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## STATENEWS —

### Town searching for answers after death of organist

PALESTINE (AP) — An 84-year-old organist was bound and gagged before her body was weighted down with cinder blocks and thrown into the Neches River, police said Monday.

"This is the worst thing I've seen since I've been in Palestine," assistant Police Chief Mike Medders told the *Palestine Herald-Press*. "A lot of things shock you but this one shocks you enough to make you sick."

Geraldine Davidson, organist for the Grace United Methodist Church, was reported missing Wednesday night by friends. A police search of her residence found no sign of her or her car, but a motorist spotted her body floating in the river Thursday morning.

Danielle Nathaniel Simpson, 20, of Palestine, was arrested and charged with capital murder on Friday. Three juveniles — a 16-year-old female and two boys, ages 15 and 13 — also were arrested. The teens have not been charged in the murder.

## NATIONALNEWS —

### Scientists find link between alcohol and fainting

DALLAS (AP) — Scientists say they have learned part of the reason why some people become lightheaded and pass out when they stand up after drinking alcohol.

Two or three beers on average is enough to impair the body's ability to maintain a steady blood pressure, according to a study believed to be the first to explain the cardiovascular effects of drinking.

The study published Tuesday in the journal *Circulation* found that people have wider blood vessels and lower blood pressure after drinking alcohol.

Those changes impair the body's ability to pump fresh blood to the brain, said Dr. Virend K. Somers, a co-author of the study. As a result, drinkers who suddenly stood up often felt lightheaded and sometimes fainted.

How alcohol causes those changes is unknown, said Somers, a cardiologist at the Mayo Clinic in Minnesota. He suggested the alcohol could be blunting the nerve signal sent from the brain to the vessel, or the alcohol was preventing the blood vessel from constricting.

## WORLDNEWS —

### Albright accuses Russians of inflicting misery on civilians

MOSCOW (AP) — Clashing openly with Russia over Chechnya, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright said Monday the conflict in the rebellious republic had inflicted "an incredible amount of misery" on civilians by targeting them indiscriminately and forcing them from their homes.

She appealed to Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov to open a dialogue with Chechen political figures. "We believe there is no military solution to the Chechen problem," she said.

But Ivanov responded at a joint news conference that Russia had to move firmly against terrorism, a view in which he said other governments concurred, and that no one had come up with an effective recipe to deal with the extremist threat.

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# Fall fee increases topic of meeting

by Kelsey Walter  
Staff Writer

More than two years ago, Texas Tech students voted on and passed a proposal to expand the Student Recreation Center. Now, it is time to pay up, and many of those students who voted are no longer here to support the decision.

Students, faculty and staff met Monday in the University Center Senate Room to discuss several proposed fee increases for the fall 2000 semester.

Jim Brunjes, Tech's chief financial officer,

headed the hearing, informing those present of five new charges that could increase full-time student tuition and fee costs as much as 10 percent.

"Each students' tuition will increase from about \$100 to \$150 per-15-hour load," Brunjes said.

All proposed price hikes are scheduled to be submitted before the Board of Regents meeting, Feb. 10 to Feb. 11.

While the fee increase has been voted on by students and approved, the increase still must be approved by the Regents before they can show up on a student's tuition bill,

Brunjes said.

The entire list of proposed fee increases include: institutional tuition from \$38 to \$40; UC expansion from \$30 to \$88; SRC expansion from zero to \$25; student services from \$123.60 to \$131.40 and information technology from \$6 to \$7.

The information technology and the institutional tuition price hikes are tacked on for each credit hour a student is enrolled. The information technology fee is designed to pay for student licenses for the use of Microsoft products.

Tech already provides students with an

option to purchase Internet service for \$90 each year.

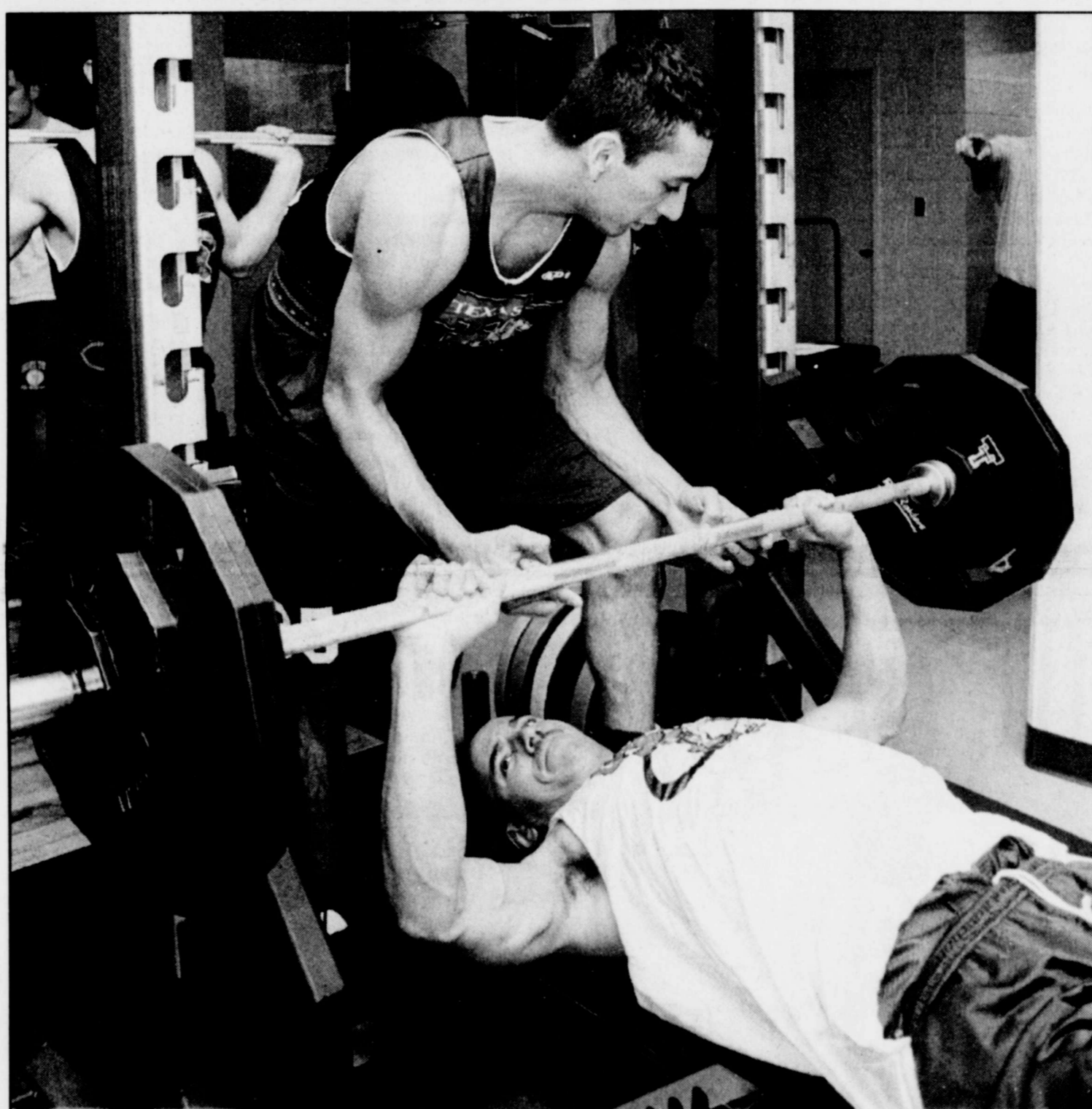
Brunjes said every university has the authority to increase some of its fees each semester to compete with the others. He said all major universities in Texas charge the same for institutional tuition, and Tech is trying to follow suit.

Additional money from Student Service Fees will go toward campus bussing.

Brunjes said raising the Institutional Tuition Fee is part of a long-term plan to compete with other universities in the state.

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## Feel the burn



Jennifer Galvan/The University Daily

Jesus Arenas spots James Ware on the bench press Monday after a Red Raider practice session. The basketball teams and volleyball squad now have a weight room of their own at the United Spirit Arena. Previously, the teams utilized the weight room at the Athletic Training Center.

## Tech basketball, volleyball squads benefit from new weight room

by Jeff Keller  
Assistant sports editor

Part of an athlete's training is based on performance preparation and having the equipment and facilities available to help them prepare for competition.

Now, to help them prepare for Big 12 competition, the Texas Tech men's and women's basketball and volleyball squads have a new weight room, located in the United Spirit Arena.

The facility is centered between the basketball and volleyball locker rooms, providing easy access for the squads.

The teams have been working out in the new facility since the beginning of the spring semester. Before the completion of the facility at the arena, the teams previously had to share a weight room with other

sports programs at the Athletic Training Center.

Tech guard Rayford Young said the new weight room provides a less crowded environment in which to work out.

"It's a lot better lifting over here because you don't have to worry about interfering or getting in the way of the football players or the softball girls or whoever is lifting at the time," Young said. "At the ATC, you would have everybody in the same place lifting weights. So it's just a lot better now that we can lift here."

Tech forward Brodney Kennard said it is nice to have a weight facility located so close to where the team practices.

"It's better now that we have the weights over here," Kennard said. "We don't have to get in our cars and go over to the ATC anymore. It's just very convenient. We go in there now, and everybody likes the new facilities, and we just get after it."

Before the volleyball squad started lifting in the new facility, 6-foot-7 outside hitter Colleen Smith could not do some of the lifting exercises because she was too tall for the equipment at the ATC.

"I couldn't do the calf-raises on the old equipment," Smith said. "But with the new equipment, I can do all of the workouts. The equipment is in really good condition, and we are going to take good care of it."

Tech strength and conditioning coach Kelvin Clark said the weights in the new facility are able to combine different lifting stations into one area.

"This equipment is state of the art," Clark said. "The thing is, now on our machines, we can do bench press, incline, shoulder press, squat and everything in one little area. Before, it would have taken about six machines to do the same thing

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# Alaskan airliner crashes

OXNARD, Calif. (AP) — An Alaska Airlines jet carrying 65 passengers and five crew members from Mexico to San Francisco crashed Monday in the Pacific Ocean after reporting mechanical difficulties.

Flight 261 from Puerto Vallarta was reported down 20 miles northwest of the Los Angeles airport about 3:45 p.m., the Federal Aviation Administration said. Pieces of wreckage could be seen in the water, but there was no sign of survivors.

A Coast Guard helicopter, a Navy airplane and small boats were searching a large field of debris rolling in swells off Point Mugu as darkness began to descend on the ocean. Commercial squid boats, which have high-power lights, were illuminating the debris field.

"Right now they are searching for survivors," said Coast Guard Lt. Jeanne Reincke. "They see a large debris field, but that's all we've heard from them."

The plane was an MD-83, part of the MD-80 series aircraft built by McDonnell Douglas, now part of Boeing, said John Thom, a spokesman for Boeing's Douglas aircraft unit. The downed plane was delivered to Alaska Airlines in 1992, Thom said.

The jet's crew had reported mechanical difficulties and asked to land at Los Angeles, said Ron Wilson, a spokesman for the San Francisco airport. The flight was scheduled to continue to Seattle after San Francisco.

"Radar indicates it fell from 17,000 feet and then was lost from radar," Wilson told KRON-TV in San Francisco.

Cynthia Emery, FAA flight operations officer in Seattle, confirmed the number of passengers and crew.

The weather was clear at the crash site, and the water typically has a temperature in the low 50s this time of year. The water is between 300 and 600 feet deep.

The National Transportation Safety Board was assembling a team of investigators in Washington, D.C., and planned to send them to the crash site late Monday night or early Tuesday morning, spokesman Pat Cariseo said.

On Sunday, a Kenya Airways flight crashed into the Atlantic Ocean shortly after take off from Abidjan, Ivory Coast. The Airbus 310 carried 10 crew members and 169 passengers. At least 10 people survived.

Last Oct. 31, EgyptAir Flight 990 plummeted into the ocean 60 miles south of the Massachusetts island of Nantucket. All 217 people aboard the Boeing 767 were killed.

Alaska Airlines, which has a distinctive image of an Eskimo painted on the tails of its planes, has an excellent safety record. It has built itself into a western power by serving more than 40 cities in Alaska, Canada, Mexico and five Western states. Its headquarters are in Seattle.

The airline operates several flights from Puerto Vallarta, a resort on Mexico's Pacific coast, to San Jose, San Francisco and other California cities.

# SRC to be named in honor of Ewalt

by Charlie Milling  
Staff Writer

Family, friends, faculty, students and alumni gathered Monday to celebrate the career of Robert Ewalt, whose retirement became effective Monday.

In honor of Ewalt's 26 years of service to Texas Tech as the only vice president of Student Affairs, Tech President Donald Haragan, announced the Student Recreation Center will be renamed in Ewalt's honor.

"(Ewalt) never sought respect, but he is no doubt one of the most respected people on campus," Haragan said.

Everybody had compliments for Ewalt, as they mingled in the Merket Alumni Center. Kristie Cooper, a senior administrative assistant in the Chancellor's Of-

fice, said Ewalt affected many areas at Tech.

"He will be definitely be missed," she said.

In a speech, Haragan recalled when he came to Tech 15 years ago and first met Ewalt.

"When I first came here into the administrative system 15 years ago, Bob (Ewalt) had already been here 12 years," Haragan said. "So, I had an opportunity to learn a lot from Bob Ewalt, and I can tell you there is no finer colleague to work with."

Haragan noted many of Ewalt's accomplishments over the years during his speech.

"When I look around and see the things on this university that was a direct result of what he did, then you realize the kind of legacy that Bob Ewalt will have," Haragan said.

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Robert Ewalt talks with Lewis Jones during Ewalt's retirement party Monday at the Merket Alumni Center. Greg Kreller/The University Daily





# Traffic signs drive students to show concern



A Lubbock police car passes by a sign that informs drivers and passengers of the statistics of alcohol-related accidents in Lubbock. The sign is located on University Avenue. In 1999 in the United States, 15,936 fatalities were attributed to alcohol-related crashes.

by Loretto Jones  
Staff Writer

Many Texas Tech students may have noticed light blue traffic signs around town that have been installed by the City of Lubbock Traffic Engineering Department to curb drinking and driving.

The signs say, "40% of Traffic Fatalities Last Year Involved Alcohol — Don't Drink & Drive."

These signs are located on the north and south-bound lanes of University Avenue, Indiana Avenue and 98th Street, west of Avenue P.

Many students are questioning the location of these signs as well as the message that the signs have.

Roy Reyna, a freshman general studies major from Lubbock, said he thought the signs did not serve any practical purpose.

"What a waste of the taxpayers' money," Reyna said. "Who looks at them? I think there is a good chance they are targeting Tech students. What are they trying to say?"

Jere Hart, Lubbock city traffic engineer, said no one was targeting the Tech student population by where the

**"The signs are too long. Who can read them at 40 mph on Indiana (Avenue)?"**

**Shannon Flume  
Tech student**

signs were placed or by the message. The city of Lubbock's concern was how Lubbock rated in the northwest Texas area.

In 1997, Texas Department of Public Safety statistics reported Lubbock as being the 12th worst in alcohol-involved crashes. The Texas Department of Transportation's Save City/Save County ranked Lubbock County as the 15th worst in alcohol-involved crashes in 1998.

Sign location is controlled by the state of Texas, not the city. Hart said

frequently-used streets are the main targets of where to place them.

"I can't put them on the state highway so we chose the busiest streets where the most people would see them," Hart said. "The volume of traffic is the most significant reason why they are close to Tech."

Several students questioned the expense of the signs and the readability of them.

Shannon Flume, an English graduate student from Pampa, said she thought the signs were too hard to read.

"It is a waste considering all the public service announcements," Flume said. "Why put up a sign? The signs are too long. Who can read them at 40 mph. on Indiana (Avenue)?"

Hart said he hopes the signs will make people think before they drive drunk. In 1999 in the United States, 15,936 fatalities were attributed to alcohol-related crashes.

Hart said he wants Lubbock drivers to be aware of the problem of driving while under the influence in an effort to prevent South Plains residents from becoming part of 1999 and 2000 statistics.

## Researchers find alternate use for gin trash

by Charlie Milling  
Staff Writer

*Cotton gin byproducts could be used at feed lots*

For many years, cotton gin trash has been an unproductive byproduct for area farmers, but now, researchers at Texas Tech have found a better use for gin trash.

The task now lies in trying to better develop the trash for feed-lot owners.

Emmett Elam, associate professor in the Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics at Tech, recently completed a study to see if cotton gin trash could reduce the cost of feed for cattle in feed lots.

The study concluded the cost could be reduced by as much as 5 percent.

Gin trash is the organic remains of cotton plant discard, comprised mainly of cotton burs, leaves, stems, twigs and soil particles.

It is primarily used as an ingredi-

ent for roughage.

Elam said many feed-lot owners still use other products, such as alfalfa or cottonseed hulls, instead of gin trash.

He said alfalfa averaged \$117 per ton in 1991 through 1997, while cottonseed hulls averaged \$70 per ton. Gin trash averages \$20 per ton.

Gin trash contains higher levels of protein, net energy of maintenance, and cattle can gain calcium, phosphorus and potassium more than in cottonseed hulls.

The research suggests if feed lots are not using gin trash along with the cattle's regular feed, the feeding returns are not being maximized.

Elam said the problem is gin trash is not traditional.

"It's got a bad image," he said. "It

smells bad, and it doesn't look that good. It isn't competitive with the other stuff. Cotton farmers want a higher selling price."

According to a written statement, Elam suggests one way to raise the price would be to encourage more use-demand for gin trash as roughage.

Reed Richardson, director for the Center of Feed Institute, is working toward that.

His study involves running the gin trash through an extruder.

He said an extruder completely pulverizes the trash.

"We are trying to figure out the economic feasibility of this process," Richardson said. "We want to know the cost involved."

In order to help the process, the

gin trash is coated with feed-grade corn starch.

"The starch has extra nutrients, but it also has extra cost," he said. "We want to know those costs."

Richardson said, though the starch adds extra cost, it also adds another advantages.

### Job fair to begin Wednesday

Representatives from more than 20 companies will visit with students at the Texas Tech 2000 College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources job fair Wednesday.

The fair will begin at 10 a.m. in the University Center Ballroom.

"The extruded gin trash looks better and also smells better," he said.

Richardson received funding for the research last fall, and he has a graduate student assisting him.

"We have used the extruded gin trash on 24 lambs," said Melissa Johnson, a graduate student from Lubbock.

She said, so far, the results look promising.

The interviewing process will begin at 2 p.m., and the fair will continue through Thursday.

Leslie Williams, coordinator of special projects for the agricultural college, said some of the companies will be hiring for regular jobs as well as internships.

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If approved, the increases will allocate funds for at least 20 new faculty members in unknown areas.  
"Pay increases will fund a primarily new faculty but also a small part of the current faculty," Brunjes said.  
Linda Potter, a political science graduate student from Alpine, said she understands that it is expensive to run a university but that tuition prices are high enough already.  
Potter said she pays \$96 per credit-hour while she attends classes toward her doctorate degree.  
Brunjes said additional fees are likely to increase again in the coming years. "They will have to be adjusted as things around us change," he said.

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"His list of accomplishments ... is substantial: student government, student code of conduct, intramural sports and women's collegiate athletics."  
Ewalt, with his family next to him, graciously accepted the honors.  
"I came here thinking I would only be here for five years," Ewalt said. "People ask me what I am going to do now that I am retired. I just tell them, 'I'll think about it tomorrow.'"  
In addition to being honored with the renaming of the rec center, Ewalt received two other gifts.  
One was a painting done by local artist Lonnie Mason. The painting is a portrait of Ewalt, with part of the rec center and the Aquatic Center in the background.  
The other gift was given by two members of the Air Force ROTC. They presented Ewalt with a flag framed and signed by every cadet in the program.  
When asked what he will miss most about his job, Ewalt simply replied that he will miss the students.  
"It's been a great privilege to be a part of Texas Tech University," he said with tears in his eyes.

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## RA jobs prove rewarding, fun

by Amber Morgan  
Staff Writer

It is 3 a.m., and there is a knock at the door. Resident Assistant, Audra Reeves gets up to see who it is, only to find a freshman resident crying because she has just gotten into a huge fight with her boyfriend and is in desperate need of advice.

Reeves, a sophomore fitness and wellness promotion major, has had her share of late-night knockers, among other things. However, Reeves admits there are many perks to being an RA, and she really enjoys her job.

"Being an RA has its advantages," Reeves said. "You get the convenience of living on campus, and you get to make really strong connections with other people around campus."

Tech now is looking for students interested in becoming RAs.

Brandon Fontenot, a sophomore management information systems major from North Richland Hills, just started his job as an RA three weeks ago and loves it.

"You can't beat the benefits of being an RA," he said. "You get free room and board, a paid job. You are near your classes, and you put in about six hours a week. It is definitely worth applying."

RAs also are responsible for coming up with fun things for their residents to do on campus as well as off campus.

"Being an RA is a great way to get involved," said Sara Guenther, a junior nursing school student and

second-year resident adviser. "It's a great leadership opportunity."

But ask any one of them and they will tell you that it takes a special kind of person to become an RA.

"To be an RA, you must be sympathetic to the needs of others and have really good people skills," Reeves said. "This is a chance to influence the incoming classes and to have an impact on their college experience."

Guenther said being an RA is not all fun and games either. She said there are many things that RAs must deal with on a daily basis.

"You must be a hardworker and be willing to get little sleep," Guenther said. "People will come to you at all hours of the day and night needing advice, medical attention or just a shoulder to cry on."

Guenther and Reeves both said being an RA is a rewarding experience and a lot of fun. They also agree sometimes they must be tough on their residents in order to follow residence hall regulations.

"The hardest part is having to enforce the rules," Guenther said. "You don't want to get these people in trouble, but sometimes you have to. It's part of the job."

Vince Martinez, a junior nursing/paramedic major from Godley, said his job is relatively easy compared to stories he has heard from female counterparts.

"The guys are a lot more laid back than the girls are," Martinez said. "I rarely have to break up disputes between roommates."



Greg Kreller/The University Daily

Resident Assistant, Brandon Fontenot, a sophomore MIS major from Fort Worth searches for proper documentation in order for a resident to receive a lockout key.

Martinez also agrees it is a time-consuming job but does it because he is social and loves working with people.

Overall, most RAs will agree their job is a rewarding experience.

With free housing, close proximity to classes and a paycheck to boot, Fontenot said being an RA is an excellent opportunity to take advantage of during college.

There will be two RA informa-

tional meetings for those interested in becoming RAs. The first meeting will be today in three locations: 7 p.m. at Horn Residence Hall Formal Lounge; 7:30 p.m. at Hulen/Clement Residence Complex lobby; and at 8 p.m. at The Market at Stangel/Murdough Residence Complex. The second meeting will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday in Wiggins West and at 8 p.m. at the Gordon/Bledsoe/Sneed Residence Complex dining hall.

## Texas Tech theatre to 'peek' students' interest

by Amy Curry  
TechLife Co-editor

Texas Tech students will have the opportunity to view a theatre production deemed an American classic by critics at little or no cost when "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof" makes its informal debut Feb. 17 at the Maedgen Theatre.

The newly renamed Maedgen Theatre is located at 18th Street between Boston Avenue and Flint Avenue.

The Tech theatre department has set up two programs to enable students to attend theatre productions without doing any serious damage to their pocketbooks.

Sneak-Peek is offered the night before the general public performance. Students with a Tech ID are admitted to the production for free. Guests accompanying a Tech student can see the shows for \$5. Student

rush also is available at regular performances for those who arrive an hour before show time. Students can place their names on a waiting list, and five minutes before the show begins, these students will be allowed to claim seats not taken by paying ticket holders for free.

Sarah Albin, a senior merchandising major from Lubbock, said a lot of times, college students do not want to spend money or simply do not have any money to spend.

"I think students would be more apt to go if it were free because, by not spending any money, they really don't have anything to lose by going," Albin said.

Tech Audience Relations Specialist Cecilia Carter said for students to get a quality education, they need to take full advantage of the cultural opportunities offered at Tech, like viewing theatre productions.

"We would like to have a house

packed by students," Carter said. "That is our ultimate goal. We're just trying to create a richer cultural environment for students by offering the free Sneak-Peeks and student rush."

Shad Tyra, a junior theatre arts major from Amarillo, plays the role of Brick, an anguished self-doubting husband of the lead female part, Maggie. He hopes that Sneak-Peek and student rush will prompt more students to attend the upcoming production.

"It's probably not going to sell like a musical would, but a lot of people know this play — it's an American classic. I hope they'll give it a chance."

"Cat on a Hot Tin Roof" is the first play in a series for the spring semester. Sneak-Peek for "Rhythmic Flirtations" will be available for students April 6, and "The House of Blue Leaves" will open April 20.

For more information about theatre tickets, call the box office at 742-3603.

## Glover, Justice perform tonight

Danny Glover and Felix Justice will perform "An Evening with Martin and Langston" at 8 p.m. today at the University Center Allen Theatre.

Tickets are available at the UC ticket office, located on the second floor of the UC.

Justice will recite two of Martin Luther King Jr.'s most power-

ful speeches. Film star Glover will transform into a stage performer when he delivers works of Langston Hughes.

The two men are returning to the stage together to help celebrate Black History Month.

Glover has appeared in many films including the "Lethal Weapon" series.

Correction: In Monday's UD the time for the Tech Unplugged concert was incorrect. It should have read the concert would be at noon Wednesday in the University Center Courtyard. The UD regrets the error.

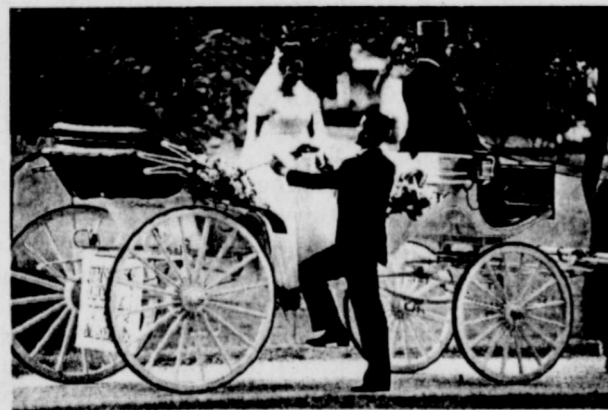
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10:00	Teletubbies Wimzie's	M. Stewart	Price is Right	Donny & Marie	View	Divorce Ct. Divorce Ct.
11:00	Zoboomafoo Arthur	Ainsley Harriott	Young & the Restless	Forgive or Forget	All My Children	People Court
12:00	Hawaii Cook Motorweek	News Days of Our	News Beautiful	Jerry Springer	Family Feud Port Charles	Mills Lane Mills Lane
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2:00	T. Tubboat Dragon Tales	Hyland Square	Guiding Light	Martin Luv's Single	General Hospital	Paid Program Magic Bus
3:00	Arthur Washbone	Rosie O'Donnell	Maury Povitch	Paid Program Caroline	Sally Jessy Raphael	Magic Bus PR Galaxy
4:00	Zoom R. Rainbow	Opah Winfrey	For Women For Women	Enquirer E.T.	Montel Williams	Seas Wars Digiton
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6:00	News Hour	News Extra	Jeopardy CBS News	Judge Judy Judge Judy	News W/ Fortune	Voyager
7:00	Lost Empire	Sho! Me *PG 3rd Rock *PG	JAG	Dare You	Millionaire	That 70's That 70's
8:00	NOVA	Will/Grace Veronica	60 Minutes II	Shasta Dillert	Dharma/Greg Sports Nite	Party of Five
9:00	Frontline	Dabeline	Judging Amy *PG	Jerry Springer	NYPD Blue	Cops Frasier
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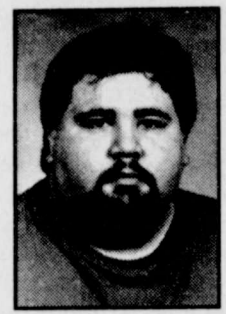


## State's flag their own business

Well, you know, friends, it seems as if some people have a problem with historical symbols. This is really nothing new, I suppose, but recent debates over the state flag of South Carolina have gotten to a point of bordering on idiocy.

On one hand, you have African Americans who are upset because it represents slavery. On the other, you have people who say that it is representing a period of the state's history.

Now if this is all there was to this debate, I could simply state my opinion and have done with it. It would certainly make for a very short column on my part. But this debate is raging at a very appropriate moment. Thus, I have other things of significance to bring to the floor of this debate.



**Cameron Graham**  
Columnist

I recently was sent an e-mail by a good friend of mine that contained the aforementioned information. I hope all of you read very carefully what I am

about to relate to you.

It seems Al Gore (or Al Gore depending on what talk-radio program you listen to) is going around stating that the GOP presidential candidates are not being strong on this issue. He states that it is because these candidates, including Gov. George W. Bush, are afraid of offending the so-called extreme right of the Republican party.

Just for the record, the majority of the GOP candidates have said that it is a matter that should be settled in South Carolina by South Carolinians and those who represent them on the state level.

Now for those of you out there who aren't aware, the core of Republican beliefs is that it should be up to the states to decide these matters and not the federal government. But Gore, and Bradley for that matter, being all nice and liberal, have come out and said the Stars and Bars has to go.

But hold on, good reader. There is just a teeny bit of hypocrisy here. Gore is from the Volunteer State of Tennessee. If we paid attention in our history classes, we know that Tennessee was a border state during the Civil War (or The War of the Southern Insurrection).

**If a state wants to design their own flag, then they have the right to do so.**

Well guess what, folks? On the Tennessee flag is a white star. What does this represent, you ask? Well no, it doesn't mean that Tinker Bell is alive. No, it is to represent white power. Or to put it more bluntly, the power of white people over minorities.

Now why doesn't Gore, being the good liberal he is, fight to take the star off his home state's flag? Another piece of info given to yours truly concerns Georgia and Mississippi. Both have the Confederate battle flag incorporated into their state flags.

How is it that the NAACP (a largely liberal and Democrat-controlled body), Gore, Bradley, Jesse Jackson and God knows who else, are not after these two states? The answer, my friends, is politics.

The State Legislatures in these two states are controlled by, you guessed it, Democrats. Whereas South Carolina is a Republican-led institution.

Yes, it seems Gore and the rest of the Democrats have yet to learn to think before they give a sound byte for the evening news. But this does not stop at the crop of presidential candidates.

When Bill Clinton, who has been proclaimed by some as being the nation's first black president, was governor of Arkansas, he signed a bill for a Confederate Flag Day. Just showing Bubba, hypocrisy knows no bounds.

Here is the deal, folks. If a state wants to design their own flag, then they have the right to do so. It is up to the people of the state and no one else to decide what goes on it.

As an historian, I can say that the Confederate flag is a symbol of a very trying and harsh time for our nation. A war that made men free and truly united this country.

To the people of the South, it is a symbol of the belief that the individual is more important than the state and that the states have rights.

Oh, and one more thing — for those of you out there that think that what I am spouting is typical Republican rhetoric, let me say this: Yes, I am a Republican, but if the Civil War were to be fought today, I would fight for the Union because anyone who fires on the Stars and Stripes is no friend of mine.

And don't forget, it was the Republican Party that freed the slaves. Think about it.

Cameron Graham is a senior History major from Lubbock. It's 106 days until his graduation!

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Just the beginning, folks

**To the editor:** As I sat inside the Journalism building reading *The University Daily* on Friday, my stomach sank with great despair. I had read the proposal before, but somehow seeing it in newsprint made it more real.

While reading the columns and letters to the editor that were already running on the issue, I sat there thinking there is nothing more that I can say, but there is something more to be said.

Mr. Hudson, what gives you the right to take our newspaper away from us? What journalism, newspaper, radio or yearbook experience have you had that gives you the right to take mine away?

As a former reporter and news editor for *The UD*, I can honestly say that a lab newspaper is not one that would give me the same experience I received working there.

Mr. Hudson, I would like to challenge you to work as a reporter for one week at *The UD*, trade places, go to their classes and turn in a story everyday by deadline. When that week is over, I ask you to go to the *Lubbock Avalanche-Journal* and trade places with one of their reporters. I believe you will find that the students working for *The UD* receive the best educational experience they can under the current setting.

To change the format would not only go against what Harry Montgomery, the first editor of *The Treador*, had in mind when he put out the first issue of the newspaper during registration in 1925 but would also go against what our forefathers wanted when they gave us the First Amendment.

Mr. Hudson, public relations is in mass communications, your department. The first rule you learn in any public relations class is never dodge the media. For this to hold true, Mr. Hudson, shouldn't you know that by not returning phone calls and avoiding the press, you are only making it worse for yourself?

All that we have to go on are your words inside your proposal. If you truly believe what you said, speak up. Talk to the press. Talk to your students. We are, after all, almost all inside your department. We want to know why you believe this is for the best. We want to hear you say what you believe.

We do not want to read another proposal or news release. We do not want to be treated as children.

Although no longer working for *The UD*, I truly feel as though it will always be a part of me. I worked long, hard hours day in and day out as news editor last year and would not change a second of my experience for a professor telling me how it should be done better. The mistakes I made were my own, and I learned from each and every one. I am proud of those mistakes because I was a part of a student tradition that does it daily for the students of Texas Tech.

To quote a great editor, "This is bull\*\*\*\*." I hope that you have reconsidered your proposal or are prepared to explain your stance more clearly.

*Angel Wolfe*  
senior  
journalism

**To the editor:** It has been more than 10 years since my words have appeared on the editorial page of *The University Daily*, however, among others I found chairman Jerry Hudson's proposal to incorporate the student newspaper into the School of Mass Communications disturbing enough to address.

The proposal seeks to transfer the editorial decision making process from you, the students, into the hands of Tech's professors. You can debate whether the experience gained from working at *The UD* is more similar to an actual newspaper or more of a teaching tool. You also can argue whether the content appearing in the paper is even worthwhile. What you cannot question, however, is that under the current conditions, as long as you are a student at Texas Tech, this is your

newspaper.

What you read every morning over cereal or in between classes are the writings of people looking to voluntarily better themselves as journalists, and on a larger scale, people mastering the English language. Yes, they are justly paid for their work; however, none of these people are forced to write for your newspaper, as would be the case under the proposal's laboratory setting. How many three-hour afternoon labs would you voluntarily attend if given the choice? Yet these people do it everyday, including weekends, and the fact that each person on this staff has chosen to be here is reflected in the goodness of this paper. Say what you will about your newspaper; however, individuals and the paper as a whole have received countless awards through the years by their colleagues recognizing excellence within these very pages. You need only reflect a minute to know that such excellence would not be received from a staff working to fulfill credit requirements, rather than from their own motivation.

Currently, you as a student reading this paper have the opportunity at select times during the year to apply for one of these positions at your paper. Can't stand the paper or its content? Do something about it. You have the ability to make a difference. These positions are open to anyone. Submit an application, and if you are good enough, there is room. Like any other job in the real world, there is competition. This job is not handed to you, nor does it come easily once on staff. However, do a good job at what you do, and you will be rewarded, either in the form of recognition by your peers or through the sheer experience you take with you into the workplace — whatever the field of employment may be.

You, not even on staff at *The UD*, but as a member of an organization, may inform the reporter assigned to your beat of upcoming events of interest that you would like to have publicized. You even may sit on a committee to choose an editor more to your liking. It is your paper. You may contribute as a guest columnist or write a letter to the editor expressing yourself in a forum that could very well be stripped or censored under the proposed laboratory setting. After all, try "just sitting in" and contributing during one of the many anatomy or chemistry labs offered in which you are not enrolled. Allow this proposal to pass and it becomes not your newspaper, your tool, but theirs. The control is no longer in your hands. You have just relinquished it to the School of Mass Communications. You can wonder right now if this letter would have been printed under a laboratory setting.

For years, the School of Mass Communications has been trying to get their hands on your newspaper and make it theirs. This is masked in their statements wanting to show students what it is like in the real world. To "put those kids through the wringer and show them what journalism is all about" so to speak. Allegedly, they know best, right? Think just a moment, credentials aside, the process of working at a campus newspaper is more similar to working at a metropolitan publication than being a professor in a university, is it not? Comparing jobs alone, the fact that you, a student, are accountable for your editorial decisions will provide you with more experience than being guided by someone teaching under a controlled environment. You are allowed and will rightly be held accountable for your own mistakes. You are allowed to succeed and fail on your own accord, through which you will grow the most. Your newspaper as it now exists presents a tremendous opportunity to learn more than from any single course agenda. You are allowed to develop a rapport with people on your beat. You are allowed creative freedom by using the editorial page. This is the one time of your life you are given this forum to do so.

Does this make it more of a teaching tool than a real newspaper? Perhaps, but consider that any first job post-graduation at a newspaper, be it a large metropolitan setting or the *Lubbock Avalanche-Journal*, also would be a

teaching tool. It is your first job. You have things to learn about the industry. The fact that you are currently given the opportunity to take years of experience with you from this publication into another is worth far more than a one-semester laboratory setting could grant. Your newspaper, as it is, contains every quality necessary to be considered a "real" newspaper. The people that work here already face real deadlines and face real stress. Ask them, as they will attest to this. These people are held accountable for their decisions. These people have been burned from their mistakes. These people also are rewarded for their successes. In the end, it was as real enough as a setting for me to know that journalism was not the field for me.

Figuratively yes, it would be nice to give a larger number of mass communications students more experience before graduation. This is a shortfall of the School of Mass Communications itself, and not of your paper's. Mass communications must look inside itself for solutions to its own shortcomings, rather than impose itself on you by taking your newspaper. If they would like to increase this type of exposure, they may certainly set up their own newsroom, in their own building, create a laboratory setting, and even choose whether or not they want to print something. Perhaps the possibility exists to implement collaboration with existing media.

Similarly, it also would be nice, too, if Tech guaranteed more jobs upon graduation, though neither of these are truly feasible concepts. Higher education exists to give you the resources or tools necessary in preparation for entering the real world. It does not exist to necessarily be the real world in itself to everyone.

Furthermore, there is nothing prohibiting current mass communications students from stepping up, taking responsibility for themselves, finding experience through whatever avenue on their own and managing their own career. Career management is not the responsibility of your professors, and it is certainly not the responsibility of the newspaper. It is yours.

The proposal seeks to change all of this, transferring your editorial power into the agenda of the professors. Consider briefly a simple scenario of an assistant professor weighing the implications of printing a controversial truth versus not being awarded tenure. His life and family's well-being now is at stake alongside your First Amendment rights. Clearly, the proposal does not offer a conducive setting where professors attempt to teach you about the real world, while being accountable to their own agendas.

You should be alarmed that the chairman of the School of Mass Communications, a school responsible for teaching and warning its own journalism students about the implication of such issues, would find it even acceptable to consider such a proposal, much less be the primary author. Do not take this sitting down. This is your paper, your voice, not the professors of the School of Mass Communications, though they also are free to use this paper.

If you feel you should still have a say on campus, be it for the Master Plan, parking woes or whatever, keep a keen, informed ear to the ground of the administration. Take a stand for yourself and your newspaper and suggest to the professors of mass communication, Chairman Hudson and the administrative channels already in place, that the School of Mass Communications should set up their own teaching tool, keep their hands off of your newspaper and let the staff do the job they are paid to do by keeping the current conditions in place.

Now, finish your cereal. You're running late for class.

*Jay Collier*  
Class of 1992  
Boulder Creek, Calif.

**See More Letters on Page 5**

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.



## Students, alumni voice MCOM angst

To the editor: I am strongly opposed to the mass comm takeover. Having the mass comm head ultimately in charge of *The UD* will considerably censor the student newspaper. *The UD* is the first opportunity for many students to delve into journalism firsthand. It is an influential medium for the Tech community and should be taken seriously. On several occasions, *UD* staffers have scooped the *Lubbock Avalanche-Journal*.

I know from personal experience that *The UD* takes ethics, libelous material and fairness very seriously. With mass comm in charge of *The UD*, student reporters will be taught to ignore controversial issues instead of learning how to fairly write about them. *The UD* will turn into a PR publication, printing only positive stories about the university, and the Tech community will be denied its right to know about the issues directly affecting everyone on campus.

**Caren Carneflx**  
Class of 1998  
Lubbock

To the editor: I have two primary objections to Jerry Hudson's plan to "socialize" Texas Tech media. My first objection is practical. The second is philosophical.

First, I think Mr. Hudson is underestimating the value of KTXI-FM and *The University Daily's* resume builders. These activities look good on a resume because they are not courses. Whatever the wages may be, they are paying jobs in the journalism field—jobs based on merit, at publications that operate in the free market.

Of course, these organizations are shielded from market forces to some extent, but fundamentally, they operate by pleasing customers and selling ad space. Hudson's plan would remove that distinction and turn our campus media into "just another class."

*The UD* is a labor of love. Students join the newspaper staff to prove they are serious about journalism. They give their time and effort to the publication because they care about the paper, and they want to establish themselves professionally.

Students go to work for KTXI-FM and *The UD* because they want to establish themselves as professionals. Turning these organizations into "academic labs" would tarnish the reputation of Tech media and trivialize the hard work done by these students.

My second objection is philosophical. Although these are not true free market institutions, Hudson's plan would essentially "socialize" Tech media. Putting *The UD* "under the guidance" of the School of Mass Communications sounds harmless, until you remember what the School of Mass Communications is.

Texas Tech University is a state-funded institution, ultimately accountable to the State Legislature. That means the School of Mass Communications fundamentally is a political organization, accountable to politicians and bureaucrats.

I've worked on the Tech staff for six years, and I can tell you firsthand how political considerations affect this university. Even organizations that are ostensibly "privatized," like Rec Sports and the Physical Plant, base trivial decisions on what will please the powers that be.

By making *The UD* part of an academic course, you essentially are turning editorial control over to the professors who grade that course. At that point, *The UD* becomes a propaganda tool.

Students might not even notice a difference, but when push comes to shove, when a tough decision has to be made, the School of Mass Communications will make sure their professors and administrators adhere to the party line.

In the fall semester, *The UD* published a blank newspaper to protest yearbook censorship. Would this kind of protest be allowed by a mass comm professor? Would students be given "course credit" for a blank paper?

Whether you agree with that action or not (I personally do not), I think a student publication needs the freedom to "break the rules" from time to time.

On the issue of quality, I believe freedom of the press includes the freedom to publish a bad paper! Right now, *The UD* staff are professional journalists. They can be punished for a bad performance and fired outright.

No mere course grade is going to carry the same weight as a paying job. These organizations are not merely "toys" the administration lets students play with. They are real media organizations that teach real lessons about accountability, censorship and professionalism.

Hudson's plan sounds harmless on paper, but the road to hell is paved with good intentions. The students need to stand up and send a clear message to these meddling bureaucrats. Mind your own business and leave the media alone!

**Michael Duff**  
sophomore  
English/journalism

To the editor: As an avid reader of *The University Daily*, I take pride in the fact that it is a newspaper published by the students for the students. I cannot imagine a university newspaper with more integrity and intelligence than *The UD*. I particularly enjoy reading the Letters to the Editor. When I read the letter from Jerry Hudson, chairman of the School of Mass Communications, my heart went out to the editorial staff of *The UD*. As an English major, I am a stickler for the rules of clear, written communication. As I was trudging through Hudson's lengthy explanation of the "why" and "how" of his ideas, I began to lose faith in the editorial staff I have come to love since coming to Tech. Had the person reading this particular letter been bored to sleep? Had he or she given up after the first paragraph? Above all, who edited this thing? As I finished Hudson's lengthy circumlocutions and occasional unnecessary explanation of university red tape, I came across the answer. The "Editor's Note" explained why the editor had allowed Hudson to ramble on and on and on. His letter had been run "as is." I put my palm to my forehead and exclaimed, "Oh, I get it."

And in the very next breath, "those poor guys at *The UD*!" How hard it must have been not to use your editorial right! How tempted you must have been to remind Hudson that in your experience at the student-operated *UD*, you have learned a couple of valued concepts! 1.) Brevity is the key to good communication; 2.) A good idea need not be explained.

**Mandi Foust**  
senior  
English/history

To the editor: Texas Tech University has been a part of some rather unethical and underhanded activities in the past but to get rid of *The UD* and to turn reporting and news into a homework assignment has gone too far.

*The UD* is the only free speech forum left on campus. There once was the "free speech zone" (in the front, left-side of the University Center) and that appears to be forgotten.

As the students pass through the halls of Tech, most students could care less to know the facts or to speak up on important issues. However, there still are a small group that believes in telling the truth and presenting the facts in an unbiased fashion. *The UD* is such a place.

The staff of *The UD*, albeit a little quirky, is one of the most dedicated and hardworking groups of people that I have ever had the pleasure of knowing. I have never seen a group of students, especially at Tech, who care as much about something they do. These students give up the normal day-to-day college activities to work on this paper. This is their life. They give up a lot of what college students take for granted to get *The UD* out five days a week.

The paper is the students'. It is their voice, not the university's public relations voice. The paper is not for fund raising. The paper is not used to make the administration and faculty look good. The paper is for truth and unbiased reporting.

It is a sin to allow *The UD* to become a lab paper. An authoritarian body that dictates what will be written and how it will be written is no better than communist Russia or the Texas Techsan.

Tech wants to have a school that has deep traditions and a world-class status, but it is willing to give up one of the oldest traditions on campus. A tradition that is more than 75 years old and has produced Pulitzer Prize winners.

*The UD* is Tech, and without *The UD* as a free media source, Tech will

never gain its status as a Tier I school.

**Gavin Dillingham**  
Class of 1997  
Houston

To the editor: Gaining journalism experience is crucial to finding a job after college. A newspaper under the roof of the School of Mass Communications would only damage that experience.

*The University Daily* offers a real perspective on getting a job and covering a beat. Student newspapers teach writing skills, legal issues and editing skills. But there is more to it than that.

Interviews for *The UD* are similar to those at professional papers. You are quizzed on your journalism skills, past articles are reviewed and references are checked. You and others like you are competing for the same job in a cutthroat business.

Students need the experience of competing against each other for the job. Being handed reporter positions does not work, that only shovels wide-eyed, scared and intimidated students into a profession that the public criticizes every day.

Journalism students will not survive if they grow to believe stories are handed to them on a silver platter by an editor. Few quality, investigative pieces are dropped onto your desk. Working on one beat and cultivating sources, that is where a reporter develops his or her talents.

A top complaint of professors and administrators is the turnover rate at *The UD*. Often each semester, and sometimes sooner, a new person is assigned to cover a beat. With dozens of students floating around with assignments in hand, faculty and staff can only expect to see the problem worsen.

Anyone who criticizes the newspaper for inaccuracies now should only expect the problem to increase with this scenario. For Texas Tech to produce quality journalists, advertising executives and public relations representatives, they must learn to fight for experience.

The student newspaper has a right to be published, but no one has the right to work for the student newspaper.

**Laura Hipp**  
Class of 1999  
Bryan-College Station

To the editor: As a Texas Tech alum and former *University Daily* editor, I was disgusted to learn of Jerry Hudson's proposal to reduce *The UD* to a lab paper under faculty control.

Student-run college newspapers are part of the college student experience. Being in college means being challenged. It means discovering your voice and learning how to use it. It means having the freedom to protest, to complain, to disagree, to confront and to be confronted. Taking away students' control of *The UD* means taking away their voice.

Fundamental differences always will exist between students and administration, students and faculty, students and staff. That's part of the quintessential student experience—feeling angry and powerless against a system, then discovering the power within yourself to make a difference.

Every college student deserves to have that experience, and students need a forum in which they are safe to voice their opinions, especially when their opinions are critical of the university.

*The UD* has been that forum for 75 years. Reducing *The UD* to a lab newspaper would reduce the students' voice to a whisper.

To the staff of *The UD*: Good for you for raising hell.

To the students: Recognize that a newspaper controlled by the university is not a newspaper worth reading. You have the right to a free press—fight for it.

To Jerry Hudson and his crew: Shame on you. If you want to improve the School of Mass Communications, look elsewhere. Leave *The UD* alone.

**Carrie Kilman**  
Class of 1997  
Lubbock

To the editor: The idea of bringing Texas Tech student publications and media under the watchful eye of the Tech administration and faculty is absurd. As pointed out in Friday's coverage, establishing "lab" media at Tech will hinder the university's far-reaching goal of Tier I status, as well as affect the quality of student jour-

nalism on campus.

Can anyone guarantee that the student newspaper, yearbook and radio station will be free to report on hard-hitting issues under an umbrella setup? What if those same, hard-hitting issues affect the School of Mass Communications negatively? Are faculty, whose paychecks are held by their administrative superiors, ready to do battle for their students when an editorial, article or story is particularly controversial?

I worked at *The UD* for four years. I also worked toward and earned a degree through the School of Mass Communications during that time. I attended classes with other students who had no interest in working in student publications, even though they were earning degrees that made it logical for them to seek employment there. These same students also often made highly-critical, incredibly rude remarks about the content of Tech student media, without the experience to qualify those remarks. The very idea that this type of mass communications student should be required to rub elbows with student journalists who spend up to eight hours a day, five days a week bringing the news to the Tech campus is baffling. Why take a position away from a student with love for the job and hand it to one who will just try and get by?

It's sad, but this is just another way to begin chipping away at a free, student press on the Tech campus. With all of the outstanding alumni, numerous awards and prestige Tech student publications and media have earned, it's troubling that Tech faculty and administrators are considering the demise of one of the best programs on campus.

**Megan Clark Dillingham**  
Class of 1997  
Houston

To the editor: I am a Texas Tech student who is studying abroad in Melbourne, Australia. Each night, I log on to read *The UD* to keep up with what is going on at the school I call home. I am in my third year and no doubt will be here for a bit longer. I would like to thank *The UD* staff for their excellence throughout the years I have attended Tech. I have always read *The UD* to find out what is going on around campus and to find out students' views on the issues. Although I don't always agree with everything that is published, I still enjoy reading what others think and how they feel. I think that part of being a well-rounded person is being able to see the many sides of every issue. I also feel this is part of being a well-rounded person, being able to publish all sides of the issue. Now that I am half a world away, I count on *The UD* to provide me with accurate information on what is happening on our Tech campus. If the School of Mass Communications takes over *The UD* and the freedom of press is taken away, I will not only be reading an unfair paper, but I will not be seeing all sides of any issue. I want the editors and columnists of *The UD* to know I fully support your views on this issue and hope that everyone else will, too. Tech is a well-rounded school. Why shouldn't we have a well-rounded paper, too?

**Angeline Roberts**  
senior  
architectural and civil engineering

To the editor: One of the most important things I learned while working in Student Publications at Texas Tech was that the product we produced was ours as students. There was no one to dictate to us what we should or should not cover in *The UD* or *La Ventana*. Our advisers were just that: advisers. They were there to guide us as we honed our skills as journalists. The advisers were not supposed to be our editors—that was our job. That is what the students on staff learned to do and practiced on a daily basis. Is this not the goal of this type of college experience? I feel that I learned the most about myself as a person and about being a responsible journalist because of this concept. When I was editor of the 1997 *La Ventana*, I was editor in name and duty. Student Publications would have done a great disservice to me as a student if that had not been the case. As editor, I was able to make decisions about stories and events to cover, and I was able to weigh the consequences of my decisions. No one TOLD me what to do—that was my decision as editor. The

people who selected me as editor decided and trusted that I was capable of doing this task, just like every editor of *The UD* and *La Ventana* who is selected. Changing this system and appointing a staff member to be the "editor" of *The UD* will rob students and future Tech students of the opportunities that I had. This is not what the college experience is supposed to be. College students are supposed to be able to gain practical, "real life" experience. How can this be achieved if the system is changed? As a high school journalism and yearbook teacher, I am scared by this proposal. How are the students expected to apply what they have learned if the opportunity is taken from them?

**Aleesa Miller Ross**  
Class of 1998  
Nashville, Tenn.

To the editor: I am writing to express my concerns regarding the supervision of the student newspaper by a faculty member of the School of Mass Communications. Overall, I can only see this as a bad idea.

Experience tells me that a risk would be taken regarding censorship. With a faculty member that close to being in charge, *The UD* staff has every right to be concerned that this person at sometime might pressure students not to print certain material. Before attending Tech, I was part of a junior college newspaper staff. This newspaper was run by the journalism department as part of course curriculum. We had a faculty adviser, as well as another lab adviser, and were constantly on eggshells with the administration. The whole journalism program ran on a small budget, and we often were concerned with printing something that might offend the college's president, etc. To boil it down, to have said something negative about the college might have gotten our program completely cut. I hate to think that members of *The UD* staff would have to face these or any other related concerns as student journalists.

The only reason I would be in favor of the suggested restructuring would be to aid shy or inexperienced journalism students (through course curriculum) in getting their first few stories printed. I believe that journalism students really need the experience of the student newspaper before graduation. While I do not know the requirements of the journalism curriculum at Tech, I do not think contributing to a student publication should be optional for these students.

With all of that said, I still fear what having a faculty member overseeing *The UD* staff would do to the integrity of the newspaper. *The UD* is the outlet of news, positive or negative, for students who need to know more about Tech and our administration.

*UD* staffers deserve their right to the First Amendment. Having a faculty member on board would only aid to compromise that right.

**Bridget Thomas**  
senior  
public relations

To the editor: Along with many of my colleagues in both student and professional journalism circles, I was surprised and appalled by Jerry Hudson's proposal to destroy the independent editorial voice of Texas Tech University, which has taken three generations to build.

The news and editorial pages of *The University Daily* are more than just a "teaching tool." They are a legitimate news outlet serving more than 25,000 people, with a larger circulation than the papers many students will work at after they graduate. *The UD* is the only news outlet that examines Tech with an eye toward the voices and interests of its students. Will a lab paper's reporters go over the Master Plan with a fine-toothed comb, the way *UD* reporters have? Will a lab paper investigate irregularities at the campus bookstore or the questionable practices by the athletic department, the way your paper, our paper, has and will?

Lab paper reporters are in it for the grade. They come in. They do their work. They go home. I think I speak for many *UD* employees, past and present, when I say that the second floor office seems to me more like a living person than a place, someone that I love dearly. We have all spent countless hours, sweat and blood, some of us torpedoring our GPAs in the process, so you, the students, could have a better understanding of the

place you have committed at least four years of your life to and could have accurate information to form your own opinions about your school and the things that affect you.

In the professional world, I have found the experience of being a former *UD* editor invaluable. I know what my editor wants when I go out on a story because I know what I wanted. I understand ethics and news value not from reading about them but because I made those decisions and had to live with my decisions. True, a paper administered by professionals might look and read more professionally, but the learning experience would not be the same, and a vital, independent voice for the students would be lost.

As for the opinion of Mr. Sanders from the *Lubbock Avalanche-Journal*, I have only this to say: during my four years in Lubbock, I never found the *Lubbock Avalanche-Journal* reporters or editors to be particularly concerned about what was in the best interests of the students at Texas Tech. I don't see any reason for them to start now.

Students will learn nothing from a lab paper setting, which would just be an extension of the classroom. Yes, *UD* staffers make mistakes, and those mistakes sometimes see print. But, they have to live with the consequences.

By the same token, the ad staff that supports the paper goes to work knowing that the student body is depending on them. If they don't sell enough ads, if they don't provide good customer service, if they lose accounts, then there's no money to operate the paper. It's just like learning a foreign language: three hours a week in lab is OK, but three hours in Spain is better.

If *The UD* ceases to operate as an independent student-operated newspaper, it will be the death of one of Tech's greatest traditions. It will leave the future generations of Red Raiders voiceless, and it will leave no place for journalism and ad majors to learn the drive, initiative and ethical bearing that is so important in the working world.

Even if you don't like *The UD*, you must understand that it is better than the alternative. Don't let your voice be silenced. Call Jerry Hudson, chairman of the School of Mass Communications, at 742-3385, and tell him where to stuff his indecent proposal.

**James Walker**  
Class of 1998  
Vicksburg, Miss.

To the editor: I am writing in response to an article posted on the online version of *The University Daily*. It was written by Wayne Hodgins and dealt with censorship and restructuring editorial control of student-run media outlets.

I come from one of the few independent colleges left in Texas and graduated with a degree in mass communications. Even in our small school, the fight against censorship was real. Let me suggest to you that any kind of editorial control held by the governing body of the university or the state is dangerous. Truth is something that should never be censored. If it is unpleasant to some, it is liberating to others. When that power is taken away and when information is dispensed in a homogenized way, it ceases being news and becomes propaganda. Propaganda will not teach your students to become effective journalists. What it will tell them is that James Franklin took unnecessary risks in publishing material not sanctioned by the government and that his relation Benjamin shouldn't have bothered with it either. It tells them that the penny press was never necessary. It tells them Boss Tweed's corrupt politics in New York weren't that big of a deal because he pumped a lot of money into the city. Same goes for child labor, unsanitary food practices and countless other things.

The issue of editorial control is one that has been around as long as media has, and it will not end with this discussion at this university. The decision you are faced with is this: Will you try to use your positions of power to control what the public knows, or will you let a university do what it was intended and train young journalists responsibly and ethically? Byron said, "Without offense to friends or foes, we sketch the world exactly as it goes."

**Katherine Martin**  
Wichita Falls



# Raiders lack luster in final minutes



**Matt Muench**  
Staff Writer

Legendary college basketball coach Jimmy Valvano was known for saying, "Don't give up, don't ever give up."

Valvano said this not just to tell his players to keep fighting on the court,

but he also was referring to his fight with cancer.

So what does this, "never give up" have to do with Texas Tech basketball?

A whole lot. And I mean a whole lot.

If Valvano saw the men's basketball team, he would be disgusted at their effort on the court down the stretch of the game.

I know I am, I know the fans are, and I hope the players are.

The Raiders are the worst team

in the Big 12 right now.

Even if they were in the Big Sky conference, they would probably be in last place.

It is not because of lack of talent (well, maybe), lack of coaching (well, maybe) or lack of attendance (never blame the fans).

The reason they are 0-6 in conference play is because they can't play 40 minutes of basketball.

The Raiders work so hard 80 percent of the game and then watch it slip away.

They are running, scratching and fighting for every inch at the start but not the finish.

It is like the players at least work hard for 30 to 35 minutes, but what is the use?

It is like baking a cake for 30 minutes instead of 40. No one likes a soggy cake — not even the dog.

In almost every conference game, they have gone on scoring droughts of up to five minutes or more.

You can't win scoring 50 points a game. In the Baylor, UT, OU and OSU games, they came within range of beating them and then blew it.

Players always will say they are giving it "their all" every time they step on the court. That is not what I see. They look confused, sloppy and have no intensity when it comes down to clutch-time.

It is too early in the column to just say they are giving up.

So let me investigate the other possibilities.

I do not want to hear the excuse of being tired. That is the reason Spike Dykes can say was the reason he retired. Is it what you are eating?

No, that cannot be it because the players eat at Wiggins not Bledsoe.

Can you say Pete Rose or Shoeless Joe Jackson? Could they be throwing the games? Nah, I don't think so.

Many would debate with me and say there is no depth on the bench. That does not work because you were losing with Andy Ellis and Jayson Mitchell in the lineup.

That leaves me with saying that it has to be lack of effort.

This is where assistant coach Muench comes in.

Coach Dickey needs to try something new.

After the Oklahoma game, he said he did not want to change the lineup because he wanted the seniors to "step it up."

Sorry to say, coach, but Rayford Young is the only one finding the stairs to step it up.

The "Brick Brothers," James Ware and Brodrenn Kennard, are showing no production.

At one point in Saturday's game, Kennard looked like a four-year-old shooting at a 12-foot hoop. He bricked at least three shots pretty bad.

Dickey needs to realize young players like Ronald Hobbs and Moses Malone Jr. are the team's future.

The Red Raiders are looking at an 0-9 start as they next face three ranked teams in a row.

If Dickey isn't careful, he could have something in common with Dykes.

Can you say Dykesja vu in Raiderland?

*Matt Muench is a freshman journalism major from El Paso.*

# Vermeil goes from under arch to over rainbow with Super Bowl XXXIV victory

ATLANTA (AP) — Yes, Dick Vermeil cried.

A day after his team's Super Bowl victory, he spoke of his late mother Alice and how she was sure he would one day come back and coach an NFL champion.

Other Super Bowl coaches have handled these day-after news conferences their own way:

Mike Ditka complained about voters choosing the wrong MVP; Bill Walsh lobbied for George Seifert to succeed him as 49ers' coach; Bill Parcells suggested that for him to lose a few pounds was "like throwing a deck chair off the Titanic."

Not Vermeil.

The 63-year-old coach was not about to get flip at a time like this. This was supposed to be a man too old for the job.

This old-school coach sheds tears when he cuts players, discusses their injuries — even when something good happens to them.

Monday was no exception.

He spoke not only about his

mother, but about a quarterback falling through cracks and a game-saving tackle that gave the St. Louis Rams — 4-12 a year ago — a 23-16 Super Bowl victory over the Tennessee Titans.

He acknowledged that Kurt Warner, the first player since Steve Young five years ago to be both regular-season and Super Bowl MVP, was the kind of quarterback who doesn't get a fair shake in the NFL. Warner needed luck to make it, coming out of Iowa through the Arena League and NFL Europe. But it wasn't luck that resulted in 414 yards passing.

**WEIGHTS**, from p. 1 that one machine is doing now. So that is what's better about it."

The new weight room is not only helping players who are active, but it also is helping rehabilitate injured players.

Tech forward Cliff Owens was forced to miss this season due to a torn ligament in his left ankle.

Owens said Clark's program and the new facility have gone a long way in helping him to recuperate from his injury.

"Before I can really come back in here and practice, I have to get my leg a lot stronger so that it will take some of the pressure off of my ankle," Owens said. "Coach Clark and his program and this new weight room have really helped me to do that."

Clark said college football at Nebraska, a school famous for its weight facilities and its weight training program.

Clark said the weights for the new facility cost about \$80,000, and Tech now has one of the top basketball weight facilities in the nation.

"As far as just a basketball-only weight room, I think it's one of the best facilities in the country," Clark said.

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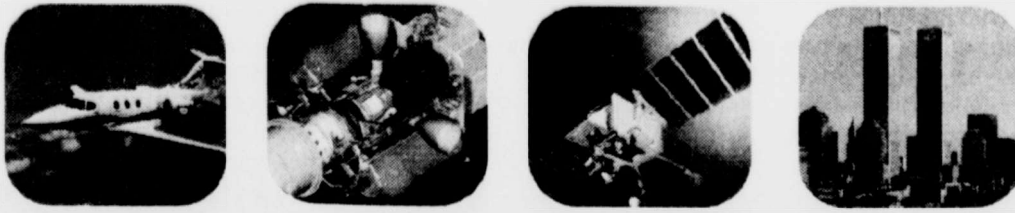
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# Cincinnati retains top ranking, three new teams join AP top 25

(AP) — Cincinnati, Stanford, Duke and Syracuse held the top four spots in the AP college basketball poll Monday, but the changes continued at the bottom as three teams moved into the Top 25, two for the first time in three years.

The Bearcats (20-1) extended their winning streak to 12 games with victories over Louisville and South Florida last week.

This is their fourth straight week at No. 1 and ninth overall this season. Cincinnati got 65 first-place votes and 1,743 points from the national media panel.

Stanford (17-1) was No. 1 on three ballots and was second with 1,663 points, 74 more than Duke (16-1). Syracuse (17-0), the last unbeaten Division I team, had the other two

first-place votes. Ohio State moved up three places to fifth, and was followed by Tennessee, Connecticut, Michigan State, Arizona and Auburn.

Indiana led the Second Ten, and was followed by Florida, Oklahoma State, Kentucky, Kansas, Texas, Tulsa, Oklahoma, Utah and Iowa State.

The last five ranked teams were Temple, LSU, Oregon, Vanderbilt and Maryland.

For the third straight week at least three teams moved into the Top 25.

Iowa State, last ranked in the final poll of the 1996-97 season; LSU, which was out of the Top 25 for two weeks after a two-week run, and Oregon, last ranked on Jan. 13, 1997, were the newcomers.

Iowa State (18-3) jumped in at No.

20 following home wins over Texas A&M and Kansas last week. The Cyclones' losses this season have been to Drake, Cincinnati and Oklahoma, in double overtime.

In the first poll of this year, LSU (16-3) moved into the rankings for the first time since Dec. 12, 1993. The Tigers then lost three straight games, but they returned this week following wins over Arkansas and Arizona, the latter an impressive 86-60 victory, the Wildcats' worst loss in coach Lute Olson's 17 seasons.

Oregon (15-3) is in the Top 25 for the first time since Jan. 13, 1997, following wins over Southern California and UCLA.

North Carolina State (14-4) lost to Clemson and beat Arizona State last week but fell out from No. 21. South-

ern California (13-6) was 23rd last week but lost to Oregon and beat Oregon State and dropped out of the rankings. St. John's (13-5) beat Rutgers to snap a two-game losing streak, then lost at Notre Dame and fell out from No. 25.

The Southeastern Conference has six ranked teams — Tennessee, Auburn, Florida, Kentucky, LSU and Vanderbilt — one off the record shared by the Big Ten (1993 and 1999) and the Atlantic Coast Conference (1997).

The Big 12, with five teams, is the only other league this week with more than three ranked schools.

Tennessee's jump from No. 11 to sixth was the biggest move of the week, while Arizona, Tulsa and Vanderbilt fell four spots apiece.

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# OSU's Crow named Big 12 Player of the Week

DALLAS (AP) — Oklahoma State senior guard Jennifer Crow was named Monday as the Big 12 Conference women's basketball player of the week by a media panel.

Crow averaged 22.5 points, 6.5 rebounds and 4.0 assists with one

block and four steals in Oklahoma State's two games last week.

She scored a career-high 34 points in a 75-72 win over Colorado, including 11 during a 21-0 run that put the Cowgirls ahead.

She also had 10 rebounds and

eight assists.

Crow is just five rebounds from becoming the third player in school history to record 1,000 points, 500 rebounds, 250 assists and 150 steals in a career. She will be the first player to post 1,500 points, 500 rebounds,

250 assists and 150 steals.

Texas A&M junior forward Jaynetta Saunders was named the Big 12's rookie of the week.

She averaged 17 points, 6.5 rebounds, 2.5 blocks and 2.5 steals in the Aggies' two games last week.

# New Mexico football team goes through makeover

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — New Mexico's football team is going through an early makeover, with former starting quarterback Eric Jaworsky, kicker David McKinney and reserve running back Kevin Leigh gone from the team.

The school announced Monday the three would not return to the team.

McKinney, from Fort Worth, was a sophomore last season. He

converted 28 of 31 PATs, but missed 9 of 14 field goal attempts in his two seasons with the team.

Leigh, from Houston, was on the team for three seasons. He had only nine career carries for a total of 35 yards.

Jaworsky, from Durango, Colo., was the starter for the first four games of the 1999 season. He completed 44 of 68 passes for 498 yards and 4 touchdowns, but lost his starting job to junior Sean Stein after the Lobos

stumbled to a 1-3 start.

He was the backup to Graham Leigh during his freshman and sophomore years at UNM. He rushed for a career-high 104 yards on nine carries in the 1997 Western Athletic Conference championship game against Colorado State after Leigh was injured.

Stein will return next season and the Lobos are expected to also sign junior college quarterback Jeremy Denson on Wednesday.

The first signing day for this year's recruiting class is Wednesday and spring practice begins April 4.

Denson played at Navarro (Texas) Junior College last season, where he threw for 2,203 yards, with 31 touchdowns and 11 interceptions last season.

Jaworsky is on schedule to graduate in May, but had one more season of athletic eligibility remaining.

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# SPORTS



Tech outfielder Marco Cunningham and the rest of the Red Raider baseball team will try to start their season off with a win when they take on West Texas A&M at 4 p.m. today at Dan Law Field.

## Raiders ready for play

### Tech baseball steps to plate for season opener against Buffaloes

by Patrick Gonzales  
Sports Editor

Even though the season officially has not begun, the Texas Tech baseball club already has faced perhaps their toughest opponent — Mother Nature.

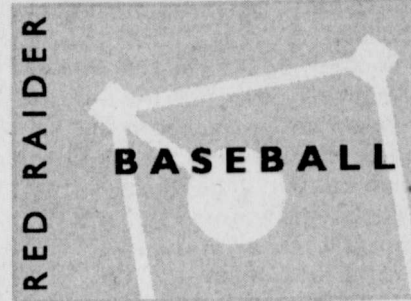
The Red Raiders were set to play their season opener Friday against University of Texas-Pan American in Edinburg but were forced to cancel the three-game series due to inclement weather. Instead, they will open the 2000 campaign, weather permitting, against the West Texas A&M Buffaloes at 4 p.m. today at Dan Law Field. The two squads will complete the two-game series at 3 p.m. Wednesday.

The National Weather Service on Monday predicted a 50 percent chance of snow for today, and Tech coach Larry Hays said he hopes to at least get Wednesday's contest played.

"I'd like to start before we play New Mexico State," said Hays, whose squad faces NMSU this weekend. "They already have four games under their belt."

The Buffaloes have not beaten Tech since 1958, and the Red Raiders led the all-time series 46-7.

Even though West Texas A&M may not be the toughest squad Tech faces all season, Hays said it will be good to get back on the diamond.



"We had such great weather during two-a-day workouts," Hays said. "We hadn't worked a team as hard as we worked out this team. They are fed up with it — playing each other every day."

The Red Raiders will be without starting outfielder Miles Durham, who will be out for a couple of weeks with a strained left thumb, Hays said.

Durham, who was projected as the squad's leadoff hitter, injured the thumb while diving for a ball in the outfield. Tech also may be without designated hitter Chaz Eiguren, who still is waiting on an ap-

peal concerning his status under the NCAA-mandated satisfactory progress rule. Tech expects to have a ruling from the NCAA office no later than today, according to a statement released from Tech Athletic Media Relations.

"That's why we're playing at four instead of three," said Hays about getting Eiguren back for the first game. "Without him, we take a drastic change in the lineup. It's tough because (Miles) and Eiguren were ready to take off."

Whether the Red Raiders start the season today or Wednesday, Hays said, Brandon Roberson will be the starting pitcher. Roberson led the Big 12 Conference with 10 saves last season and was an All-Big 12 First Team selection.

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## LSU women's basketball squad roaring up AP poll

(AP)—What a special season this has been already for LSU and coach Sue Gunter.

At 6-1 in the Southeastern Conference, LSU has matched its best league start in history. With a Jan. 13 victory at Arkansas, Gunter became just the fourth women's coach to win 600 games.

And Monday, the Lady Tigers

moved into the No. 7 spot in The Associated Press women's basketball poll, their highest ranking since they were seventh the week of Jan. 15, 1984.

"It's been a pretty nice year," Gunter said. "We hope to finish up strong and do the things almost every other team and coach is looking for and that's postseason play. That's

what we're always shooting for and trying to get."

Connecticut held the No. 1 spot for the 13th straight week, the longest the Huskies have been on top, and they were a unanimous choice for the fourth consecutive week. UConn (19-0) received all 44 first-place votes from the national media panel and had 1,100 points — 62 more than No. 2 Louisiana Tech. The top five stayed the same, with Georgia third, Tennessee fourth and Notre Dame fifth. The longest previous stint at No. 1 for Connecticut came in the 1996-97 season, when the Huskies led the poll the final 12 weeks. They had one of their toughest games of the season last week, beating Boston College 84-77 before routing Miami 84-36.

LSU (16-3) jumped five places in

the poll after Sunday's 64-58 victory at No. 20 Mississippi State, its sixth straight win. Gunter's team has reached this juncture by surviving a couple of serious setbacks.

First, starting point guard Kisha James went down with a season-ending knee injury three days before the opener at Texas Tech. LSU lost that game, but rebounded to win its next 10, including a victory at Georgia. Then the Lady Tigers lost a close game at Tulane on Dec. 31, and that was followed by an 86-50 loss at home to Tennessee.

"Tennessee had lost the last two times here and they came in with a vengeance," Gunter said. "We were pretty battered the first week of 2000. Everybody else escaped the Y2K thing, but it definitely caught us."

LSU hasn't lost since and three of its victories have come on the road, a mark of experience. Katrina Hibbert, DeTrina White, Marie Ferdinand and April Brown have started roughly 50 games together.

"I think it showed a lot of resiliency by our kids," Gunter said. "That's one of the advantages of having an experienced team. They sort of got over it and put it behind them and right now, we're beginning to play very well again."

Penn State climbed one place to sixth. Iowa State was eighth, Texas Tech ninth and Rutgers 10th.

An 83-63 loss to Tennessee sent North Carolina State from eighth to 11th, Duke fell three places to 12th after Sunday's loss to Virginia and Auburn and UC Santa Barbara were

tied for 13th.

Then it was UCLA, Old Dominion and Purdue, followed by Boston College, Arizona and Mississippi State. Tulane, Oklahoma, Illinois, Virginia and Kansas held the final five places. Kansas returned after a one-week absence. Though nine ranked teams lost during the past week, only Stanford, which had been 24th, dropped out. The Cardinal, who had been in for just one week after being ranked for three weeks early in the season, split on a trip to the North-west, losing to Washington and beating Washington State.

Kansas (14-5) rejoined the poll following an outstanding defensive performance in a 58-49 victory over Iowa State, which had been averaging 80 points a game.

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