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Regents approve parking fee increase

by Kelsey Walter
Staff Writer

As gasoline prices are anything but cheap in most areas of the South Plains, it will soon cost more to park your car than it will to drive it on the Texas Tech campus.

A five-year parking plan aimed at providing funds to build two on-campus parking garages was passed by the Tech Board of Regents in December.

While Gene West, Tech vice president for Operations, said the construction will not begin immediately, he said Tech officials hope the garages will be ready by fall 2002.

The two garages are presently slated for construction at 18th Street and Flint Avenue with the other near 15th Street and Akron Avenue.

While neither students nor faculty and

staff members will be asked to pay higher rates this semester, all new parking regulations will be effective before summer sessions begin in May.

Tech officials claim that a growing number of reserved parking spaces in faculty/staff lots remain unoccupied a high percentage of the time.

Gail Wolfe, director of Traffic and Parking Services, said the majority of faculty/staff lots will change from strictly reserved to area-reserved. Area-reserved eliminates reserved parking to the extent that it gives any vehicle access to any space in the lot.

Although this change does not permit students to park in these lots, it does require faculty and staff to pay more if they still desire a reserved parking space.

"Reserved parking is a very poor utilization of space," Wolfe said.

West said the average faculty/staff member will pay less to park in area-reserved.

In comparison to present faculty/staff parking fees, reserved permits will increase from \$125 to \$250, with area-reserved rising from \$66 to \$90.

While some faculty/staff members could benefit from the changes, students will not immediately benefit but still must pay the increase.

Commuters now paying \$49 for their yearly pass, must pay \$70 next semester to park in the same areas. Residence hall permits will increase from \$71 to \$90.

Summer commuter and residence hall permits were \$24 but now cost \$33.

As parking fees for students, faculty and staff will only increase slightly in the fall, fees will continue to increase until the garage construction is complete.

category	recommended parking rates		
	current rates (\$)	sept. 2000	sept. 2001
faculty and staff			
garage reserved	0	0	400
area reserved	66	90	250
surface reserved	125	250	375
surface area reserved	66	90	110
students			
resident garage (area reserved)	0	0	250
resident surface	71	90	110
commuter	49	70	110
summer resident	24	33	55
summer commuter	24	33	55

Each parking space in the garage costs \$11,500 to build, which means an increase in permit fees to accommodate the funds necessary to begin construction, West said.

West stressed that every parking space see **PARKING**, p. 3

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STATE NEWS — Pflugerville drops out of Capital Metro

PFLUGERVILLE (AP) — While the Austin area struggles with its explosive growth, increasing air pollution and snarled traffic, another suburb is dropping out of the regional bus company.

Pflugerville residents voted 472-186 over the weekend to become the fourth city in 12 years to leave Capital Metro.

Karen Rae, Capital Metro's general manager, said the suburb's vote was "a blow to regional transportation."

"We should be building regional partnerships, not reducing them," Ms. Rae said.

Pflugerville Mayor Doyle Bridgfarmer said residents left Capital Metro after 15 years because they believed they were paying too much tax money for too little bus service.

The Austin suburb had levied a one-cent sales tax for membership in Capital Metro, yet only about 20 of Pflugerville's 14,000 residents rode its buses, Bridgfarmer said.

The tax raised about \$600,000 in 1998 and \$3 million over the past 15 years, he said.

NATIONAL NEWS — Jackson threatens to include Georgia in flag boycott

ATLANTA (AP) — Jesse Jackson's Rainbow/PUSH Coalition is threatening to launch a tourism boycott of Georgia on Super Bowl Sunday to protest the use of the Confederate emblem in the state flag.

State elected officials of both parties made it clear Monday they have no interest in changing the flag, despite the threat.

"I'm saying what I've said all along — we have a lot of issues on our plate and this is just not one that's in the mix right now," said Gov. Roy Barnes, a Democrat.

Civil rights activists hope to capitalize on publicity generated when Atlanta plays host to the Super Bowl on Jan. 30 and will call for a tourism boycott that day, said Joe Beasley, Southern regional director for Jackson's Rainbow/PUSH Coalition.

Beasley said black National Football League players will be urged to protest the return of the Super Bowl to Atlanta until the flag is changed.

WORLD NEWS — Gonzalez case not Castro's first custody battle

HAVANA (AP) — If Fidel Castro seems to be taking the case of 6-year-old Elian Gonzalez personally, it may be because he was party himself to a custody battle involving his first-born son more than four decades ago.

Like Elian, Fidelito Castro Diaz had parents with very different visions of their child's future. Then, as now, the situations underscore the politics and passions that for more than two generations have torn apart Cuban families living on both sides of the Florida Straits.

While Castro recently blamed "the extremist and terrorist mafia of South Florida" for keeping Elian in Miami and blocking his return "to his legitimate family and homeland," the battle over Elian is not between the Cuban and U.S. governments.

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Roller coaster ride



Tech coach James Dickey throws his fists in the air in celebration after a game-winning basket by Texas A&M was waived off. However, the referees later reversed the call and awarded the Aggies the basket and the game. Tech officials have filed a report with Big 12 officials.

Controversial call over last-second basket leaves Raiders searching for answers, win

by Jeff Keller
Assistant Sports Editor

The 99th edition of the Texas Tech and Texas A&M men's basketball rivalry started harmlessly Saturday but ended in a controversial call that kept fans, Tech players and officials at the United Spirit Arena for almost an hour after the end of regulation.

With 11 seconds left in the game, Tech guard James Ware hit his fourth 3-pointer of the contest to even things up with the Aggies at 86.

What happened in the final 10 seconds resulted in the Aggies leaving the court in jubilation, a double reversal of an official's call and the Court Jesters' rendition of Twisted Sister's "We're Not Gonna Take It."

Bernard King took the ball up the court for the Aggies and heaved a shot that drew nothing but air, but Andy Leatherman grabbed the ball and put it up and in for

what was ruled by official Charles Range to be the game-winning shot.

The crowd erupted in a chorus of screams against the call, and Tech coach James Dickey darted around to see if the officials could review the call.

The Aggies left the court as soon as the shot was ruled good, but Red Raider players and coaches stayed on the court as the play was reviewed at the scorers table by the officials.

After looking at the final sequence of events, one of the officials ruled "no basket" and a roar erupted from the crowd making the score tied at 86.

With that, A&M coach Melvin Watkins returned to the court and began talks with the officials.

After about five minutes of discussion, Watkins shook the hand of one of the officials and left the court.

The reaction of Tech coach James Dickey let the crowd know what had just transpired

— the call had been reversed again, Aggies 88-Tech 86.

Dickey promptly removed his jacket and slammed it on the court, and once again, a stream of disapproving screams flowed from the crowd.

At that point, Dickey and Tech Director of Athletics Gerald Myers, who had come down to the court, began discussions with the officials and then left the court with the officials.

Dickey instructed his team to remain on the court.

"We were just trying to get a definitive answer on what the decision was going to be," Dickey said. "We wanted to know if we were going to play overtime, if they won or if it was a forfeit."

The Aggies would have forfeited the contest if it would have gone to another period because they had left the arena.

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Financial aid goes World Wide Web

by Adrienne Gaviglio
Staff Writer

In an attempt to eliminate endless lines, hundreds of phone calls and lengthy delays on refund checks, Texas Tech's financial aid office has moved online.

"The Web access is up and running but not to the extent that we would like for it to be in the future," said Earl Hudgins, director of Tech Financial Aid for Students.

System upgrades have delayed the entire transfer of financial aid to the Web, but students are assured that this spring, the transfer will be completed, he said.

"We want to make it possible that if students do not want to come in to the office, then they do not have to," Hudgins said. "Currently, students can access the student employment office, Work Study Program, the scholarship office, and there is a link to the

School of Education where students can fill out a Free Application for Federal Student Aid form through our Web site."

There also is an online counselor available for students to e-mail and have their questions answered.

Renovations to the Web page will be completed in early spring and will include everything that the financial aid office has to offer.

When completed, the Web page will allow students to check the status of their loans, complete missing forms and apply for all scholarships.

Hudgins said scholarship forms also will be passed online to the student's dean and their college.

This year, lines have been shorter because



of faster processing and already financial aid has paid more than 8,000 loan checks.

"We are currently looking at a program that Texas Guaranteed Student Loan Corporation offers, where we would put Stafford Loan forms online, but we need to find out if they would benefit our students before we jump off into it," Hudgins said.

There have been many changes to the financial aid office this year in addition to the new Web page — one being a revision to promissory note forms, he said.

"This year, all schools are moving to a master promissory note so that you will only have to fill out a promissory note once, and it is good for 10 years," Hudgins said.

Another change that Tech has made for the office is the installation of new computers and phone lines.

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Underage drinking notification discussed

by Angela Loston
Staff Writer

The Texas Tech Board of Regents have raised questions about a new measure that would inform parents about students who have been drinking underage.

During the Board of Regents meeting in December, members of the board inquired about the parental notification of alcohol use among underage students on campus.

"As the Dean of Students right now and soon-to-be interim vice president of Student Affairs, I have to deal with not only the legal issues but the practical application of the policy and its impact on students," said Michael Shonrock, Tech dean of students.

Shonrock said Tech does not have a policy that allows administrators to contact parents when underage students are found drinking.

He said the Higher Education of Reauthorization Act permits colleges and universities to inform parents if their child is participating in underage drinking.

Before the act was created, Shonrock said officials representing universities and colleges were not allowed to release confidential student information to parents because of the Family Education of Rights and Privacy Act.

"If we're going to implement certain policies, we have to have a rational reason why we are doing this," Shonrock said. "If we implement this policy, we have to realize that we will change our relationship with students."

Before considering to create this measure, Shonrock said the Dean of Students Office has decided to closely examine the effectiveness of this policy.

Shonrock said he has used numerous occasions to discuss this issue with parents as well as students. During Tech's Family Day, Shonrock said he talked to parents about the issue of parental notification.

"Overall, some parents would like to know if their child is drinking, but there are a handful of parents who say that students are 18 years old, and therefore, it is up to them to what they want to do," Shonrock said. "Among the students that I talked to who are underage, none of them thought that it was not a good idea."

In regards to parental notification, Shonrock said he also has received input from the Code of Student Conduct Committee, the Tech Police Department, Texas Tech Association of Parents, Housing and Dining Services and the Student Government Association.

In addition to discussions with both parents and students, Shonrock said he has reviewed a number of institutions that already adopted parental notification in their administrative policies.

Some of the universities Shonrock said he has looked at include Texas A&M University, Marshall University in West Virginia, University of Delaware, University of Maryland in College Park, Md., and the University of Virginia.

"What's best for Texas Tech is best for Texas Tech," he said. "So what we have to look at is what will be the best policy for our students."

Student Government Association President Douglas Jeffrey said parental notification can be beneficial as well as unfavorable for students.

Jeffrey said he agrees with the anti-underage drinking measure, especially for parents who have an interest in their children's education. Jeffrey, however, said parental notification

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Tech's president search continues

by Kelsey Walter
Staff Writer

While Winter Break came and went with the ball dropping the world into a new millennium, a 19-member committee continued the search for Texas Tech President Donald Haragan's successor.

Board of Regent member Nancy Jones, who leads the committee, said the search process is not going to be rushed.

"It is important that we take our time with the search and make the right decisions," she said.

She said the process is running smoothly but gave no time limit on how long the search would continue.

"I know the right person is out there. We just have to be patient."

A list of candidates is scheduled to be submitted to Tech Chancellor John Montford. While no names were revealed, Jones said about 10 people are being considered, and the list is expected to grow in the coming weeks.

Heidrick & Struggles, an executive search firm based in Chicago, was hired by Tech officials to assist the committee in the nationwide search. The firm specializes in helping colleges and universities find qualified candidates to fill job openings at schools across the country.

Jones said the firm is helping out a great deal, but she also stressed that the final decision regarding all qualified candidates will be made entirely by the committee.

After 15 years in central adminis-

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Nancy Jones
Tech regent

tration, Haragan announced his plans to resign Aug. 30, 1999. He will continue to serve as president until Aug. 31, 2000.

The committee was appointed by Montford shortly after Haragan's announcement and is made up of two deans, nine faculty members, three

regents, an athletics department representative, the assistant vice president of research, and the presidents of the Staff Senate, Faculty Senate, Student Government Association and Ex-Students Association.

"The committee works by consensus, and each member is very com-

municative with each other," Jones said.

SGA president Douglas Jeffrey said he would use Haragan as a mold for any prospect. Jeffrey stressed that the new Tech leader must possess some of the same traits as Haragan to be successful. Jones agreed.

"Dr. Haragan has been extremely good for Texas Tech, and his replacement will have to follow in his footsteps," Jones said.

The new president must look to advance the vision of Tech in the next few years while exhibiting good teaching skills among other things, Jones said.

Haragan said in order to be an effective president, one must have an extremely professional attitude and a strong academic background.

1999 La Ventana yearbook selected as nominee for top national honor

The 1999 *La Ventana* has been honored as a 2000 Columbia Scholastic Press Association Crown finalist. The association gives out the award at the annual meeting in

New York City in March.

Aimee Sanders, editor of the 2000 *La Ventana*, said this is a great honor for the yearbook and the students that work hard each year for

the Tech campus.

"Every year, the staff works really hard, and we've been really fortunate to have been nominated for the award," Sanders said. "Our staff

works really hard for the campus, and it's nice to see their work pay off."

If awarded the Gold Crown in March, this will be the second time

the *La Ventana* has won the award.

It won the first Gold Crown award for the 1996 yearbook and won a Silver Crown for the 1998 edition.

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Department goes Fish-ing for new chairman



by Charlie Milling
Staff Writer

When Ernest Fish takes his 6-year-old grandson to the park, he realizes how important his job is.

"That's who I do it for," said Fish, who was appointed chairman of the Texas Tech range, wildlife and fisheries management department Dec. 1, 1999. "Our natural resources are critical areas."

Even though Fish has been a faculty member at Tech since 1973, he said teaching and working with students never gets old.

With the students, he believes he "has an opportunity to have a positive influence" on both them and the profession.

"Each group of students is different," Fish said. "The material hasn't changed that much. So, the challenge is how to get those students to become interested in the material."

He said the department attempts to keep a balance between teaching, research and service.

"Our natural resources are critical areas."

Ernest Fish
chairman of range, wildlife and fisheries management

"Our strength is how broad we are. The department can address a lot of areas," Fish said.

He said he thinks the department could probably double in the amount of students, but it is not that simple.

"We want quality," Fish said. "We want to grow but keep the same quality."

Many department faculty members agree with this philosophy.

"Ernest is one of the main stays of the department," said Mark Wallace, assistant professor at the range, wildlife and fisheries management department. "He has done a lot over the years."

Fish received both his undergraduate degree in forestry and range management and his master's degree in range ecology from Colorado State University. He then went on to the University of Arizona at Tucson where he earned his doctorate degree in watershed management.

Fish has received many awards in his career. He is a recipient of the President's Excellence in Teaching Award and has been recognized by Tech's Mortar Board.

"Dr. Fish is a longtime, highly-respected professor that will bring experience to the position," said John Abernathy, dean of Tech's College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources.

Tech mourns deaths of students killed during Winter Break

by Jennifer Bailey
Staff Writer



On Dec. 7, Gutierrez, a junior in the College of Business Administration, was traveling in Eastland County

Lunn with 22-year-old Tech student Natasha Kelsheimer and 28-year-old Jon Germer of Dallas.

Two Texas Tech students, Natalie Brooks Lunn, 19, of Wichita Falls and Joshua Reed Gutierrez, 23, of Lubbock, died in separate car accidents over the Winter Break.

On Jan. 7, Lunn was heading southbound on U.S. 287 near Rhome when her car struck a pillar, said Rhome police chief Tony White to the *Wichita Falls Times-Record News*. White said it looked as though Lunn lost control of her car because of slick roads caused by rain.

Lunn was on her way to visit her fiancé, Ted Kuchta, a sophomore in the College of Arts and Sciences from Mansfield.

Lunn was taken to Decatur Community Hospital and later transferred to Harris Methodist Hospital in Fort Worth where she died Jan. 10.

Lunn, a sophomore education major, was a member of the Tech chapter of Alpha Delta Pi sorority.

"Natalie was a character. She was funny, outgoing, sweet and personable. She was loved by everyone," said Carol Fabrie, Tech president of Alpha Delta Pi. "You couldn't help but be filled with joy when you were around her. She touched a lot of people's lives."

Officials at Abilene's Hendrick Medical Center said the vehicle was traveling at a high-rate speed and crashed into a tree.

Gutierrez was pronounced dead at the scene. Hospital officials said Germer, the driver of the vehicle, and Kelsheimer were taken to Hendrick Medical Center, treated and later released.

Gutierrez, a 1994 graduate of Lubbock Monterey High School, was a member of St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church and worked at Texas Land and Cattle Company.

"Josh was very outspoken, a bear hug. He was always quick to speak his mind," said Bingo Vasquez, manager of Texas Land and Cattle Company. "He was very friendly, courteous and was one of my best employees."

Flags were lowered on campus in honor of Gutierrez on Dec. 13 and will be lowered Jan. 24 in honor of Lunn.

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cation would not benefit students who may not have a close relationship with their parents.

"It'll have positive and negative effects," Jeffrey said. "If there's somebody who needs help and if their parents are willing to help them, then I'm all for using all resources necessary to help that student."

At the same time, it'll hurt to inform those parents who have a bad relationship with their student."

Jeffrey said he and the Student Senate will meet with the Board of Regents in Houston on Feb. 10 and Feb. 11 to continue discussions on whether or not to implement this policy.

"The Board of Regents have listened to what we've had to say," he said. "We want to make that dialogue continue."

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"There has been a new computer system installed so that no one will receive a busy signal when they call but rather a recording that will give students options as to what department they would like to reach," Hudgins said. "We average 400 to 500 calls a day, and each call is recorded by our system. This allows us to monitor the length call-

ers wait." The office also has acquired new upgraded computers that process information faster and more efficiently.

"Financial aid is confusing to students, and sometimes it is confusing to us," Hudgins said. "With any government program, things are tricky, but we want to make the process easier so students have time to con-

concentrate on other things."

Students find that the new Web page and the revisions internally will make the process easier on everyone.

"I think that if you can avoid having to come into the office all of the time to ask questions and fill out forms, it will be a lot more helpful," said Michael Denson, a junior business major from Lubbock.

Mars lander gone forever

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — NASA on Monday gave up trying to contact the missing Mars Polar Lander, confirming what had been suspected for more than a month: The \$165 million spacecraft was dead on arrival.

Engineers at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory listened for the spacecraft one last time and heard only silence.

"It is closure in the sense that I think we did everything we could to re-establish contact, and, yes, it's time to get on to other things," said project scientist Richard Zurek.

The spacecraft vanished Dec. 3 while trying to land on Mars. It was

to have studied the atmosphere and dug for ice during a 90-day mission.

Among the possible explanations for its failure to call home: The three-legged lander burned up in the atmosphere, crashed on Mars or tipped over on the rugged surface and damaged itself.

An internal JPL board and a team of independent investigators are looking into the failure as well as the loss of the Mars Climate Orbiter, which apparently burned up in the atmosphere last September because of a mixup between English and metric units.

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saved by going to area-reserved saves Tech from having to build an additional parking space in the garage.

"Traffic and Parking does not get a nickel of funding from the state," West said. "All money for on-campus road repair and construction is funded directly from traffic and parking fees."

Traffic fines and parking violation fees will rise to provide even more funds.

While most offenses increase

slightly, blocking a handicap access ramp, which now is a \$100 ticket, will rise to \$250.

"Our objective is not to charge more money," West said. "It is to park more people and be able to serve our customers better."

West referred to the campus population as more than just numbers, but as customers.

"Without the students, faculty and staff, we don't have a job," he said.

Before the plan was introduced to the Board of Regents, West said the

faculty, staff and Student Senate, along with Tech President Donald Haragan and his staff, were briefed about the recommendation.

"Everything we recommended, there was a group of people who challenged it," he said.

West called it unfortunate that everyone is not satisfied, but said no matter what is done, there will always be someone who opposes the decision.

"Parking is a problem in society, not just at Texas Tech," Wolfe said.

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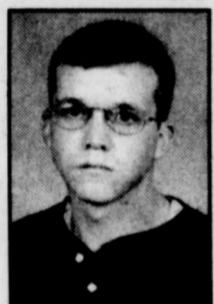
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Nation's parties have voters confused on rights, issues

The principle idea when this country was founded was to give the power to the people instead of the elite. What have we done with that power? We evolved into a two-party system that has gradually taken that power out of the people's hands.



Joseph Colley
Columnist

Republicans and Democrats alike are responsible for the disparagement of the Constitution. Agendas have become more important than liberty, and this leaves the American people to decide between the lesser of two evils. We feel like we have to choose one side or the other when neither political party is parallel with the principles of liberty. For instance, Democrats are always yelling about freedom of speech and other First Amendment rights, but they neglect to fight for our Second Amendment right to keep and bear arms. Republicans are just Democrats in disguise. They claim to want smaller government, but where are they in the fight against illegal searches and seizures?

All parts of the Constitution are equally important, and both parties are selective in which rights they defend. This country belongs to the people, and it needs us, the young generation, to change

the process. Political parties are institutions set up for feeble-minded people who can't think for themselves, so forget about them and focus on liberty for all.

This is the first step to a better America. Then you need to read the Constitution, at least read the Bill of Rights. Take advantage of them and support other people when they exercise their rights. The poorest person has the same Constitutional rights as the wealthiest. It is our duty to see that those rights are not neglected.

When a cop searches a citizen's vehicle because the person looks suspicious, that cop is directly violating the Constitution. This is equivalent to being denied freedom of speech. The WTO protesters in Seattle (the peaceful ones) were shot with rubber bullets, choked with tear gas and beaten for practicing a right given to them by the Constitution. You don't have to support their cause to support their Constitutional right to peacefully assemble.

Another step is to learn how to separate morality from legality. Just because you don't like something doesn't mean there should be a federal law against it.

There is nothing wrong with being against abortion, but keep your moral decision out

of government.

If you are against burning the flag, then don't. Just do not try to get a Constitutional amendment passed that says I can't protest in whatever form I see necessary.

If you don't like guns, don't buy one. The Second Amendment still exists for law-abiding citizens, with or without your approval of firearms.

There is nothing wrong with being against abortion, but keep your moral decision out of government.

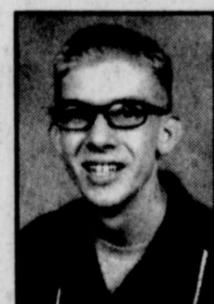
Next, always be skeptical of politicians regardless of their political affiliation. While most of them have good intentions, their primary focus is looking good for the media. Demand straight answers from them. All too often, politicians feed us sophistry so that we are unable to hold them to their word. It is our duty to reject these power-hungry sycophants and find someone who is at least honest, even though we may not agree with them on every issue.

This is a democracy. The people are the power. Let's use the freedom we have been given to restore the Constitution. We can bring up the people who have been neglected and bring down those who have surpassed their Constitutional limitations.

Joseph Colley is a junior English major from Mount Pleasant.

Lack of arena attendance can be attributed to lack of excitement

Did anyone else notice a bit of a hostile uprising among Texas Tech alumni toward the end of the fall semester? If you didn't, don't worry. It wasn't that impressive. In the great scheme of things, I'd say it registered somewhere between Boy Scouts protesting President Clinton's signature on their membership cards and that crusade where they sent the children to fight.



Kenneth Strickland
Columnist

Nonetheless, numerous letters to this newspaper last semester have indicated that our prestigious alumni (those still living in Lubbock anyway) are obviously upset. A peace offering of a brand new arena at the expense of such trivial items as desks for the new English/Philosophy/Education Complex has failed to calm this storm. No, our alumni are outraged and are looking for answers.

So what exactly is it that has them so upset? Well, former students of this great institution seem to be infuriated by this student body's recent absence from Red Raider and Lady Raider basketball games, and now they're looking for blood.

Basketball is a great game. It takes a lot of talent, a lot of skill and a lot of dedication to represent Tech on the court. And as we saw last week against A&M, it can be very exciting too. I'll even be sure to catch a few games

this season — on television, that is.

You see, the sad truth of the matter is that it's hard to market a sport like basketball in a part of the country where violent sports sit second only to God — a very close second at that. Anyone who plays the game will tell you that basketball is a very aggressive sport, that elbows are always flying at their face and the occasional pick sends them to the floor in a hurry.

The only problem is that those sitting in row double Z can't see it. Actually, if you're sitting on the floor, you probably won't see it either. It's hard to get a Texan to attend a basketball game when there's so many violent alternatives to choose from.

If you want to sell a sport in a town where masculinity is determined by how loud your truck is and the funniest show on television is "When Animals Attack," then someone has to get hurt. As cruel as it sounds, that's the way it is.

Take the Cotton Kings for instance. By professional standards, they're not that good. If they were a baseball team, they'd be below "A" ball. You know, it's that league where your lead-off hitter is the owner's 13-year-old son and your starting pitcher shot down seven Nazi fighters in the skies above France.

But our hockey games are fun to watch. They pick fights, they get the crowd involved, and win or lose, everyone has a good time.

Basketball has its occasional altercation, but it just doesn't compare to a glass-shaking body check or a quarterback being blindsided by a linebacker.

It's not just basketball, though. The Brazilian and German national soccer teams could hold an exhibition game here in Lubbock, and

if it's on the same night as WWF Wrestling, then forget about anyone showing up.

Let's face it, this isn't high school. I can't afford to attend every sporting event for the sake of "spirit." If I had that type of money, I'd wash my sheets more than once a semester.

I have to be a bit picky about what I choose to attend. We don't pack out Jones Stadium in the fall simply because we feel obligated to. We just love football. The same could be said of basketball up north. If this were Indiana, I'd be dragged out into the street and stoned to death.

I enjoy going to the theater. It doesn't anger me that more people don't attend theater productions, though. It just isn't as appreciated here as it is elsewhere. Our cultures are too different.

The same could be said of basketball, which sometimes fails to appeal to our gun rack, bass fishing, hunt for sport, hit 'em and hit 'em-hard philosophies.

If you're an alumni member or a student who enjoys Tech basketball, then please support our teams. Just because the rest of us aren't jumping on the wagon doesn't mean our teams should be forgotten.

Those of us who you won't find at the United Spirit Arena, though, simply want more hits. We want more tackles, more shoves to the back of the head, more bench-clearing brawls. Is that too much to ask for? I think not.

This week, I have the option of watching a Tech basketball game or choosing between two separate CSPAN channels. My money tells me I'll see more blood in a Gore-Bradley debate. It's a tough call.

Kenneth Strickland is a freshman political science major from Mesquite.

EDITORIAL

Tech may be jumping gun on new policy

Members of the Texas Tech administration and Board of Regents are considering a piece of legislation that would require officials to notify parents if their underage student is caught drinking on campus. The legislation is still under consideration at Tech, but other universities around the nation have begun implementing such policies.

Although underage drinking is an ever-growing problem on campuses across the nation and this policy might curb underage drinking on campus, we believe it is just another attempt by officials to undermine the responsibility of students to make rational decisions.

College is undoubtedly a time to experiment, a time to search out and find ourselves and a time to make decisions on what is right for us and what is not. With this new policy, we are being told that we are not responsible enough to make decisions for ourselves, that we still need mommy and daddy to take us by the hand and lead us on the path that they think we belong on.

With this policy, we believe officials are thinking of themselves and how they will look on a national scope instead of thinking of us. Parents send their children out into the world to make a life for themselves. How are we going to learn what is good for us and what isn't if we are not allowed to experiment with what life has to offer us?

As the policy is now, after the first instance an underage student is caught drinking on campus, his or her parents will be notified. A better and probably more accepted policy would be to implement a two- or three-strikes policy. If the student is caught once, give them a warning. If the student is caught twice or for the third time, call his or her parents. If such a policy existed, it would give students a chance to think about what they have done and the humility it would cause them or their parents if they were caught again.

There are certain ages for everything. At 16, we can drive. At 18, we can vote, fight in war and buy tobacco products. And at 21, we can buy alcohol. At what age are we to make rational decisions?

LETTERS

Cheers

To the editor: I would like to thank the staff for the hard work that was done on the alcohol section of the paper Dec. 7. That section hit home as I am sure it does for many other people. My mom was hit by a drunk driver in January of this year. It is amazing how her life has changed and not to mention mine. I never thought it would happen to someone close to me, but when it did, I was flabbergasted. She has had to restructure her life to accommodate the injuries she has sustained from the accident. The paper staff needs to be complimented on the hard work and dedication they have shown to this topic. Thanks for spreading the awareness!

Stefanie Cervantes
sophomore
biology

Life's little lessons

To the editor: After being in the real world for a little while, I have learned a few lessons: College is the time of your life, you have to "grow up" sometime, who you are and what you do in college follows you.

After you graduate, you look back and see what exactly you did in college and start to ask questions. Was I really happy? Should I have done this or that? What do people really think about who I am?

After I asked myself these questions, I came to a realization that I was not the person that I should have been — not keeping promises to myself, thinking of only my immediate wants, treating others as though they didn't matter and numerous other things that if you could change, you would in an instant.

My hope for you is that you learn from my mistakes and take a few suggestions from a man that has learned the hard way. So here are some ideas that you might like to remember to start off your semester right:

1. Your reputation is important, so try not to do anything you would not be proud of.
2. Treat the people you date like you expect your sister/brother to be treated.

3. Be passionate about something not just someone.

4. If you feel your morals are lacking in a situation, step back and ask yourself if it is really something that you want to tell your future mate you did.

5. A random act of kindness can go a long way for someone.

My wishes for those of you who read this or know me are that you take what I have said to heart and that you have a great and wiser semester.

Michael Christopher Husband
Class of 1999

Write a letter to the editor. Drop it by 211 Journalism, have your Tech ID, or e-mail it to UD@ttu.edu, include your social security number and phone number.

Lubbock sold on Elton John

First United Spirit Arena show sells out in two hours

by Sebastian Kitchen
Staff Writer

Lubbock is known for last-minute ticket sales. The situation was different Saturday as local fans waited in long lines to sweep up almost 14,000 seats.

The Feb. 8 Elton John concert at the United Spirit Arena sold out in about two hours Saturday, said Keith Welch, a promoter with Stardate Concerts.

Welch said he was "impressed" with the quick sellout, and they expected the show to sell out in four to six hours.

"This is an event," he said. "How many times will Elton John come to Lubbock? People like things they can recount on."

A few random tickets will be released as the concert date grows closer, but for the most part, the show is sold out. Close to 14,000 seats were sold for the first non-athletic event at the new arena.

The concert is billed "An Evening With Elton John" and will feature the Grammy award-winning artist in a solo concert.

John has become a pop-music icon with such hits as "Rocket Man," "Candle in the Wind," "Don't Let the Sun Go Down on Me," "Goodbye Yellow Brick Road" and "Bennie and the Jets."

He has had a top-40 single every year on the Billboard Hot 100 chart since 1970.

In 1998 Elton John had sold more than 60,600,000 albums, making him the No. 2 solo artist of all time. *Pollstar* reported his 1998 "Big Picture" tour grossed \$46.2 million earning him the honors as the top concert tour of the year.

Lubbock is the only confirmed concert date in Texas.

Laura Atkins, a supervisor with Select-A-Seat, said the concert is the biggest event the business has sold tickets for. Saturday also was the quickest sell-out Select-A-Seat has ever worked with.

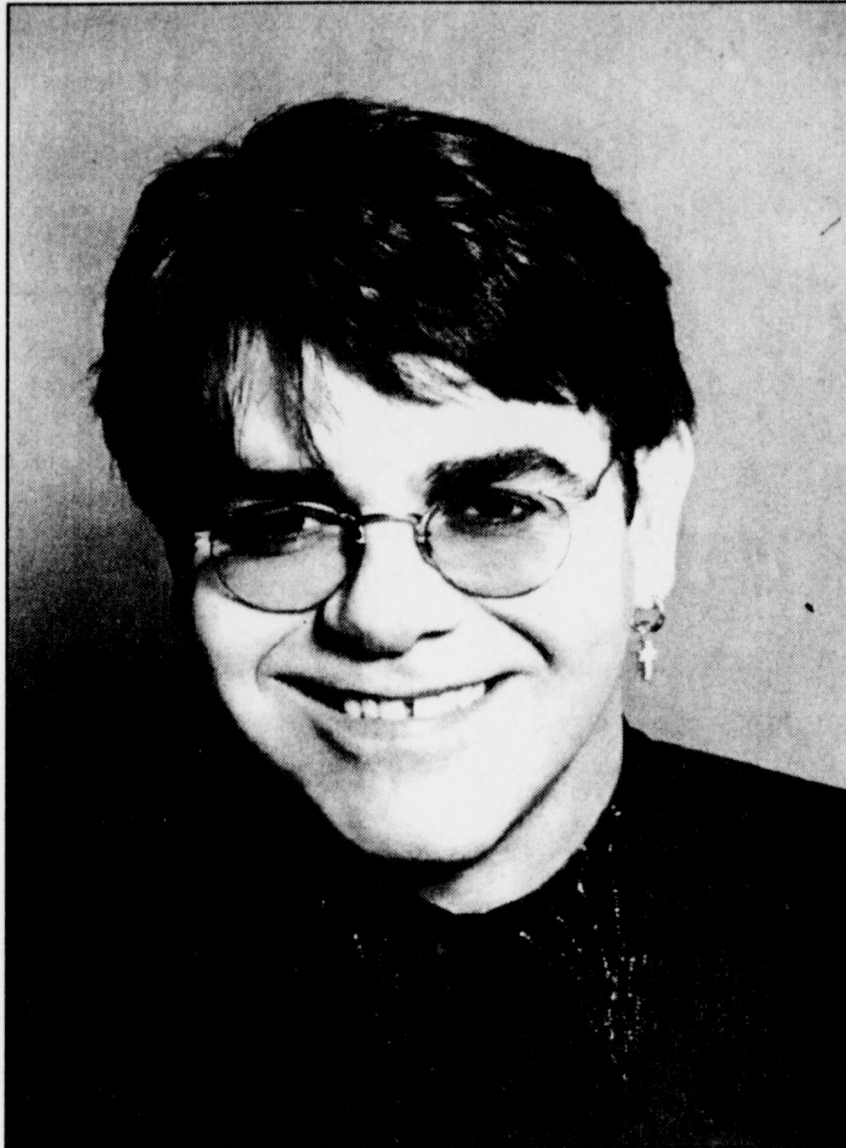
With the United Spirit Arena open, Arena Manager Kent Meredith said more major acts are looking at Lubbock as a possible stop.

Major acts usually stop in Dallas, Houston, San Antonio and Austin, he said.

"We want to be included on those stops now," Meredith said. "Luckily, Tech built such a great facility that we can do a show like this. We're a major arena now. It shows we have a first-class facility to bring someone like this."

Meredith said the event is a positive start for Lubbock.

"If we do a good job, they'll keep coming," he said.



Elton John/Courtesy Photo

Broadway season to begin

The turn of the 20th century was a time when America was at the age of innocence — the ragtime years.

Now Max Morath, the Ragtime Man, is bringing to Lubbock his limited off-Broadway engagement of "Living a Ragtime Life" from Feb. 1-4 at the Lubbock Municipal Auditorium.

This popular pianist, singer and comedian presents a musical glance at an early America by blending music, humor and satire into a bright and affectionate look at another era.

Morath's one-man show has

brought unanimous acclaim from across the nation.

The *Ft. Worth Star Telegram* said, "He shows ragtime was also protest, high satire and bitter-sweet romance — the same elements that made jazz and rock the soundtrack of later ages."

Morath's "Living a Ragtime Life" is sponsored by Covenant Health Systems and is part of the 1999-2000 "Give Your Regards to Broadway" season tour.

Tickets for "Living a Ragtime Life" now are available through Select-A-Seat by calling 770-2000.

KTXT to hire new volunteer staff

Texas Tech's campus radio station KTXT-88.1 FM will host a hiring meeting at 6 p.m. today in 101 Mass Communications.

Any student enrolled at Tech can volunteer to be a sportscaster, newscaster or DJ.

Staff members will speak to stu-

dents and take applications at the meeting.

The station is student-run and has the meeting on the first day of every semester to recruit new volunteers.

KTXT plays mainly alternative college music and also hosts specialty shows.

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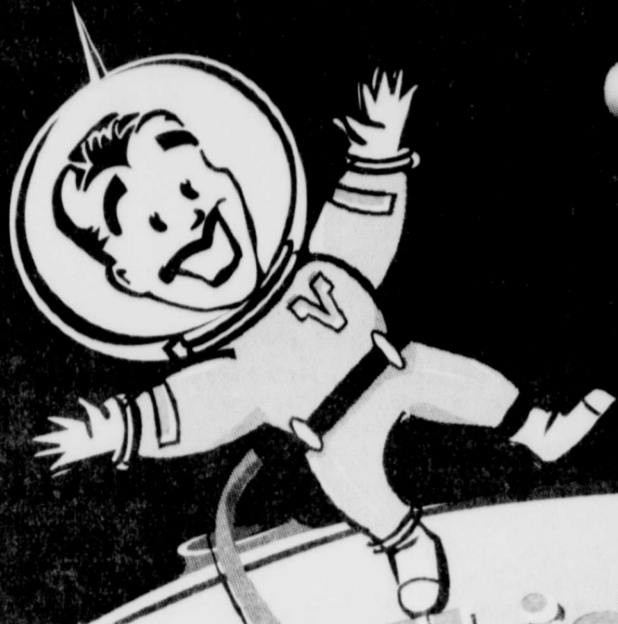
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Program acts as matchmaker for smaller artifacts, museums

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP) — At most major art museums, the bulk of the collection is hidden from view in storage.

It's not usually the most well-known works — priceless Monets and Picassos are almost certainly upstairs, proudly displayed on the walls. But there often are thousands of fabulous lesser-known pieces in the basement that many tinier museums would be thrilled to have, if only temporarily.

So what do you do if you're the curator of a small museum with a small collection and even smaller resources?

Call the museum matchmaker. The Museum Loan Network acts as a go-between, linking small to mid-sized museums with the thousands of objects that are warehoused in museum storage facilities all over the country.

Museums traditionally have shared items, but usually for short periods of time to complete a block-

buster traveling tour or to round out a temporary exhibition.

The Museum of Art in Tallahassee, Fla., received 48 Latin American folk art objects from the San Antonio Museum in Texas.

Housed at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, the network was designed as the nation's first collection-sharing program for long-term museum loans.

Over four years, the network has handed out 148 grants to 119 institutions in 42 states.

In all, nearly 2,900 objects have moved from one museum to another, thanks to the network and funding from the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation in Miami and the Pew Charitable Trusts.

"In general, museums like to loan," said Lori Gross, director of the network. "They're proud of their collections and would like the public to have access."

Sometimes, they just need that little push.

The Memorial Art Gallery of the University of Rochester in New York has a little bit of everything in its 11,000-piece collection.

Last year, staffers decided to build an exhibit around a piece the museum already owned, a John Singleton Copley portrait that dates to the mid-1700s.

The painting's subject was a Boston silversmith named Nathaniel Hurd, a contemporary of Paul Revere. Hurd, an engraver, was known to do some work for Copley in 1764, and the painting is thought to be Copley's repayment.

"We thought it would be nice to tell more of the story of this person who was an artisan in Boston during a very exciting period of time," said Marjorie Searl, an assistant director at the museum.

An initial \$4,000 loan from the network allowed Rochester museum staffers to travel to other institutions, to see what Hurd-related items might be elsewhere.

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'Good Will Hunting' star proves versatility



The Talented Mr. Ripley/Courtesy Photo

Latest Damon flick presents itself a classic tale of suspense, murder, intrigue, love, lust

by Brev Tanner
Staff Writer



★★★★ — "The Talented Mr. Ripley" is a dark tale of desire and obsession beautifully told by the very talented Anthony Minghella. A few years ago, Minghella gave the world the romantic epic "The English Patient." But it's not love that drives the main character this time — it's obsession.

When the film opens, we meet Tom Ripley (Matt Damon), a shy, poor, talented, hard-working young man who happens to be mistaken by Mr. Greenleaf to be one of his son's classmates. Mr. Greenleaf tells Tom of his son, Dickie (Jude Law), who is in Italy "wasting his life and potential." He offers to pay Tom to go to Italy, find Dickie and convince him to return to come home. Tom takes Mr. Greenleaf up on his offer.

When Tom first arrives in Italy, he meets Meredith Logue (Cate Blanchett), a young heiress to an American company. Not wanting to be embarrassed by who he really is and what he is doing there, Tom lies and says he is Dickie Greenleaf. Then, Tom begins his quest to find the real Dickie. And find him he does, along with his girlfriend Marge Sherwood (Gwyneth Paltrow). Tom pretends to

know Dickie and soon the three become fast friends. Dickie accepts Tom into his world of riches, fun and relaxation. Tom and Dickie are almost inseparable, and Tom falls in love with Dickie's life and his image. He studies everything Dickie does, all in an effort to be more like Dickie.

Dickie, who is handsome and charming, has never known a hard day in his life, and Tom only wishes he could have this world as well.

After a while, Dickie grows tired of Tom and wants to get rid of him. A fight breaks out, and Tom kills Dickie. He then hides the body and lives Dickie's life for him.

He moves to Rome and rents two apartments, one for "Dickie" and one for himself. He breaks off Dickie's relationship with Marge and begins, as Dickie, one with Meredith. Everything goes well until a friend of Dickie's, Freddie Miles (Philip Seymour Hoffman), begins to question Tom and the whereabouts of Dickie. When Freddie gets too close to the truth, Tom kills him. With blood on both hands now, Tom must

now find a way out.

When Marge shows up in Rome and his relationship with Meredith gets too personal, Tom's tangled web of deception becomes too much, and he must find a way out.

The film presents itself as a classic Hitchcock tale of suspense, murder, intrigue, love, lust and desire. One walks away from this film wondering how many times Minghella watched "Psycho," "Strangers on a Train" and "Rope" before he made this film because he did a great job.

I stayed on the edge of my seat. Everyone in the film does a terrific job, but the real surprise is Damon.

All in all, "The Talented Mr. Ripley" is a great movie and might be one of the best of the year. But be prepared to see a new Damon and a film that takes its time to present the story.

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Letterman cracking jokes after by-pass surgery

NEW YORK (AP) — Television funnyman David Letterman was cracking jokes in his hospital room Saturday as he recovered from emergency quintuple bypass surgery the day before.

"I feel fantastic. In addition to rerouting the arteries, they also installed an E-Z Pass," Letterman, 52, said, joking about the com-

muter toll passes.

Among the cards from well-wishers were flowers from President Clinton and Hillary Rodham Clinton, who appeared on his show Wednesday.

Doctors ordered the surgery Friday after an angiogram showed one of Letterman's arteries was severely constricted. He had the test because

of high cholesterol and a history of heart disease in his family.

"Dave's doing great," said Dr. O. Wayne Isom, chairman of cardiothoracic surgery at the Weill Cornell Center of New York-Presbyterian Hospital.

"He's making jokes and feels terrific. He's on his way to full recovery."

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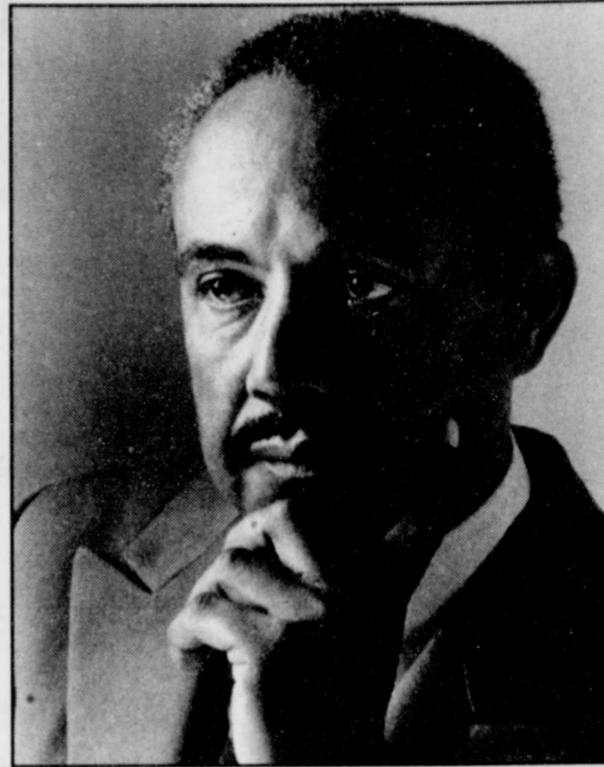
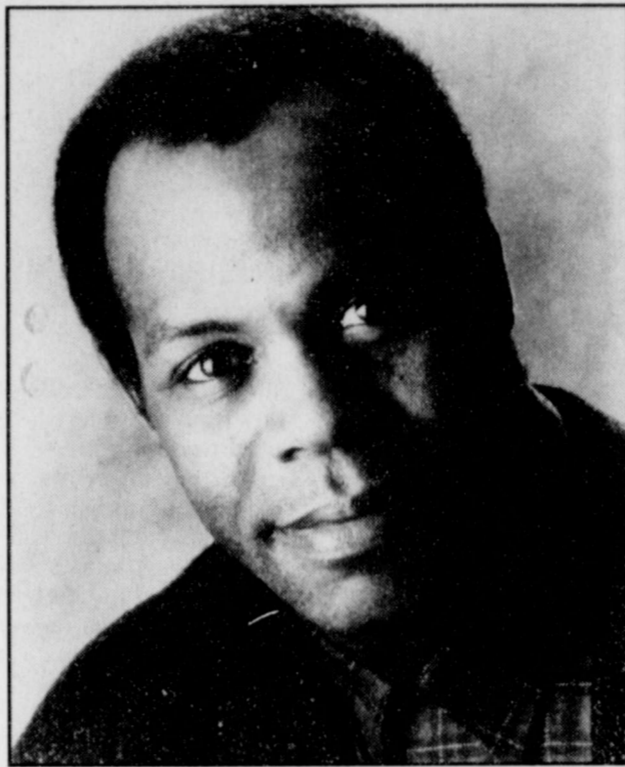
Hollywood comes to campus Glover, Justice light up stage in act

As friends since they first met as struggling Bay-area actors several years ago, Danny Glover and Felix Justice will team up at Texas Tech in "An Evening with Langston and Martin," as a happy result of a long history of friendship and mutual respect on and offstage.

The evening begins with actor/director Felix Justice and his critically acclaimed portrayal of Martin Luther King Jr., a legendary civil rights leader. Armed with nothing but himself and two of Rev. King's most memorable and inspiring speeches, Justice momentarily recreates the power of the man and his message on the campus stage.

Justice grew up in Florence, S.C. He spent four years in the Air Force, before turning to acting in 1960. This decision was due in part to Dr. King himself. In 1960 Justice had the "visceral experience" of witnessing Dr. King speak at the Sports Arena in Los Angeles. For Justice it amounted to a "Conversation" of the power of the spoken word.

Danny Glover, one of Hollywood's most renowned and respected leading men, will bring the words and rhythms of one of the country's most celebrated writers, Langston Hughes. Along



Actors Danny Glover and Felix Justice will perform in "An Evening with Langston and Martin" at 8 p.m. Feb. 1 in the University Center Allen Theatre. Tickets go on sale today.

with the readings, Glover also shares insights into varied ways Hughes' writings have affected him during the course of his own life.

A native of San Francisco, Glover attended San Francisco State College and trained at the Black Actor's Workshop of the American Conservatory Theater. He has appeared in numerous stage productions and in recent years Glover's influence has extended behind

the camera as well.

Following the performances, Justice will join Glover on stage for a period of questions and answers.

Danny Glover and Felix Justice in "An Evening with Langston and Martin" will be performed at 8 p.m. Feb. 1 in the University Center Allen Theatre. Tickets go on sale today. Call 742-3610 or e-mail UCTICKETBOOTH@TTU.EDU for tickets or more information.

CSL gets students involved

Community Service-Learning is a component of Campus Activities and Involvement in the University Center that coordinates volunteer opportunities for students, student organizations, faculty and staff members of the university in several different ways. The goal of Community Service-Learning is to educate volunteers about issues that surround the population that they are serving.

We do this by supporting service-learning in a program called Project Impact. Project Impact is a two-part program that focuses on three different issues in our community throughout the semester. For each issue there will be an education component that will better familiarize the volunteer about the issue and a service component that will allow the volunteer to experience firsthand what they have learned. This semester, Project Impact will focus on hunger, health care and community involvement.

Volunteers also have the opportunity to participate in a Community Action Day. Community Action Days are one-shot volunteer opportunities at four different agencies in the Lubbock community.

Community Action Days are on various Saturday mornings at either the South Plains Food Bank, Habitat for Humanity, the 19th Street Senior Center or the Second Helpings Soup Kitchen. Community Action Days are great for student organizations that want to volunteer together.

Community Service-Learning also offers the Alternative Spring Break Program. This year Texas Tech volunteers will travel to Denver and work the whole week with inner city agencies. The Alternative Spring Break program is a great way for volunteers to learn more about themselves, different cultures, build leadership skills and heighten their social awareness.

On Feb. 13, Community Service-Learning is co-sponsoring, along with the South Plains Food Bank, "Feast or Famine," a hunger banquet that will dramatize the unequal distribution of food and resources in the world. Tickets are now on sale in the University Center Ticket Booth.

Advance sign up is required for all programs. To sign up or if you have questions, call Campus Activities & Involvement at 742-3621 or come by UC Room 228.

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For more information, call 742-3621, or e-mail us at BKUCP@ttacs.ttu.edu.

Homecoming Committee apps available

All students interested in serving on the Homecoming Coordinating Committee are invited to pick up an application form from Campus Activities & Involvement, 210 University Center. Applications are due Feb. 4. Develop your leadership skills, work with other students and staff, make a contribution to Tech and have fun. For additional information, call 742-3621.

Ushers needed for NightLife series events

The 1999-2000 NightLife Series is looking for volunteer ushers. Your responsibilities would include tearing tickets and distributing programs at the beginning of an event and collecting audience responses at the conclusion of the event. If you are interested, call 742-3621, and ask for Trina Brown or Mary Donahue.



TECH TUTORS and Mentors

Two Lubbock school children pose for a picture with a member of the Tech Tutors and Mentors Program. The program matches Texas Tech volunteers with K-12 students in economically-disadvantaged neighborhoods who are in need of friendship and academic assistance.

Students wanted for tutoring program

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Tech volunteers typically donate two hours a week throughout the semester, to assist students with homework and serve as a role models.

"The best thing about my tutoring experience was that (my student) had a chance to learn and I found a new friend," said one of last year's tutors. "I would change nothing at all about my experience."

Tutoring takes place at a number of different locations including the Parkway &

Guadalupe Neighborhood Centers, the South Plains Children's Shelter, Women's Protective Services and Lubbock-Cooper ISD.

"If we get enough volunteers, we may be able to add more locations to that list," said the program's coordinator Angie Dunlap. "The need for tutoring in Lubbock is growing everyday. The children yearn for someone to look up to."

Volunteers may be paired with individual children or serve a number of students in a homework assistance setting. Most tutoring opportunities through the program are open to anyone with the desire to help.

New tutors are needed for the spring semester. To get involved, interested students, staff and faculty are invited to attend one of the following information/orientation sessions: 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. Jan. 26, 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. Feb. 1 and 4 p.m. Feb. 9. All sessions will be held in the UC Masked Rider Room. For more information, contact Campus Activities & Involvement at 742-3621. You can make a difference in the life of a child.

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Loading up for next season

New Raider football coach uses Winter Break to recruit staff, players

by Patrick Gonzales
Sports Editor

In most cases, Mike Leach's holiday season would've been considered a disaster.

Before Christmas Day even arrived, Leach had to clean out his office, leave his house and move his family to another state.

But when the changes are a result of becoming the new head football coach for Texas Tech, everything must seem worthwhile for the 38-year-old.

And now that he's been at the helm for more than a month, Leach said he's feeling comfortable in his new position.

"I've always wanted to be a head

coach, but I didn't know that down the road I would be working for such a committed university like Texas Tech," said Leach, who on Dec. 6 signed a deal with the Red Raiders that will pay him \$1.25 million for five years.

"The biggest thing now is to just get on track as fast as possible because we are entering an important time for recruiting."

Leach came to Tech after serving as offensive coordinator for Oklahoma where he helped lead the Sooners to a 7-4 record and a berth in the Sanford Independence Bowl.

In only one season with Leach as coordinator, the Oklahoma offense went from being ranked 11th in the Big 12 to second in the conference.

Last season, they averaged more than 420 yards-per-contest, compared to only 293.27 the year before.

Tech freshman running back Shaud Williams, who was the Big 12 Offensive Freshman of the Year last season, said he was excited to work with Leach and his explosive offense.

He also said he would have no problem playing in the pass-oriented offense.

"The only thing a strong passing game does is open the run," Williams said. "All it means is more yards on less carries."

To help implement the new offensive system, Leach has hired eight of the nine coaches for his new staff — none of whom were part of

Dykes' old staff.

The only position not filled during the Winter Break was the inside receivers coach.

"I feel very fortunate for the coaches I've hired, and I feel they will do a tremendous job," Leach said. "They are all great coaches and are consistent with the philosophies that I believe in."

Greg McMackin will be the Red Raiders' defensive coordinator after a one-year stint with the University of Hawaii. Before going to Hawaii, McMackin spent four years as defensive coordinator for the Seattle Seahawks.

McMackin also will serve as asso-

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Over the break, Tech officials named former Oklahoma offensive coordinator Mike Leach as the Raiders' 13th head football coach. Leach replaced Spike Dykes who retired following the 1999 season.

Raiders drop conference contest to A&M

Late Aggie heroics leaves men's basketball team searching for first Big 12 win

by Jeff Keller
Assistant Sports Editor

The Texas Tech men's basketball squad dropped its second Big 12 Conference contest of the year in heart-breaking fashion Saturday with an 88-86 loss to Texas A&M at the United Spirit Arena.

Aggie guard Andy Leatherman hit a controversial shot as time ran out, giving A&M its first win in Lubbock since 1994.

The loss drops Tech to 9-4 overall and 0-2 in the Big 12 Conference.

The Red Raiders fell behind by three early but battled back to take a 12-point, 22-10 lead over the Aggies with 10:46 remaining in the opening stanza.

Tech guard Rayford Young led the Red Raiders in scoring in the game with 24 points and said losing the game when they had such a big lead is discouraging.

"We were playing well at the beginning," Young said. "We had a 10- or 12-point lead. But whenever

you're playing well in front of your home crowd and a team comes back and beats you, that can really be a downer for you."

The Aggies battled back to tie the game at 32-32 with 4:20 left in the first period.

A&M went on a 15-to-9 run to close out the half and took a 47-41 lead at half-time.

In the second half, it was the Aggies who built a large lead

stretching it to 62-50 on a 3-pointer by guard Bernard King with 15:37 left in the game.

"We're all trying to get to the tournament, and a loss is a loss whether it is by a lot or a little."

Mario Layne
Tech forward

came off the bench to tally 22 points in the winning effort.

Tech coach James Dickey said he was impressed with the A&M effort

and was pleased with the way his team fought back.

"We didn't play as well as the Aggies did," Dickey said. "They played extremely well. I was proud that our guys fought back, but we just couldn't get ahead."

Forward Mario Layne poured in 15 points in a losing effort for Tech and said the bottom line is it was a loss and the Red Raiders will have to move on.

"A loss is a loss really when you think about it," Layne said. "It's hard when you lose by two or when you lose by one. But it's hard when you lose by 15, too. We're all trying to get to the tournament, and a loss is a loss whether it is by a lot or by a little. We've just got to regroup and play tough at Nebraska."

The Red Raiders will travel to Lincoln, Neb. to face the Cornhuskers at 7 p.m. Wednesday.

Tech center Andy Ellis reacts to a basket by Mario Layne against Texas A&M. The Raiders fought back to tie the game in the final quarter, but lost on a last second shot by A&M, 88-86.

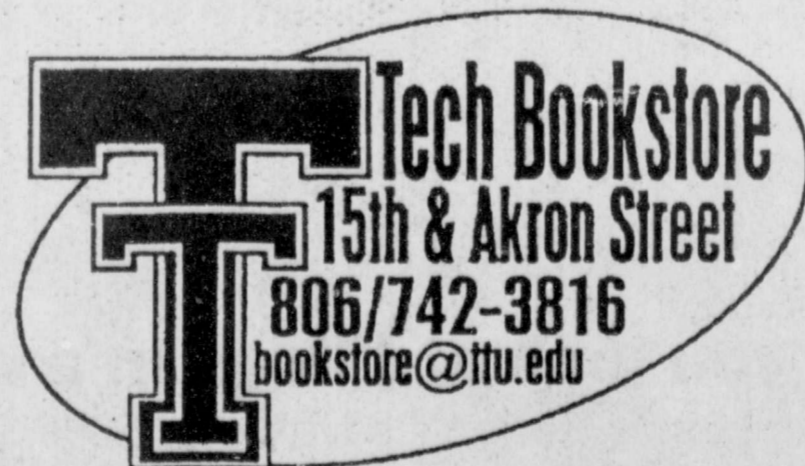
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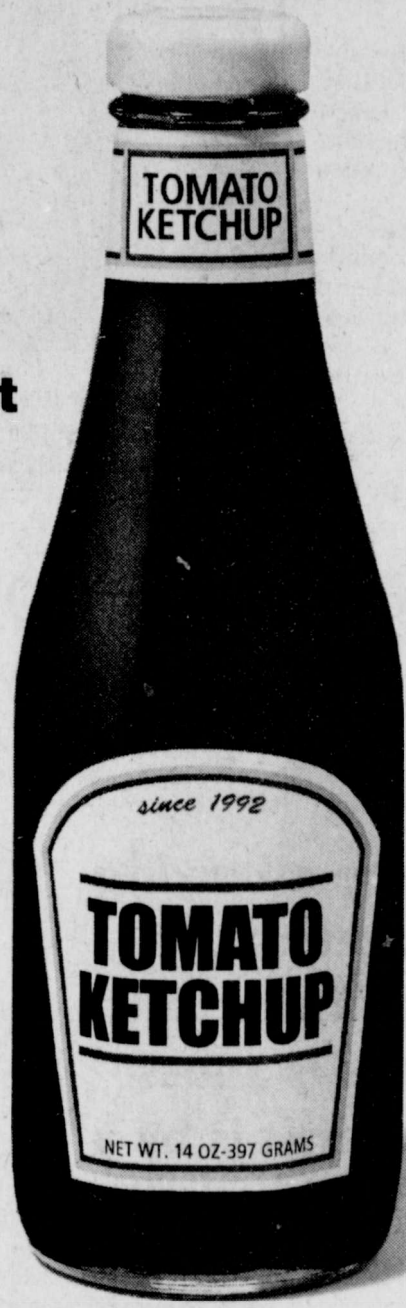
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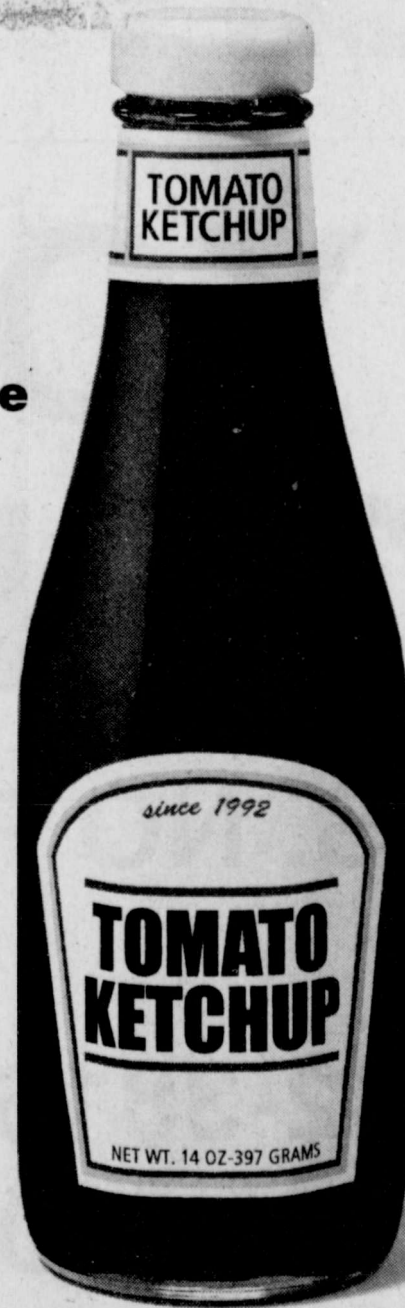


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Lady Raiders even up Big 12 record

by A.P. Thompson
Staff Writer

Although the 16th-ranked Texas Tech Lady Raiders may not sit exactly where they had planned to be four games into the Big 12 Conference season, Saturday proved they at least know where they belong.

After dropping two consecutive Big 12 road games, including a 62-37 thrashing by the Iowa State Cyclones on Jan. 2 and an upset loss at Oklahoma on Jan. 5, the Lady Raiders rebounded to trounce Colorado, 75-50, Jan. 12 and shot down the Oklahoma State Cowgirls, 76-51, Saturday.

Junior guard Katrisa O'Neal sparked Tech's defensive stance against the Cowgirls by hounding OSU's front court, forcing seven turnovers and six steals, and helped hold the Cowgirls' leading scorer, senior guard Jennifer Crow (21.1 points-per-game), to just 11 points.

"I just wanted to put a lot of pressure on them, make them take a little bit of time getting into the offense, and maybe get my hands on the ball a couple of times," O'Neal said.

Tech (13-2 overall, 2-2 Big 12) also utilized the offensive play of forward Aleah Johnson, who led all scorers with 19 points, and freshman center Penette Pierson who also contributed her third double-double of the season with 15 points and 10 rebounds.

The Cowgirls, however, were able to hold Tech scoreless for a six-minute stretch beginning early in the first half, as OSU guard Jessica Spinner capped a 7-0 run with a free throw with 13 minutes left in the first half to give the Cowgirls an early 9-5 lead.

"We were kind of cold at the beginning, but that was only a few minutes," Johnson said.

After tying the score at 13-13 with a free throw by Johnson at the 8:58 mark in the first half, Tech never trailed again. The Lady Raiders also were a perfect 14-14 from the free throw line in the first half and outscored OSU (10-5 overall, 2-1 Big 12) 23-6 overall from the charity stripe.

O'Neal scored the last four points of a 10-0 run with a steal and subse-

quent assist off the loose ball from senior guard Melinda Schmucker-Pharies, before adding two free throws to give Tech a commanding 31-18 advantage with 2:09 left in the half.

O'Neal finished the game with 13 points, and Schmucker-Pharies added eight points and seven assists, which places her in second place on Tech's all-time assists list with 485 — only 68 behind former Tech guard Krista Kirkland.

"I thought it was O'Neal's defense and the fact that she frustrated their guards so much and was able to turn that into some instant points for us," Lady Raider coach Marsha Sharp said of O'Neal's performance. "I thought it might have been our most complete effort on both ends of the floor."

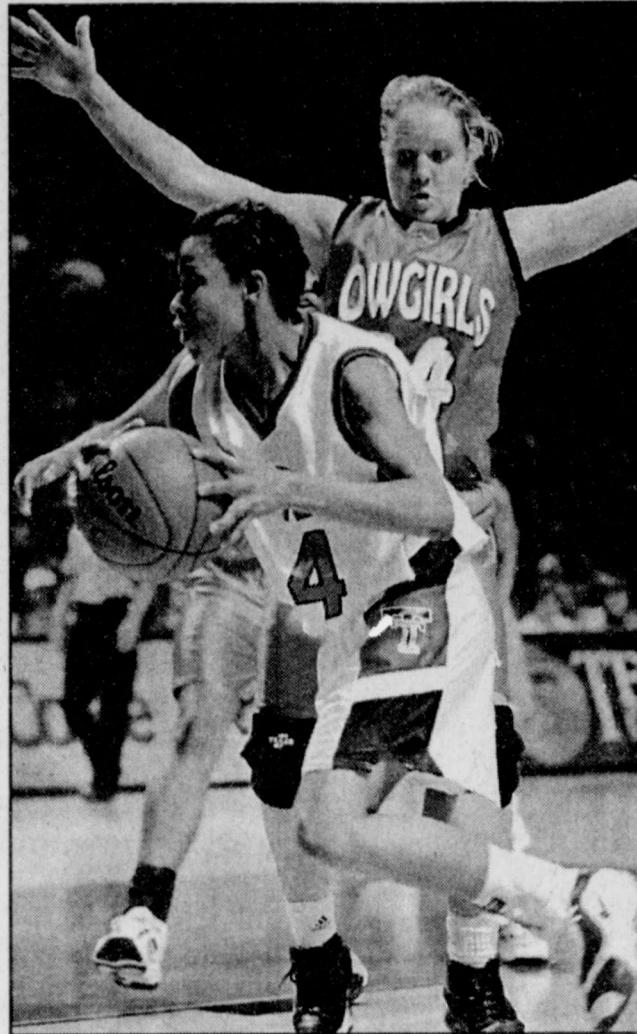
Cowgirls coach Dick Alterman said his team's 27 turnovers was just too big of a mountain to climb.

"The turnovers just killed us, particularly in the first half," Alterman said.

"I thought the first 12 minutes that we played pretty well, but then Texas Tech just really turned the heat up defensively, and our players didn't respond very well. Tech was the aggressor."

Tech forward Keitha Dickerson put the game out of reach for good at 47-28 with a steal and a lay up with 15:23 left to play in the game.

Amber Tarr put the finishing touches on an otherwise complete performance by nailing 3-of-4 shots from 3-point range in a span of four minutes, giving Tech the final of 76-51.



Lady Raider guard Katrisa O'Neal drives past an OSU defender during Tech's 76-51 victory over the Cowgirls on Saturday. O'Neal sparked the squad with 13 points and six steals. Greg Kreller/The University Daily

"One thing that Tech does that gives us a lot of trouble is they switch every screen," Crow said. "We were having trouble getting open on the wings. All our plays we run screens, and we're used to getting open, and they were stopping that."

During the holiday break, the Lady Raiders won eight of 10 games, which includes Saturday's win against OSU.

The Lady Raiders will travel to Manhattan, Kan., to play Kansas State at 7 p.m. Tuesday.

State honors Lady Raider members

Two women who were instrumental in forming Texas Tech basketball into a national powerhouse were honored by the state last week.

Lady Raider coach Marsha Sharp and former Tech hoopster Sheryl Swoopes both were inducted into the Texas Sports Hall of Fame on Jan. 11 in Waco.

Sharp is in her 18th season as coach of the Lady Raiders and holds a 417-131 record at Tech, which includes seven Southwest Conference Championships, two Big 12 Championships and the 1993 national title. Tech has appeared in the NCAA Tournament in the past 10 years, including a Sweet 16 appearance last year under Sharp's tutelage.

Swoopes, as a senior, led Tech to the NCAA National Championship and earned national player of the year and All-American awards. Swoopes also was a member of 1996 Olympic team, which won the gold medal. She now plays for the WNBA Houston Comets, where she has won three-straight championships with the squad.

Also inducted were San Antonio Spurs center David Robinson and former NFL and SMU running back Eric Dickerson.

Washington dismissed from team

As the Texas Tech Lady Raiders continue their trek to defend their Big 12 Conference Championship, they will make the journey without junior guard Kristi Washington.

According to a statement released by the team, Washington was dismissed permanently from the squad Jan. 8 for violating team rules which were set and signed by

the Lady Raiders before the season.

"I regret that this has taken place, but I felt it was a necessary step," Lady Raider coach Marsha Sharp said in the statement.

Washington, who earned her bachelor's degree in exercise and sports science in December, averaged 1.3 points and 1.7 rebounds-per-game this season.

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Greenwell joins Athletic Media Relations

by Jeff Keller
Assistant Sports Editor

There is a new member at the Texas Tech Athletic Media Relations Office, and his name is Greg Greenwell.

Greenwell began work as an assistant sports information director at Tech in December and came to the program from the Chicago White Sox baseball organization where he was an intern during the 1999 season.

Greenwell also worked at Indiana from 1997-99 where he helped to promote the baseball and volleyball squads as well as other sports programs at the university.

Tech volleyball and baseball promotions now will be Greenwell's responsibility.

He was a pitcher for the baseball program at Flagler College in St. Augustine, Fla., where he majored in sports management and minored in business and graduated in 1997.

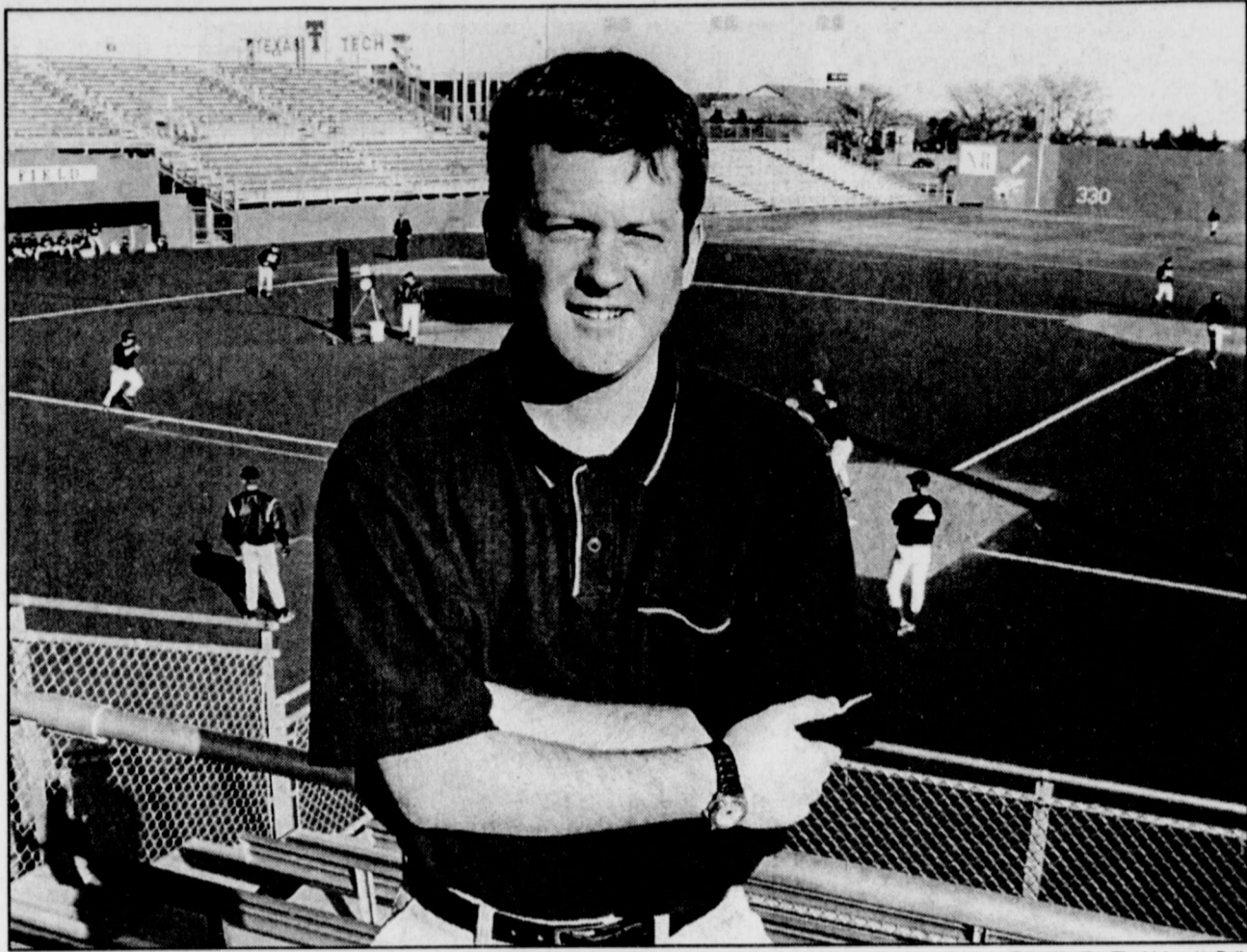
He is replacing Greg Hotchkiss who left Tech in November to become the assistant sports information director at Duke University.

Greenwell said timing played a large role in his decision to apply for the position at Tech.

"This job came up right when I was finishing my internship with the White Sox," Greenwell said.

"So basically, it was a thing where it was good timing. You can't beat this situation. Tech has great facilities, and it is in the Big 12. The baseball team is really strong and so is the volleyball team. So there is a lot of positives here."

Kent Partridge, sports information director at Tech, said Greenwell



Greg Greenwell replaces Greg Hotchkiss as the assistant sports information director of Texas Tech Athletic Media Relations. Hotchkiss left Tech in November to become the assistant sports information director at Duke University.

was chosen from 20 to 30 applicants. "I needed someone who was a good baseball and volleyball person," Partridge said.

"That's where his experience was in this field. We needed someone who could get rolling and hit the

ground running, and he has."

Chris Cook, Tech's assistant sports information director, said Greenwell has gotten right to work which included putting together the Red Raiders' baseball media guide.

"He's done a great job so far," Cook said.

"In terms of baseball, he came in at a time when we were probably

under crunch time to get a media guide out, and he's done a tremendous job of doing that. We're on schedule to have that done well before the season starts."

When Hotchkiss left, much of his responsibilities fell on the shoulders of media relations intern Heath Borer.

Borer said with Greenwell around,

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Finally, after close to an hour after the final buzzer had sounded, Dickey retrieved his team from the court, and the crowd left.

Ware said the last minute of the contest and subsequent delay brought a range of emotions.

"With a minute left, we were down trying to scrape to get back in it," he said. "We thought we were going to get back in it, then it looked like we weren't. Then things happened, and I hit the three. They came down, and we heard the horn go off. You think the game's going into overtime then you see the other team run away. Then they say the game is over, and then they're not sure. We're just waiting there, and the emotions kept changing. There was just a lot of emotion in that whole time, and it's kind of a tough situation to deal with."

Myers said Tech will file a report to Big 12 officials as soon as possible regarding the call.

Sunday, the Big 12 Conference suspended Range for the remainder of this season.

Big 12 Commissioner Kevin Weiberg said there will be no change in the outcome of the game, however.

"Referee Charles Range failed to follow appropriate protocol in the postgame situation," Weiberg said. "Officials make judgement errors and that is not in and of itself grounds for disciplinary action. However, the failure to follow proper protocol and game administration is inappropriate and compels further action on the part of the conference."

The Associated Press contributed to this story.

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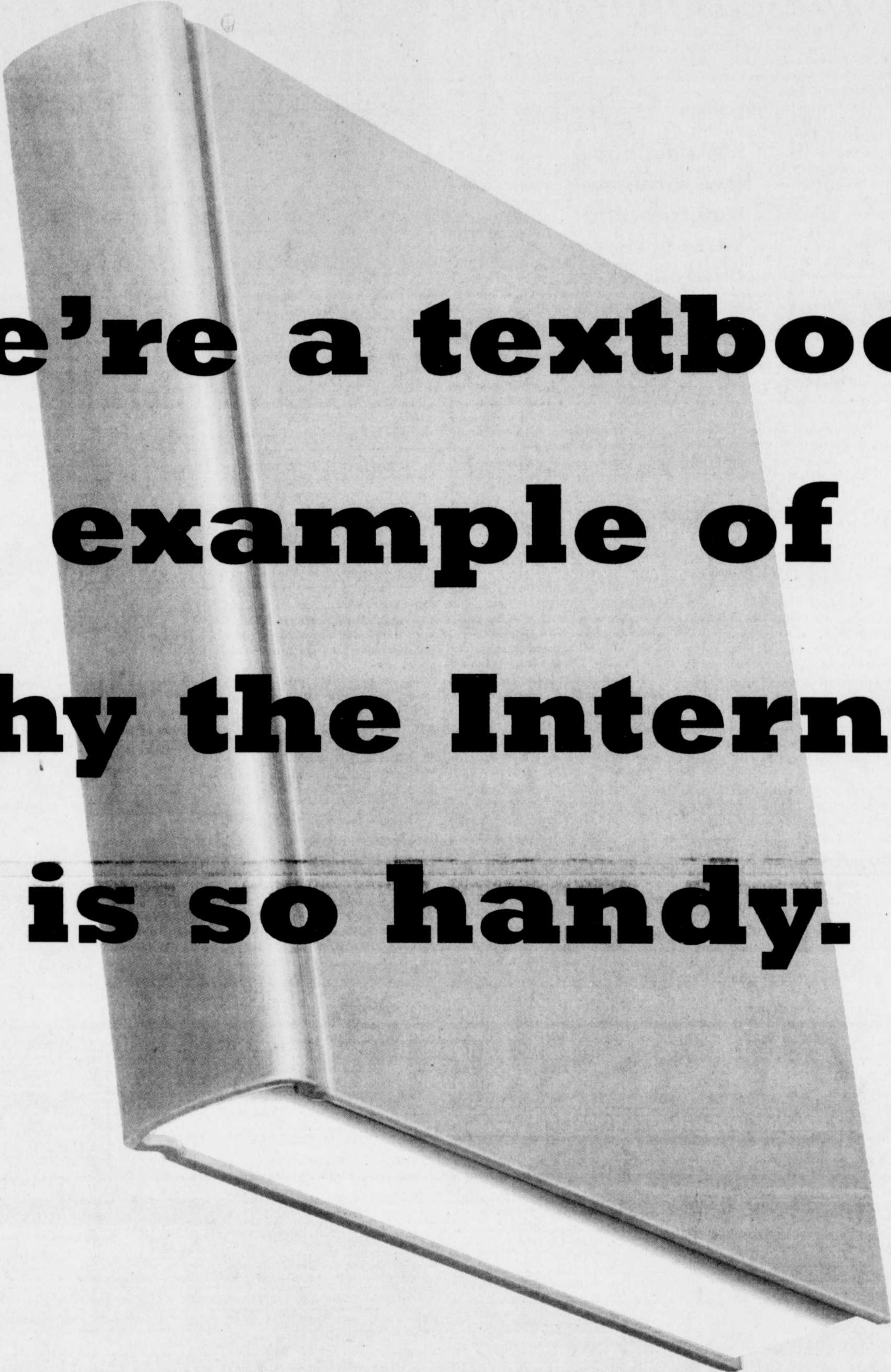
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