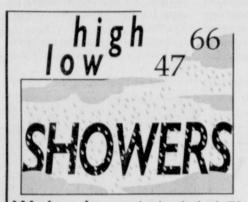
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#### STATENEWS -

#### Former Houston policemen indicted for 1998 shooting

HOUSTON (AP) — A federal grand jury on Monday indicted fired Houston police Sgt. Darrell Strouse and former patrolman James Willis on civil rights charges in a July 1998 fatal shooting during a drug raid.

Strouse led the botched raid by six Houston Police Department officers on the apartment of Pedro Oregon Navarro. Willis, who helped set up the raid, was acquitted in March on criminal trespassing charges.

Both are charged with conspiracy to violate Oregon's civil rights. No search warrant was obtained for the raid, according to the

Don C. Clark, special agent in charge of the Houston FBI office, said the indictments should not reflect badly upon the police department as a whole.

"This is not an indictment against law enforcement. It's certainly not an indictment of the police department, but we as law enforcement officers, the people depend upon us, we're there to secure rights and to protect these rights," Clark said.

#### NATIONALNEWS

#### Clinton pledges to help communities hit by Floyd

TARBORO, N.C. (AP) — After seeing entire communities submerged in water, President Clinton promised Monday that "the American family" would do all it can to help the victims of floods caused by Hurricane Floyd. "We're going to be with you every step of the way," he said.

Clinton toured this devastated community in eastern North Carolina by helicopter, his eyes taking in miles of brown water that seemed to swallow everything in its path: factories, small airplanes, cars and trees, six houses on a cul-de-sac showing only inches of roof.

"The damage was unbelievable. I was surprised by it," Clinton told reporters just before leaving town. "We just have to stay with it and do our best to help them.

Clinton announced separate federal disaster aid for North Carolina last week. Monday, he said the Labor Department will use \$12 million to hire temporary workers to help with hurricane cleanup, and emergency food stamps will be available to help families in

#### WORLDNEWS —

#### Raisa Gorbachev, wife of former leader, dies at 67

MOSCOW (AP) - Raisa Gorbachev, wife of the last Soviet leader, Mikhail Gorbachev, died Monday after a battle with leukemia, the Gorbachev Foundation said. She was 67.

Gorbachev died in a hospital in Muenster, Germany, at 5 a.m. (11 p.m. Sunday EDT), said a spokesman from the Gorbachev Foundation in Moscow

Gorbachev had been at the Muenster University Clinic since July 25. She originally underwent chemotherapy and had shown some improvement, but her condition worsened in recent days, doctors said.

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## Audit reveals problems, errors English

by Wayne Hodgin

Results from two separate audits were released Monday, citing numerous problems and discrepancies within the Texas Tech campus and Health Sciences Center

The university-sanctioned audits, conducted by the Office of Internal Audit, found the Office of Facilities, Planning and Construction and the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery to be in non-compliance in numerous areas.

The audits were conducted because both campus entities were believed to have been spending money outside of budgetary guidelines, said Cindy Rugeley, vice chancellor for News and Information.

Although no illegal actions were found in either office, results from the audits listed various items of inappropriate procedures.

Within the Office of Facilities, Planning

findings stated office personnel "altered project numbers on vendor's invoices" which charged the expenditures to the improper

handling projects, unpaid and overdue invoices and found employees were paid "far above" salary ranges established by the uni-

The audit also stated that the FP&C is "relied upon heavily for projects or tasks that fall outside the defined scope of projects to be handled by the department."

Chancellor John Montford said the report is the result of Tech's ambition to become a first-rate institution partly through the construction of state-of-the-art facilities for instruction and athletics.

This is a result of trying to do too much too soon," he said. "It's growing pains if I could summarize it."

The report concluded that since no ma-

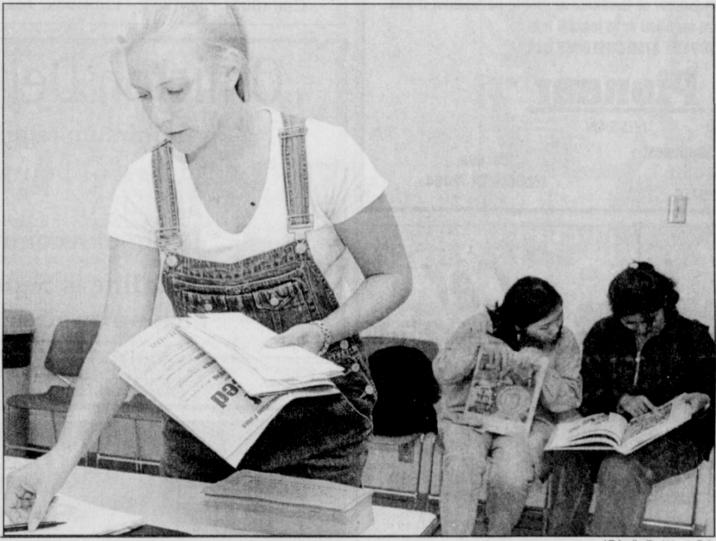
and Construction, one of the most serious jor construction projects had taken place on the campus in 25 years, the FP&C was not equipped to handle the major building efforts of the Master Plan.

According to the audit, FP&C also is ac-The report also listed inconsistencies in cused of "blatant disregard" for policies and procedures related to the fulfillment of projects across campus.

The \$275,000 study contracted by Tech and completed by Deloitte & Touche, a management consulting firm, made recommendations to the Chancellor's Office as well as to the Board of Regents as to how the problems could be remedied.

The Office of Internal Audit also proposed several key changes within the structure of the FP&C. These recommendations were that a vision for the FP&C should be developed and a total restructuring of the office be performed by an outside agency in conjunction with the Office of Internal Audit. It

see AUDIT, p. 2



Texas Tech student Christina McNelly, a sophomore family studies major from Lubbock, signs her name to receive her 1999 La Ventana as two other students look over their copies of the yearbook. Students can pick up their copy of the 1999 La Ventana in Room 209 of the University Center until Thursday.

## Students to help build homes

by Angela Loston

Thile some people will be sleeping in Saturday morning, some students will be awake bright and early to help make preparations for home development.

Various student organizations will participate in the Community Action Day from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.

The groups will work with the Habitat for Humanity of Lubbock Inc. to begin construction for new homes.

"It's a great way for large groups to work together," said Daniel Brown, activities coordinator for Tech Campus Activities and Involvement. "It's just a good experience for people.

Brown said student volunteers will assist Habitat for Humanity of Lubbock Inc. members to develop the site located at Duke Street and Avenue U for the

organization's Project 20/2000.

Brown said the purpose of the project, which was announced at a press conference last week, is to build 20 homes within one week in December.

To prepare this property for construction, Pennington Vann, president-elect for the Habitat for Humanity of Lubbock Inc., said volunteers will clear debris, trim rotting trees and mow the 16 acres of land.

'We're very pleased with the students to be involved in any way they can," Vann said. "They bring a lot of enthusiasm and skills, as

In addition to the 20 homes that are scheduled to be constructed this December. Vann said his organization plans to build 40 more homes in the next several years.

So far, Angie Dunlap, assistant director for Campus Activities and Involvement, said two organizations have registered to participate in the event.

Zeta Phi Gamma and Tau Beta Sigma will offer their support to the Habitat for Human-

ity of Lubbock Inc.

Since the community-service activity will be during the weekend, Dunlap said it will be easier for volunteers to help with the

"I think it's a really good way to get out in the community and do some service," she

"We have had a really good response from people who have participated in the past."

Brown said this will be the first opportunity this year for students to volunteer for Habitat for Humanity of Lubbock Inc. Two more volunteer days are planned for Oct. 23

If a student group is interested in becoming involved in the community-service event, Brown said they can call 742-3621 for more information. Possible volunteers who are interested in helping also can register in room 228 of the University Center.

"I hope that it's a success," Brown said. "We're looking forward to different groups going out there to work.'

### Dragging death defendant convicted

#### Man found guilty of capital murder

BRYAN (AP) - White supremacist prison gang leader Lawrence Russell Brewer was convicted Monday of capital murder for the horrific dragging death last year of a black man who was chained behind a pickup truck and pulled for three miles over a bumpy East Texas road.

The jury deliberated about four hours before returning its verdict, making Brewer, 32, the second of three white supremacists to be convicted of killing James Byrd Jr.

The same Brazos County jury will consider testimony and must decide if Brewer joins his former prison buddy, John William King, 24, on Texas' death row.

King was convicted and condemned in

Brewer stood with his attorneys to hear the verdict. He had no visible reaction. The judge had admonished spectators to have no show of emotion in the courtroom. There was

The jury returned to the courtroom to

immediately begin hearing testimony on whether Brewer should be sentenced to death or life in prison.

Testimony in the punishment phase was set to continue Tuesday and Jasper County District Attorney Guy James Gray said he did not anticipate the case returning to the jury until Wednesday.

Whatever they come up with we will accept that, of course," Mary Verrett, Byrd's sister, said after emerging from the courthouse. "I want to see the ultimate penalty.

'I can't begin to describe how good we

feel," she added. A third man, Shawn Allen Berry, also 24, faces trial late next month. "Relieved, that's the word," Gray said of

the verdict. 'Twenty-two years I've been doing this, it

never gets any easier. "I don't like the death penalty but that's what he deserves. The just punishment for

this case and these facts and circumstances is death.

As has been their usual practice during the trial, Brewer's attorney had no comment.

In their deliberations, the jurors had asked to see a number of pieces of evidence, including photos of the crime scene and clothing. In order to find Brewer guilty of capital murder, the jurors were required to decide that Brewer helped kidnap Byrd as well as mur-

The panel could have convicted Brewer of the lesser charges of non-capital murder, aggravated assault or assault.

# building suffers damage

by Lenzi Diggs Staff Writer

Many students and faculty experienced the problems heavy rains can bring to the Texas Tech campus during last week's flood-

The English department faculty not only had to battle the elements of nature outside the building but inside, as well.

Flooded offices and leaky roofs greeted many professors the morning after Wednesday's drenching rains.

The water-laden office of Mary Jane Hurst, an associate professor of English, forced her to tote her teaching supplies on a janitor-like cart for most of Thursday, due to a waterfall cascading down her office wall.

"The flooding is not only disruptive to my schedule, but it presents a real danger to myself and students," Hurst said.

With large trash cans of water in her office, Hurst could not gain access to her computer or telephone. Even with those obstacles removed, she would not have been able to use her equipment since the electricity had been shut off.

Maddone Miner, chairwoman of the English/philosophy department, sympathizes with the faculty and the effects the closed

offices have on students. "Not only is this inconvenient for the professors, but the students also are affected by the damage," she said. "With the offices closed, the professors are unable to maintain their regular office hours.'

Steps have been taken to accommodate students who need to meet with their professors, Miner said. But, the inconvenience still is a hindrance on their work schedule.

Water damage is not a new phenomenon affecting the English building.

Past water leakage has caused many of the tiles in Hurst's office and other locations in the building to rot and produce mold. Miner and Hurst also question the health risks associated with the constant moisture.

Major renovations and repairs to the existing building are being discouraged since the English/Philosophy/Education Complex is being built, Miner said. However, makeshift repairs have been made by Tech to alleviate the water leakage so professors could use their offices.

"I contacted John Edwards of the Physical Plant on Friday and informed him of the situation in Dr. Hurst and Dr. Crowell's offices," Miner said. "He was very efficient in dispatching workmen to checkout the prob-

### Quake shakes Taiwan, 60 reported dead

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) — Taiwan's strongest quake in decades struck before dawn Tuesday, wrecking a 12-story hotel in Taipei and shaking millions out of their beds. A government report said at least 60 people were killed and hundreds more injured.

The quake had a preliminary magnitude of 7.6 and was centered 90 miles southsouthwest of Taipei, the U.S. Geological Survey's National Earthquake Information Center said. The USGS issued warnings of possible tsunamis, or huge waves that sometimes follow earthquakes.

The temblor was about the same strength as the devastating one that struck Turkey Aug. 17, killing more than 15,000 people.

In Taipei, the island nation's capital, the quake wrecked the 78-room Sungshan Hotel in Taipei, collapsing the bottom stories and setting the badly damaged top listing to one

Fire crews turned hoses on the collapsed hotel as smoke poured from fires raging in several destroyed rooms. Sixty people were still feared trapped in the building, with 49 people already evacuated and sent to hospital and another 11 people evacuated unin-

A woman pulled from the wreckage urged rescuers to look for more injured.

"Hurry, go rescue people. They're in there. They're inside," said the unidentified woman, who was dressed in street clothes and did not appear to be injured.

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also was suggested that all work not underway or "time sensitive" should stop, including the search for a new vice chancellor, until the department has been restructured.

The previous vice chancellor was Doug Mann, who resigned March 12 to pursue personal interests. Elizabeth Lonngren accepted the interim position April

The recommendations also included that the office develop an effective, internal control structure that would include "specific policies and procedures designed to prevent inappropriate financial activities" and cost estimates and project budgets should be developed prior to being submitted to the Board of Regents for approval of construction

"We need to be fully staffed

before we break ground on anything else," Montford said. "My two main concerns right now are the English/ Education/Philosophy Complex and the women's softball field, in addition to the arena."

Montford mentioned more project managers will be hired to oversee projects being completed by firms from the private sector.

The managers will supervise companies being hired to complete proposed plans.

Montford said about 50 percent of the audit's recommendations already have been put into place but said the remainder of the recommendations will have to wait until the Board of Regents can review the conclusions.

Montford also indicated that all unpaid invoices had been paid, and the District Attorney's office had reviewed the report and found no evidence of any illegal action.

The district attorney could not be reached for comment.

The audit concerning the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, within Tech's Health Sciences Center, alleges that department personnel misused payroll funds through the use of altered time sheets. The audit spanned fiscal year 1995 through Dec. 21, 1998

In two separate instances detailed in the audit, only a small fraction of the overtime wages reported for payment could be backed up by paperwork required of employees requesting schedule changes due to overtime work, sick leave or vacation.

Also questioned was the department's authorization of "on-call" time, which resulted in overtime

According to the HSC's Operating

means an employee must remain on campus to be paid for being on duty. The audit found that timesheets might have been altered after being

Policy 70.06, Section 3, "on-call time"

might have been altered after being submitted to an employee for approval. This assumption is based on records that do not agree with timesheets submitted to the Payroll

In another finding, 40 percent of employee salaries reviewed showed "routine monthly overtime payments at constant amounts each month" spanning at least two fiscal years.

"We located evidence in departmental files which appears to calculate the monthly overtime payments and number of hours required to keep the pay at a specified or predetermined level," said Frances Grogan, CPA and director of the Office of Internal Audit, in the released report to the Dean of the School of Medicine Dr. Joel Kupersmith.

The finding states that overtime payments apparently had been used to elevate selected salaries to levels above the state's pay scale.

The report also stated some overtime payments were used as a means of giving Christmas bonuses.

In a response letter to Grogan,

Kupersmith stated that only one of the individuals involved in the funding misuse would receive the supplemental salary through the end of the fiscal year.

At the end of the fiscal year, this employee's salary will revert to the base level of pay.

In the report, the Office of Internal Audit recommended that disciplinary actions should be taken against the administrative personnel who approved the overtime pay.

In addition, follow up audits should be conducted at regular intervals and the department should maintain current pay levels, including supplements, through fiscal year

The report also recommended that the department's administration reimburse the HSC for the misused funds and continuation of increased employee pay through the end of fiscal year 1999.

Another recommendation was that department personnel should

establish firm criteria and provide close supervision for any additional compensation to employ-

HSC President Dr. David Smith said measures already have been instituted to make sure problems do not occur in the future.

do not occur in the future.

"The man in charge of providing these services wanted to make sure that the right personnel were

available when needed," he said.

"That was his motive. He's the guy who also stays on-call on Christmas Eve. He's a good guy, and this needs to be put into perspective."

Smith also mentioned an employee who had inaccurately reported his overtime, personally is repaying the department about \$30,000.

Smith said no employees have been terminated as a result of the

Andrew Thompson contributed to this article.

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## Banks confident money safe from Y2K bug

by Ashley Johnson Staff Writer

The computer crash of the millen-

nium has become a never-ending

Among the many who are taking precautionary measures include banks in the Lubbock area. Despite the concerns the com-

puter bug may pose, some Tech students have confidence in their financial institutions.

"The majority of the concern about the bug is mainly due to hype," said Michael Salvo, a technical communication and rhetoric graduate student from New York City.

"The institutions are well prepared."

He said he is more concerned with his plane crashing on New Year's Eve than the computers.

dents may still be wondering if their money will disappear on Jan. 1, 2000. According to

Some stu-

Norwest Bank Website, they are confident financial records will remain secure.

The Website reports the repair and testing of crucial systems have been within the banks of the United States completed and cost \$315 million.

"The majority for consumers and business of the concern personnel who have inquired about the bug is about Y2K has been mainly due to through the mail.

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McLaughlin,

president of Se-

curity Bank, said

McLaughlin said all computers are supervised by the Federal Deposit

A response Insurance Corp., and must meet certain requirements that require all computers to "act the same way."

> The FDIC issued a national deadline of June 30, which required all computer software be tested and, if necessary, repaired to avoid any malfunctions.

He said more than 99 percent of banks have met this deadline.

Another assurance lies in the continuance of updating computer hardware.

The computer technology is changing so rapidly that the computers are being replaced constantly in order to remain current, McLaughlin

The other computers have changed their dating system over to

the Julian Date System, which also eliminates computer crashes. The JDS displays the date and year in a sequence. The date Sept. 21,

1999, would be shown as 1999264. The 264 means Sept. 16 is the 264th day of the year, he said.

McLaughlin said he has confidence bank computers will not experience any problems stemming from the Y2K bug, and consumer's money

will be safe. Further information on Norwest's Y2K plan can be found at www.norwest.com, or call (800) 805-

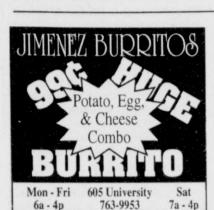
#### Women's health info week begins

Today marks the beginning of Texas Tech's week-long Fitness Jam to benefit Women's Health Awareness Week.

Registration will be at 5 p.m. in the Student Recreation Center on basketball court No. 5, and the Fitness Jam will begin at 5:30 p.m.

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A resource fair hosted by campus and community organizations will sponsor booths in the SRC to inform women on specific health issues.



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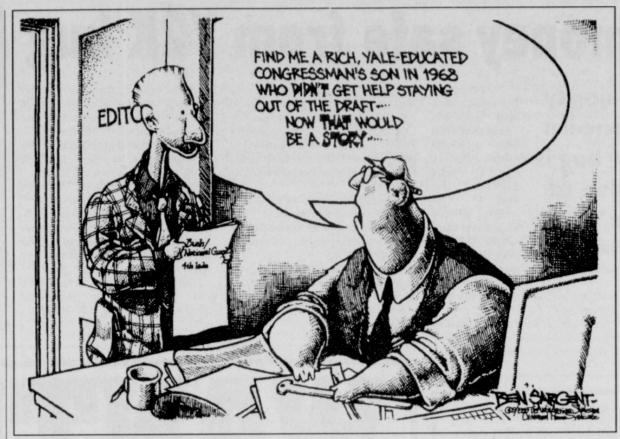
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## Festive season ahead for political junkies

That ho, political junkies! ership Council, and everybody hates Forget campaign finance trade with China, health care, child poverty, family values, moral elevation, education and all that jazz let's talk politics. Now this is starting to look like fun. This is something more like it. Now we've got some ac-Bradley's



Molly lvins Columnist

is about to jump ship and go Reform, and the Repubs are so worried about having put all their chips (not to mention \$50 million) on a guy who may not be ready for prime time that

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they look as

confused as

goats on AstroTurf. The media continues to dote on John McCain, and Republican women really are liking Liddy Dole. Ain't we got fun?

Of course, most of our fellow citizens regard all this as so much background noise — sort of the way one regards golf if one is not a golfer something you see while flipping channels: "Oh, yes, there's some golf on television. I wonder whatever happened to that nice young man from California with the Asian mother and the black father. What was his name?"

But for us junkies, these are palmy

On the Democratic side, I can attest from my own travels around the country that every serious Democrat not already signed up with Al Gore is saving, "You know, Bill Bradley could be a better candidate for us." This is sort of an unusual discussion for passionate Democrats, who are usually involved in some fratricidal battle over principle — "I could never vote for a man who supported Bobby Kennedy over Gene McCarthy in '68."

The only Democrats who ever worry about winning are those boring dweebs in the Democratic Lead-

But boring is our hallmark this year. You can't even get a fistfight started over NAFTA anymore. For lack of anything better to do, we're weighing candidates based on who's got the best shot.

And Bradley is looking ... well, he's looking better than Gore, actually. According to the polls (can't be a junkie without those polls), Bradley comes up sharply to be really competitive against Gore when Democrats who are mad at Clinton are

Well, since "Mad at Clinton" includes 98.2 percent of the country including his wife (the other 0.8 responded, "Who's Clinton?"), ergo, it stands to reason that Bradley would be a more attractive candidate in the

But should Clinton be held against a worthy fellow like Gore? Now is no time for fairness, argue these Democrats (suddenly calculating liberals) — let's think strongest candidate. My, my, my. The new buzz is that Bradley has gravitas. As soon as we tell people what it means, we can sell him.

Meanwhile, Buchanan - my favorite racist, sexist, xenophobic, homophobic anti-Semite — once again is proceeding to make things interesting for us all. I'm a stonewall Jesse Ventura fan myself, and if Jesse says us populists can be for Buchanan, that's OK by me. And I especially enjoyed watching Buchanan on the Sunday chats fielding questions about "the social issues.

"I understand the Reform Party does not take positions on the social issues," said the old cultural cleanser, "and they have to understand I'm pro-life. And I won't change, but that can be worked out.'

Flexibility is a wonderful thing. I see a great future for the Reform Party: If everybody who's tired of the Republicans and the Democrats joins it, it'll win in a walk.

Hint to Buchanan: Campaign finance reform is a winning issue. The Reform Party should OWN that one. Bradley is getting a boost from campaign finance reform, and so is

I have a problem with picking Republican candidates. Republicans

I liked Sen. Dick Lugar in '96. I thought he'd be a good president, but he finished at, like, 2 percent. I still think he had gravitas.

McCain seems like more of a grown-up than the other Republicans, and he has a nice way of saying things so you get the impression it's what he really thinks, instead of some political blah-blah designed not to offend anvone.

But Republicans don't seem to like him, at least the Establishment kind. I think they suspect him of having a sense of humor. They keep calling him a "maverick," as though that were something bad. They're very orderly in that party. Of course, the R's hold campaign finance reform against him - with a fund-raising edge like theirs, they'd be crazy not

The Christian right may yet settle down and support George W. the way it's supposed to; he's been pulling it off in Texas for six years. But right now, they're still restless and out there milling around Gary Bauer and Alan Keyes and my man Dan Quayle.

(And let me point out a pip of a quote from my man Dan just the other day on Alan Greenspan, the great Pooh-Bah of Washington: "Greenspan represents the big banks and internationalists, and the farmers are getting screwed." Why, Dan! I

Perhaps the most interesting development on that side of the aisle is the utter repudiation of the Republican Revolution of '94 or at least the rhetoric of the Republican Revolution. Bill Kristol and George Will have both pronounced it dead as Pharaoh's mummy. Newt Gingrich, so 10 minutes ago. Nobody does that anymore. They may be surprised to learn that George W.'s political philosophy, to the extent that it can be discerned with the naked eye, is quite, quite Gingrichian.

Well, it's festive season for us junkies, with promising developments if not actual fisticuffs ahead.

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## Indies revive '90s stigma

drive-ins, convenience stores, Internet shopping, delivery companies, etc. I know I have constantly harped on America becoming a lazy man's dream, but there are some benefits that I have noticed.

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standards. What excites me is the fact that so many people with so few resources now can dip their hands into the stew. This coming decade is seeing the rise of the "indies." The indie scene is becoming a collective force to reckon with. It may never give major companies a run for their money, but they do give them a run for their quality, and hopefully, their staying power.

ciples, and, so far, it maintains those

In the '90's (not to say the indie scene didn't exist before), independent creative forces are given more credit than ever before, and such a welcome is inspiring and invigorat-

To some, the indie scene is full of heart, spirit, some sort of naivete and genuineness. To others, it's a bunch of wannabes who cannot play ball at the majors and so create their own minor league team.

All I know is that success is following the indies pretty well. We see this in the entertainment industry, predominantly (although it exists in other areas as well).

Look at the "Blair Witch" phenomenon or record labels like Astralwerks, Skint, Dischord, Epitaph, etc. They are groups of people with common interests who make it a point to give others a chance and let them be totally free with their art.

Not all of it may be good, but it ves people like you and me the hope that we can do more with our life than the 9 to 5 our parents had.

Now we can get involved on the Net and create our own businesses out of our rooms, make our own music on our computer and make our own copies on CD. We can get involved in programming with new

veryone knows that we live in languages or new operating systems a fast-paced society full of without having a college degree and make the same amount of money as if we did. The world now is open to allow us to foster our creativity and make it count.

Of course, this path is not easy, but to those involved, it is everything. Some consider the indie road a more respectable one - the one where everything that happened to the project is due to the people involved. To others, it seems to be a waste of time. Whatever the case, the opportunity to actually put out such work now is more possible than ever.

There is one dilemma I see, however, and that is for the person who tries to do too much or is interested in too much. With all this information and all this freedom, it leaves people overwhelmed and not knowing which direction to take that could possibly leave them stranded, not taking any path at all.

For those enterprising individuals, it's a gold mine waiting to be uncovered. To the greedy, it's a venue to tap into and take over. And to the people who have no idea what's going on, they get left behind to deal with the roll and tumble of the everyday, humdrum life.

There is something else that could come of this: hopeless, unoriginal and unauthentic products. The beauty of all this opportunity is that anyone can do anything they want with it, which means our lives can get cluttered with untalented works like a series of squeezable-pudding paintings as a tribute to Warhol.

Unfortunately, we cannot stop people from doing such things, much like wè can't stop 'N Sync from joining the same record label as the Backstreet Boys and Ms. Spears. Of course, the same people who make bad decisions with this freedom are the same who would say that that would be a match made in heaven.

Whatever the case, the indie movement gives people like me (and many others in the college environment) hope for ourselves. We may hope for success and fame and money and that may be a possibility if we use our talents well, and they are accepted. But more importantly, we now know that it is possible for us to truly do what we want and how

All that we have to do is be careful, not take ourselves too seriously accept failure and be able to do more than one thing at a time. Because our society is fast-paced, to survive in this kind of lifestyle we are going to have to know how to multi-task.

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#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Fan concerns

To the editor: In response to a letter in yesterday's paper and several comments around campus about poor coaching, I am writing to set the record straight. Talented players and good execution of plays make good coaches. Period. It seems many are ridiculing Spike Dykes, saying he is the sole reason for the 1-2 start. I have to agree with his redundant play-calling selection, but it is unreasonable to go as far and say to get rid of him. If we were 3-0, Dykes would be great in most people's minds. Like the saying goes, it's a short walk from the penthouse to the outhouse. To compare Dykes with the likes of Bowden, Paterno and others is unfair because look at the talent they field from the nation each year. I mean Florida State has defensive lineman that are 280plus running sub 4.6 40-yard dash times. Bringing in a "big name" coach like that (i.e. Terry Bowden) is useless unless you have huge talent on the field. Ricky Williams (the Longhorn) made Mack Brown a good coach. After Lavar Arrington's breakthrough at Penn State, they are deeming Joe Paterno a "defensive genius." Look at Lou Holtz for instance, there is no question he is a great coach, but the South Carolina Gamecocks simply don't have the talent. So stop your bickering and pointing fingers, and sit back and try to enjoy the A&M game and wish that we had the weapons they've

Luke Brown freshman Arts and Sciences undecided To the editor: I'm writing on behalf of Saturday's game or beating, should I say? And I'm not talking about UNT beating up on us.

I'm talking about the Raiders beating up on themselves, which is what I hope they did after the

I'll tell you this straight out -I'm a chick, and I'm not afraid to say so, but I do have knowledge about my favorite sport - football. I also have very strong concerns about this season.

My first concern is where is this season going to take us? Last season, we were fortunate enough to make it to the Independence Bowl. Looking how the season is going so far, it looks like it is going to be a very long road ahead of us. My second concern is the last

two minutes of the game. It seemed to me, and to people who were near me, that coach Spike Dykes gave up. I hate to say that and be wrong, and please correct me if I am, Mr. Dykes, but you didn't make it very apparent that you didn't give up.

My third concern is, our beloved quarterback Mr. Rob Peters. Mr. Peters wasn't playing to the best of his ability that night. Everyone has their "off" nights, some more then others, but when your "off" nights outnumber your "on" nights, it may be time to re-evaluate the starting lineup.

And, I just want to tell Ricky Williams that I hope you get back into the game soon. We miss ya!! All in all, Saturday's game was

just a sheer disappointment for the first home game of the season. I love Raider football and will continue to love and support it for

years to come. Brandi Edmondson

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Former lead singer of Soundgarden, Chris Cornell boldly has reinvented his sound with his new album, Euphoria Morning. Cornell will start touring again this year in support of Euphoria Morning with his

## Chris Cornell ditches grunge sound

by Sebastian Kitchen Staff Writer

When Soundgarden walked in separate directions in 1997, thousands were saddened. Now, former Soundgarden lead singer Chris Cornell is taking a direction of his own. Cornell's voice may be recognizable on his solo debut Euphoria Morning, but that is about it.

Soundgarden managed to produce quality music together for more than a decade before the split. Now he is trying to do it on his own.

The breakup was one of the clinching blows to Seattle's grunge movealbum review

ment. Soundgarden was a monumental part of the movement but is now gone — leaving millions of fans behind and millions of albums sold.

Now, former Soundgarden front man Cornell is on his own and moving away from the sounds he was once associated with. Euphoria Morning is mellow - filled with slow songs and acoustic guitars.

Lyrics like "She's going to change the world. But she can't change me." float through the album's first single "Can't Change Me." This track is more uptempo than most on the album, which

is not saving much.

Songs like "When I'm Down" are mellow and drain emotion from the listener. Euphoria Morning is a very emotional album. The lyrics still contain some of the shame, sadness and anger of Soundgarden but with a mellow, more emotional twist.

The sound is not new, just new to Cornell. He takes an old sound and makes it new with his distinctive voice and layers of production.

People who were not fans of Soundgarden could fall in love with Euphoria Morning, and those who loved the band could hate it.

Euphoria Morning is far from the

grunge roots most associate Cornell with. Some Soundgarden fans will fall for the album just because it is Cornell. Those who liked Soundgarden's edge and more aggres-

sive side may not be impressed...at all Those who were looking for a Soundgarden sound-alike will be strongly disappointed. Those who like good music will not be.

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#### Neve Campbell kisses and tells

Campbell could have been a kissyface contender. The "Party of Five" actress said that a kid named Larry was the first boy she kissed.

were having a kissing contest in lost."

NEW YORK (AP) - Neve school, to see who could kiss the longest," Campbell said. "And Larry had had a peanut butter sandwich, and he had the worst breath on earth. And I was mad at "I was, like, 6 years old, and we him the rest of the day because we

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## Viewers take part in TV 'brownout'

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Viewers taking part in this week's Hispanic boycott of major broadcast networks, dubbed a "brownout," are protesting the new season's lack of minority characters.

That means they missed Monday's premiere of "Will & Grace" on NBC, for which they might be grateful.

In a scene that plays with startling insensitivity, tart-tongued character Karen Walker notices that her Salvadoran maid has paused for a conver-

"Hey, you're on the clock, tamale.

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Get to work," snaps Karen (Megan Mullally).

"Oh, no," Federico Subervi, a University of Texas media professor, said after hearing the sitcom exchange. "It's an ethnic slur. ... I don't know what it is with these scriptwriters. What's in their

Asked about the use of the word "tamale," which was included in a preview tape of the episode distributed by NBC, series executive producer David Kohan said a longer version of the scene called Karen to task for her ignorance. It was

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edited for time.

Although no offense was intended, he was not minimizing anyone's objections to the scene, Kohan said.

A more thoughtful approach clearly is needed, said Lisa Navarrete of the National Council of La Raza, the group coordinating the two-week boycott of ABC, CBS, Fox and NBC that continues through Saturday.

She said the sophomore series about the friendship between homosexual Will (Eric McCormack) and heterosexual Grace (Debra Messing) takes care to include a range of gay charac-

ters and is otherwise smartly written. "It's unfortunate that a show that

has done quite a bit to break stereotypes about gays would resort to such cheap shots at the Latino community,"

The inclusion of such a slur when television is under scrutiny for excluding minorities is revealing, Navarrete

"That's the frustrating thing for us; people are not connecting the dots, and this is an example," she said. "Here's the network under siege for not having enough diversity in its minority characters, and the writers and producers aren't making the connection that maybe they shouldn't engage in this kind of thing."



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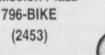
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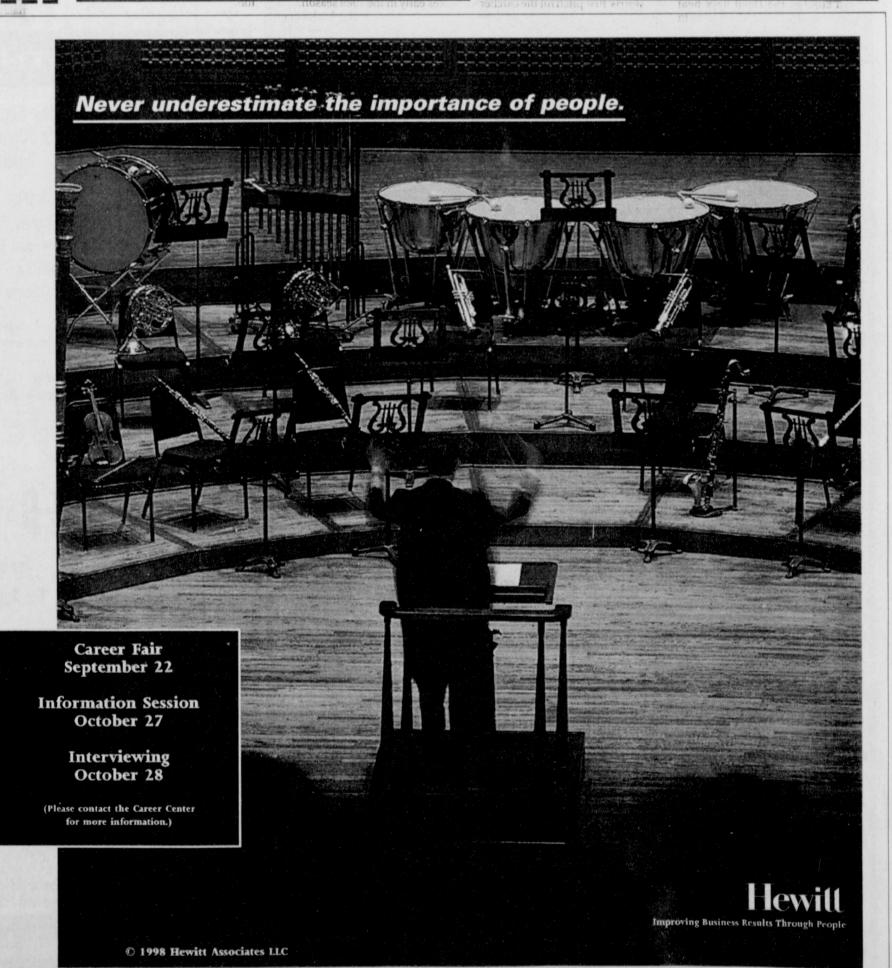
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## Ryder Cup team looks good

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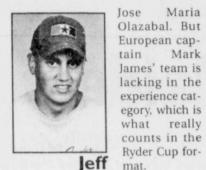
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disturbing trend has developed for fans of the American Ryder Cup team. The past two championships have gone to the European team — one in America and the other in Spain.

It seems as though the Americans once firm grip on the Cup has loosened, and now the Europeans have control. Well, all of that should change this year as an experienced group of American golfers battle the youthful and inexperienced European squad.

The European squad has seven competitors on their team that have never taken a stroke in Ryder Cup play. The Americans have but one player with no Ryder Cup experience, and he happens to be David Duval, who is the No. 2-ranked player on the PGA Tour.

The European squad has some very talented players in Colin Americans' favor is this year's home-Montgomerie, Lee Westwood and course advantage. After blowing this



Keller Columnist

enced, only has five players with winning records in Ryder Cup competition. But even with some of the Americans' poor Ryder Cup records, they should be able to re-

claim the Cup from the Europeans. Another key factor working in the squad should be fueled to make sure it doesn't happen this year at The Country Club in Brookline.

When it comes to the team captains, things are pretty even. James for the Europeans still is active on the European PGA Tour, and Ben Crenshaw, the American squad's captain, still is active on the regular tour.

Crenshaw does have a couple of Masters Championships under his belt, so I would have to give a slight advantage to him. But I really think that the captain's role on the team is over-rated.

The biggest thing they really do is pick the final two players for the team. But for all it's worth, I think Crenshaw will prove to be a better captain than James

One area where I think the European team will have an advantage is the area of taking pride in what they are doing. The European squad ex-

Maria advantage in 1995, the American hibited great pride for their team in beating the Americans in the last two contests. It seems like most of the American players only care about

> I feel the European squad is in it to win the Ryder Cup. The Europeans look at this weekend as a chance to play for the honor of their countries, and most of the American team looks at it as a weekend where they could be making more money somewhere

> It is more of an obligation to them for finishing in the top 10 on the points list, rather than a privilege and a chance to play for America.

> Golf is not an Olympic sport yet, so for all purposes this is like the Olympics of golf. So which team will prevail in the Ryder Cup this year? Probably the Americans.

> But how much it will mean to them may be another question all

## Trinidad returns to Puerto Rico

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) ---They chanted his name while salsa songs written in his honor blared from giant speakers. Revelers jammed highways, hoping to get a glimpse of him.

Felix Trinidad, a conquering hero come home, was back in Puerto Rico on Monday, welcomed by thousands amid a frenzy of adulation and national pride.

At an airport news conference, Trinidad joked about his victory over Oscar De La Hoya on Saturday night in Las Vegas.

"He had a different style of boxing," Trinidad said. "He ran a

Trinidad's plane landed in San Juan amid roars of "Tito! Tito!" Fans waved the U.S. territory's lone-star flag and placards declaring "Gallito castao!" - Spanish for "Top-class fighting cock!"

Gov. Pedro Rossello, who praised Trinidad for "glorifying the name of Puerto Rico," was among the dignitaries on hand.

"I promised you this victory and I did it," Trinidad said.

This triumph is for all of Puerto Rico. There is no doubt now that the best boxers are in Puerto Rico — pound for pound they have the most heart. I feel super content.

Police tried to close one lane to make way for a victory cavalcade, but delirious motorists ignored the officers and zipped by.

Others abandoned their cars in an airport logjam and walked the last mile.

"Tito No. 1," was the message scrawled in lipstick across the bare midriffs of a group of teenage girls.

This had been the most anticipated welterweight bout in years, pitting two unbeaten 26-yearolds known for knockout power - De La Hoya with his left hand, Trinidad with his right.

De La Hoya, the "golden boy" from California, seemed assured victory after connecting with his

But in the last few rounds, he turned complacent and Trinidad's tenacity paid off as he scored with his punishing right.

De La Hoya was befuddled by

the majority decision. He was sure he had won.

Trindiad dismissed such opin-

"The person who deserved this win was Tito Trinidad and the judges agreed," he said.

Felix Trinidad Sr., the boxer's father, trainer and manager, said any rematch would have to be on his son's terms.

The Puerto Ricans were unhappy Trinidad received only \$10.5 million. While that sum was many millions more than any previous payday for him, it was half of De La Hoya's take.

The boxer's father suggested a rematch for Puerto Rico or New York, where there is a large Puerto Rican population.

He would not say how much his son would demand.

"Tito has a huge value in boxing and that has no price," he said. An alternative would be a fight with Jim Page, the WBC champion in his 147-pound category, or a move up to the 154-pound cat-

Trinidad used the occasion to bring attention to Vieques, an outlying island that Puerto Ricans want the U.S. Navy to stop using as a live bombing range.

The bombing was suspended after an April accident killed a civilian Puerto Rican guard in Vieques.

The U.S. Congress is to hold hearings on the bombing issue

"Peace for Vieques!" Trinidad declared. The night of the fight, he entered the ring in front of a map of the island demanding: "Navy get out of Vieques!' The controversy, like Trinidad's

victory, has brought a nationalistic outpouring on the island, where patriotic feelings are deep despite meager support for the independence movement.

The 4 million islanders are U.S. citizens who serve in the military and receive federal funds though they do not pay federal taxes and cannot vote for president or the

At the airport, Mabel Roubert waited with two sons, Marcus, 14, and Braulio, 8, whom she had taken out of school.

### 35-year-old rookie takes place on mound, in history

ARLINGTON (AP) - If there was ever a more exciting moment for ter and better," he said. Jimmy Morris, he can't recall it.

Only hours after flying into Dallas on Saturday to join the Tampa Bay Devil Rays against the Texas Rangers, Morris was sitting in the bullpen and bemoaning how tired he was.

'But then I was like, 'You know, it would be better to go in and get it over with and get the nervousness out of me,' because my heart was pounding," he said.

With two out in the bottom of the eighth, Devil Rays manager Larry Rothschild summoned the 35-yearold left-hander to face Texas Rangers shortstop Royce Clayton.

The 6-foot-3, 215-pound Morris - who only four months ago was a high school baseball coach and science teacher at a West Texas high school - struck out Clayton on four fastballs, the first two clocked at 95 mph and the last two at 96.

'It was fantastic. What an experience!" Morris said.

Morris is the oldest rookie since 36-year-old Minnie Mendoza with Minnesota in 1970 and the oldest rookie pitcher since 41-year-old Diomedes Olivo with Pittsburgh in

On Sunday, the Devil Rays beat the Rangers 15-2, and Morris was in the Tampa Bay clubhouse, taking it "This summer has just gotten bet-

For the last two years, Morris was the baseball coach and assistant football coach at Reagan County. High School in Big Lake (pop. 3,672), 70 miles west of San Angelo. He didn't realize he could throw as fast as he does until his players began to com-

"I just thought they were 16- and 17-year-old kids griping at me because they didn't want to take batting

plain about the speed of his pitches.

But the players were serious, and they made him promise that if they won the district title, he would attend a major league baseball tryout. Reagan County did its part, and then it was up to Morris.

So Morris — with graying temples, speckled mustache and receding hairline - showed up June 19 at a Devil Rays tryout in Brownwood, Texas. He was 25 pounds heavier than when he worked out for the same scout, Doug Gassaway, at an-

other tryout 17 years earlier. Morris was pushing his 4-year-old daughter, Jessica in her stroller, balancing 1-year-old daughter Jamie in his arms and keeping an eye on 8-

vear-old son Hunter. Morris' first pitch hit the catcher's mitt at 94 mph. Gassaway didn't believe his radar gun, so another coach used a gun for the second pitch,

which came in at 96 mph. The next pitch registered 95 mph. Then he reeled of 12 in a row at 98 mph.

The Devil Rays asked Morris to come back in two days. In pouring rain, he again smoked the radar guns, and Tampa Bay signed him to a minor league contract.

"All this started out on a kind of whim," he said. "The kids put me up to it. ... You know, I didn't really think it would go real far. I had no expectations really.

Such success was expected of Morris almost 20 years ago at Ranger Junior College following a high school career at Brownwood, where he played on a state championship football team

The Milwaukee Brewers made him their first-round draft choice in 1983. But his left elbow went out in 1985 and his left shoulder in 1987. He missed all of the 1986 and 1988 seasons. At best, his fastball moved at 87 mph and throwing strikes was a problem. He never made it beyond Class A. first with the Brewers and then with the White Sox.

With a tendon transplanted from his right ankle holding his left shoulder together, Morris was finished with pro baseball after two appearances early in the 1989 season.

"I don't know if it is physics or genetics or just that I am a late bloomer," Morris said. "I guess I

stayed in shape and got my arm stronger throwing all that high school batting practice and lifting weights with the football team."

Morris later enrolled at Angelo State, where he was a star punter. In 1997, he was hired as the baseball coach and assistant football coach at

In the Devil Rays' farm system, Morris pitched three games this summer at Double-A Orlando, then was promoted to Triple-A Durham. After Durham's season ended Friday night, the Devil Rays called him up.

Gassaway said the Devil Rays grade pitchers on a scale of 2 to 80. Morris' fastball scores a 75, as does his breaking pitch.

"It's phenomenal," Gassaway said. Take all the left-handers in all of baseball, and he has the third- or fourth-best arm.

Devil Rays general manager Chuck LaMar says Morris has the pitches, but he wonders how he'll respond to pressure.

"We don't know how he will pitch to Rusty Greer and Rafael Palmeiro in front of 40,000 in Texas," he said.

On Saturday night, Morris' wife and children drove from their home in San Angelo to the game in Arling-

"This is the first time I or the kids have ever seen him pitch," his wife, Lorri, said.

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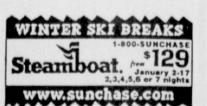
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## **Errors plague Raiders**

by Patrick Gonzales
Staff Writer

The loss to North Texas on Saturday night may have been a surprise for most Texas Tech fans, but the surrendering of big plays continued to be a constant occurrence

for the Red Raiders.

Through the first three games, the Tech SWARM defense has given up three touchdowns on plays of more than 40 yards, compared to only two all last season.

On Saturday, the Red Raiders gave up an 81-yard run to set up a go ahead touchdown and a 46-yard touchdown pass to clinch the victory for North Texas.

Tech coach Spike Dykes said his defense will work on staying consistent but gave credit to the North Texas offense.

"Our defense has been good here for a long time ... when you give up something that you are not used to or a big play like that, it does stun you a little bit," Dykes "(Ja'Quay) Wilburn is a good runner, and on the 81-yard run, he just made a great cut. They blocked well, and we missed a couple of tackles," Dykes said. "On the pass, it happened so quick that I was talking to a player and didn't even

The Tech defense is not the only side of the ball that has been prone to giving up big plays this season. The Red Raider offense has yielded three turnovers, which have been returned for touchdowns.

see what happened."

The first touchdown scored by North Texas in Saturday's game also came on an interception return. Not only was it the first touchdown for UNT all season, but it seemed to inspire the Mean Green for the rest of the night.

"We never could get the momentum back," Dykes said. "There were times when it looked like we were back where we needed to be to get back in the ball game, but they'd make big plays. We were always an

hour late and a dollar short."

In Tech's 38-17 victory over Louisiana-Lafayette, the only touchdowns scored by the Ragin' Cajuns were by the defense on a 34-yard interception return and a 63-yard fumble return. The two turnovers gave Tech only a 28-17 halftime lead, in a game that they dominated statistically.

"Turnovers are certainly something that we talk about all the time," Dykes said. "When you throw passes and they hit your receivers and bounce off your receivers, I don't know how you can correct that. The turnovers ...that's the difference in if you win or lose."

Tech will have two weeks to prepare for their next game against Texas A&M on Oct. 2. Linebacker Tim Duffie feels they can use the week off to correct their mistakes and get ready for the Aggies.

"We got guys on the team willing to accept the fact that we came out and gave one away," Duffie said. "Definitely it hurts, but we got to regroup. It shows a sign of a good team when you bounce back after a loss. Hopefully, we can do that."

## Big 12 players of the week named

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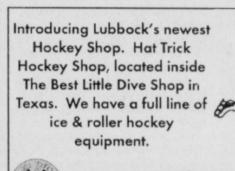
Heupel, offensive player of the week, broke his single game record for passing yards by throwing for 420 yards in the Sooners' victory over Baylor 41-10. Going 37-for-54 with three touchdowns and two interceptions, Heupel beat his 341-yard passing mark set against Indiana State two weeks before.

Jackson, defensive player of the week, was a literal one-man wrecking crew in the Huskers' 20-13 win over Southern Mississippi with a 28-yard pass interception return for a gamewinning touchdown. He also returned a fumble 16 yards for another score.

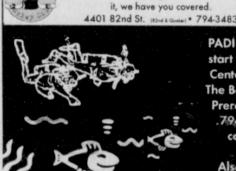
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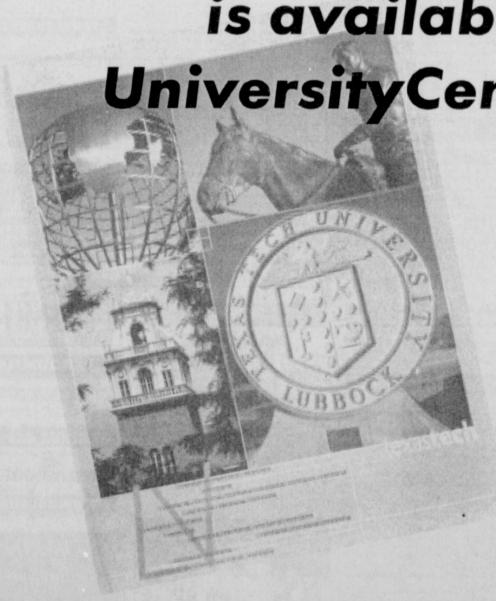
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