



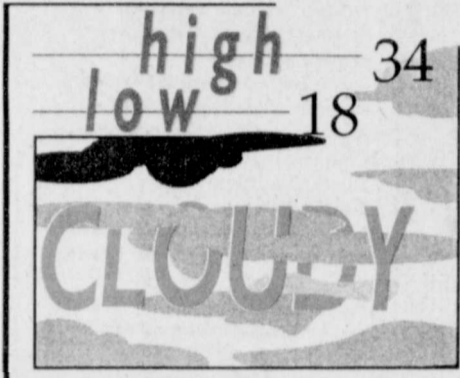
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## STATENEWS

### Storm creates much-needed precipitation, travel hazards

DALLAS (AP) — After a streak of unseasonably warm temperatures this month, a storm system brought snow, ice and freezing temperatures on Thursday, reminding many Texans that it is still January and not June.

In whatever form the precipitation came, it was a welcome sight for parts of the state hit hard by last year's drought conditions.

Jason Jordan, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Fort Worth, said Thursday's precipitation was expected to bring the Dallas-Fort Worth area up to the January average of 1.5 inches.

The nearly 3 inches of snow in Amarillo Wednesday night and Thursday brought the Panhandle city's rainfall total just short of the monthly average, NWS forecaster Neal Dipasquale said.

The Houston area was hoping for more precipitation than it got.

"We needed three inches of rain to get back to normal for January," forecaster Josh Lichter said. "Thursday's rain was only a small dent. We're still in pretty bad shape as far as the drought situation is concerned."

## NATIONAL NEWS

### Report shows teen smoking down since early 1990s

ATLANTA (AP) — Smoking among high schoolers dropped in 1999 for the first time since the government began keeping track at the start of the decade. But nearly one in 10 children are already smoking cigarettes in middle school.

A nationwide survey of 7,529 high schoolers in September and October found that 28.4 percent reported using tobacco products in the preceding month, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said Thursday.

In 1997, the last time the CDC looked at high school smoking, 36.4 percent of students said they had smoked in the preceding month. At the time, teen smoking was on the rise, from 34.8 percent in 1995 and 27.5 percent in 1991, the first year the CDC started keeping track.

The CDC said it expected teen smoking rates to drop — just not by so much. The agency said differences between the 1999 survey and earlier studies may have exaggerated the decline.

## WORLD NEWS

### Wiesel urges Germany to seek forgiveness for Holocaust

BERLIN (AP) — In a direct and emotional speech to parliament Thursday, Nobel Peace laureate Elie Wiesel held Germans accountable for the murder of 6 million Jews — including his 8-year-old sister.

Wiesel evoked personal memories to confront Germans with their history on a day set aside to remember Holocaust victims. Speaking before Germany dedicated the site of a Holocaust memorial planned as an eternal reminder of Nazi evils, he emphasized that the Nazis were Germans — and the very mention of "Germans" once inspired darkest fears.

"No nation, no ideology, no system has ever inflicted brutality, suffering and humiliation on such a scale, on any people, as yours has on mine in such a short period," Wiesel said.

# Tech student media threatened

by Wayne Hodgins  
Editor

A proposal sent to a Texas Tech administrator by the chairman of the School of Mass Communications could possibly restructure the way student media at the university is conducted.

Jerry Hudson, chairman of the School of Mass Communications at Tech, recently has sent a proposal to Tech's administration that outlines a number of ideas concerning student media on campus. The proposed idea mentions Tech's student-run Student Publications, KTXF-FM, KTXF-TV KOHM-FM and the Office of News and Information.

Hudson did not return phone calls from *The University Daily*.

A copy of the proposal was obtained confidentially by *The UD* and states the student newspaper would be administered by the School of Mass Communications; although, the administrative structure would remain the same.

## SEE RELATED STORIES INSIDE

In the Sept. 10 issue of *The UD*, Chancellor John Montford said, "Who am I to decide what you put in your paper? I don't believe obscenity is a good thing, and I certainly don't believe in advocating violence, but short of those two concepts, I am not for censorship."

Although *The UD* is structured editorially with a student editor making editorial decisions along with a managing editor and section editors, the proposal calls for the student editor concept to be eliminated and replaced with a "non-student staff" member. The staff person would teach a section

of a journalism reporting class and utilize students in a lab-type atmosphere to report stories to be published.

Student Publications, under the auspices of Student Affairs, is headed by a director with the responsibility of management of fiscal affairs of the department and administrative duties. The position, in regard to the student editor, is an advisory position.

Jan Childress, director of Student Publications at Tech, said the proposal does not fit into Tech's mission as a university.

"I feel that if Texas Tech University wants to move to a Tier-1 status, the independent editor concept should be continued under Student Affairs," Childress said. "If the laboratory concept is adopted, the process will move backward."

Childress said most university newspapers across the nation are structured the way *The UD* is structured now.

"As I understand it, if any employee of the university tells a student what can or cannot be put in a university publication, they can be held liable of censorship," she said. "If (faculty) gets that involved, that infringes on the First Amendment rights of our students."

Carla McKeown, editorial adviser for *The UD*, said the proposed idea eliminates the rights of a student journalist.

"I think it has a much broader impact than just journalism students at Tech," McKeown said. "It will affect all students, faculty and staff if *The UD*'s content is censored

by the administration."

McKeown said, since the issue of the proposal has arisen, she has spoken to former *UD* staff members and professional journalists whose opinions she respects. No one she has talked to is in favor of such a change.

"I believe that turning *The UD* into a lab paper will destroy the credibility of the student journalists in professional and national student publication circles."

*The UD* editorial adviser and advertising manager also would be replaced with a faculty member who would teach a section of a journalism reporting class and an advertising sales class, respectively.

In the proposal, KTXF-FM, the student-run campus radio station, would continue to be administered by the School of Mass Communications; although, the news operation would be operated by the news director of KTXF-TV. Student reporters would continue to read and produce news for KTXF-FM, and the day-to-day operations of the station would continue to be the responsibility of the student executive staff.

The radio station would share engineers with KTXF-TV and KOHM-FM and would be relocated from the Journalism building to the School of Mass Communications.

The proposal also calls for the independently-run KTXF-TV, the local PBS station, to be under the administrative structure of the School of Mass Communications. Although the administrative budget and structure would remain the

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J.T. Aguilar/The University Daily

The *University Daily* editorial staff plans today's paper during a Thursday meeting. A proposed idea by the School of Mass Communications would place *The UD* and other student media groups under control of the school. The paper would be run as a lab paper, with a non-student editor.

## Student Senate debates Internet voting feasibility

by Jennifer Bailey  
Staff Writer

In an effort to increase voter turnout in the upcoming student government election, Texas Tech Student Senate met Thursday to discuss Web voting.

Senate members expressed their opinions concerning the benefits and weaknesses of the proposed Web voting.

"I think Web voting is a huge step in the right direction," said Student Senate President Carrie Evans.

Members also discussed security measures taken in order to assure that voters' identification is valid, and only one vote is cast per student.

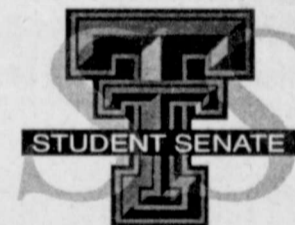
"The voter will have to log on with their last name and personal test number in order to cast their vote," said Dan Burns, Tech elections chairman.

"All the safeguards are there, (Web voting) is feasible. A student will not be able to vote more than once."

Senators opposed to Web voting argued that all students do not have access to the Internet, and staff members with access to personal test numbers could sabotage the election.

"We are not ready for (Web voting), not as ready as we should be," said Student Senator John Dorff.

Evans disagreed that some stu-



dents lack Internet access.

"Students began registering on the Web this past semester. The access is there," Evans said. "It is just a matter of getting out and voting."

There is no existing provision allowing electronic voting in the Student Senate election code. Without changing the code, electronic voting would be considered illegal.

"With elections a month away, we will have to make a decision soon," Evans said.

The Senate will vote Feb. 3 on whether or not Web voting will be used in the upcoming election.

The Student Senate and Gene West, vice president of Operations at Tech, discussed the proposed five-year parking plan which would increase parking with the construction of three new parking garages.

The proposed parking garages would be located on the corner of 18th Street and Flint Avenue, 15th Street and Akron Avenue and the north side of the United Spirit Arena.

## Keeping it locked to the left



Greg Krellier/The University Daily

KTXF-FM disc jockey Sean Nguyen, a junior pre-pharmacy major from Allen, prepares to go on air Thursday. With a proposed idea from the School of Mass Communications, the news operation for KTXF-FM, Texas Tech's student-run radio station, would be controlled by the news director of KTXF-TV, the local PBS station.

## Tech officials keep hush on details of complex bids

by A.P. Thompson  
Staff Writer

The ceremonial dirt installed in the field between the Business Administration and Foreign Language buildings for a groundbreaking ceremony is long gone.

Soon, the dirt trails students have paved cutting through to class will be as well.

Construction should be underway for the English/Philosophy/Education Complex sometime within the next six weeks, said Mike Ellicott, vice chancellor of Facilities, Planning and Construction at Texas Tech.

Ellicott confirmed to *The University Daily* that three firms, Lubbock-based Lee Lewis Construction, Clark Contractors out of New England and the Dallas-based Construction Associates Inc. presented "sealed proposals"

to Tech officials Jan. 19.

The proposals included presentations by each of the three firms and bids for construction of the \$42-million project.

Ellicott said Wednesday that his office is in the process of making a decision.

"We are negotiating with our preferred firm and should be able to make an announcement about our choice within the next week," Ellicott said. "However, I don't think it would be appropriate for me to comment on who we have in mind just yet."

Ellicott said the proposals ranged in price from \$30 million to \$35 million, and construction time, according to each firm, would take about two years.

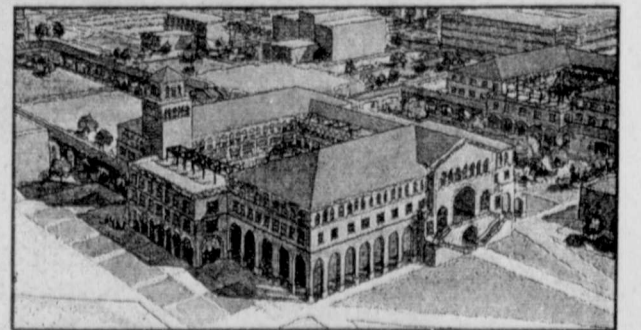
He also said the selected firm would be able to start construction "within 30 days" of the deal's completion, which would place

the start date of construction as early as the last week of February.

Tech officials broke ground on the project in Fall 1998. The complex is expected to be ready for professors and students in Spring 2002.

Carol Heintze, associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, said she attended the Jan. 19 meeting, but has been advised to direct all questions concerning the bidding process to Robert Cameron, project manager for the EPE Complex.

Cameron directed all questions to Tech's Office of News and Information officials.



Cindy Rugeley, vice chancellor for News and Information, said she was not aware of any changes to what was reported in the Jan. 25 edition of *The UD*.

Officials from each of the three firms could not be reached for comment.

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# President delivers final, emotional national address

by A.P. Thompson  
Staff Writer

In his last and longest State of the Union Address of his presidency, President William Jefferson Clinton spoke Wednesday in an impassioned tone.

The president asked Congress for billions in tax credits for families and businesses investing abroad, more money to expand educational programs like Head Start and funds to help make America "the safest big country on Earth."

In what was perhaps his most controversial proposal of the 90-minute speech, the president chided the Republican-controlled House for failing to pass gun control legislation after the Columbine tragedy and appealed for "common sense gun-control laws," which includes a plan to require every state to have a picture identification card for gun owners.

The card could only be carried by those who have passed a gun-safety course and a background check, which is required by the Brady Bill. The president also did not fail to

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**John Salter**  
Tech senior

mention Vice President Al Gore and the First Lady, who are both running for political office in November, sev-

eral times. Clinton referred to Gore or alluded to his accomplishments or proposals as vice president no less

than six times and pointed out his wife Hillary twice.

John Salter, a senior chemical engineering major from Houston, said he supports Clinton's proposed ID card for gun owners.

"I think that it's a good idea because we require picture ID's to drive cars, but not to own something that can be just as lethal as a car," Salter, who owns a gun, said the idea is logical.

"If you are going to own a gun, I think most people wouldn't mind because they are going to be using the gun in a legal way. Only people who are going to use it illegally would mind."

The president, who enjoys a 65-percent approval rating in the new NBC News/Wall Street Journal poll, also requested bipartisan support for aid packages for diseases, such as AIDS, that now are ravaging Third World countries in Africa.

Clinton even wiped a tear from his eye after a long applause, and upon calling on the First Lady to stand and be recognized, he mouthed "I love you."

Tim Drake, a senior chemistry major from Waco, said he agreed with most of the president's ideas.

"I think he said a lot of good things, but I disagree with his proposal to pay 100,000 new teachers," he said.

"I mean, if you just throw more teachers in the mix, that won't necessarily mean they are more qualified to be teaching. He needs to concentrate on quality control, not quantity control."

The president's speech was loaded with historical allusions and analogies, and he even mentioned Andrew Jackson, the only other president to be impeached.

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# Proposal could violate amendment

## First Amendment issues could stem from 'idea'

by Greg Okuhara  
Managing Editor

A proposed idea from the Texas Tech School of Mass Communications may have legal ramifications concerning the First Amendment if the idea becomes reality.

The *University Daily* has obtained a copy of the proposal, which would place the paper, which is editorially student-run, under the control of the School of Mass Communications. A non-student newsroom editor would assume control of the paper, which would be used as a lab for journalism classes.

Officials with the Student Press Law Center said there will only be a violation of First Amendment rights if faculty, or any non-students, assume editorial positions within *The UD*.

Mark Goodman, executive director of SPLC, said the outcome of the idea would determine which legal issues come into play.

"There's nothing preventing the communications school from acting on their own," he said. "However, they can't take away editorial control, or they'll have a big battle on their hands."

Although the idea has not been officially discussed by Tech administrators, Goodman said the proposal likely would not survive.

"This sort of thing has not been very successful in recent years and is not likely to be successful," he said. "If they plan to move with this and take control, then there is a violation (of First Amendment rights)."

However, legally, the school can take control without any problems if students remain in editorial positions and continue to make editorial decisions.

Dennis Reeves, a Lubbock attorney and Tech graduate, said the Tech School of Mass Communications may have the right to turn *The UD* into a lab paper.

"If this happens, it is not really a newspaper, but a teaching tool," he said. "If it is not a newspaper, then they are not suppressing your rights. I don't like (the idea) as a graduate of Texas Tech, and I've been reading *The UD* forever."

"The question I would ask is, 'Has someone in government given mass communications the power to abridge your power?'"

However, Goodman said a legal battle could ensue if there is "compelling evidence" that administrators are seizing control because they are unhappy with the content of the paper.

He also said there was a similar case involving Western Kentucky University several years ago. The WKU president recommended the student newspaper become a lab

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newspaper, managed by a faculty editorial staff. After the proposal, the head of the journalism department called on alumni and students to voice their support for the student paper. The recommendation was struck down soon after, and the president left within two years.

Despite the fact Goodman was not familiar with the proposal, he said there are various reasons that may have prompted the mass communications department to make the move.

"There are rational reasons to tie the student paper in with the communications department," he said. "This might be a result of pressure from the accreditation council, who want their graduates to have more real-life experience in writing."

Although the idea still is in infancy stages, Goodman said Tech's Student Publications is highly regarded around the United States, and other college media should pay close attention to what happens in Lubbock.

"If it can happen at Texas Tech, it can happen anywhere, but the outcry from all over would be very loud," he said. "However, this gives other college media reason to be very fearful (of losing First Amendment rights)."

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# Student-run papers dominate in Big 12

by Jamie Laubhan  
Techlife co-editor

A story concerning a high university official in a somewhat compromising situation comes before the editor. As the job description entails, the editor has the power to either hold or run the story.

Under the proposed idea issued by the Texas Tech School of Mass Communications, *The University Daily* would receive a non-student newsroom editor. As a faculty member, the editor may choose to pull the story from the paper.

This would likely not be the case if the paper remains under the direction of a student editorial board.

The proposal also states the non-student editor will teach a section of journalism classes, utilizing students to furnish stories published in *The UD*. If the proposed idea comes into effect, all paid staff writers and editors could be relinquished of their duties.

As is, *The UD* is among nine other publications in the schools of the Big 12 who maintain a student-run newspaper.

Only two of the 12 schools combine laboratory writers and

paid student staff members, neither of which rely solely on journalism students.

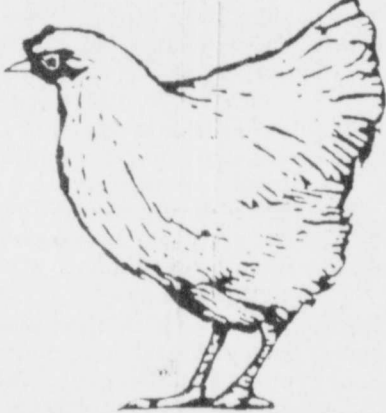
Both Baylor University and the University of Kansas have paid student editors. *The Lariat* at Baylor maintains six or seven paid staff writers aside from the editors.

*The University Daily Kansan* from the University of Kansas operates the closest to the proposed status of *The UD*. *The Kansan* is operated by a student editorial board who is overseen by a non-student general manager. The editorial board makes decisions as to which stories get published. All stories for the publication are written by non-paid students in the journalism department for credit in their reporting classes.

Laura Roddy, editor-in-chief of *The Kansan*, finds that the non-paid staff system works best for their paper.

"We have found that it makes our writers more accountable

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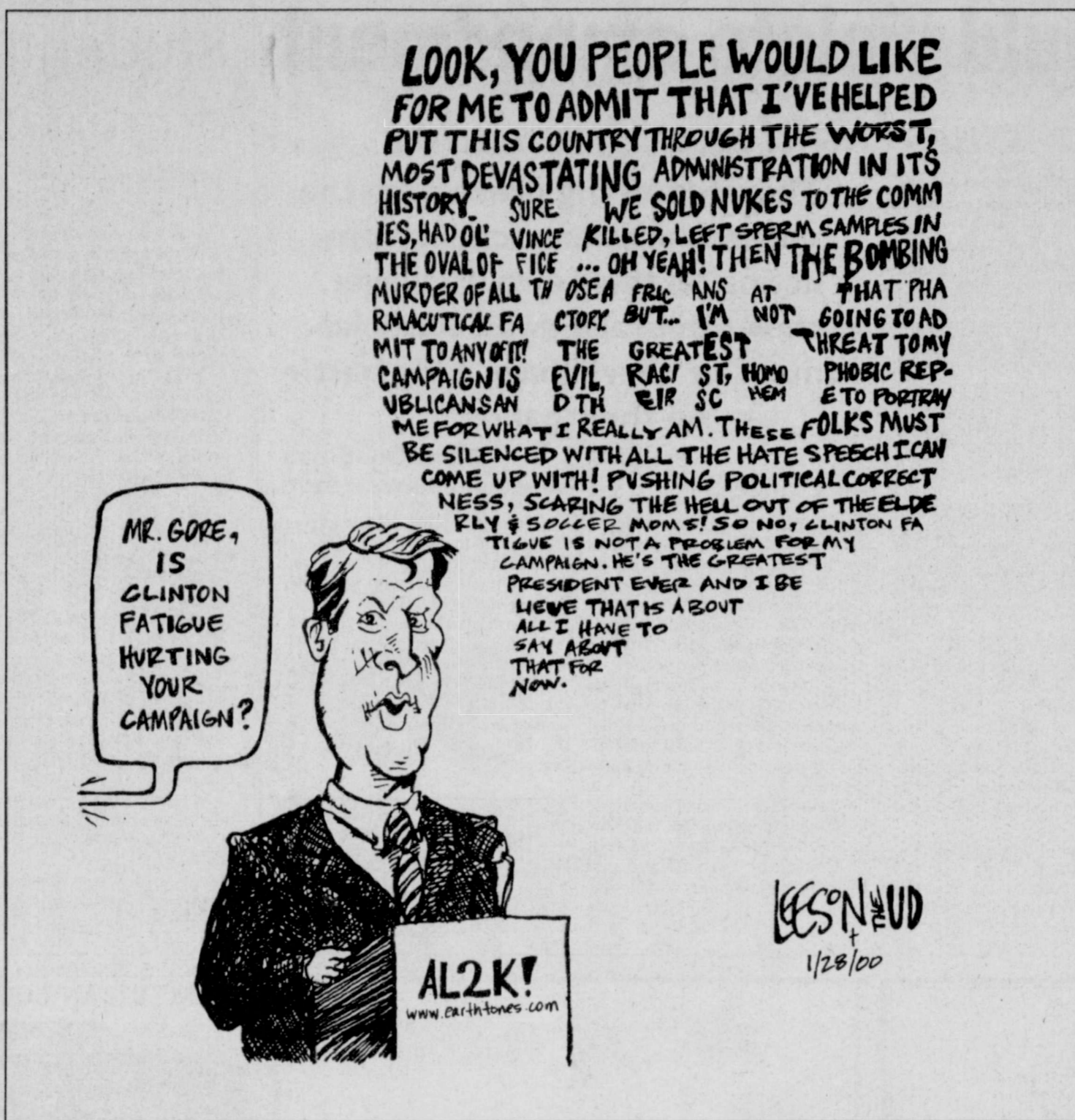
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## First Amendment present shaken

After first hearing about the possibility of the Texas Tech School of Mass Communications taking over *The University Daily*, so many arguments, ideas and emotions came to me.



**Brandon Formby**  
Columnist

It is so tempting to address the administration right now and let them know what a mistake this would be. It is equally tempting to address Jerry Hudson, the chairman of the School of Mass Communications, and tell him exactly what I think of him after reading his little proposal.

But because of the fact that many of you may be thinking this issue of *The UD* is self-centered and sensationalistic, I think it best to put my own frustration and anger aside and address you, the common student.

My fellow Raiders, do not think for one minute that if this idea is allowed to become reality it just affects the students of mass communications or the employees of *The UD*.

In a million ways more than it affects us, it affects you. I hope you realize that when Hudson wrote in his proposal, "*The University Daily* will be administered by the School of Mass Communications," he did not invade our territory. He invaded yours.

This paper, the one you are reading at this very moment, was created by the students of Texas Technological College in the fall of

1925. They called it *The Treador* and began publishing it before we were the Red Raiders, before we were a university and before there ever was a School of Mass Communications. They did not create it in order to have experience before graduating. They did not create it to get a grade. They created it for one simple reason — to inform the quickly-growing, newly-formed school they dared to be a part of.

This paper's sole reason for existence is you, the student. Above everything else, before everyone else, this point needs to be understood by each person on this campus.

At this point in time, the person who decides what does and does not go in this paper is one of us — a student. Under Hudson's plan, though, the editor of the paper would be a "non-student staff" member. This means the person making the calls would be under the control of Hudson and everyone above him — from the new dean of the School of Mass Communications to John Moritford himself. This is not to say they would control the paper, but it is to say they could.

Today, you have a forum of expression — this paper. Do you think they would print a letter from you blasting Traffic and Parking for raising fees or arguing with the Master Plan if they had the power to prevent it?

Being able to read about what goes on at this university every morning is not a privilege. It is a right. Hudson, though, didn't give it to you. Moritford didn't give it to you. The administrators didn't give it to you. Who the hell are any of them to take it away?

More than 200 years ago, some people who you never even knew left you a present. They debated over it and fought over it. When the

debating and fighting was over, they wrote it up and eternally sealed its unshakable promises with their signatures. Since then, men and women have lived and died by it. Supreme Court judges have turned to it in times of confusion. Common people have looked to it in moments of desperation.

The thing that makes this country such a blessed piece of Earth is the Constitution, and etched on its pages are the words, "... Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances."

Please understand the possible impact of this. There would be no way for you to really know what the administration was doing. There would be no stopping them from sticking it to you. They are not taking our jobs. They are taking your paper. Would you allow the Student Recreation Center to take over the football team?

A lot of people call our generation, and this school especially, apathetic. But with my own eyes, I have seen some of you speak up about what you believe in. I have seen you try to prevent drowsy driving. I have seen you try to fight discrimination. I have seen you celebrate the impossible after a football game.

Now is the time to find your voice — to write a letter or make a call — to speak up and be heard. Now is the time to remind everyone who has lost their consciences and morals somewhere along the way that Texas Tech is your school, and *The UD* is your paper.

*Brandon Formby is a senior journalism major from Plano.*

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Behind us

To the editor: For 100 years, *The Daily Texan* relentlessly has challenged institutional censorship. Throughout our history, those battles were often fought against the Board of Regents, university presidents or the State Legislature.

Nonetheless, our predecessors remained steadfast in their commitment to protect the independence of our paper and our profession. Today, we renew that commitment.

It is with difficulty that we watch events unfold this week in Lubbock, where *The University Daily*, Texas Tech's independent student newspaper, soon could come under the control of the university's journalism department.

In many ways, *The University Daily* mirrors *The Daily Texan* in structure and stature. Like *The Texan*, *The UD* has enjoyed editorial freedom and institutional independence from the university that it covers. In short, *UD* staffers don't have to put up with an adviser or professor breathing down their necks about what is "appropriate" or "tasteful."

If the Tech administration has its way, all of that could change very soon. Under a new proposal, the newsroom would be run by a journalism professor who would direct news coverage and judge

which stories are newsworthy. The newspaper would exclude all students who aren't journalism majors and likely lose final control of its editorial content.

The proposition is one the town's local daily, the *Lubbock Avalanche-Journal*, has been pushing for years. *Avalanche-Journal* Editor Randy Sanders strongly endorsed the arrangement, saying it would ensure that student journalists are more properly trained in the basics of news writing and design.

That may be so, but they'll learn little about journalistic ethics. It's amazing that a professional journalist couldn't see the inherent conflict of interest involved when a newspaper is controlled by the university it supposedly covers.

And as for the alleged "lack of training," *The Texan* consistently turns out the nation's finest journalists with no such interference from the university. There's no reason to think that *The UD* can't do the same. And though these events are taking place hundreds of miles away in Lubbock, they could set a dangerous precedent for college newspapers here and across the state.

For that reason, *The Texan* editorial board pledges its full support to the editors and staff of *The University Daily* as they combat this latest threat to the freedom of the press.

*Rob Addy, editor*  
*The Daily Texan*  
*The University Of Texas-Austin*

To the editor: On Sept. 9, Texas Tech University's student newspaper, *The University Daily*, published an entire paper with the

words "This is Censorship" printed repeatedly across its pages. This statement was inspired by a federal court decision in support of a recall of 2,000 student yearbooks at Kentucky State University and the removal of the school's student newspaper faculty adviser for failing to censor some material in the newspaper critical of the university.

While *The UD* actions may have been motivated by the Kentucky State court case, a recent proposal by Jerry Hudson, chairman of the Tech School of Mass Communications, may show the student paper what censorship really is. Hudson has put together a plan for restructuring the school's student media outlets. For *The UD*, Hudson's proposal calls for a faculty member to act as a "newsroom editor."

Hudson's proposal goes on to say the "newsroom editor" also would teach a class and would use the students enrolled in the class to publish stories in *The UD*.

This suggestion seems like it could produce a student paper that serves only to publish what the "newsroom editor" wants. It would certainly prohibit running stories critical of Tech.

The changes outlined in this proposal severely endanger one of the major voices for Tech students and undermines the very purpose of a student newspaper.

If this proposal is passed, the student newspaper would become little more than a newsletter for the university. Certainly, a student newspaper's job is not to repeatedly attack the university, but in order to represent the student body and serve as a means of daily news, *The University Daily* must have the free-

# Did you hear us the first time?

When the editorial board of *The University Daily* took a stand against censorship Sept. 9, we thought that the issue was made clear: Censorship cannot and will not be tolerated in any form at this university or from this newspaper. And then what happens...

A proposal calling for *The UD* to be umbrella-ed under the auspices of the School of Mass Communications was sent to a member of Texas Tech's administration from the chairman of the School of Mass Communications.

Right now, *The UD* enjoys independence from the school and a decision like this would obstruct our efforts to bring you, the Texas Tech community, quality, unbiased news that affects our campus.

However, we are not in this fight alone. Included in the plan are KTX-TV, KTX-FM and KOHM-FM, who also would become step-children of the School of Mass Communications. These stations also provide training ground for Tech students, just like yourselves.

Similar to professional newspapers and news stations, *UD* editors and staff members undergo rigorous training every semester to teach us how to put out a quality, student-voiced forum responsible for bringing each and every member of our university circle the news that is afforded them — the news they are entitled to know.

Student journalists all over the country are granted the same freedom every day that other professional journalists have, and that is an all-out right to write and say anything in our newspapers.

Under the First Amendment, these are the rights granted to us, that is how real life works.

A laboratory newspaper, which is what *The UD* would become, is not real life. It is not the experience that we need to have.

We have to have the experience of learning from our own mistakes to learn how to do it right.

And *The UD* is as close to that real-world situation as any student is going to get within the university atmosphere.

This newspaper has turned out Pulitzer Prize winners, award-winning journalists and successful advertising and business people, and a decision of this magnitude not only affects us as student journalists, but it affects you as a student, faculty and staff member.

The student newspaper at this university has been in existence for as long as the school has been here.

The road to becoming a Tier-1 university is not one where you can kick it into reverse, and that's exactly what would happen if this proposal would be mandated.

We, the editorial board of *The University Daily*, totally and utterly disagree with this proposed idea and agree that it would have a tremendous negative impact on the news coverage of this university.

If it boiled down to sacrificing quality for an independence that professional journalists rarely experience, we would make every mistake we could to keep that freedom.

dom to pursue stories without bias and without being under the thumb of a faculty "newsroom editor."

Federal district court decisions have mandated that college students, unlike high school students, should have First Amendment rights in their student publications. Faculty input and advice is important in producing a professional work of journalism. However, student writers and editors still should have the opportunity to produce a newspaper that says what they want to say, not what someone else tells them to say. The possibility of a student newspaper being placed under the direct control of faculty members is scary by itself. That this possibility is being seriously considered by university administrators is more than scary — it is a threat to all student publications at Texas Tech and elsewhere. Now, *The Battalion* has a faculty adviser, but in the bylaws of Texas A&M's Student Media Board, no member of the faculty is allowed to determine the content of the newspaper or any other media source.

This clause allows *The Battalion* to operate as an independent news source, free from direct university regulation. *The Battalion*, and other student newspapers who have the same administrative structure, are aimed at a student readership, rather than the will of a faculty "newsroom editor."

If Hudson's proposal is passed in Lubbock, the chance of A&M's student publications suffering a similar fate goes from being far-fetched to being an all-too-real possibility.

*editorial*  
*The Battalion*  
*Texas A&M University*

# Former staff recalls UD experience

Laura Hensley  
News Editor

When Pulitzer Prize winner Robert Montemayor visited Texas Tech during the holidays this year, he did the usual — looked up old friends, dug up memories, laughed about stories long forgotten and of course, revisited his home.

In this case, his home was Room 211 in the Journalism building.

"The UD is a special place for me," said Montemayor, who was The University Daily editor from 1974 to 1975. "I practically lived up there during the four years I was there. Nothing else mattered to me."

Many former Student Publications staff members have similar feelings and have responded to the proposed idea to change the structure of Student Publications.

"My experience at The UD helped me immensely," Montemayor said. "I'm glad I had that kind of experience. It helped me grow and develop in the early years."

Montemayor worked at The UD while it was under a lab-type setting.

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**Robert Montemayor**  
The UD editor, 1974-1975

An adviser would read all content and make suggestions to student reporters. He said the system worked well, but said all final decisions were left in the hands of student editors.

"(The adviser) did not hinder the process of the paper at all, and we developed a strong bond," he said.

Under a proposed idea presented by the Tech School of Mass Communications, The UD would be administered by the school. A non-student newsroom editor would teach a section of a journalism reporting class.

The staff member would utilize the students enrolled in the class to report stories to be published. "The proposal really alarms me," said Laura Gutschke, UD editor from 1986

to 1987. "You look at the proposal and think, 'you've got to be kidding.'"

Gutschke said changing the way The UD is structured is a mistake.

"Based on what I've heard, it is very impractical for students who want careers in journalism," she said. "You put in so much more than you would in a three-hour lab. It's a job. It's a responsibility."

The UD advertising department also will be affected by the proposed idea. An advertising director would teach a section of an advertising sales course. Malcom Boredelon, who worked in the advertising department from 1979 to 1981, said working at The UD was his primary source of income as a student. The

proposed idea would possibly reduce the number of paid positions at The UD.

"My job at The UD helped put me through school," Boredelon said. "The people who work at The UD choose to be there. It is not a requirement."

He said the lab atmosphere would not be practical for real-world training.

"In real life, there is competition," Boredelon said. "Everyone in the class would work there. In the real world, you don't just get the job just because you exist."

Boredelon also said important client relationships are built over time. He said the paper would lose consistency if the staff was changed every semester.

"It's not healthy for the paper," he said.

Bill Dean, executive vice president for the Ex-Students Association and former Student Publications director, said The UD was structured like a lab during his years as director.

"What we liked about the program was that we put those kids through

the wringer," he said. "We gave them deadline pressure and showed them what journalism is all about."

Dean said many students would drop the class each semester because they said they could not handle the daily pressures at The UD.

Leanna Efirid faced the day-to-day pressure while serving as The UD editor from 1990 to 1991. She said the proposed idea would send powerful waves through the learning process of student journalists.

"The UD has always been a publication for students by students," Efirid said. "It's important for students to have a voice without interference from faculty."

Efirid said restructuring The UD in a lab-like setting would be tragic, and the School of Mass Communications should look elsewhere to strengthen its program.

"You are supposed to learn grammar and story-writing skills in class, and then you apply those skills in a job setting," she said. "Maybe (mass communications) should create their own publication and leave the student paper alone."

## Victim's status upgraded in College Station


COLLEGE STATION (AP) — The last Texas A&M University student rescued from the collapse of the university's annual bonfire has improved, according to those looking after the 19-year-old.

John Comstock's condition was upgraded Wednesday from critical to serious at College Station Medical Center, where he is being treated. The injured teen has been in the hospital's intensive care unit for 71 days.

"I'm very grateful to the staff at 'The Med' — they are the reason I'm here today," said Comstock, of Richardson, according to the Bryan-College Station Eagle.

The A&M freshman was pinned under a log for almost seven hours after the stack tumbled to the ground while he and others worked to construct the pile. Twelve people died and 26 were injured in the Nov. 18 collapse, which is under investigation.

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# Experience at student-run newspaper vital

by Brandon Formby  
Contributing Writer

## Employers want students with real-world journalistic qualities

If *The University Daily* becomes a lab newspaper under the School of Mass Communications, Texas Tech students may lose an opportunity to gain real-world experience for future mass media jobs.

Frank Michel, associate editor for the *Houston Chronicle*, said while there are advantages to both lab and student-run newspapers, faculty-run publications do pose limitations to students.

"You do get to learn the basic building blocks, like the basics of

how to write a story but not real-world experience," he said.

"One example I can think of is you don't have the freedom to express editorial opinions."

He also said there was a case to be made for both kinds of publications, and because students who write for lab papers do not have to worry about making editorial decisions, they do not have as many distractions as they would in the real world.

Since large metropolitan papers

require more experience than smaller ones, many graduates get their foot in the door at small-town publications.

Joe Feist, managing editor of the *Bryan-College Station Eagle*, said his paper is considered an entry-level publication.

"We're a small paper," he said. "Most of our new hires are right out of college."

Feist also said a vast majority of the employees he has hired in the last year have experience on stu-

dent-run publications. He said when having to choose between two applicants, he would chose a student who had worked on a student-run publication over a student who only had lab-paper experience.

"My inclination would be to give preference to someone who worked on a student-run paper," he said. "The reason for that is it shows initiative on the part of the student that isn't required."

Lab papers require mass communications students to work for them,

whereas student-run newspapers do not. Feist said students who work for student-run papers are not required, and this gives them a head start when searching for a job in the professional world.

"It shows this student is committed to learning more about real-world journalism as opposed to an academic point of view of journalism," he said.

"It shows they have a degree of independent thinking and a degree of initiative."

While looking at applicants who have just graduated from college, Michel said experience is one of the most sought-after qualifications of a prospective employee.

"At a paper like the *Chronicle* here in Houston, we don't hire anyone that doesn't have four to five years experience working on a paper," he said.

When reviewing the qualifications of an applicant who had worked on a lab paper, Michel said the *Chronicle* would look at the lab-paper experience but also would require additional experience on another small or medium-sized paper.

# Astronauts arrive for Endeavor launch to map Earth

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Six astronauts arrived Thursday for the launch countdown of a long-delayed mission to map the Earth as never before.

"Go, Endeavour!" commander Kevin Kregel said, raising his left fist.

Endeavour is scheduled to blast off at 12:47 p.m. Monday. It should have flown last September, but was

grounded along with the other space shuttles by defective wiring.

The main event will occur just five hours into the 11-day mission, when the astronauts extend a 197-foot ra-

dar antenna boom from Endeavour's cargo bay.

In other news, NASA officials said Thursday they will send shuttle astronauts to the fledgling international

space station in April if the Russians do not launch a vital component before summer. Space shuttle Atlantis was not supposed to fly to the station until the Russian service module was

in place. But the module is more than two years late in taking off, and Russian officials say it won't be ready for launch until late July or August because of rocket problems.



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same, the station manager and other station personnel would be under the mass communications administration.

The proposal calls for the station's facilities and all personnel to be moved from its present location on the west side of campus to the Mass Communications building.

John Henson, assistant vice provost for extended learning and technology and director and general manager of KTXT-TV, said although he has heard rumors of the proposal, he had not seen the proposal.

"I'm not sure what is being proposed or why," Henson said.

KTXT-TV has fallen under the administrative umbrella of Continuing Education for the last 30 years, Henson said, but mass communications always was aware their students could use KTXT-TV's facilities at any time.

"There have been attempts for students to work and learn over here, and some have lasted longer than others," Henson said. "But mass communications would have to answer to why it has never been effective. We've always been prepared to accept journalism students."

The proposal states the purpose of the move would be to "reduce equipment duplication between the School of Mass Communications and KTXT-TV, to centralize campus media, to become more proficient in building a stronger public relations program for the university and to provide a better educational experience for students majoring in mass communications."

The proposal states KTXT-TV would produce a daily newscast about Tech and its campuses, and

journalism students would be used to report and produce the newscasts.

In the proposal, KOHM-FM, the local National Public Radio station, would work directly with KTXT-TV personnel in developing a stronger presence in the community for fine arts programming.

The proposal calls for KOHM to be moved from the Journalism building into the Mass Communications building; although, it was reported in the Aug. 30 edition of *The UD* that KOHM is planning to relocate and is renting space in the Bank of America building on the corner of 19th Street and University Avenue.

Under the proposal, the Texas Tech University Web site, maintained by the Office of News and Information, would become the responsibility of the School of Mass Communications and calls for one combined university Web site with links to the departments and services at Tech.

Also, the proposal calls for News and Information to provide some stories for the Web; although, mass communications students also would provide stories.

Cindy Rugeley, vice chancellor for News and Information, said she did not think the proposal was a good idea.

Rugeley said it is News and Information's job to conduct the public relations aspect of the university and mass communications' job to educate students.

"The two are separate functions," Rugeley said. "News and Publications promotes the university, and (Hudson's) job is to promote education."

Rugeley said, in the past, her office has provided mass communica-

tions students with various activities like internships and using press releases written by students for a class, but that News and Information is a communications tool for the university, and it should be maintained as a system.

"I'm delighted to use students' stories and have students work for us," Rugeley said. "We like to help assist in any way we can."

Although the proposal states there is no attempt by the School of Mass Communications to take over News and Information, "there are many ways campus media and the School of Mass Communications can develop cooperative agreements to serve the university more proficiently."

According to the proposal, the Department of Communication Studies, housed on the second floor of the Mass Communications building, would be relocated, although "we have no suggestions or recommendations about where they should be housed."

David Roach, chairman of the Department of Communication Studies at Tech, said although his department is housed in the Mass Communications building, the department is independent from the School of Mass Communications.

"I was not aware of the proposal," Roach said. "I haven't heard anything." Although Roach wasn't sure of the proposal, he said a relocation plan would be left up to administrative personnel.

Tech Dean of Students Michael Shonrock said although the proposal is at the first stage of a long process, he has a great preference that Student Publications would continue to be a part of Student Affairs.

"I think the current configuration is effective at *The UD*," Shonrock said. "I wouldn't see a need to make a change."

Shonrock will assume the position of interim vice president of Student Affairs effective Monday.

Attempts to contact members of the Mass Communications Strategic Planning Committee were made for

this story, but most members were aware of the proposal. The committee is made up of members of the professional media, Tech mass communications alumni and Student Publications alumni.

Randy Sanders, editor of the *Lubbock Avalanche-Journal* and member of the committee, said he's for the proposal, which also states "for many years, the *Lubbock Avalanche-Journal* publishers and editors ... have requested that the School (of Mass Communications) assume responsibility for *The UD*."

"I think it's important that the students who are representatives of *The UD* work under closer supervision of experienced professional journalists," Sanders said. "The *UD*, in my opinion is a teaching tool."

Kim Cobb, a member of the committee and reporter for the *Houston Chronicle*, said it has been the opinion of the committee that the School of Mass Communications should teach each student everything about their profession.

"A lot of us have said we wish there was a way to plug more students into *The UD*," Cobb said.

For the last three semesters, students of news writing, reporting and advanced reporting classes in the School of Mass Communications have been able to submit their stories to *The UD* editors for printing considerations. For many classes, it is a requirement that students write stories well enough to be printed in *The UD*, or students may receive extra credit in their class if their story is printed.

Freda McVay, a journalism professor in the Tech School of Mass Communications, said although faculty supervision of *The UD* would make for a better publication, she would never sacrifice quality for independence.

"You're never going to have a perfect paper, whether you're *The UD* or *The New York Times*," McVay said. "But I would certainly be against anyone using students' mistakes as an excuse to take over the students' news."

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since the stories are part of their grade," Roddy said. "They tend to work harder because their grades get boosted if their stories get published."

Editors from *The Battalion* at Texas A&M University, *The Daily Texan* at the University of Texas-Austin, *The Oklahoma Daily* at the University of Oklahoma and *The Maneater* at the University of Missouri-Columbia, all disagree with the system and the proposed idea for *The UD*.

Jake Wagman, editor-in-chief of *The Maneater*, said he was shocked to hear what was proposed for *The UD*.

"If the proposal comes about, it will undermine everything that a student newspaper should be," Wagman said.

Wagman also feels a student-run newspaper already should be in a sense like a lab, where students should be able to succeed and make mistakes on their own.

Though *The Kansan* is partly a lab-run paper, Roddy said she agrees it might not be as effective a system at Tech and may be, in a sense, detrimental.

She said she agrees with

Wagman that working for the paper is experience that cannot be replaced. Some of these experiences she is speaking of would not be available if a paper was completely lab-based.

"One of the great things about working at a student-run newspaper is the opportunity to work in management positions and have leadership roles where you are able to make editorial decisions," Roddy said.

She also said if a faculty editor was in charge, stories would turn out differently.

"Faculty do not have the same perspective as students," Roddy said. "Ultimately, stories would differ."

The universities of Missouri and Nebraska offer an alternative to the proposed idea at Tech.

Both universities publish two papers — one which is student-run and independent, and a weekly under the direction of the mass communications school, which is a lab-based paper.

Rob Addy, editor of *The Daily Texan*, said the proposed idea, if it were to go into effect, sounds in a way like censorship.

"It is a nice way for the administration to package the paper into a weak entity," Addy said.

**Three teen-agers in custody for December slaying of woman**

HOUSTON (AP) — Three teen-ager boys were in custody Thursday after implicating themselves in the fatal Dec. 27 shooting of a pregnant woman who was due to go into induced labor the next day, police said.

Houston police investigators said the three, two 15-year-olds and a 14-year-old suspected of pulling the trigger, had been cruising Rosa Martinez's north Houston neighborhood looking to steal a car.

"Martinez, who was nine months pregnant, was shot because she

didn't move fast enough to get out of her car," homicide Sgt. C.B. Douglas said.

Police withheld the names of the suspects because they are juveniles.

Martinez, 37, had arrived, made a quick trip to a nearby store and was getting out of her car around 10 p.m. when she was ambushed in her apartment parking lot. She died at Ben Taub General Hospital.

A baby boy was delivered alive but in critical condition, but died three weeks later.

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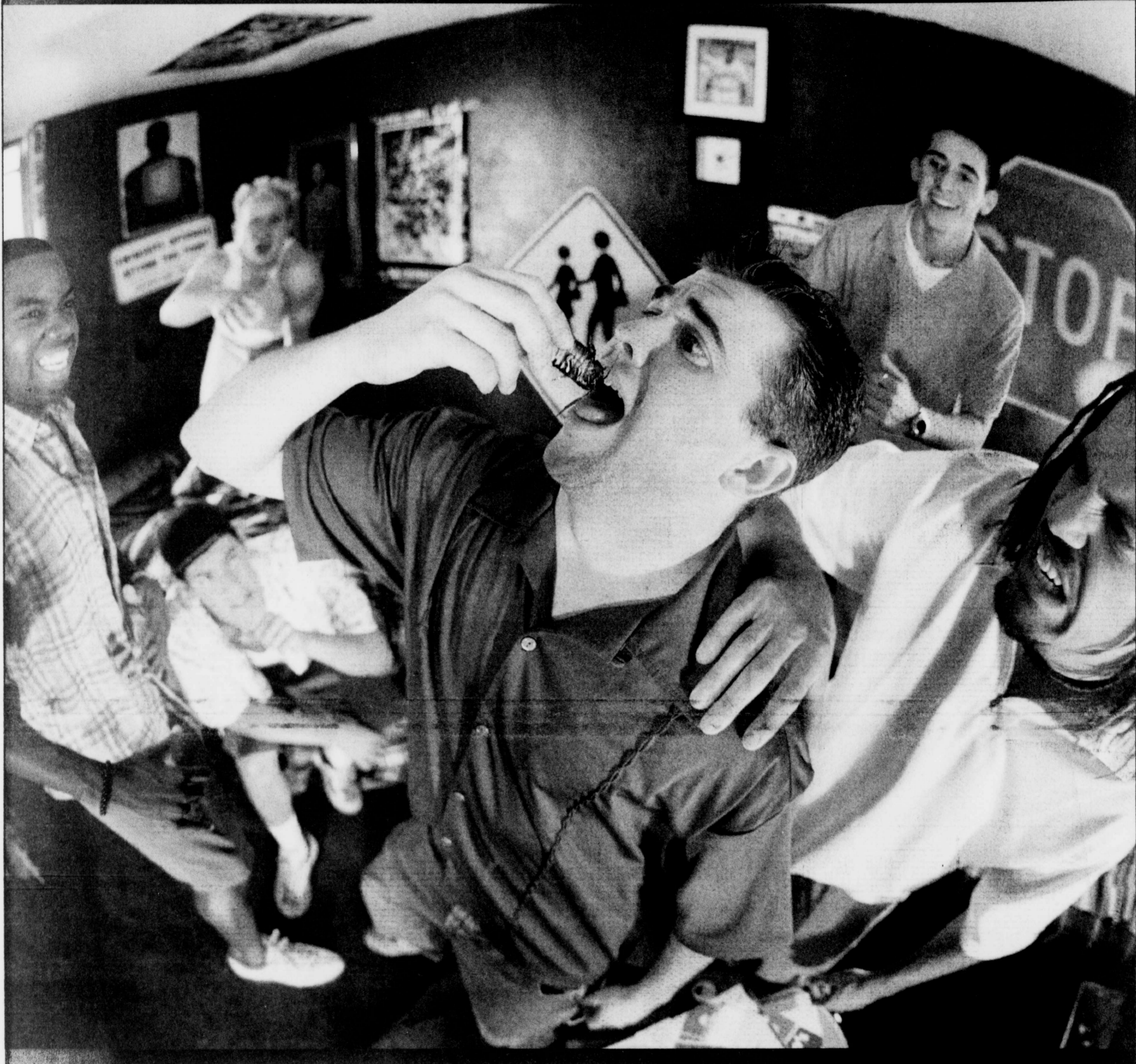
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## Caroline's Spine to liven up Liquid 2000 Saturday

by Sebastian Kitchen  
Staff Writer

The band members from Caroline's Spine have not paid rent since August of 1994. The four men quit their jobs, sold most of their possessions and were off to share their live show with the world.

They live for the road. Lead singer Jimmy Newquist said above all else, Caroline's Spine is a live band. Growing numbers of people have come out to witness the band's performance.

"We wanted to be the greatest live rock 'n' roll band in the world," Newquist said. "So, we worked up our live show."

The band has played more than 1,200 dates together and will return to Lubbock on Saturday to add one more performance to the list.

The band will perform with the Reverend Horton Heat, Eric Sardinias and Crazy Train for the Super Bowl of Rock 'N' Roll. The show will be at Liquid 2000, located at 1812 Ave. G. Tickets cost \$13.50 in advance and

\$15 at the door and are available at both locations of Ralph's Records, located at 909 University Ave. and 3322 82nd St.

Unless MTV plays a band's videos, trying to break in the music business becomes more difficult, Newquist said.

"We decided to do it the old school way — to kick-ass live and then sell records," he said. "It is not like it was when I was in school."

Caroline's Spine just released its second album on Hollywood Records, *Attention Please*. Newquist said he hopes the second single from the album, "Nothing To Prove," will boost the band even higher. The single will be released in late February.

"When it is released, the band will tour from now until the world freezes over," Newquist said laughing.

He laughed because the band was stranded in a small town in southern Oklahoma on Thursday afternoon. The weather caught up with them, so the group was forced to pulled over and stay.

"That may be sooner than we thought," he said.

*Attention Please* is the follow-up to *Monsoon*, which contained the radio hit "Sullivan." The song, which tells a true tale of five brothers who were killed during World War II, caught the attention of many listeners and radio stations.

"It really struck a chord with people," Newquist said. "I wrote the song because I have five brothers."

The storytelling in "Sullivan" caught the attention of legendary rock producer Roy Thomas Baker, who has worked with rock greats including Queen, Ozzy Osbourne, The Cars and Cheap Trick.

It marked the first time Caroline's Spine has worked with a producer and stopped touring to record an album.

*Attention Please* was the result when Baker and the band left Lake Havasu, Ariz., six months later.

Caroline's Spine is proud of its latest work, but Newquist said albums are not the band's first priority. Caroline's Spine is a live band.



Caroline's Spine has made of name for itself the old school way — playing live shows year-round. The rock and roll band has been touring non-stop and has put on 1,200 live performances. The group just recorded their first album, *Attention Please*.

Champion bull riders and fearless bull fighters from all over the world will be trying their luck in the 11th Annual Miller Lite Super Bull Tour 2000.

Courtesy Photo



## Super Bull attracts top bull riders, entertainers

by Amber Morgan  
Staff Writer

The 11th Annual Miller Lite Super Bull Tour explodes out of the chutes 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday at the Lubbock Municipal Coliseum.

Top bull riders from all over the United States, as well as Canada and Australia, are flocking to Lubbock for the Miller Lite Super Bull Tour 2000.

The best riders will strap onto the world's meanest bulls for an eight-second ride to try to claim a share of the \$16,000 purse.

George Marshall, the producer of the event, said the year's top riders will be competing in the world's largest professional bull riding and bull fighting tour.

"We are really excited to bring this tour to Lubbock," Marshall said. "We've been trying for eight years to get in the Coliseum, but that wasn't possible with the Red Raiders' basketball schedule."

Not only will there be cowboys riding bulls, but there will be bull fighting as well. Bullfighters, also known as rodeo clowns, know that this is no laughing matter.

"This will be a really exciting exhibition that we think people will enjoy," Darnell said.

Marshall describes the whole event as a "pyrotechnic Wizard-of-Oz-type extravaganza."

Performing after the competition will be Texas native Robert Earl Keen and country singer Chris LeDoux. Promotions director Brad Darnell said he is expecting a good turn-out for the event.

"We are expecting a good crowd for Robert Earl Keen and a really good crowd for Chris LeDoux," he said. Concerts will follow directly after

the bull fighting event.

Keen will be performing on Friday night, while Saturday's schedule will be the same with the exception of the Chris LeDoux show.

"Chris performed last week in Albuquerque to a crowd of about 9,000," Marshall said. "It was a real zoo. We hope to see a similar response in Lubbock."

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# DeLuca to highlight rec center events

by Sebastian Kitchen  
Staff Writer

The annual Texas Tech Recreational Sports All-Nighter has brought an evening full of sports, cards and competition for 20 years. Tonight's event will be no different. Hypnotist Tom DeLuca will highlight the evening with a show at 11 p.m. Soccer, basketball, kayaking, archery, table tennis, underwater hockey, racquetball, rock climbing and sumo wrestling will surround DeLuca's show.

"We try to have everything from table games to the tournaments that are normal in the rec center," said Joe MacLean, director of the Student Recreation Center at Tech.

DeLuca, four-time College Entertainer of the Year, is returning to highlight the event for the 17th year.

"That is still the highlight of the evening," MacLean said. "It is such a participatory event and gets students involved. It is always a fun part of the evening to watch the students try to get his attention to try to get on stage."

The All-Nighter is free for students who already have rec center privileges. They just need to bring their student ID.

In 1999, about 2,500 people came out for the event, MacLean said the attendance was down because of inclement weather, but usually, there are more than 3,000 people at the event.

Students can enter to shoot HORSE against men's basketball coach James Dickey. They also can enter to shoot to win a Chevy S-10 truck from Scoggin-Dickey Buick. The events are two of 18 different events to watch or participate in.

# Video deal to help indie filmmakers

PARK CITY, Utah (AP) — Viewers don't have to trudge through the snow at the Sundance Film Festival to catch the latest independent movies. Hot indie titles are showing up at video stores, even though the films never made it to theaters.

Blockbuster, the nation's largest video chain, has been picking up independent films for the past year and offering them as rentals on an exclusive basis.

Hollywood Video started doing the same this month.

In an indie world where only a fraction of films ever get seen beyond the festival circuit, and even those that make it to theaters rarely pack in big crowds, such direct-to-video deals offer filmmakers a shot at reaching a wide audience.

"It puts us on the same level as big-budget feature films," said director S. Lee Taylor, whose film "Social Intercourse" is one of the first 10 in Hollywood Video's First Rites independent film program. "We are on the shelf next to the studio releases." Blockbuster, which bills itself as

the biggest independent film distributor, picked up seven films that played at last year's Sundance and expects to cut deals for 10 to 12 from this year's festival, which ends Sunday.

Hollywood Video also expects to go home with new films from Sundance and is sponsoring a contest during the festival, asking filmmakers to drop off copies of their movies. At least one of those films will be added to the Hollywood Video's catalog.

Both video chains have been trolling other film festivals looking for movies, and receive a steady stream of movie submissions by mail. The companies say adding exclusive independent titles gives cus-

tomers a wider selection while offering exposure to quality films that otherwise might never be seen.

"There's nothing better than on Sunday afternoon, popping in a tape and being pleasantly surprised by a movie you hadn't heard about," said Dean Wilson, Blockbuster executive vice president for merchandising.

Blockbuster offered 70 exclusive titles last year and plans on 120 more this year. The deals range from outright purchase of movies to short-term contracts where filmmakers receive a percentage of rental fees in lieu of money up front.

Some of Blockbuster's exclusive titles have racked up more than 1 million rentals, Wilson said.

Hollywood Video cuts six-month exclusive deals for its movies, offering filmmakers a share of rental fees. After the initial 10 titles, the company plans to add six new movies each month.

"More customers are looking for independent films," said Jonae Kurtenbach-Woodruff, Hollywood Video rental marketing director.

"They don't just want to see big studio films. People are interested in movies they can't see anywhere else."

While independent filmmakers dream of wide theatrical releases, landing their movies in video stores can bring them exposure and cash that helps get their next films going.

"Some people bad-mouth the big video stores and say, 'These movies are sacred. They shouldn't be there. They should be on the screen,'" said John Cooper, associate director of programming for Sundance.

For Taylor, the video release is a chance to earn back the \$15,000 he spent on his film and bring in cash for his next movie.

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8:00	Sesame Street			Recess Doug	America Dr. Joy Browne	
9:00	Mr. Roger	Later Today	Martin Short	K. Copeland	Regis & Kathie Lee	Loeza
10:00	Teletubbies	M. Stewart	Price is Right	Donny & Marie	View	Divorce Ct
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2:00	Tugboat Dragon Tales	Hiwyd Square	Guiding Light	Paid Program Liv'g Single	General Hospital	Paid Program Magic Bus
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4:00	Zoom R. Rainbow	Oprah Winfrey	For Women For Women	Enquirer E.T.	Montel Williams	Beast Wars Digimon
5:00	Kratt's Nightly Bus.	News NBC News	News CBS News	Ricki Lake	News ABC News	Home Impr. Simpsons
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8:00	Digital Divide	Figure Skating	Now & Again	McNasty Dilbert	Sabrina 'g Hugleys	Good: The Series
9:00	Digital Divide	Champ'ship	Nash Bridges	Jerry Springer	20/20	Cops
10:00	Nightly Bus.	News Tonight Show	News David	Joe Brown	News MASH	Simpsons Frasier
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2:00	Cucina Amore R. Rainbow	Field Basketball: Phoenix	Golf: Phoenix	Movie: 'My Little Girl'	Senior Skins Game	@ Missouri
3:00	Pr. Potter Motionweek	Teams TBA	Open	'Gir'		Big 12 Basketball:
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5:00	Voices Body/Soul		Paid Program CBS News		ABC News 3rd Rock	Relic Hunter
6:00	Viewpoint TX Parks	Basketball: San Antonio @ Portland	Jeopardy	Total Recall	3rd Rock W/ Fortune	3 Stoooges
7:00	Nature	Antonie @ Portland	Winning Candid Cam.	Voyager	Millionaire	Cops Cops
8:00	Lawrence Walk	Prof. Figure	Marital Law	Stargate	ABC Movie: 'Runaway	AMW
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8:00	Teletubbies	TX Reporter 1st	CBS Sunday Morning	Sabrina Recess	Feed/Child Proghecy	K. Copeland Eddie Trice
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2:00	Firing Line McLaughlin	Los Angeles @	PGA Golf: Phoenix	NY Undercover	Pre-Game	Movie: 'Buffie The
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# Men's basketball hopes to gain win Soon'

by Jeff Keller  
Assistant Sports Editor

The Texas Tech men's basketball team still is searching for the answer to its Big 12 Conference riddle.

The Red Raiders remain winless in conference play, and the schedule will not get any easier this weekend as the No. 17th-ranked Oklahoma Sooners face off with Tech at 3 p.m. Saturday at the United Spirit Arena.

Tech (9-7 overall, 0-5 Big 12) is coming off a 14-point road loss to the Baylor Bears who had previously gone 22-straight conference games without a win.

Red Raider guard Rayford Young tallied only eight points in the Baylor contest, eight below his season average.

Young said the Baylor loss hurts more than some of the other losses Tech has had this season.

"To tell you the truth, I really think it did hurt more because I don't want to say they're the worse team in the league, but they're not one of the better ones," Young said. "The Baylor loss and the Nebraska loss hurt a lot, but I guess those losses coming on the road kind of cushions it. But still, we want to win those type of games. Right now, we're just going to have focus on Oklahoma."

In the loss, Tech forward Jayson

Mitchell injured ligaments in his right ankle and has been listed as day-to-day.

The Red Raiders already have lost center Andy Ellis and forward Cliff Owens to injuries this season.

The Sooners (15-3 overall, 3-2 Big 12) rank in the top four in the conference in scoring offense and scoring defense.

Oklahoma is led offensively by forward Eduardo Najera, who is averaging 19.6 points-per-game and is leading the Big 12 in double-doubles this season with three.

Tech coach James Dickey said Najera is a talented player, and the Red Raiders will have to try to limit his productivity.

"We're just going to have to do the best job we can at limiting the looks that he gets," Dickey said. "He is a terrific player, and we're going to have to double down on him sometimes. He's hard to guard. There is no question about that."

Tech forward Brodney Kennard has averaged 12.5 points and eight rebounds-per-contest since Ellis was lost for the season two games ago.

Kennard said, with Ellis gone, he has got to put more points up on the scoreboard.

"I don't feel any pressure," Kennard said. "But I think that when our team is struggling and without Andy, I think I am going to have to establish myself as a scorer for this team in order for us to have a chance

to win ball games. I just have to step up in every category basically."

Tech had been out-rebounded by its conference opponents by an average of almost 13 boards-per-game before the Baylor contest.

The Bears narrowly held the edge in the rebounding category, grabbing 35 boards to Tech's 34.

Kennard said rebounding and aggressive play will be important against the Sooners.

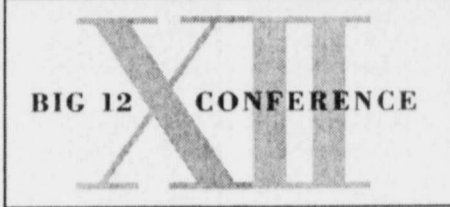
"They're a physical team," Kennard said. "We've just got to come out and match their physical play and get the win."

Tech guard James Ware tallied a double-double in a losing effort against the Bears with 12 points and 11 rebounds.

Ware said Tech needs to be more offensively consistent if it is going to end its Big 12-winning drought.

"We need to be a little bit more sound," Ware said.

"We need to set better screens and take the shots when they're there. Against Baylor, I think we passed up some shots, and it hurt us. We need to run our offense and take the shot when it comes."



Tech guard James Ware and the Red Raiders look to secure their first Big 12 Conference win against Oklahoma at 3 p.m. Saturday at the United Spirit Arena.  
Greg Kreller/The University Daily

## Track and field squads to compete over weekend

The Texas Tech men's and women's track squads will compete in their second indoor meet of the season at the Wisconsin Invitational at 9 a.m. Saturday in Madison, Wis.

The men will be facing squads from Illinois, Illinois State, Iowa, Tennessee and Wisconsin, while the women face Illinois State and Wisconsin.

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# Mickelson, Lehman tied for lead at Phoenix Open

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP) — Phil Mickelson seems to have regained his touch at the Phoenix Open.

A late starter, Mickelson shot an 8-under-par 63 Thursday to tie Tom Lehman for the first-round lead and leave everybody else at least three strokes behind.

It was a 17-shot turnaround for Mickelson at the 7,083-yard TPC of Scottsdale course. Last year, he finished with an 80 and settled for 61st place, and the year before he tied for 58th.

The 1999 tournament was a preface for a so-so year by Mickelson's standards — he failed to win for the first time since 1992, but still finished 14th on the money list.

"I practiced," explained Mickelson, who was 11th in the Williams World Challenge that Lehman won on Jan. 2. "That's pretty much it. I hadn't practiced two days in a row since August, but after the Grayhawk tourney (Williams), I had a real strong desire to play."

Mickelson, who lives at the Grayhawk Golf Club where the Williams was played, and Lehman, also a Scottsdale resident, had eight birdies and no bogeys in their best per-

formances at their hometown tournament.

"I have had some decent tournaments, but nothing where I have ever threatened to win. So this is a good start," Lehman said.

David Duval, Dennis Paulson, Charles Raulerson and Esteban Toledo were bunched at 66.

The group of 15 at 67 included defending champion Rocco Mediate, while 1998 winner Jesper Parnevik was in a group of nine five shots off the pace.

Mickelson has won three of his 13 titles in Tucson, but has struggled in Phoenix at times. Even when he won the event four years ago, consistency carried him. His best round was a 66.

He parred the first three holes before getting birdies on the next three. Mickelson also birdied the ninth, 11th, 13th, 15th and 17th holes.

But he saved the best for last on the final hole. His approach shot landed on the green, but backspin carried about 15 feet from the fringe and 60 feet from the pin.

Mickelson chipped 10 feet past the hole, but read the comeback attempt to preserve par.

# New recruits could mean Raider victories

As Old Man Winter continues to make its presence felt throughout Lubbock, I cannot help but think about my favorite sport.

But enough about Eskimo polar bear wrestling, I want to write about another sport that comes to mind when the temperature drops — football.

And what a week it is, as Super Bowl XXXIV is less than two days away. But Atlanta isn't the only city in America with football on its mind. On this very campus, Texas Tech's new football coach Mike Leach is at war with other universities. Of course, it's not on the football field yet, but what he does these next few days could affect how the Red Raiders perform on the gridiron next season.

The national signing day for high school recruits is Feb. 2, and Leach and his staff have secured more than 15 verbal commit-



**Patrick Gonzales**  
Sports Editor

ments from athletes around the nation. For the first time in a while, Tech might actually have an out-of-state recruit.

So far, it has received verbal commitments from quarterback Jason Winn from Granada Hills, Calif., and running back Jerone Pettus from Roosevelt, N.Y.

What a culture shock it would be for Pettus. Going from the Statue of Liberty to a statue of Will Rogers. But that's beside the point. What I want to mention is the job Leach has done since coming to Tech.

One of the biggest criticisms that arose during the Leach hiring was that he had no national prominence.

"Who in the hell is Mike Leach?" is what some folks asked themselves when he was introduced as Spike Dykes' replacement.

But now the soft-spoken coach, who may not be as funny as Dykes, has assembled one of the best coaching staffs in the nation.

The guy who wasn't supposed to have national prominence, hired a former defensive coordinator from the Seattle Seahawks and a running backs coach who is one of the most successful high school coaches in Texas. Now, he's racking up recruits from all over the country to the flatland capital of

the world. He must be doing something right.

But enough is enough. Sure everything looks good on paper, but none of that matters until their season opener against Auburn on Sept. 2. Then the real test begins. Can Leach and his staff lead the Red Raiders to success?

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I don't know, but if his off-season transactions are any sign of next season, start making plans for a postseason trip.

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# ABC receives \$400-million BCS broadcast extension

(AP) — A college football playoff will have to wait a little longer after the Bowl Championship Series and ABC agreed on Thursday to a four-year contract extension worth about \$400 million.

The new deal runs through the 2005 season, which includes bowl games in January 2006. Taken as a whole, the entire eight-year package that began in 1998 is worth more than \$930 million.

"We're pleased with the agreement and glad ABC was willing to make enhancements to the rights fees," said Kevin Weiberg, commissioner of the Big 12, one of the six conferences in the BCS, along with

Notre Dame. The BCS was created two years ago with the singular goal of matching the two best teams — based on its standings that use polls, computers and strength of schedule — in a national title game. The four bowls in the BCS are the Sugar, Orange, Fiesta and Rose.

Each team playing in a BCS game receives about \$13 million, and the new deal is expected to raise the payouts by as much as 30 percent, to about \$17 million, in the final years of the agreement.

"We now have a plan in place that will be consistent for a few years," BCS chairman Roy Kramer said. "The

first two years of the plan worked very well, so we're happy with the extension."

The past two seasons, Tennessee beat Florida State 23-16 in the Fiesta Bowl for the national title, and the Seminoles won the '99 championship with a 46-29 victory over Virginia Tech in the Sugar Bowl.

"The BCS has turned out to be unqualified success for everyone — the bowls, the fans, the conferences and ABC," said ABC spokesman Mark Mandel. "The BCS is doing what it was designed to do — crown a national champion, create interest and compelling games for the bowls and bring high ratings for ABC."

In 1998, Kramer, who also serves as commissioner of the Southeastern Conference, and his fellow commissioners agreed to a four-year deal with a three-year option available after the 2001 season.

But ABC and the BCS chose to add another year onto the extension now, kicking in the extra \$400 million over the next six years.

While most conference commissioners are accepting the new deal without much objection, the reality is that there wasn't much choice.

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# Bears baseball favored to win Big 12

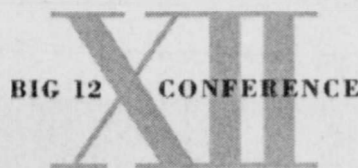
(AP) — Oklahoma State and Texas A&M, the two Big 12 teams that played in the College World Series last year, will both have a lot of new faces this season.

But while the rosters for the Cowboys and Aggies have changed dramatically because of graduation and the draft, Baylor has to make only minor changes a year after the first 50-win season in school history.

"We have six of our nine top hitters and 30 of our wins back on the pitching staff, so it's not a complete redo," Bears coach Steve Smith said Thursday. "I like our chances. We've got good kids, but we also know that the league is going to be extremely, extremely competitive."

The Bears are the preseason pick to win the Big 12 title, according to Baseball America's poll of the league's coaches.

In the preseason polls, Baylor is the highest-ranked Big 12 team in the Baseball America (No. 10) and USA Baseball Weekly (No. 14) rankings. Only Texas is ranked



higher in the Collegiate Baseball poll, four spots above the Bears at No. 12.

Baylor and Texas are the only Big 12 schools that earned top 25 rankings in all three preseason polls. Texas Tech, Oklahoma State and Texas A&M were in the Collegiate Baseball and USA polls, but not Baseball America.

"I don't much stock in the early season preseason polls and know the league will be much better represented at the end than now," Smith said during the coaches preseason teleconference. "This league is going to be very strong."

Oklahoma State's trip to the College World Series last season was its fourth of the 1990s. A return trip could be a difficult task.

"We lost an awful lot of players

who have played a lot of baseball," Cowboys coach Tom Holliday said. "When you replace them, you replace the familiarity and the comfort zone you want to coach in."

Because most of the lost players were seniors, Holliday was able to better prepare for their planned departures. With the addition of several junior college players and other newcomers, he believes he could actually have better athletes on the field.

The Cowboys do return junior left-handed pitcher Matt Smith, the No. 1 starter for much of his first two seasons. Smith was 9-6 last season with a 3.09 earned run average.

"Our pitching really is strong. We were deep last year and it paid off at the end," Holliday said. "We are deep again. There are some names people don't know, but some of the things we didn't have going into last year, we have this year."

While Oklahoma State lost players to graduation, Texas A&M's lineup was decimated by the draft. Eight players — five of the top seven hit-

ters and the three Big 12 starting pitchers — signed pro contracts last summer.

"We have got a new club and could start a lot of freshmen. This is a very young, very new club," A&M coach Mark Johnson said.

Johnson expects to start at least four freshmen and two sophomores transfers this season. But the Aggies do return outfielder Daylan Holt, the NCAA home run leader with 34 last season.

Kansas State looks forward to the opportunity to play at home this season. The Wildcats traveled more than 17,000 miles last season as their home stadium was being remodeled.

"For the players returning, they understand just how focused you have to be on this level to compete," said Kansas State coach Mike Clark. "We were an awfully good ball club in the season half."

"We struggled early because we had to practice at three different places, and we concentrated more on where we played and feeling sorry for ourselves."

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**ACROSS**

- Intertwine
- Make two
- Surrounded by
- Melodramatic exclamation
- Once more
- Port or claret
- With 38A and 57A, this puzzle's theme
- Poker pot starter
- Very dry, as wine
- Drying kiln
- Fenvor
- Actor Conried
- Cereal grass
- Humiliates
- Component piece
- Cereal grain
- Experiments
- Cease
- Olympic sled
- Legal
- See 17A
- Brooklyn Bridge watercolorist
- Bacterial culture base
- Mass of ice
- Orchard fruit
- Matched grouping
- Right on maps
- Adjusted beforehand
- Printer's measures
- Knowledge
- Mindful
- Behave!
- Thin air
- Forest ruminant
- Truthful
- Mtn. stat.
- Up and about
- Battery terminal
- Final letters?
- Personal preference
- Stand novel, "Shrugged"
- O-T separation
- Pinta's sister?
- Water lily
- Negative contraction
- Jacket piece
- Grocery store
- Air stroller

**DOWN**

- Indy circuits
- Toward shelter
- By any means
- Clairvoyant's letters
- Torment persistently
- Turkish titles
- Finally, though also important
- 8 Contend
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# SPORTS

## Showdown in College Station Lady Raiders face Aggies in search of fifth-straight conference victory

by Matt Muench  
Staff Writer

On Saturday, it was a battle of ranked teams when the Lady Raiders knocked off Kansas at the United Spirit Arena.

The best defense in the Big 12 Conference will battle against the worst offense in the Big 12 as the No. 14-ranked Lady Raiders (15-2 overall, 4-2 Big 12) take on Texas A&M at 2 p.m. Saturday at Reed Arena in College Station.

"A&M has a good basketball team despite what their record shows," said Tech coach Marsha Sharp.

"They have played a lot of teams in our conference really close, and you have to be concerned if you don't play your very best, there is a chance you might not win."

One weakness Sharp thinks the Lady Raiders might have is that they haven't been successful against the type of zone defense the Aggies run.

The Lady Raiders are riding a four-game winning streak, while the

Aggies have lost six straight, last winning Jan. 5 at Baylor.

Along with being the top defensive squad in the Big 12, the Lady Raiders rank among the top five defenses in the nation.

"We thrive off of our defense against every team we play, and this game will be no exception," said senior forward Aleah Johnson.

The Aggies come into the game playing their second consecutive contest against a ranked opponent.

They almost pulled off an upset against No. 23 Oklahoma on Wednesday but lost 79-72 at College Station.

Sharp and players think the Aggies will be working extra hard Saturday to beat a ranked opponent.

"Usually when we go out on the road, we have a big target on our back, and it is usually promotion night so they can fill up the stands," Sharp said.

"However, I think that can work to our advantage because it is a lot easier to play in an atmosphere when you cannot hear the ball bounce on the court."

The Aggies haven't won a game at home since they beat Texas A&M-Corpus Christi on Dec. 19.

Both of Tech's losses have come on the road against Big 12 opponents Iowa State and Okla-

homa.

"I think anytime you go out on the road in the Big 12, you have to be con-

cerned because everybody is always trying to protect their home court so well," Sharp said.

Senior forward Keitha Dickerson is one of the Lady Raiders that has helped the team be consistent on both sides of the court.

She helped stop Kansas' Lynn Pride last week, and this week, she has the duty of helping stop the Aggies' leading scorer Jaynetta Saunders, who is averaging 15.1 points-per-game.

"We have to do the same thing as we did against Pride," Dickerson said. "We have to gang up on her on defense and hope to contain her."

Dickerson leads the Big 12 in rebounding, averaging 10 boards-per-game while averaging 11.7 points on the offensive end.

"It's nice to lead the conference, but it is not anything I think or worry about," Dickerson said.

"If we win is all I worry about." Sharp hopes she can give more players some playing time Saturday.



Greg Kreller/The University Daily  
Freshman post Plenette Pierson will help lead the Lady Raiders in their battle with Texas A&M Saturday in College Station.

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**Keitha Dickerson  
Lady Raider forward**

## Vincent to replace Sanders in Pro Bowl

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Dallas' Deion Sanders will miss the Pro Bowl game because his wife is expecting a baby. He will be replaced by Philadelphia's Troy Vincent.

The Eagles' cornerback was in-

formed Thursday by the NFL that he will play in the Pro Bowl for the first time. The announcement did not come as a surprise to Vincent, who spoke to Sanders before the end of the season.

"(Sanders) had told me that there was a good chance he wasn't going to participate in the game," Vincent said. "It was always in the back of my mind that ... I might be taking a trip."

## Tech baseball season opener cancelled due to weather

The Texas Tech baseball club will have to wait at least one more week before opening the 2000 season, after its weekend-series battle with Texas-Pan American in Edinburg was canceled due to weather.

The Red Raiders were supposed to leave for Edinburg on Thursday by plane but could not fly out of Lub-

bock or Dallas due to the icy weather.

Tech and UT-Pan Am will replay the series March 13 to March 14 in Edinburg.

The Red Raiders were entering the series without three starters from last year's squad — senior shortstop Lance Woodcock, junior centerfielder Miles Durham and se-

nior designated hitter Chaz Eiguren.

Hays begins this season still in search of his 1,200th career victory.

Tech was not scheduled to play again until next weekend in a series with New Mexico State, but the Red Raiders have scheduled their next contest against West Texas A&M at 4 p.m. Tuesday at Dan Law Field.

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