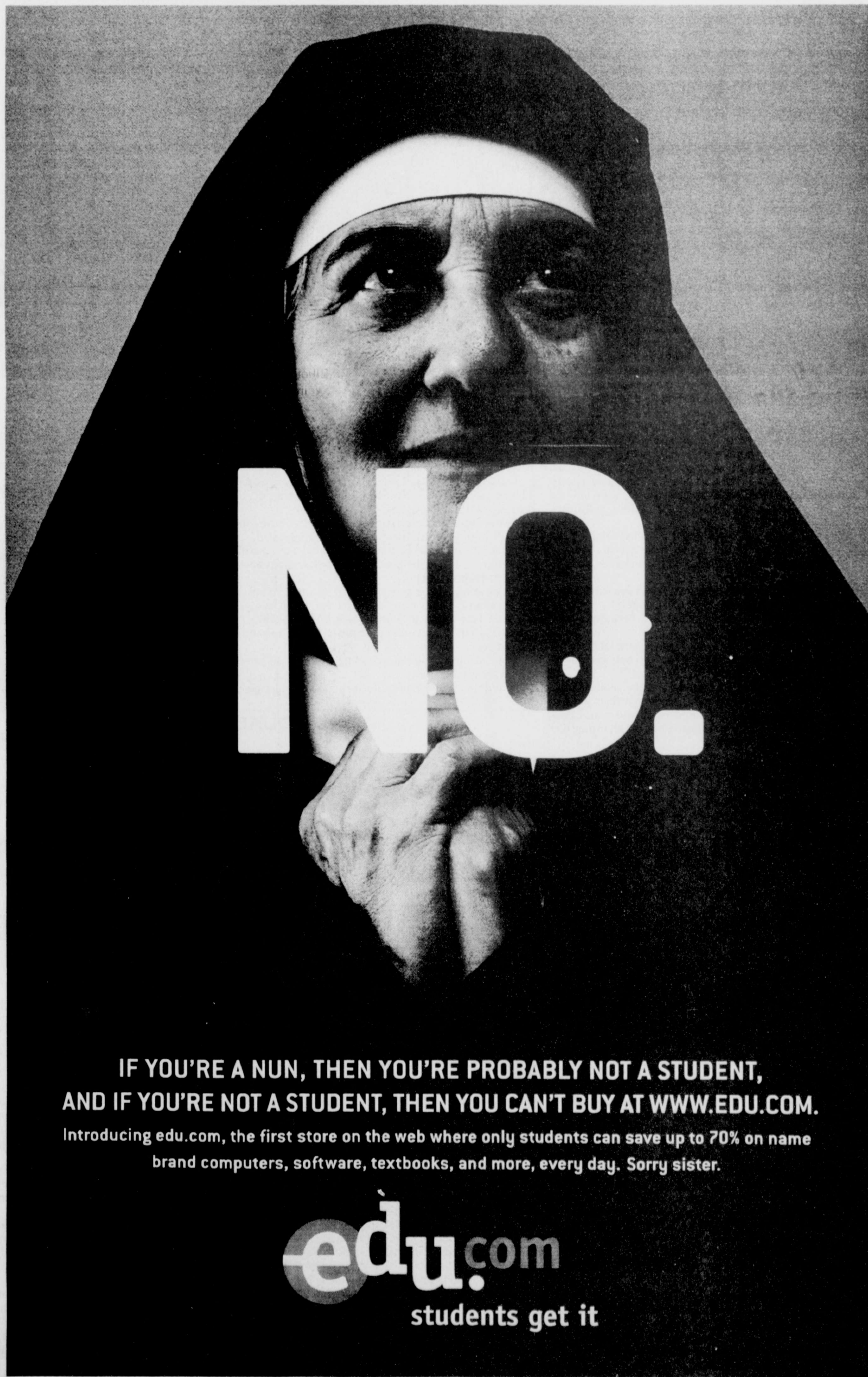
Eleven students were chosen last April to be awarded \$3,000 scholarships for the fall semester.

The recipients include graduate students Carmel Soliz, Laura Bryan, Falline Christensen, Soh-Leong Lim, James Marshall, Jeffrey Martindale, Michael Negrette, Martha Pursley, Jesus Sifuentes, Sean Stokes and Jo Anna Wisner.

Recipients were "basically someone who is bilingual and will hopefully stay in the West Texas area to work," said Amy Fox, senior development officer of the Graduate School.

"It is an annual scholarship for research in the area of water conservation," Fox said.

"In particular, so it would help the farmers in that area to be able to conserve water while they are working in agriculture."



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Student reaction, however, is not as positive.

T.J. Turner, a senior public relations major from Lubbock, said the bill was probably "passed for the wrong reasons."

"I think they did it for the lobbyists, just to get funding," he said. "If you drink enough to be driving stupid, you'll have more than .08."

Mollie Bennett, a sophomore undeclared major from Stephenville, said the level is ridiculously low.

"I don't think you're intoxicated after two beers," she said. "It doesn't affect your capability to drive or do other things. It's a little silly."

Garcia also said the club will provide transportation for anyone who appears to be drunk or incapable of driving.

"If a person doesn't have a safe ride home, we'll call a cab and pay for it," he said. "I think paying eight to 10 bucks is a small price to pay for a safe ride home. The new law can take a lot of people downtown," he said.

There also is a service available to Tech students called Safe Ride Home. Students who feel they are too intoxicated to drive can call 765-RIDE to receive a free taxi ride from a bar or club to their home.

**CORRECTIONS**

In Tuesday's UD it was incorrectly reported that Gary Bell, dean of the Honor's College, had no comment on Texas Tech President Donald Haragan's resignation. It was an inadvertent case of mistaken identity. The UD regrets the error.

The article "A Tall Order" in Wednesday's UD incorrectly stated that Mirabeau Lamar was a member of the House of Representatives and the successor of Preston Smith. Lamar was not a member of the House but was the president of the Republic of Texas during the 1830s. The UD regrets the error.

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and even though he hates to see Ewalt leave, he said he wishes Ewalt and his wife the best of luck.

"Everybody at this university is going to miss Bob Ewalt," Haragan said, "I can't think of a better student administrator anywhere in the country."

Ewalt, a Corvallis, Ore., native, said after he retires, he plans on staying in Lubbock.

His wife, Barbara, is the Tech School of Medicine's director of admissions. Ewalt said she has no plans for retirement at this time.

Ewalt prefers not to think of his time at Tech in terms of accomplishments. He said it was a pleasure to be associated with some of the good things that have happened while he has been here.

"It has been my good fortune to work with a lot of really good people," Ewalt said. "It was a team effort, which is part of what Texas Tech University is all about."

Before coming to Tech, Ewalt served administrative positions at Washington State University and the

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**Donald Haragan**  
Tech president

University of Illinois.

Ewalt said when he first came to Tech, large changes were taking place on college campuses, and the student code of conduct underwent changes as a response.

He also said student services have had to change as the needs of the student body have changed.

Ewalt said even though those early years were challenging and full of change, they were not necessarily

the most difficult.

"It's been a challenge every year," Ewalt said.

Ewalt noted demanding projects over the years including: the remod-

eling of West Hall to handle student services, the last major additions to the Student Recreational Center and the University Center, and the development of the new Carpenter/Wells residence hall.

Some of the more important programs Ewalt said he has been involved with are the development of the Rec Sports program, which utilized the Dairy Barn and the men's and women's gyms when Ewalt began. He also helped with the incorporation of the women's athletic department under the enactment of Title IX in 1975.

Ewalt said services like the new TECHniques Center and more spe-

cial-service programs for disadvantaged students and minorities also are things he has enjoyed seeing develop over the years.

"As the university has grown more complex, there has been a need for a change of services," Ewalt said.

He said he really doesn't have any advice for his successor, but he said it will be a great opportunity for someone to work with some wonderful students and faculty.

"Whoever it is, I'm sure they will enjoy it as much as I have," Ewalt said.

Ewalt said he has to finish this semester before he makes any plans for after retirement.

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## Nike pulls out all stops on ad

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**Andrew Schoppe**  
Columnist

The superstar takes two more graceful strides across the black-and-white TV image. Defying all laws of gravity, he leaps from the free-throw line and is destined to succeed. Seconds pass as he soars through the air until the moment comes when he dunks

ages is this phrase: "Air is what makes it good." At first glance, the ad draws out a chuckle, but then it leaves you with the looming question "Why would Nike run such a trashy ad?"

Think back to when you first heard your parents or a respected figure utter a four-letter word. First, you probably giggled due to embarrassment, confusion and shock, but then you wondered why this person didn't choose his/her words more carefully. This is the same feeling that this Nike ad engenders.

The creator of this ad would probably defend the ad by stating the purpose of an ad is to make people remember a product.

Well, this ad may make you remember that Nike makes shoes, but that's a pretty well-known fact already. If not for a concerted effort to see what the shoe is called, it would slip by without being noticed. So, what's the net effect of this ad, and what does it really say? It says, for some unknown reason, that Nike chose to take the low road and promote its product using a concept that might be expected from an upstart company desperate for some publicity in order to survive. Why would Nike, with such a well-established name and reputation, feel the need to do this?

The ad shows that Nike didn't put the time and effort to incorporate a long-term theme in this ad, like the ones they've relied on in the past and have proven to have a lasting impact and lasting success.

In the end, Nike chose to forsake its tried-and-respected history of success for an ad that gives a quick fleeting chuckle but does nothing for the product it's supposed to promote (Quick, what was the name of the Nike shoe in this ad?).

Hopefully, this is only a blip in Nike's track record that will not be built upon or repeated. A company like Nike doesn't need to resort to such a lowbrow tactic, and our society doesn't need it either. May this incident show the future members of the advertising and public relations profession the value of developing a long-term plan for campaigns that send a message everyone can be proud of — for the high road leads to much greener pastures in the long run.

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

the ball single-handedly with authority and then descends back to Earth.

JUST DO IT. For years Nike has embedded in the minds of people of all ages from around the globe that people can do anything if they work hard and give it their all. In recent months, the company also has done a great deal of promoting women's sports as a champion of the U.S. Women's World Cup soccer team. Nike has helped to shape role models like Michael Jordan, David Robinson, Tiger Woods and Mia Hamm (the list could go on and on) for the youth of the world.

When thinking back on all of Nike's advertising campaigns that helped achieve these things, one thing that becomes apparent is that Nike always incorporated a long-term plan in all of its ads. A plan that sought to empower us, to encourage us to work hard and reach for the stars and to allow us to dream the big dream. In short, their plan wanted us to JUST DO IT.

This makes it all the more baffling to understand why Nike chose to promote one of its more recently-released products with rather sleazy, low-grade humor. Maybe you've seen the ad and maybe you haven't, but in the Aug. 9 issue of Sports Illustrated, Nike purchased a two-page ad promoting the Nike AirTuned Max shoe. On the right page was a picture of the Nike AirTuned Max and Nike's Web site address. On the left page was an inflatable female doll in a clear plastic package. Written in between the im-

## Texas getting roped into tobacco money's politics

One must admit, the tobacco settlement mess does have its amusing aspects. Finding a populist like moi defending a bunch of killer lawyers who got a \$2.3 billion settlement is fairly funny. On the other hand, the forces of evil arrayed against our boys (as we like to think of these five killer lawyers) are even scarier.

**Molly Ivins**  
Columnist

Keep two things in mind when contemplating all this hoo-ha: If Gov. George W. Bush had a lick of sense, right after the five killer lawyers won this state \$17.3 billion (make that five killer lawyers and the hundreds of people they paid out of their pockets during the two years it took to win the case), the biggest settlement in history, he would have invited the five to the mansion in Austin and given a banquet in their honor. At which point, they would have turned over maybe half their fee to the state out of sheer kindness — and a desire not to look like hopeless greedheads.

The reason I know this is not because any of the five killer lawyers told me; I got it from a memo prepared for Texans for Lawsuit Reform, the anti-trial-lawyer outfit so generously funded by Dr. James Leininger, the right-wing Croesus from San Antonio.

In the memo, it says: "We believe that when the tobacco settlement is announced and the plaintiff's firms receive their payment, they will attempt to deflect possible criticism by placing as much as one third of that amount in a special foundation. Exactly what the purpose of this foundation will be is not known, but properly done, it will be a good PR move." Right.

The second thing you want to remember is that this is a political fight as well as a clash between economic interests. Here's the key: The five killer lawyers who stand to get \$2.3 billion from the tobacco companies (or \$3.3 billion over 50 to 60 years from the mediation effort, which is actually a lot less, in 1999 dollars, for reasons too complicated to explain) are all Democratic donors.

The reason they're Democratic donors is because the Republicans

are owned by big corporate interests that get sued by trial lawyers. Trial lawyers cost the big corporations a lot of money, so the corporate interests have banded together in Texans for Tort Reform and its offspring, to put trial lawyers out for business. So far, the corporate money is winning.

The "tort reform" passed by the Texas Legislature in 1995 tilted the legal playing field, which had been pro-trial-lawyer in this state, way over in the other direction. We missed level in that swing, and Texans for Tort Reform has even more ambitious plans to make it almost impossible for anyone to sue a corporation.

These folks accomplish this by contributing generously to state politicians. If the trial lawyers can contribute equally generously, the corporate tort reformers are stymied. That's what this fight is about.

We in the public have a stake in it because lawsuits are almost the only check left on corporate power in this country. These entities pollute our air, poison our water, break civil-rights laws and worker-safety laws, collude with one another to fix prices, sometimes make products that hurt or kill people, and otherwise behave in unspeakably conscienceless ways in their endless pursuit of higher profits. Because that is what they are organized to do — make higher profits. They are not organized to worry about health, safety or the environment. I learned all this by reading The Wall Street Journal.

And the politicians, who are supposed to represent us, no longer do so because of this insane system of campaign financing that we let fester and rot and poison our whole political system. I learned THAT by watching the Texas Legislature.

Since corporate money buys more and more clout in government, with the result that government regulates corporations less and less, the great American tradition of suing the bastards is almost the only way we have left to make corporations behave. To

this end, we root for the trial lawyers, even when they're in an ungodly fight over a \$2.3 billion fee.

W. Bush, happy recipient of acres of corporate money and his Attorney General John Cornyn, who got more than 20 percent of his campaign contributions directly from members of Texas for Tort Reform, are engaged in what is probably a bootless and expensive effort to get this bug fee reduced so it won't help Democrats.

When killer trial lawyers need a killer lawyer, they hire Michael Tigar, formerly of the University of Texas Law School. Tigar met the AG's office in court last week, and the results were predictable; this Tigar is a man-eater.

The AG's lawyer actually argued that a federal judge wasn't good enough to arbitrate the fee dispute and said it had to be settled by the Texas Supreme Court (whose members were elected with heavy cash donations from Texas for Tort Reform) on account of "the sovereignty of the state of Texas." Tigar, an old civil-rights lawyer, rose to announce that he hadn't heard language like that since George

Wallace stood in the schoolhouse door. The stupidity of wasting taxpayers' money on this political vendetta (although the state is theoretically being represented pro bono by Pete Schenkkan, who amazingly enough, also represents one of the offspring organizations of Texans for Lawsuit Reform) is that even if the state wins, it won't do us taxpayers any good. Texas wouldn't get any tobacco money if the lawyers' fees were reduced; their fees come directly from the tobacco companies apart from the settlement.

At least that's what the trial lawyers and the tobacco companies both say. For the record, the AG's office refused to comment.

*Molly Ivins is a columnist for the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.*

### The stupidity of wasting taxpayers' money on this political vendetta ... won't do us taxpayers any good.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Thanks for your prayers, support

To the editor: I want to thank the people who helped Turkey during the earthquake. That horrifying earthquake of August 17th happened not only in Turkey but also in our hearts as Turkish students at Texas Tech.

Both here and in Turkey, there is much pain from the loss of many friends, victims of a natural disaster that we cannot control. In addition to the loss of friends and neighbors, we suffered heavy damage to the heartland of our industrial economy. We all know that we must support each other in the work of rebuilding our lives and our livelihoods.

Fortunately, we have been relieved of some of our sadness by the response of friends around the world, substantial help from individuals, societies, firms of all kinds and whole governments. Though there are thousands of miles between Turkey and Texas, our sensitive friends here have supported us both emotionally and economically.

We, Turks here and elsewhere, want to thank you so much for sharing our pain and our loss. God bless y'all.

*Yusuf Tutar*  
doctoral student  
Ankara Turkey

#### It was a case of mistaken identity

To the editor: May I remind you of some journalistic conventions here at the outset of the school year? When someone in a story is identified as making "no comment," that means that they were contacted and chose, for a variety

of reasons (they have no opinion, they are concerned about controversy, they do not want to be identified with an issue), not to comment on a specific topic.

When the newspaper fails even to approach, not to mention to contact a person, and their name is used in a story, the phrase is usually "not available for comment."

My office has no record of any attempt made to contact the Honors College about the President Haragan story of Aug. 31, and your reporter certainly did not contact me about Dr. Haragan's retirement plans.

In fact, if I had been contacted, I do have very strong comments.

It will be very difficult to replace Dr. Haragan as president. He has been unusually effective and important in the development of our university. If he chooses to teach after his retirement as president, then he would be most welcome in the Honors College. We have long yearned to have him as an instructor in our program.

*Gary Bell*  
dean, honors college  
Editor's Note: When reporting the story, the reporter inadvertently mistook someone else for Dr. Bell.

#### First UD great

To the editor: I loved the first issue. My wife and I always enjoy reading The UD. Aug. 30th's edition was outstanding. I just got finished looking at it. I read it for three hours. I should be getting to bed. The layout was great, and there was lots of art and photos. I enjoyed the columns as well. Brandon's (Formby) was good along with the freshman Matt's (Muench) sports one. I am not a big sports guy, but I enjoyed it. Overall, I enjoyed every story. Keep up the good work.

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## Amen, brother

### Hard-rock band reaches for success one night at a time

by Sebastian Kitchen  
Staff Writer

Amen's last few weeks on the road could be considered hard, just like the band's music.

The band's first album on Roadrunner Records will not hit shelves until Sept. 21, but Amen has already hit the road. It has not been an easy road so far.

Only on the road for about two weeks, the band already has been through numerous tour buses and several trying situations.

On its first bus, the band was driving east from California. In the heat of the New Mexico desert, the bus's air conditioning decided to take a road trip of its own.

Lead singer Casey Chaos said the temperature inside the bus was more than 100 degrees. The carpet started to rise from the heat, and Chaos said his medication melted.

The band missed several shows while waiting for a new bus. Now, the band is traveling in a roomier, stylish, air-conditioned bus.

While playing a show in Kansas City Mo., the band played on a stage just feet away from a wres-

tling ring. Wrestling matches would take place between bands, with guitar rigs within striking distance of the ring. Beer sat on top of band equipment. From problems with white-trash events to bus problems, touring did not start well for Amen.

The road seems to have smoothed out since then for the band members.

Chaos said the first review the band received for its CD was from the European magazine *Metal Hammer*. The self-titled CD received 10 out of 10 stars, and the end of the review said, "... probably album of the year."

"It is insane the press we are getting in Europe," Chaos said.

After about two more months on the Coal Chamber tour, Amen will go to Europe to tour for the first time.

Chaos, originally from New York, spent much of his younger years in small-town Florida. A professional skate boarder at age 10, he had some local notoriety - even in the backwoods of Florida.

He was surrounded by what he called idiot, inbred rednecks who listened to rock music like "Freebird," but they seemed to like him.

"I hated rock 'n' roll and the whole redneck, jock mentality that went along with it," he said.

People seemed to like what he was



Coal Chamber bassist, played Tuesday night at Liquid 2000. The band performed along with Amen, Slipknot and Machinehead.

Greg Kreller/  
The University Daily

doing. Chaos was a part of something hip.

When he broke his arm again at the age of 15, things changed for him. He risked the possibility of not having complete use of his arm if he broke it again. He quit skating and grew a mohawk.

"All those people who liked me now thought I was crazy," he said.

People would drive by in a 4x4, throw beer cans at him and even call him "faggot."

"I was all fine with that," he said. "It was honest. You knew they hated you. There was no second guessing. They were honest about their hate."

Chaos rebelled against those people and the rock music those

people listened to. One night, his father woke him up in the middle of the night. He showed his son a special on television about hard-core music. He liked punk, and it seemed to stand for something.

He was intrigued by it and tried to get in touch with those bands.

That was the start of Chaos's music career. From those humbling beginnings, he has helped work Amen onto a powerful national tour with Coal Chamber, Machine Head and Slipknot.

With different lineups, Amen has been together for more than five years. Now, it seems the band has its strongest lineup yet and is ready to tour the world to show them.

## Crowd goes 'loco' at concert

by Sebastian Kitchen  
Staff Writer

Liquid 2000 was still "loco" when rock band Coal Chamber left the stage Tuesday night after the show. The rowdy, young crowd erupted when Coal Chamber started into the song "Sway." The fans still were buzzing after the song.

Coal Chamber capped off an intense night of sweat, hard music and a good time for the packed crowd.

The fans were not quite as crazy as the show Sunday night in Amarillo. Fans managed to pull a railing out of the concrete at the Midnight Rodeo and surf it through the building. Lubbock was crazy but did not leave Liquid 2000 torn up.

Tuesday, Amen opened up the strong lineup. A little microphone trouble slowed down Amen at the start. Lead singer Casey Chaos improvised, grabbed another microphone and the band was on its way.

Other than the original problem, Amen sounded strong.

The Slipknot show was more than just a concert. The band was complete entertainment.

The nine band members dressed in orange jump suits and wore masks. Three drummers, one with his set on a hydraulic lift, pounded out the hard-hitting beats. The men would jump around on the stage, off the stage and frequently into the crowd.

The Insane Clown Posse has nothing on these guys. Actually, Slipknot gets my vote because they actually have talent.

After Slipknot's quick, demented set, Machine Head took the stage. Never having played in Lubbock before, lead singer and guitarist Robert Flynn seemed more than impressed with the Lubbock crowd. Machine Head sounded strong.

Powerful guitars and Flynn's strong vocals entertained the aggressive crowd.

The crowd was happy, but the band most fans were waiting for had not even taken the stage.

Coal Chamber returned to a Lubbock stage for the first time in more than a year Tuesday. The band received a warm welcome.

Opening with "Loco" and ending with "Sway," Coal Chamber gave the crowd a taste of what has made the band the hottest touring club band around.

"Loco," "Sway" and "Big Truck" were tracks performed from the band's self-titled debut album. Sandwiched between the old favorites, Coal Chamber threw in several songs from its upcoming release *Chamber Music*, which will be released Tuesday. "Notion," "Tyler's Song" and "Not Living" were among the new tracks in the mix of songs.

Fans were immersed in the band from start to finish with occasional outbreaks of insanity like the finale "Sway."

The band proved why it has become one of the strongest touring acts and one of heavy music's fastest-rising stars. The other supporting bands on the lineup are well on their way and following in the footsteps of Coal Chamber.

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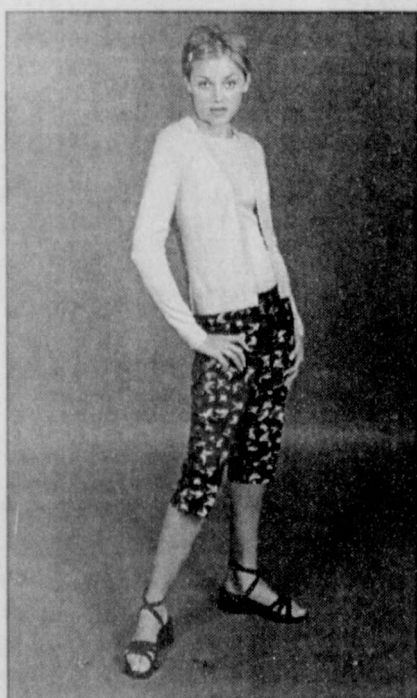
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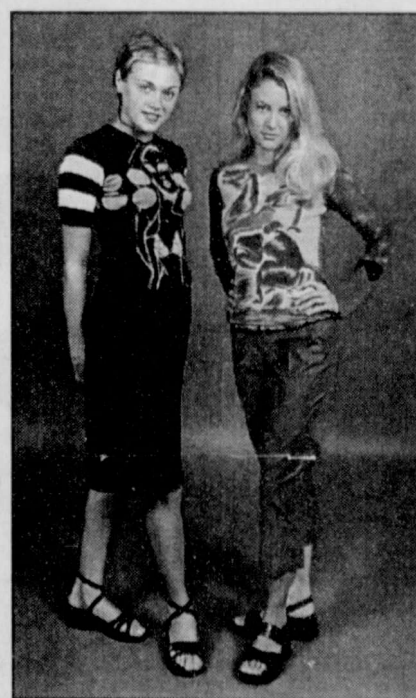
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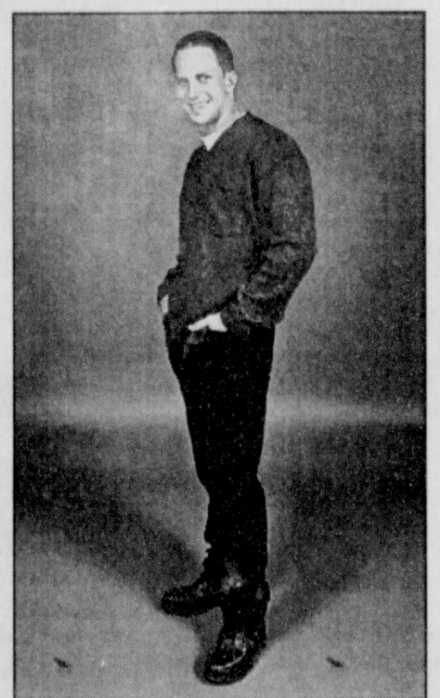
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# Makers of Beanie Babies plan to retire all creatures by year's end

CHICAGO (AP) — The maker of Beanie Babies says it will "retire" all the cute, cuddly creatures by the end of the year, causing kids to sigh and collectors to buy like crazy.

Is this the end of one of the hottest toy crazes of the decade? Or just a marketing ploy to revive interest in the plush, pellet-filled animal toys, the way comic books kill off their superheroes, then bring them back?

The company, Ty Inc., wasn't doing much to clear up the confusion. An enigmatic posting Tuesday on the Ty Web site listed soon-to-be-released Beanie Babies, then said: "VERY IMPORTANT NOTICE: On December 31, 1999-11:59 p.m. (CST) All Beanie Babies will be retired ... including the above!"

Company spokeswoman Anne

Nickels declined Wednesday to say why the company made the decision — or whether Ty would be making any new Beanie Babies after the first of the year. Company founder Ty Warner was unavailable for comment, she said.

Whatever the motivation behind the message, it certainly sparked interest. At the Beanie Baby auction site Collectingnation.com, the number of bids shot up 75 percent Wednesday. The Beanie bear Germania was selling for \$175, up from \$150 a week ago.

"Ty Warner is a very smart man. He knows how to create a product. He knows how to create demand," said Leonard Tannenbaum, president of the Connecticut-based site.

Since Ty began selling the toys in

1993, the privately owned company has distributed more than 100 characters, from dinosaurs and teddy bears to birds and zoo animals. Within three years, the company's estimated Beanie Baby revenue was \$250 million annually.

Discontinued — or retired — models have been the hottest sellers, leading some toy industry experts to believe that Ty Inc. is simply trying to rekindle interest in the newer — and perhaps oversupplied — toys.

"Beanie Babies right now are really being bought now by the pure

collector, whereas they were the rage a year ago," said Jim Silver, publisher of The Toy Book, a New York-based trade publication. "I would find it shocking that they would retire while still making millions and millions of dollars."

**"He knows how to create a product. He knows how to create demand."**

**Leonard Tannenbaum**  
president of Connecticut-based site of Ty Inc.

Beanies initially became popular because their price of only \$4 to \$5 was affordable for most children.

Later, they became valuable collectibles for adults who could sell a single toy for as much as \$1,000.

The lengths people have gone to get Beanie Babies are legendary.

A former bank president and his wife were charged in Wisconsin earlier this year with embezzling millions of dollars — a good chunk of it used to buy Beanie Babies. In Salinas, Calif., a woman admitted using stolen credit card numbers to feed her habit of buying Beanie Babies.

Last year, people lined up to hand over their firearms in a Guns for Beanie Babies promotion sponsored by the Kankakee, Ill., police department. For a while, the Customs Service, acting on a request from Ty, limited travelers entering the country to one Beanie Baby per family. The limit was later raised to 30.

Shirley Lin, manager of a Chicago Hallmark store that sells Beanie Ba-

bies, said she had been trying to reach her Ty sale representative for hours Wednesday.

"I want to ask if he's going to retire or have a new line," she said, chuckling.

Anne Friedlander, an 8-year-old from Buckley, Mich., said she hopes the company doesn't really intend to stop making the toys. She has little interest in the increasing value of the 123 Beanie Babies she keeps in a doll house — many of them gifts from her grandparents.

"I don't really want to sell them," Anne said. "I want to play with them."

While the confusion reigns, there could be a sign from the company in the name of one of the company's soon-to-be released bears.

The bear is called "The End."

## Christian tour to stop in Lubbock

One of the largest non-denominational Christian college tours in the nation will make a stop in Lubbock tonight.

The One Day Christian college-student conference will be presented

at 8 p.m. in the University Center Allen Theatre. The conference will feature speaker Louis Giglio, and Christian rock music will be performed during the night. The One Day Christian tour is stopping at various college cam-

puses throughout the nation promoting the larger One Day conference, which will take place during the summer of 2000.

Admission to the event is free, but space is limited.

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per-semester scholarships each from both the Ex-Students Association and Dads and Moms Association. Even with financial issues being a disadvantage of being a quadruplet, she said it is not a significant problem for her family since money is meaningless.

"We don't agree that we should get money because we're quadruplets," she said. "We were hoping

that we could get it because we worked hard in school."

Over the years, the Muench family has received media attention on both a state and national level.

During their senior year of high school, Courtney said the local media in El Paso reported about their graduation. Matt said he and his brother and sisters gained more national attention when the ABC morning show "Good Morning America" aired a segment about the quadruplets.

The spotlight is turned again to

the Muench siblings as they enter college at Tech. So far, all four siblings like attending the same university. With his siblings living on the same campus, Ryan said he is able to always have someone to talk to.

Courtney said sometimes when she and Marisa go somewhere, her brothers are unexpectedly at the same place.

"It is kind of cool seeing them down the hall," Marisa said.

"As homesick as it is, I can't imagine not seeing them."

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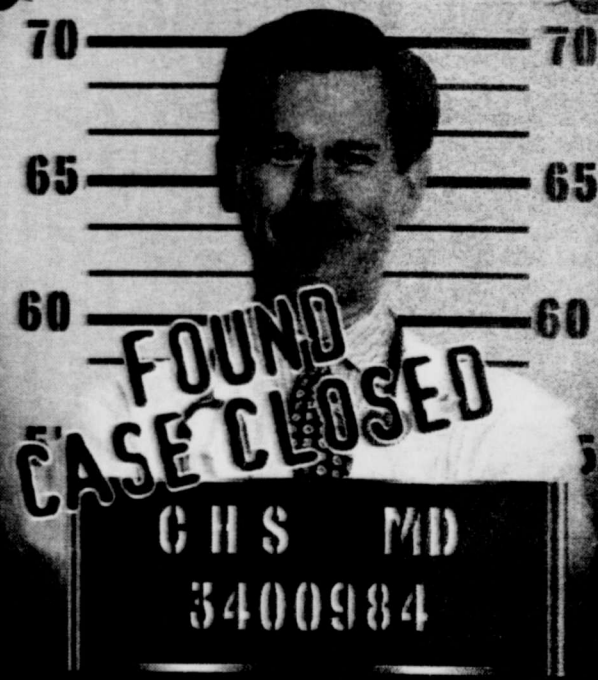
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# Venice film festival opens with 'Eyes Wide Shut'

VENICE, Italy (AP) — Venice may be the grand old lady of film festivals, but she showed her mettle Wednesday, opening with a jumbo jolt of Hollywood star power and sheer sex appeal: Tom Cruise and Nicole Kidman in "Eyes Wide Shut."

The tale of a marriage rent by jealousy and sexual obsession is the final work of renowned director Stanley Kubrick. He died on March 7, just days after finishing the film.

"Kubrick's movie showed us the way to go," said director Emir

Kusturica, the head of the Venice jury. "He showed us that cinema is still art."

As a special tribute to Kubrick, Venice is screening "Eyes Wide Shut" at all three of its 56-year-old festival's main venues.

And audiences in Venice and elsewhere in Europe get to see the original version — without the digitally-added figures that obscured nudity in an orgy scene to appease the censors who rate films for American audiences.

At a news conference before the premiere, Cruise, Kidman and producer Jan Harlan eulogized Kubrick as not only a great director, but also as a smart, sensitive, funny man.

Both actors said working with him was an all-absorbing experience — "thrilling, difficult, exhilarating," in Kidman's words.

Kubrick's works include "Paths of Glory," "Lolita," "Dr. Strangelove (Or How I Stopped Worrying and Learned to Love the Bomb)," "2001: A Space Odyssey," "A Clockwork Or-

ange," "The Shining" and "Full Metal Jacket."

"When we're 70 or 80 years old, we'll look back on this century and say: 'I was there with Stanley Kubrick,'" Cruise said proudly.

The movie had a mixed reception in the United States, where reviews ran the gamut from "masterpiece" to Pauline Kael's pithy "piece of crap."

Neither the reviews nor its only modest box-office success seemed to disappoint the stars.

European critics are likely to be far

more reverential toward Kubrick's swan song than their American cousins, and the movie is expected to do well at the European box office.

Venice is an important European launching pad for Hollywood movies, and the festival has a substantial complement of U.S. offerings this year.

Among the American movies premiering there: "Fight Club," starring Brad Pitt and Edward Norton; Woody Allen's "Sweet and

Lowdown," starring Sean Penn and Uma Thurman; and horror king Wes Craven's first conventional movie, "Music of the Heart," with Meryl Streep, Aidan Quinn, Angela Bassett and Gloria Estefan.

The festival wraps up Sept. 11 with another nod to Hollywood — a career achievement award for Jerry Lewis, revered by many European critics and film historians as a king of comedy.

Kubrick was honored with the career achievement award in 1997.

## Churches now sponsoring concerts, hiring musicians

LANDOVER, Md. (AP) — The crowd is on its feet, stage lights swirl overhead and the young singer leaps across the stage chanting, "Have the people had enough?"

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If this sounds like a rock concert, it's actually a special service at the 10,000-seat Jericho City of Praise church in this Washington, D.C. suburb, one of several mammoth churches throughout the country to embrace professional musicians and artists as one way to lure people wary of the traditional tones of organized religion.

On a recent Saturday night at Jericho, more than 10,000 people waited nearly three hours in the summer heat for a gospel concert.

Thousands more were turned away.

Once inside, the crowd seldom sat down as artists performed with a backdrop of stage smoke, bright lights and choirs.

More and more churches are sponsoring concerts, hiring musicians for Sunday services and even placing some artists on staff.

"They recognize this is one of the ways they not only minister to their flock spiritually but also to their entertainment needs," said Frank

Breedon, president of the Nashville-based Gospel Music Association.

With the swelling popularity of gospel and Christian music, dozens of congregations have evolved into "megachurches" with thousands of members.

"It's been a lifestyle marketing approach that these churches have gone to," Breedon said.

Matt Anderson, program director at the Washington gospel music radio station WPGC-AM, has also seen a trend of churches "having recording artists as ministers of music."

"You know the person is committed to the church, but they are also committed to their music ministry,"

Anderson said.

According to the Recording Industry Association of America, gospel music sales grew 40 percent last year.

"Gospel is now larger than jazz, classical and New Age combined," Breedon said.

Recent Ebenezer services have featured such performers as Bebe Winans, Yolanda Adams, Karen Clark Sheard and Dotie Peoples.

"They'll travel all over the country the other six days of the week, but on Sunday morning they're at their church in place and ready to minister," Anderson said of such artists.

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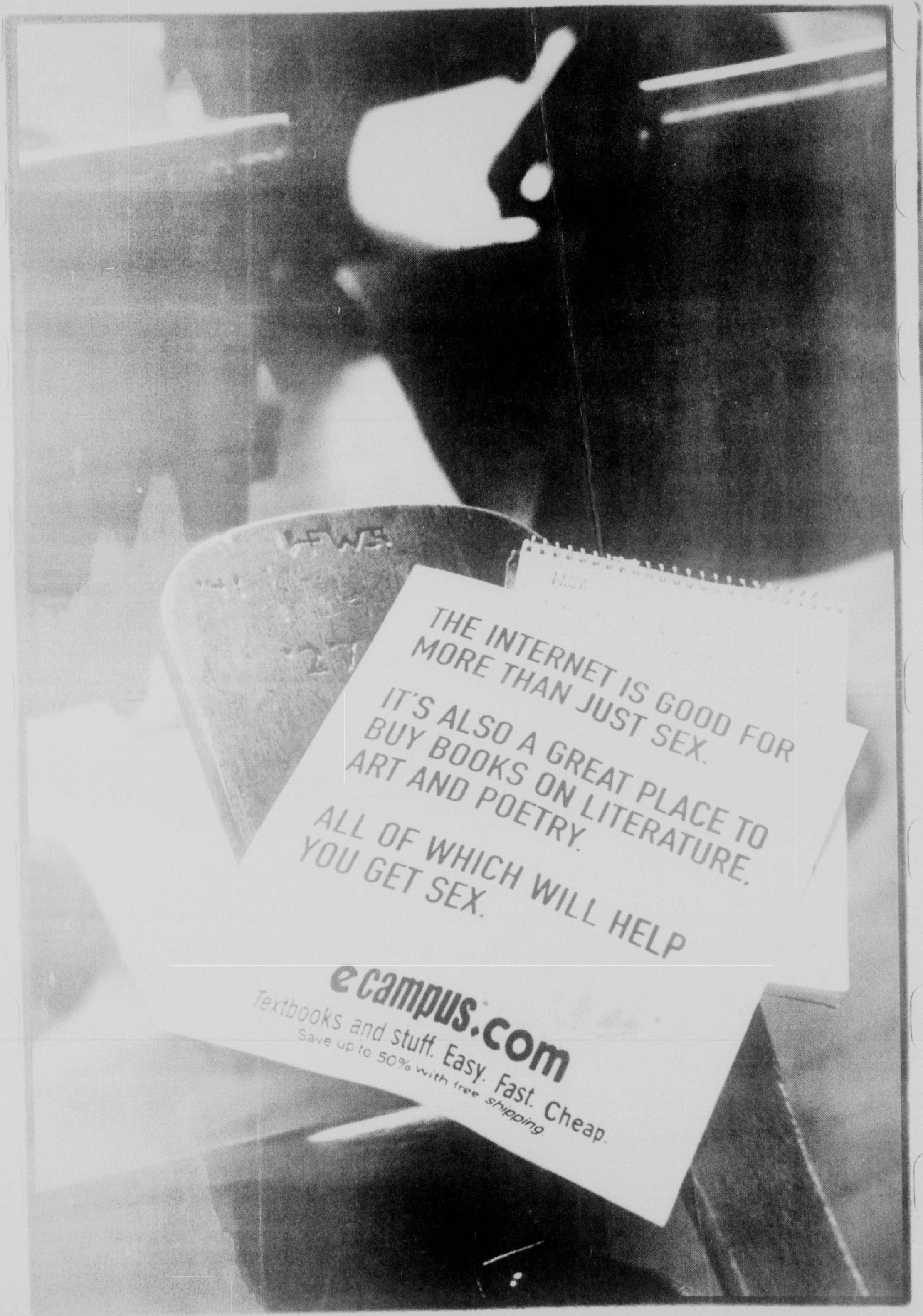
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# Football programs venture into cyberspace

## High schools now sporting Web sites

DALLAS (AP) — When Terry Alan searched for information about Odessa Permian on the Internet three years ago, all he found was a mountain of references to "Friday Night Lights," H.G. Bissinger's controversial book about high school football in West Texas.

Alan said he was dismayed at the idea that Web surfers were learning about his alma mater through the words of Bissinger, whose candid and mostly negative portrayal of the Permian program has enraged Odessa residents for a decade.

So Alan decided to use his background in computer technology to tell his side of the story. "If people wanted to know about Odessa Permian football, the only thing available to them was what some guy from the Northeast thought," Alan said. "I wanted to give people across the country a different view."

Alan's response was "Mojoland," a comprehensive Web site dedicated to the traditions, accomplishments, statistics and up-to-date news about one of the state's most storied football teams.

Widely regarded as one of the best of its kind because of its wealth of information and impressive graphics interface, "Mojoland" has led a booming trend in Texas high school football Web sites, which are popping

up by the dozen.

"People are finding out that with all of these free Web sites out there, you can get started pretty easily," said David King, who writes a weekly "Cybersports" column for the *San Antonio Express-News*.

"For fans and booster clubs, it's a great way to keep track of a football program without being published." Information about many football teams in the state is available on sites run by their school districts.

Other programs depend on independent sites like Alan's to launch them into cyberspace.

Alan runs Web sites for three schools — Permian, Odessa and Abilene Cooper — for free.

The Odessa native earns the majority of his income from his subscription site and by designing and running Web pages for private companies.

Alan videotapes Permian games from the sidelines and posts updated video clips, photos and statistics on the sites each week.

"It's my chance to give something back to the school," Alan said of his endeavor. "People tell me they can stay in touch with their Mojo football even when they're in Connecticut." Most of the better sites have com-

mon elements — schedules, rosters, rankings and records from past seasons — but many offer a wide variety of extras.

At Copperas Cove's "The Dawg House," visitors can take a football quiz or buy booster club merchandise such as mini-helmets and coffee mugs.

Converse Judson's site updates team notes three times a week and posts the current practice weather conditions.

Richardson Lake Highlands' site includes a multitude of links to news stories, as well as a column by self-proclaimed expert "Jimmy 'Da Geek'."

Larger, more general sites, like CentexFootball.com, host bulletin boards where visitors who go by names like "MartFan," "Pirate Dad" and "The Predictor" are allowed to run amok by talking trash, spreading rumors and proclaiming their undying devotion to their favorite athletic teams.

A good clearing ground for sites is

texasfootball.com from the makers of Dave Campbell's Texas Football magazine.

One of the most professional-looking sites in the state was started two years ago by Anthony Colunga, the father of two Flower Mound Marcus football players.

Colunga designs Web pages for GTE, and after Marcus won a state championship in 1997, he sought the approval of boosters and coaches to create a site dedicated to the team.

"Everybody was really excited about it," Colunga said. "The exposure is great for the kids, especially in recruiting."

Marcus fans were so happy with Colunga's work, they talked him into running the site for one more season, even though his sons have graduated.

But with Colunga's third son in the eighth grade and planning to attend rival Flower Mound High, it appears Marcus soon will have to find another Webmaster.

"I guess my allegiances are about to change," Colunga said.

"Flower Mound has already tried to recruit me."

## McCombs owner says no to possible move

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Minnesota Vikings owner Red McCombs said Wednesday that he has never threatened to move the NFL franchise to another city if the public refused to help him build a new stadium.

McCombs, a San Antonio businessman, issued a brief statement after a report in Wednesday's *Star Tribune* that he was prepared to move the team if necessary. In remarks Tuesday morning to business leaders, McCombs was quoted as saying, "We need a stadium right now or the Vikings won't be here five years from now."

McCombs' statement Wednesday said, in part: "I have never mentioned at any time to anyone moving the Minnesota Vikings ... I have never mentioned to anyone at any time the issue of breaking the lease on the Metrodome."

McCombs' statement did not dispute the *Star Tribune* story nor say he had been misquoted. An assistant said the owner was traveling to New York on Wednesday and was not available for an interview.

The *Texas* has talked about a

new stadium before. He said last month at the Vikings' training camp that "the stadium issue is really just a matter of mathematics."

But the comments reported Tuesday were his most forceful yet. And they surprised many, especially since opinion polls show a majority of Minnesota residents remain opposed to subsidies for professional sports stadiums.

"I think people were somewhat stunned by it," *Mpls/St. Paul* magazine editor Brian Anderson told the *Star Tribune*. "I was asking myself, 'Did I miss something here?' Because a message is being delivered here that I hadn't heard before."

Gov. Jesse Ventura, who opposes using tax money for sports stadiums, wasn't available for comment Wednesday, a spokesman said.

To leave town, the Vikings would have to break their lease with the Metrodome.

Sen. John Marty, DFL-Roseville, one of the Legislature's fiercest critics of public financing plans for stadiums, called McCombs a liar.

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# Meaningless or not, Cowboys to play Jaguars today

IRVING (AP) — The exhibition finale today between the Jacksonville Jaguars and Dallas Cowboys will match opposite coaching philosophies.

The topic has nothing to do with offenses, defenses or special teams. It's about the significance of pre-season games, especially this one, which will feature — at best — one quarter from the starters.

Cowboys coach Chan Gailey doesn't care who wins a game that doesn't count in the standings. He's



quarter.

So for him, the point of these glorified scrimmages is the chance to better evaluate his players. Dallas will have to trim 17 guys from its roster to reach the 53-man limit on Sunday.

often said that if winning mattered, the starters would be playing the fourth

Jaguars coach Tom Coughlin believes in the theory that any time you keep score you should be trying to win. That doesn't mean he'll leave his starters in any longer than Gailey, but he wants all his players thinking about winning instead of just playing.

"It's very important we win," Jacksonville quarterback Mark Brunell said.

"That's the ultimate goal. Sure, there are a lot of things we want to work on. But the first thing on our minds is to win football games."

Coughlin wants his players think-

ing about something else during the trip to Dallas — establishing good habits on the road.

"It's the mentality, the attitude, the approach, the focus, the concentration," Coughlin said. "It's staying in the right frame of mind even though you're in an unusual setting. You have to deal with that, prepare yourself properly and build yourself up."

Both teams come into this game following their best performance of the summer. Dallas beat Denver 20-12 for its first exhibition victory in two years and Jacksonville is coming off a 31-6 pounding of Kansas City.

Dallas will be scrutinizing its cornerbacks after learning Tuesday that Kevin Smith will be out another four to six weeks.

The Cowboys still don't know whether they'll have Deion Sanders back for the first, second or third game.

The hamstring injury that kept receiver Ernie Mills out of the Broncos game hasn't fully healed. Gailey said he'll make a game-time decision on

**"If we didn't have to play this game, we wouldn't."**

**Darren Woodson**  
Cowboys safety

whether to use him. "If we didn't have to play this game, we wouldn't," said safety Darren Woodson.

"For us veterans, we want to rest, but for the young guys, this is their last chance to make the team. Staying healthy is the No. 1 key."

## Houston sports arena to be put before voters

HOUSTON (AP) — As the dust settled following a late-night agreement to put a sports arena proposal before voters, critics of the \$160 million deal seemed at least partially appeased by some last-minute adjustments.

Harris County Judge Robert Eckels, who had voiced numerous

concerns, on Wednesday applauded amendments by the Harris County-Houston Sports Authority.

"The changes that were made yesterday, I think, substantially improved the deal that was put forward," he said, adding that the county commission was "reserving judgment" while its attorneys re-

viewed details.

Changes include the addition of a ticket tax on events and a clause to ensure the authority would avoid overextending its finances.

The ticket tax came after intense lobbying by Harris County commissioners, the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo and businessman

Bob McNair, who hopes to get a National Football League team for Houston.

The three parties expressed concern that the deal could leave insufficient revenue for the authority to pay its commitment to a \$310 million football stadium.

The authority, a public agency created in a 1996 election, haggled all day Tuesday over the proposal by Mayor Lee Brown and Houston Rockets owner Les Alexander to split the cost of the arena.

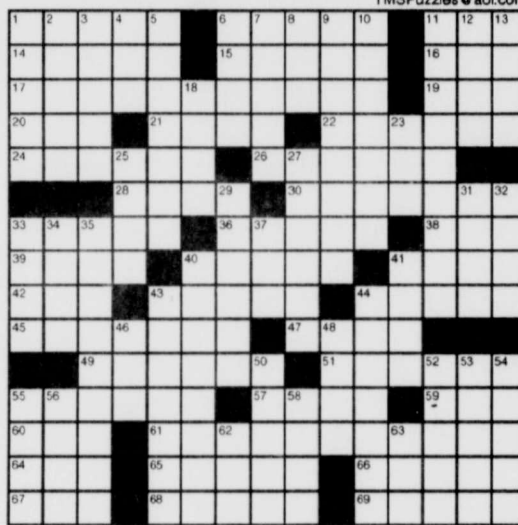
The board finally approved the deal in the wee hours of Wednesday morning and scheduled a referendum for Nov. 2.

Brown said further details on financing, design and construction of the arena will be discussed and made public over the two months before the election.

### THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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By Diane C. Baldwin  
Columbia, MD

#### Wednesday's Puzzle Solved

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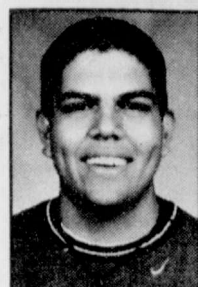
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# First game crucial for Tech

When I first got my hands on one of the little Texas Tech football schedule cards, something caught my eye.



**Patrick Gonzales**  
Reporter

Then I lost the little darn thing. But when I got another one, I noticed that the cover photograph of Ricky Williams has the junior tailback a stiff-arm away from the perfect Heisman pose.

I'm sure the photograph was picked unintentionally, and the fact that Williams is a Heisman candidate had nothing to do with it —

but I just thought it was neat coincidence.

Yeah, right. Jerry or no Jerry, that is the question.

You all should know by now that Tech starts the season Monday playing at No. 25 Arizona State on national television.

What you didn't know is the game is more important than many of you think.

For starters, the game is on Labor Day, and therefore, a dilemma is upon us: Watch the Red Raiders battle the Sun Devils live from Tempe, Ariz., or catch the finale of the Jerry Lewis Telethon.

This may be a "no-brainer" for some of you, but when I think back to Tech's past two season openers, watching a 24-hour telethon doesn't really sound so bad.

In 1997, the Red Raiders lost 52-

17 to No. 5 Tennessee, a beating so bad even Mike Tyson had to look away. How embarrassing.

In 1998, Tech crushed Texas-El Paso, 35-3, a game so uneven that even the referees left early to go party.

The Sun Devils shouldn't disappoint.

This year's game will be worth watching as the Red Raiders face an opponent who will test them to the fullest.

The game will come down to the wire, and the urge to change the channel will not come up.

More importantly (especially for you gamblers), the outcome of the battle will convey what type of season Tech will have.

In a practice report released Tuesday, Spike Dykes said, "This is a good opportunity against a good football team. There won't be any waiting around this year to see how we stand.

We are going to find out real quick what kind of football team we have."

I couldn't have said it better myself.

If the Red Raiders win, expect them to win their next two games against the University of Louisiana at Lafayette and North Texas and enter the Texas A&M battle with loads of momentum.

From that point on, the rest of the season should be up for grabs. But do expect the annual charity game with Oklahoma — the one in which Tech donates a victory to the Sooners each year.

So go ahead and make plans for watching the game Monday because it shouldn't disappoint.

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# Defensive end also may play tight end

IRVING (AP) — Troy Aikman saw a big guy catch the kickoff and was impressed. Whoever it was showed good hands in picking up the squib kick, and he seemed to know what he was doing when he ran with the ball.

Once the New England defenders were peeled off, Aikman was surprised to see rookie defensive end Ebenezer Ekuban get up from the bottom of the pile.

Ekuban's smooth handling of that play reminded Dallas Cowboys coaches that he had been a tight end for two years at North Carolina before switching to defense.

That knowledge came in handy a week later when injuries thinned Dallas' depth at tight end.

This week, the Cowboys took the first steps toward breaking in Ekuban as a short-yardage tight end by issuing him an offensive playbook and inviting him to offensive meetings.

He'll begin practicing at tight end next week, and coach Chan Gailey plans to give him a few min-

utes there every week to learn his assignments. He'll primarily be used in goal-line formations.

"He won't be running any post routes," Gailey said. "It'll just be in an emergency situation."

Hayward Clay was supposed to be Dallas' blocking tight end, but he went on injured reserve Tuesday with a hurt knee. The next option, rookie Mike Lucky, is recovering from a foot injury that could be stress fracture. That leaves only rookie free agent Brian Waters, who is listed as a fullback, but played tight end during his career at North Texas.

Even if Lucky or Waters makes the 53-man roster, there could be weeks when Gailey can't squeeze them onto the 45-man active list. Having Ekuban ready would make that decision easier.

"Anything I can do to help the team I'm willing to do," said Ekuban, a native of Ghana who has only been playing football six years. "I guess it's a compliment that the coaches have confidence in my athletic abilities."

# Football bidder donates \$17.5 million to Rice

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston businessman Robert C. McNair has agreed to donate \$17.5 million to Rice University's business college.

The donation, made by McNair and his wife Janice, will go to Rice's Jesse H. Jones Graduate School of Management.

McNair built Cogen Technologies into the world's largest privately owned cogenerator of electricity and thermal energy.

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# SPORTS

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## Tech spikes Roadrunners in season opener

by Jeff Keller  
Staff Writer

The Texas Tech volleyball squad began its season with a 15-11, 15-11, 15-12 victory over New Mexico State on Wednesday night.

The Red Raiders started the first game by jumping out to a 4-1 lead only to see the Roadrunners come back and tie them at five a piece.

Tech then reeled off five-straight points to lead 10-5 in the first game.

New Mexico State would close the gap to 14-11, but Tech closed out the game on the serve of middle blocker Kate Jury.

The Roadrunners came out strong in the second game and claimed an early 2-0 lead over Tech.

The Red Raiders again came back and took a five-point lead at 12-7 only to see the Roadrunners battle back to pull within two at 13-11.

Outside hitter Ann Romjue stepped up in her first match as a Red

Raider, and Tech closed out the second game with two-straight points on her serve.

The final game was a see-saw battle, with the Roadrunners at one point taking a four-point lead at 8-4.

But, the Red Raiders proved to be too much for the Roadrunners as they outscored them 11-4 the rest of the way to put the finishing touches on a season-opening straight-game win.

Tech started three players that had never seen a minute of playing time as Red Raiders, as outside hitters Colleen Smith, Jenny Donohoo and Ann Romjue got the starting nod.

Coach Jeff Nelson said there was some uncertainty in starting three newcomers to the program in the opening contest.

"I was nervous about that," Nelson said. "You never know how they are going to respond. They looked great in warm-ups and then maybe a little bit shaky at the start of

the match. Overall, I think they are going to be really good out there."

Romjue had seven kills in her first game at the college level and said she is glad to have the first contest out of the way.

"It was a good experience," Romjue said. "I am glad to get it out of the way with all of the first-game jitters and whatever. Now I can just focus and play. The tempo is at a higher level in the college game, but I think we all adjusted pretty well."

Defensive specialist Bonny Smith saw action as well in her first match as a Red Raider, getting in the match in the third game.

Smith played high school volleyball at Lubbock Coronado and played her first collegiate game in front of a hometown audience.

"It was so exciting," Smith said. "To get out there and play in my first game was a great experience."

Skydra Loren had 30 assists for Tech in her first career start at the setter position.

Orzen said the Red Raiders need to concentrate more in the future if

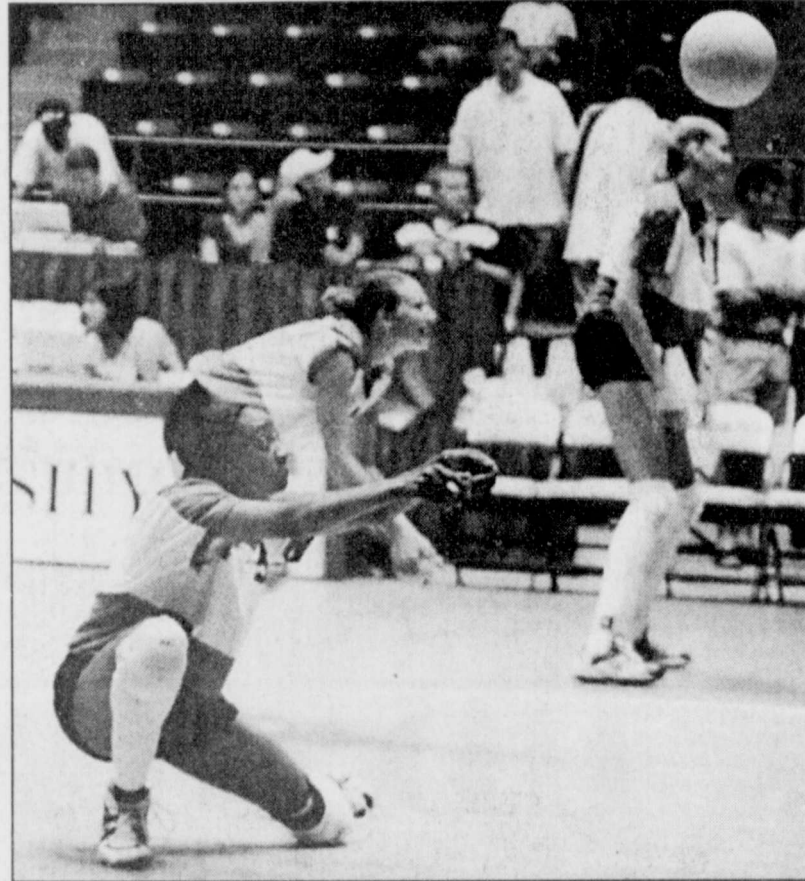
they are going to continue winning.

"I think tonight we were just a little bit out of focus," Orzen said. "It might have been first-night jitters. But at least we have this one under our belts, so we can hopefully build off of it."

Nelson said his team had its positive points, and it had points that it needs to improve on as the season progresses.

"We played well," Nelson said. "We blocked well, and we served tough. I thought those were the highlights. I thought we could have played a little better defense, but passing went pretty well. I was pleased with the play of our two freshmen that started. I thought Lori (Garber) and Colleen played very strong on the block. But overall, it was kind of a lack-luster performance. I think we knew we were going to win; we expected to win. When we got out there and scored a few points right away it kind of became easy. That's not what you want to have happen. You want to really work hard. Every night we want to work harder than our opponents, and I am not sure we did tonight."

Up next for Tech is the Four Points Classic Tournament, which begins at 10 a.m. Friday. Tech's first match in the tournament will be against Southern Methodist at 2 p.m. Friday in the Lubbock Municipal Coliseum.



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Freshman middle blocker Stacey Poole gets a dig at Wednesday night's game against New Mexico State at the Lubbock Municipal Auditorium. Up next for Tech is the Four Points Classic Tournament, which begins at 10 a.m. Friday

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