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**STATENEWS**

**Sierra Club ad uses asthma sufferer to criticize Bush**

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — An environmental group's television and radio advertisements beginning Tuesday use an 11-year-old Texas boy who suffers from asthma to criticize Texas Gov. George W. Bush's record on pollution.

According to the Sierra Club ads, William Tinker used to live downwind from a cement plant that burns hazardous waste in the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

The Sierra Club said efforts to get Gov. Bush to force the facility to reduce its air pollution failed, so Tinker's family moved to protect the health of the boy and his siblings, who also have asthma.

The ads claim that since Bush has been governor the number of smog-alert days in the state's major cities has increased dramatically.

"The health of more kids has been put at risk and 11-year-old Billy Tinker's asthma got worse," the radio ad says. "Call George W. Bush at 512-463-2000. Tell him it's time to clear the air, for our families, for Billy Tinker's future."

**NATIONALNEWS**

**Stallone sued by five former employees over 'odious' rules**

MIAMI (AP) — Five former cooks and cleaners for Sylvester Stallone sued him Monday, claiming they were fired for breaking household rules that included not making eye contact with him or speaking to his mother.

The five, all temporary workers hired for 15 days in 1995, are seeking more than \$1.5 million in damages. They said they were fired six days into their contracts.

They said they were told by Stallone if they Jennifer Flavin, they would be fired if they looked directly into the actor's eyes and were to "back out and vanish immediately" when Stallone entered a room at his former Miami estate.

They were also not to eat or drink anything from the house and were required to undergo daily searches, the lawsuit said. Maids were to check guests' suitcases "to see if they took towels or silverware" when leaving.

Also prohibited: speaking to Stallone's mother, Jackie Stallone, who lived there — "Nor will you let her talk to you," the lawsuit said.

**WORLDNEWS**

**Russians drop bombs, leaflets on besieged Grozny**

GROZNY, Russia (AP) — Russian officials on Monday urged civilians hiding in basements beneath ruined homes in Grozny to flee the Chechen capital — a risky endeavor with Russian rockets raining relentlessly into the city.

Federal forces showed no signs of easing up raids on the breakaway republic of Chechnya even as a top international mediator held talks in Moscow to arrange a visit to the republic.

The Kremlin has dismissed international criticism of its campaign in Chechnya as meddling in Russia's internal affairs.

## Tech looks to Ellicott for FP&C answers

University officials name vice chancellor after nationwide search

by Greg Okuhara  
News Editor

Texas Tech officials announced Michael Ellicott as the new vice chancellor for Facilities, Planning and Construction on Monday.

He replaces Doug Mann, who resigned in March to pursue personal interests. Ellicott will begin work at his new position Dec. 22.

Tech Deputy Chancellor James Crowson headed the hiring process. He said candidates were considered from all over the United States.

"I think we wanted to hire someone

with a significant amount of quality experience," he said. "We were looking for someone who has successfully managed large projects, and he offered that experience."

Crowson said advertisements for the position were placed in *The Chronicle of Higher Education* and newspapers across the nation and estimates between 40 and 50 candidates were considered.

"We looked at a lot of people across the nation as well as some well-qualified people internally," he said. "Eventually, it was decided it was time to look externally, but there certainly were qualified people within."

Elizabeth Lonngren has been serving as interim vice chancellor for Facilities, Plan-

ning and Construction since April 7.

Ellicott was in meetings Monday and was not available for comment.

He will be in Lubbock later this week to look for a place to live and to complete details of his employment, Crowson said.

Ellicott comes to Tech from Wayne State University in Detroit, where he served as assistant vice president for facilities planning and management. Before working at WSU, he worked at Harvard University as director of facilities maintenance.

Tech Chancellor John Montford said in a written statement that he feels Ellicott has what it takes to manage the construction projects across campus.

"We are very pleased that Mike Ellicott has accepted the position," Montford said in the statement. "Mike brings with him experience in managing large projects and budgets in the public sector and in the military. He has excelled in every task, and we look forward to him joining Texas Tech."

Ellicott also has served 26 years as a military officer in the Army Corps of Engineers.

He earned his bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from Lafayette College and received a master's degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Missouri-Rolla. He also has taught engineering courses at the West Point military academy and at Bucknell University in Lewisburg, Pa.

## Holiday Set-Up



Members of Texas Tech's Grounds Maintenance crew help set up the Memorial Circle Christmas Tree on Monday. The tree will be a decoration included in the annual Carol of Lights presentation for the Holiday Season. The Carol of Lights will be Friday.

## Deaths take toll in Texas

At least 26 students from four universities have died in accidents

by Andrew Thompson  
Staff Writer

The 1999 fall semester for Texas schools could be described as one of the deadliest academic periods the state has seen in recent years.

So far this year, at least 26 students from four different Texas universities have been killed in accidents.

The most recent accident occurred Nov. 18 at Texas A&M University when the traditional bonfire log pile collapsed, killing 12 and injuring 28. The accident is the third in as many months for A&M.

In October, six students, including one from A&M, were killed when they were struck by a truck as they walked to a fraternity party. It was later determined that the driver of the vehicle fell asleep on his drive home. Four students from Baylor University and one from Southwest Texas State University also were killed in the accident.

In September, five A&M students who were members of Ags Over Texas, a skydiving organization affiliated with A&M, were killed when one engine failed immediately after takeoff, causing their plane to crash.

Closer to home, Michael Burrows, a Texas Tech sophomore engineering student from Houston, was killed in an accident near Caldwell involving Tech engineering students who were on their way to a conference. It was later determined that the driver of the van fell asleep.

According to the Tech Dean of Student's Office, two other Tech students have died this semester, both of which have been described as "accident-related."

Michael Shonrock, dean of students at Tech, said there is no way to estimate the number of students who will die each year.

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## Awareness Day created to help educate Tech students

by Andy Jones  
Staff Writer

In recent statewide car accidents involving college students and drivers falling asleep, the Texas Tech Student Government Association and other campus groups are sponsoring Drowsy Driving Awareness Day.

The day comes almost a month after Tech student Michael Burrows died in a one-vehicle accident near Caldwell. The driver of the vehicle and the passengers had fallen asleep.

The event will begin at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday in the University Center Courtyard.

Tech Chancellor John Montford and President Donald Haragan will speak in support of the event, and students and faculty members will have a chance to sign the Drowsy Driving Awareness Day pledge banner.

The banner will be transferred from one student organization to another in order to give students a chance to sign it.

Fliers and business cards will be given out to students. The cards will contain the names of hotels participating in the Lupe Medina Bill for Driving Safety. The program works with hotels to provide discounts for college students traveling across the state.

Representatives from Texas A&M University and Baylor University will visit Tech on Thursday to give Tech student senators a presentation about the importance of the day and to stress the partnership between Big 12 universities.

The two universities already have had their own form of Drowsy Driving Awareness Day.

"Ours will be different because we have had more time to think of different ideas," said Carrie Evans, SGA internal vice president.

Impact Tech will give presentations on the dangers of falling asleep at the wheel at noon, 1 p.m. and 2 p.m.

Michelle Pettus, health educator and adviser of Impact Tech, said the group has prepared a skit portraying six people driving home.

The skit depicts an accident caused by drowsy driving, and Impact Tech members close the skit with a discussion of the skit and some tips for safe travel.

Impact Tech is a group of volunteer Tech students who give presentations on issues affecting college students.

Pettus said the organization did not have any presentation about drowsy driving awareness until they saw news of the event in *The UD*, but they will be involved in several aspects of Drowsy Driving Awareness Day.

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## Plea bargain agitates civil rights group

Provision prevents inmate from talking to reporters

LARAMIE, Wyo. (AP) — Civil rights groups are upset that a plea bargain provision prevents a man serving life in prison for killing gay college student Matthew Shepard from talking to reporters about the case.

"It's a gag order with a vengeance and legs," said Paul McMasters, the ombudsman for the First Amendment at the Freedom Forum in Arlington, Va.

"I think there are rather profound implications for both the public and the press."

Aaron McKinney, 22, was convicted of beating Shepard to death this month.

He avoided the death penalty by promising not to appeal his conviction or talk to reporters about the incident that captured nationwide interest. His lawyers also agreed not to comment.

Prosecutor Cal Rerucha said the deal followed the wishes of Shepard's mother, Judy.

Rerucha said the agreement was struck in part because he

and the Shepards were tired of hearing the defense claim that Shepard had made a sexual advance toward McKinney on the night of the killing.

McMasters said he has never heard of such a provision before.

He said it's unclear what ramifications McKinney would face if he violates the settlement and talks to the press regarding the case.

"It really disturbs me," said Billie Ruth Edwards, interim director of the state chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union.

She said letting the Shepards dictate the terms of the plea bargain is like "the tail wagging the dog."

The agreement "squashes an entire side of a notorious case," said Bill Dobbs, a New York civil rights attorney, who is gay. How do we ever learn the truth if we silence somebody?"

McKinney's accomplice, Russell Henderson, is serving two life terms.

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# Architecture students 'can' become Dean for Day

by Ashley Johnson  
Staff Writer

Texas Tech students in the College of Architecture can win the chance to become dean for a day through a canned food drive sponsored by the college.

To be eligible, architecture students must donate two cans of food or \$1 to replace Dean of the College of Architecture James White for a day.

The winner will be selected by the end of the fall semester and will serve as dean one day during the spring semester.

The event is sponsored by Tau

Sigma Delta, an honorary design organization for architecture, landscaping and interior design students.

Paul Smith, president of Tau Sigma Delta and an architecture graduate student from Odessa, helped organize the fund raiser. He said all donations will go to the U Can Share Food Drive, and every little bit helps to meet the goal of helping as many people as possible.

"It's reassuring that the effort is being put forth," Smith said. "The more donations that are given, the better chance of aiding the hungry. One dollar will buy three cans of food."

**"The raffle will allow the opportunity of role reversal with a student and the dean."**

**Paul Smith**  
Tau Sigma Delta adviser

Smith said Dean for the Day was started three years ago and has had a great deal of student participation.

"The raffle will allow the opportunity of role reversal with a student and the dean," Smith said.

The student who is chosen will be

In return, White will take the role of the student. He will attend all the student's classes on that day and take notes.

John White, a professor in the College of Architecture at Tech, is the faculty sponsor for Tau Sigma Delta. He said organization members are hoping for a successful turnout.

"The food drive supports an interesting challenge for students as a prize," he said.

The last day to donate and become dean for the Day contest is Wednesday. Students can drop off donations on the first floor of the Architecture building.

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"There's not really a pattern to any of it, but most student deaths do tend to be accident-related," Shonrock said. "However, student deaths can range anywhere from automobile accidents to long-term illnesses to even the student taking his or her own life."

Shonrock also said he usually

is charged with notifying family and friends of a student's death, a duty he says he does not relish.

"It's a great loss to our campus community when a student dies but more so obviously for the student's family," he said. "The entire Tech campus feels it."

Even though student deaths seem to be unusually high in Texas this year because of the many accidents in-

volving students, Shonrock said the three students this year is way below the total for the last three years.

Eight Tech students have died in each of the past two years, Shonrock said. In the 1996-97 school year, 12 Tech students died because of various causes.

"If I never have to have the flags in Memorial Circle lowered to half-staff again for another student's

death, that would be fine with me," Shonrock said.

The flags in Memorial Circle were lowered last week in memory of the 11 students and one graduate who were killed in A&M's bonfire accident. On Monday, the flags were lowered in memory of Tech student Carla Jamie Arther of Hobbs, N.M., who died Nov. 16 in a two-car accident.

**DROWSY**, from p. 1

Impact Tech has done research about drowsy driving to take part in this event.

"According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1,500 deaths and 100,000

accidents occur each year as a result of people falling asleep at the wheel," Pettus said. "That's a pretty sobering thought."

Also, 62 percent of adults report driving while drowsy, and 21 percent said they had dosed off in the last year.

A person does not have to fall completely asleep to face the risk of an accident.

Pettus said the four-or-five-second "micro naps" some students take when dosing off in class could be enough to put a driver in danger.

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## Artificially-inseminated elephant gives birth

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. (AP) — In an important milestone for an endangered species, an Asian elephant has given birth after artificial insemination. Mother and son are doing fine.

Weighing in at 378 pounds, Haji was born Sunday at Dickerson Park Zoo.

It was the world's first birth from artificial insemination of an Asian elephant, which are estimated to number only 35,000 worldwide.

"I think this opens the possibilities in a number of areas, the main goal being the conservation of the animal," said Michael Hutchins, director of conservation and science for the American Zoo and Aquarium Association in Maryland.

"This is another way that captive animals can help preserve wild elephants and their place in nature," he said.

Veterinarians had tried unsuccessfully since the mid-1980s to impregnate an Asian elephant through artificial insemination. One problem is determining when the females breed in captivity. Another was the male's semen peaking early.

"We had to develop a technique to gather the semen and preserve its ability to fertilize," said Dickerson veterinarian Dennis Schmitt.

Because male elephants are very aggressive, they need special holding pens and can't be kept with females, making breeding options difficult.

Scientists hope artificial insemination will alleviate some of the expense and difficulty of transporting males between breeding facilities.

Meanwhile, Haji and mom Moola are bonding nicely.

The elephants will remain off exhibit for several weeks. Zookeepers must now introduce Haji to the rest of the eight-elephant herd.

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**Michael Hutchins**  
**director of conservation and science for the American Zoo and Aquarium Association**

# Speaking class to help, unite TAs

by Todd Reno  
 Contributing Writer

In order to help teach their undergraduate classes, some graduate students are required to enroll in a public speaking class in Texas Tech's Department of Communication Studies.

All of the communication studies' teaching assistants must take a public speaking course in order to receive a graduate degree.

Karla Jensen, assistant professor of communication studies, has been the director of the public speaking course for the five years she has been at Tech.

She said she feels the class offers a variety of opportunities for the graduate students who take the class.

"It's an opportunity for TAs to get together and share their joys, share their concerns or their frustrations, and to learn about what it takes to be a confident teacher," Jensen said.

Students who have taken the class said the information gained has been helpful in the classes they teach.

"We talked about how to be effective teachers, how to handle disruptive students, how to manage a classroom, as well as give us a forum to blow off steam about students or classes. In a lot of different ways it has been very helpful," said Derek Clapp, a second-year graduate student from Bronte. Clapp is a former student of Jensen's.

Clapp said he uses what he learned in the public speaking graduate course on a daily basis.

The course prepared him to be a better teacher and ways to teach to different learning styles, he said.

"By having this class, we were forced into meeting with other TAs and finding out what worked for them in the handling of certain situations," Clapp said.

Communications Studies Chairman David Roach said the program was implemented to prepare the TAs

for possibilities they will face.

"We try to train our TAs before they teach and while they teach," Roach said.

"We try to maintain a lot of different opportunities to train them to help them become teachers, so that our undergraduates get a quality education and that they have a good teaching experience."

In addition to training the TAs to teach, Jensen said the department also tries to help them to balance their lives.

"We try to help graduate students with the balancing of the graduate courses that they're taking, the classes that they're teaching and then maintaining some sort of life beyond what goes on around campus," Jensen said.

The class contains as few as nine students and as many as 15.

The size of the class benefits the graduate students by allowing them to learn more through hands-on activities.

"It's a great learning opportunity because if you are experiencing a problem in the classroom, I will offer some suggestions, and then other TAs who have had similar problems will offer suggestions," Jensen said.

Jensen said she feels teachers always are learning, and they must take time to evaluate their performance and the methods teachers used to facilitate learning to different students.

Jensen is doing a research study to look at the amount and types of training that departments do with their TAs.

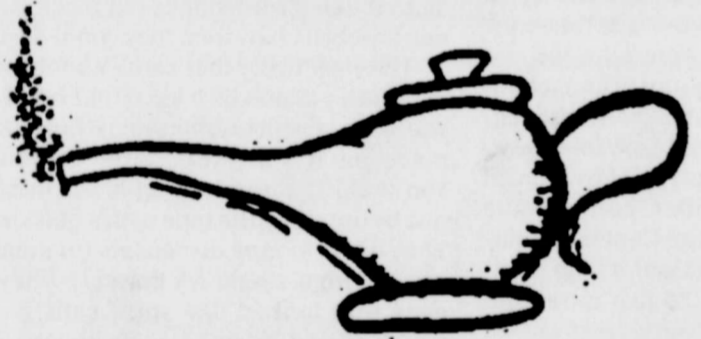
Jensen has received awards for her teaching ability on a national level. She was awarded the Outstanding New Teacher Award from the Southern States Communication Association.

Jensen also was named the 1999 Outstanding New Faculty Member in the College of Arts and Sciences at Tech, along with being named a past Honors Faculty Member of the Year.

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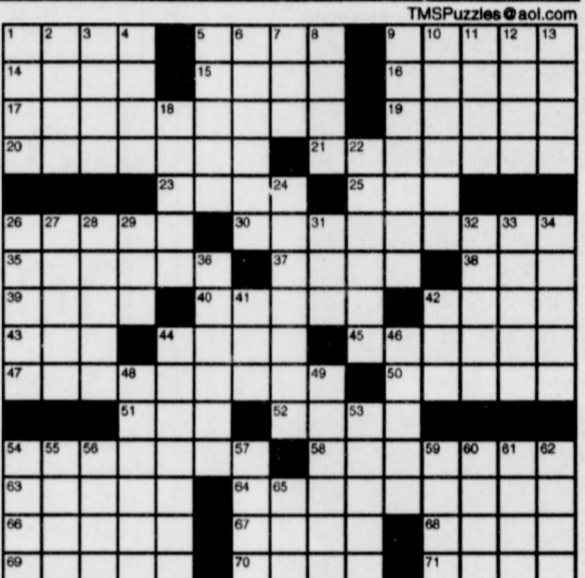
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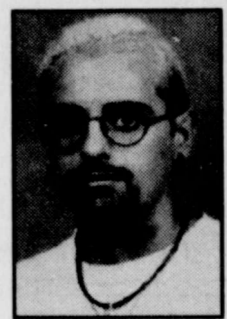
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# FORUM



## Origin of squeezable pudding explained

Everybody's back from Thanksgiving holiday and back to the routine of finishing up the semester. Coming back, I found that a lot of people realize some things never change: your parents question your decisions, but somehow they no longer care because they get to see their baby for the second time this year; you did not do any homework over vacation, even though plenty was assigned; Christmas decorations are being put up way too early and so on.



**Dwayne Mamo**  
Columnist

Of course, some things do not change in general: planes crash, people die and every winter you can wear shorts longer into the year, which still makes me wonder how people do not realize that is a sign that the ecosystem is shot.

So, once again, I'm tired of writing about such things. I'm tired of these things happening.

Instead, I figured that the day would come where people who did not have the benefit of reading the paper

when I first started would wonder about squeezable pudding.

It all began with baseball and the ever-popular habit of chewing chaw. Little kids who rode around their neighborhood with baseball cards in their spokes wanted to emulate their sport idols. Thus, the bubble gum companies began to include gum with their cards so kids could chew on something, and they could act like the players on the card.

Then, kids wanted more (as they often do) and realized that the gum tasted like chalk and lasted for only a few minutes. Longer-lasting gum was invented, but it just was not the same.

The next step was to invent gum that looked something like chaw, and so we had the advent of string gum in easy-to-handle pouches, wherein kids would find gum they could pull off in plugs and chew it like the pitcher on the mound.

This lasted for quite a while, and many kids enjoyed the full flavor of this gum. But they got impatient and wanted more interesting gum. They figured that if someone could make gum to imitate baseball chaw then they could do anything.

The next thing that came about was bubble tape. Yes, you too as a kid could build anything you wanted with bubble tape. A bubble gum that made you feel like your father building a shed. You could hit the girl sitting 20 feet in front of you just by unrolling the tape with a quick wrist fling. They came in tape dispensers (manual or automatic with a single AA battery). They came in cans that looked like snuff cans (something which reared its head as well as snuff gum, much like snuff jerky — jerky and gum that came shredded), and if you were lucky enough to buy food in bulk at that time, you could buy bubble tape in rolls as if you're at a gas station needing your fill of snuff for the week.

What started all of this off though was the next big thing for the bubble gum industry — squeezable bubble gum! Commercials showed kids squeezing this product into their mouth as if it was an Olympic event, holding the tube 8 to 11 feet away and getting dead-aim accuracy.

You had to have lived under a rock if you had not come into contact somehow with squeezable bubble gum. It was everywhere. It got confiscated at schools because people were using them like weapons. Others were filling locks with them so they could go inside teachers' classrooms and sabotage them. They would be left on people's seats so that when someone you didn't like sat on it, it would be a whoopee cushion with a surprise, and so on.

For a child, squeezable gum was heaven. This trend lasted quite a while and then faded off in the distance and nothing of that nature came in its wake, until the great year of our Lord, 1997 — the emergence of squeezable pudding.

Can you imagine all the possibilities these kids, now as adults, had with this new invention of cuisine?

Everybody went nuts for this second-generation squeezable product and a new era of convenience unfolded. Now, we have an almost yearly occurrence in which a new squeezable food product surfaces somewhere in your shopping aisles. Last year, we had squeezable yogurt, whose campaign now is taking full force with the youth lunch-box-carrying demographic. The next thing to hit the line is squeezable peanut butter and sources tell me that squeezable jelly and a combination of the two in a squeezable pouch will soon be available.

So now that you are back, pick up this article and learn the values and history of a trend that I hold dear, so much so that it has appeared in 83 percent of my columns in more than 2-1/2 years. Now, ask yourself how much more important this column is than say something over the Americans' faux pas to the Egyptians or the waning of our environment, and ask yourself which of the three you would enjoy and understand more. Then evaluate yourself — maybe you should really come back from vacation.

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## Labor issues, trade deals: WTO heated topic of debate at meet

Sorry to interrupt with a thumb-sucker on a serious topic, but this is important. The World Trade Organization meets in Seattle this week, and the results will affect your life. If you don't want to be in the position of demanding in a few years, "Who decided this?" or "Since when has that been the rule?" now is the time to pay attention.

In theory, everybody's in favor of free trade — but, everyone has a but. It helps if you think about the world on the eve of the 21st century as being like the United States on the brink of the 20th century — rampant capitalism with no regulation. The decades it took this country to build labor rights, a social safety net and environmental protections — all that has to be done again, except on a global scale: labor rights, human rights



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Columnist

and environmental health. The big corporations will have enough clout at the coming WTO meeting. The good news is that an awful lot of people power will be there, too.

The AFL-CIO will be there in force; environmentalists, human rights activists, the anti-sweatshop movement and a whole grab-bag of groups concerned about everything from saving the sea turtles to Third World debt will be there raising Cain. They can all be reached through the Internet, and the telephone still is a handy tool.

In an embryonic way, this is the first global organizing effort, and it may be that all the activists will end up with some kind of WTO of their own.

What are they up against? Thomas Donohue, president of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, says: "Environment and labor standards won't be tied to trade even if the United States stands on its head and spits wooden nickels. The chamber won't let it happen, and the rest of the world won't let it happen."

The chamber's interest is simple: money. The rest of the world has a variety of problems with tying free trade to rights for people. Asian countries think that penalizing countries that abuse workers and trash the environment is a form of protectionism — a way of giving the advanced industrial countries

an economic advantage. Charlene Barshefsky, the U.S. trade representative who is an ace at what she does and just concluded some negotiations between China and the United States, told *The New York Times*: "The WTO, in a formal sense, does not recognize that links between trade and labor exist. This is not a position which can endure. It is intellectually indefensible, and it will, over time, weaken public support for the trading system." Ms. Barshefsky, meet Mr. Donohue.

Right now, the whole meeting is in some disarray. The 135 nations due to attend, mostly represented by their trade ministers, could not work out an agenda in Geneva, where the WTO is headquartered. One of the many thorny issues is what to do about European subsidies to farmers, which the United States regards as protectionist.

Several hundred years of experience by various French governments have produced an iron-clad rule: Don't Mess With French Farmers. Maybe every country should be allowed to pick one exception to the general rules.

Beats me why we're so determined to go after the European farmers. Our own efforts at free-market farming, the Freedom to Farm Act passed by Newt Gingrich's Congress, have so far led to (among other unhappy results) a wave of suicides in farm country. As John Kenneth Galbraith, the dean of all agricultural economists, will tell you, farming is a pursuit singularly ill-adapted to pure free-market economics.

The most discouraging feature of the coming meeting is how few developing countries see either labor rights or human rights as anything they need to be concerned with. One would think that at least India ("the world's largest democracy," as we are always being reminded) would get it. But one of Barshefsky's top aides, Sue Esserman, recently went to India and was unable to persuade leaders there to engage in a global study intended to lead the WTO to start setting labor standards. According to *The New York Times*, Esserman said, "Great democracies ignore labor issues at their peril," but she got only a negative response. Most of the multinational corporations are

American, and they're the ones that go in and exploit foreign labor. What good does that do Third World countries? Not to mention the jobs it costs here.

A bloc of 77 developing countries is united against efforts to use the WTO to set labor and environmental standards. They're afraid if they're forced to improve the lot of their workers, it will price their products out of the overseas market.

Why not use the Third World debt issue or a commitment to increase imports from those nations as a carrot to win their cooperation? Mike Moore, the former prime minister of New Zealand who heads the WTO, says, "Cooperation is not a choice. It is indispensable to survival."

John Sweeney, head of the AFL-CIO, has signed off on this country's agenda for the Seattle meeting. This reflects labor's recognition that even though trade agreements cost U.S. jobs, exports also account for American jobs — three out of four jobs in Washington state, according to *Time* magazine. The AFL will be in Seattle to keep pressure on the Clinton administration; it'll be shutting the ports down Nov. 30 just to remind people of its muscle.

Donohue already is behind the curve on this. IBM, Hewlett-Packard, Kodak, Monsanto and other major companies agree that labor issues and trade deals should be linked.

"Even the business community is ready to accept what organized labor wants if that means in the future we don't have these vicious disputes over things like NAFTA," one exec told the *Los Angeles Times*.

"There is some degree of sympathy for these points of view if we can move the U.S. agenda forward."

But there is a backlash against Sweeney's position in the American labor movement. Some want an immediate moratorium on trade talks and a complete overhaul of the existing system.

This is the kind of thing that leads to the perennial Most Boring Headline, "Trade Talks Continue."

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Viva La Man

To the editor: I, as a man, was greatly moved when I read Brandon Formby's column (*UD*, 11/29). I, too, have suppressed my feelings and have been oppressed by the other gender. As I write these words, tears of happiness, rage, pain and a new-found openness burn down my sensitive cheeks.

I feel your pain as I know you feel mine. Let us rise above the tyranny that is woman and strike forth into the unexplored regions of manhood.

No more will I allow a beer to be forced into my left hand and the remote into my right. No more will I allow myself to be coerced into going out at o'dark thirty on a 10-degree morning to warm a car and scrape snow so that my oppressor may be comfortable.

Never more will I be awakened at 3 a.m. to venture into the darkness of night to

fight "that noise I heard." Never again will I have foul gruel shoved down my throat and be required to state, "My dear, this casserole is delicious!"

My heart breaks as I think of all the shame and inequality that we men have had to bear for oh-so-long. Yet I become excited when I dream of the day when our sons may hold their heads high and openly state, "I am no longer a pawn of the female oppressor, and I shall suffer their injustices until I am treated with the humanity and equality I deserve. Viva La Revolucion!"

Sal Salazar  
senior  
women's studies

#### The Other Side

To the editor: As a VarsityBooks.com student representative and a Texas Tech student, I felt compelled to respond to the article in *The University Daily* on Monday. The article focused on only one side of the lawsuit between VarsityBooks.com and the National Association of College Stores.

VarsityBooks.com was created to provide students with a choice of where to buy their books and how much to pay for them. As a student representative, I have witnessed many students reaping the benefits of the saving and convenience that VarsityBooks.com offers.

NACS, along with the other three local bookstores, is claiming VarsityBooks.com is misleading students by advertising its textbooks at discounts up to 40 percent off. This is ridiculous. We can do the math. I think college students are smart enough to know that "up to 40 percent off" at VarsityBooks.com is better than paying retail at college bookstores.

Campus bookstores have benefited for too long from an exclusive lock on students' money. The availability of textbooks over the Internet brings that monopoly to an end.

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## Young: Raiders' go-to man

by Jeff Keller  
Staff Writer

Every team has a go-to player they turn to for a clutch shot to help them win a game. For the Texas Tech men's basketball squad, that man is senior guard Rayford Young.

Once again, Young came through when he was called upon in Tech's outing against Texas-El Paso last Saturday.

With time winding down in the second half and the Miners up by a point, Young took the ball in his hands and drained a jump shot with less than five seconds remaining to give Tech the 75-74 win.

Young's game-winning shot against UTEP was not his first as a Red Raider, for Young is no stranger to taking the final shot with victory lying in the balance.

Last season, he played a pivotal role in Tech's win against Kansas as

he scored 41 points, with 32 of those points coming in the final nine minutes of the game to erase the Jayhawks' 14-point lead giving Tech a 90-84 victory.

Two games later against Nebraska, Young poured in 25 points, including a layup with eight seconds left in the game as the Red Raiders eventually won 73-68.

Young said being calm when the game is on the line is key when taking the last shot.

"Really, you can't stress yourself out," Young said.

"You just have to play it like it's just a regular shot. The most important thing is that you put the ball in the hole. That's all I think about. I don't even think about what will happen if I miss. I just think about putting the ball in the hole."

Tech guard James Ware said Young's ability to create off the dribble is what makes him the man to look for in the clutch.

"He's definitely the go-to guy,"

Ware said of Young. "His ability to create off the dribble always puts a lot of pressure on defenses. His ability to create and get a good shot is definitely a go-to ingredient coming down the stretch."

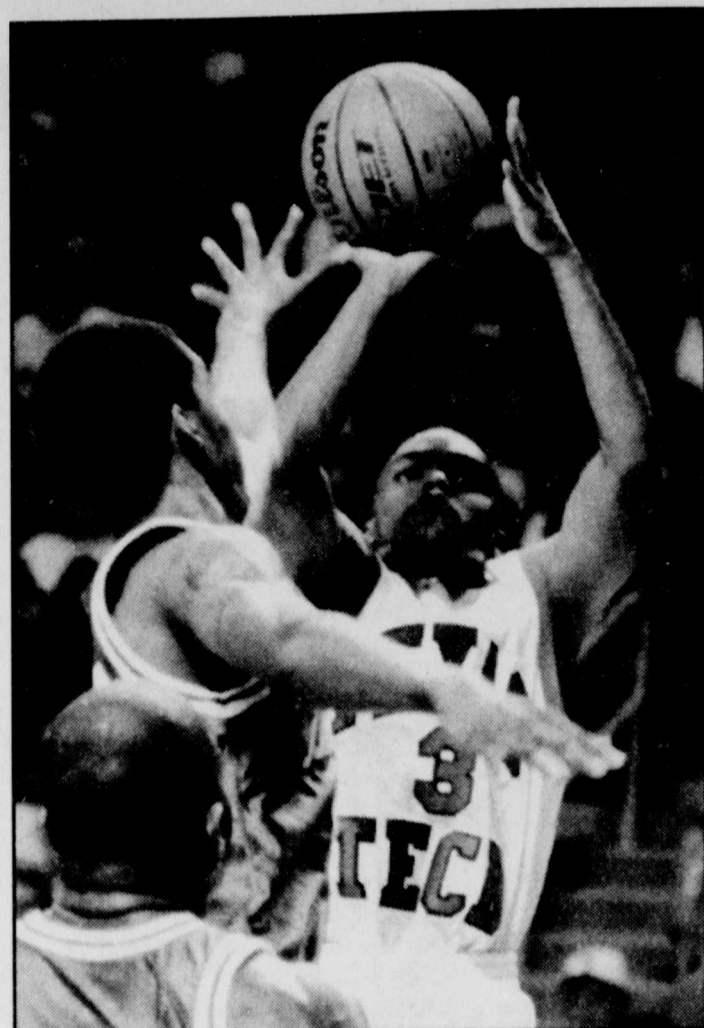
Young said Tech coach James Dickey told him before the season that he was the player he wanted to have the ball when the game comes down to the wire.

"He told me even before the season started that if we were ever in that position, he wanted me to have the ball," Young said.

"So that's something I don't even worry about because I know I've worked hard to be in that position, and coach Dickey has confidence in me."

Sophomore center Andy Ellis said there is no player on the team that he would rather see with the ball in the clutch than Young.

"Really, I think that we're quite confident when he goes up for the last shot," Ellis said.



Red Raider Rayford Young goes for a jump shot over an Indiana defender in Tech's Nov. 19 home-opener against the Hoosiers.  
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## Tech's Daniel garners All-American title

by Patrick Gonzales  
Staff Writer

While most Texas Tech students returned from their Thanksgiving holiday with full stomachs and a bit more relaxed, cross country standout Leigh Daniel returned as an All-American.

Daniel finished sixth among 254 runners at the NCAA Championship race — the best-ever finish for a Red Raider cross country athlete.

Daniel became Tech's first track national champion last spring when she won the 5,000-meter race at the NCAA Indoor Championships.

She added another national title when she won the 10,000 meters at the NCAA Outdoor Championships.



Daniel

more amazing, said Tech cross country coach Dave Smith.

"It has been a tough year for her overall after the year-long track season she had," Smith said.

"She has pretty much been playing catch-up all year, but at nationals, she probably ran her best race of the year."

Daniel finished the 5,000 meters with a time of 16:51.40, which was only three seconds behind the third-place finisher.

Wisconsin's Erica Palmer won the event with a time of 16:39.50.

"I was dwindling down after a long season, and I was a little worried because I know a lot of people have expectations," Daniel said of her performance.

"A top-20 performance is what I wanted going into the race, so I was happy with a sixth-place finish but definitely not satisfied."

Daniel finished first among the Big 12 Conference runners, defeating Colorado's Kara Wheeler who finished in ninth place.

Daniel said she was very glad to get redemption on Wheeler, who had defeated her in their previous three races, including the Big 12 Championship meet.

"It was kind of funny because no one really cared about the other five girls that beat me. They were just happy to see me beat Kara," Daniel said.

However, the race was not an easy one.

Smith said Daniel slipped back to 12th place with 1,000 meters remaining in the race but fought back at the end after some vocal support from her coach.

"She was falling back, so I ran alongside her and yelled at her," Smith said. "I guess she listened to me. If we had two more weeks to get ready, I think she would have been challenging for the top spot."

The national meet capped a season in which Daniel helped lead Tech's cross country squad to a fifth-place finish in the Big 12 and a No. 28 national ranking.

Daniel will return to the cross country squad for her final campaign next season and also will run the 10,000 meters at the Olympic trials next summer.

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