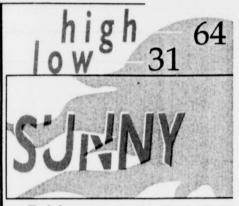


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STATENEWS — Region thankful for rain,

would like some more SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A steady, soaking rain that has fallen over much of South Texas this week is a "godsend" for agriculture but won't end the long-running drought, a meteorologist said Wednesday.

"It's been a real boon for the ground moisture because it doesn't run off," said National Weather Service forecaster Joe Baskin. "It's an excellent way to receive rain."

But Baskin and others warn that the region's drought persists.

"This is not the end of the drought. This is actually the fourth year of a drought cycle," said Greg Ellis, general manager of the Edwards Aquifer Authority. "Everybody needs to conserve (water) every single day."

From Tuesday morning to noon Wednesday, 1.10 inches of rain fell at the San Antonio International Airport. Two to three inches fell in areas to the southwest between San Antonio and Laredo.

Haragan supports student media

Today's administration meeting canceled

by Charlie Milling Staff Writer

Jerry Hudson, director of the School of Mass Communications at Texas Tech, has canceled today's scheduled meeting concerning the recent proposal about the direction of student media at Tech.

Hudson said he canceled the meeting because of responses from professors at the mass communications faculty meeting Tuesday.

"At the meeting, some faculty members asked me to cancel the meeting," Hudson said. "They felt they didn't have enough information yet. These are just ideas. They aren't official proposals."

Tech President Donald Haragan was scheduled to attend the meeting today, along with Provost John Burns and other key individuals.

"I am not in favor of bringing *The University Daily* under the auspices of the School of Mass Communications," Haragan said. "I've talked to Jerry (Hudson), and he knows how I feel about it. All I can do is wait for it to go through the academic process."

In addition to canceling the meeting, Hudson sent a revised draft of the proposal to mass communications faculty Wednesday morning. The draft focuses on the electronic media on campus rather than print.

According to the revised draft, it still is proposed that the university provide funding to KTXT-TV in order to hire a news director, an assignment director and a reporter/ producer.

It also recommends KTXT-TV would be a teaching site for an electronic media course, and the students enrolled in the course would assist in producing the newscast and spend time in the news department of KTXT-FM writing and reading news stories.

Unlike the original proposal, the revised edition does not state that all electronic me-

dia would specifically move to the Mass Communications building, but rather "under ideal circumstances, it would be advantageous to have all electronic media in the Mass Communications building."

"We would like the organizational structure to be where it is all in one place," Hudson said. "If it is in mass communications, naturally we would like to have a say, but if it would be more advantageous for (electronic media) to be somewhere else, then we would have no power over it."

The revised draft does not mention changes to KOHM-FM, except moving the station under one roof along with KTXT-TV

see NEW PROPOSAL, p. 2

SGA to decide on Internet voting

by Jennifer Bailey Staff Writer

The Texas Tech Student Senate will vote today on the implementation of Web voting for the upcoming Student Government Association elections.

A Student Senate approval will allow students to cast their votes online, replacing the previous method of Scantron voting.

"The Student Senate has been in discussion over Web voting for the past two years," said

Tech Student Senate President Carrie Evans. The Web voting will possibly serve as an alternative to the

Grand start to the season



NATIONALNEWS

Airliner returns to Phoenix after reporting problem

PHOENIX (AP) — An American Airlines MD-80 with a jammed tail stabilizer trim made an emergency landing at the Phoenix airport Wednesday.

The airliner was part of the same series of McDonnell-Douglas aircraft as the Alaska Airlines plane that plunged into the Pacific off the California coast Monday.

Like the American Airlines plane, the Alaska Airlines MD-83 reportedly had problems with its horizontal stabilizer, which controls the pitch of the aircraft's nose. Eightyeight people were aboard that flight; none survived.

Phil Frame, a spokesman for the National Transportation Safety Board in Washington, said federal investigators were having the flight data recorder from the American Airlines plane sent to them Wednesday. They planned to analyze it Wednesday night and were trying to interview the crew, he said.

WORLDNEWS -

Ex-sumo wrestler sets off frenzy with allegations

TOKYO (AP) — In Japan, the sumo wrestling ring is sacred ground, blessed by priests and purified with salt before each bout.

A headline-grabbing scandal over a former wrestler's claim that Japan's national sport is rife with fixed contests has renewed suspicions that sumo is not as clean as its image might suggest.

"I regret what I did in the past," Keisuke Itai said Wednesday, acknowledging that he intentionally lost many bouts. "Sumo wrestlers are true athletes, so there should be no fixed matches."

Since Itai first made his allegations last month, saying he wants to revive flagging interest in the sport with a thorough cleansing, sumo officials have issued ardent protests denying any problem.

As for fans, they aren't necessarily ruffled by the allegations.

"This kind of thing probably happens in any sport, and I imagine it happens in sumo," said Mitsukuni Kida, 56, a ramen-noodle street vendor and sumo devotee. traditional ballots cast. The reason for the change is the lack of having the means to count the ballots.

Tech Elections Chairman Dan

Burns said ballots in the past were counted by the Tech Health Sciences Center computer department. Because of recent restructuring within the department, the HSC no longer can count the ballots.

Under the bill, SGA elections would be conducted over a three-day period. In the past, the elections were only on one day.

"This will allow the voter a longer opportunity to cast their vote and at their convenience," Burns said.

If the bill passes, computer polling locations would be designated throughout campus or voters could log on to the SGA Web site and vote from a personal computer.

"A committee is currently meeting to discuss where the computers would be placed on election days," Burns said.

Some students think Web voting is not a good idea because it would be hard to remember to make the switch from bubbling in Scantrons to cyber voting.

"I think Web voting is not a good idea because people are more likely to forget about voting when they are away from campus," said Jason Christian, a senior telecommunications major from Dallas. "When people are handing out flyers during elections, it is a reminder for them to vote."

However, Evans said she hopes Web voting will attract more voters.

"We hope that by lengthening the election time, we can attract a more diversified audience," Evans said.

Some students said Web voting would be more convenient.

"I would be willing to vote online because you would not have to stand in the long lines," said Summer Morgan, a junior telecommunications major from Galveston. "I think more people would be willing to vote because of the computer voting."

Evans said there still will be a designated

area online for write-in candidates. If the bill passes, SGA elections will be Feb. 28 through March 1.

The city of Lubbock is dry in more ways

United Blood Services, Covenant Health

On Wednesday, many surgeries were put

Systems and University Medical Center are all

reporting critically-low amounts of blood

on stand-by and many noncritical surgeries

by Laura Hensley

News Editor

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Fight Parts of the Universe Days

Tech first baseman David O'Keeffe is congratulated by teammates at home plate after hitting a grand slam against West Texas A&M in the second inning on Wednesday during the Raiders' 14-3 defeat of the Buffaloes. Tech's next contest is at 1 p.m. on Friday against New Mexico State at Dan Law.

Fee increase set to go before Regents

by Kelsey Walter

Staff Writer

When Texas Tech officials need more funding, it is up to the Board of Regents to make the decision.

First, it was parking, now it is general tuition and fees. The board will discuss, for the second time in as many months, raising students' tuition bills during the Feb. 10 and Feb. 11 meeting in Houston. Several students expressed mixed opinions toward the proposal.

Elizabeth Conn, a senior elementary education major from Midland, said Tech is going to nickel and dime her to death if fees keep increasing.

At the proposal hearing Monday, Tech's Chief Financial Officer Jim Brunjes introduced five new fee increases that could raise full-time student tuition and fee costs as much as 10 percent for Fall 2001.

"I know that money has to be spent to get the services we need, but prices are high enough already," Conn said.

Kyle Caldwell, a junior chemistry major from Sulphur Springs, said he wants to know if other options can be taken.

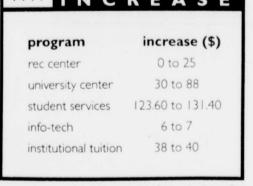
"I think we can find other ways to raise money without increasing fees," he said, referring to increasing the Student Recreation Center Fee from zero to \$25 and the University Center Fee from \$30 to \$88.

Other proposed increases include the Information Technology Fee from \$6 to \$7, Student Services Fee from \$123.60 to \$131.40 and Institutional Tuition Fee from \$38 to \$40.

"The board is very sensitive to issues concerning the students and the fees they pay," said Michael Shonrock, interim vice president for Student Affairs.

He also said the students already have endorsed both expansion projects, and he feels positive they will be approved by the board. He said the regents looks closely at all the possibilities before making a final decision.

Mechelle Govens, a freshman pre-occupa-



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*increase of approximately 10% per credit hour

tional therapy major from El Paso, said it is not worth paying extra money.

"Everything is fine the way it is," she said.

Kiwon Lee, a theatre arts graduate student see **FEES**, p. 2

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were delayed because of the shortage.

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"This is the worst I've ever seen, and I've been doing this for 11 years," said Stan King of UBS. "It's hard to sleep at night."

As of Wednesday afternoon, UBS only had 14 units of the universal O-type blood. They normally posses 72 units to cover all surgeries.

The blood shortage was first reported in January, but has only become worse during the past few weeks, King said. The busy holiday season, flu epidemic and an unusually high amount of local surgeries requiring Otype blood are to blame for the shortage.

"Last month we had 102 people attempt to donate blood, but we had to turn them away because they had flu-like symptoms," King said.

Eddie Owens, director of public relations at Covenant, said Lubbock is not known for its generous blood donations, but the consequences of this shortage is life threatening. "We need about 26,000 units each year, but Lubbock only donates about 20,000," Owens said.

"People should donate, it can literally save lives."

Since UMC is classified as a level-1 trauma unit, the medical center also is feeling the pinch of the frighteningly-low amount of blood.

"If we had a serious enough trauma, we see **SHORTAGE**, p. 2

Blood supply critically low in Hub City, donations needed

said Michael Shonrock, inter ring Monday, Tech's dent for Student Affairs. 2 • The University Daily • Thursday, February 3, 2000

Bush turns right, joins McCain in South Carolina

GREENVILLE, S.C. (AP) -Wednesday that it "feels a lot warmer here" as he laid out a conservative message tailor-made for South Carolina. GOP rival John McCain said he'd gotten "a mandate" in the snows of New Hampshire and hoped for another here.

Bush, bruised by his trouncing a day earlier by McCain in New Hampshire, retooled his stump speech to focus on morality and the military as he addressed a student audience at a Christian college.

To make his point clear, he opened by using the word "conservative" six times in a minute.

Bush also picked up the support of former Vice President Dan Quayle, who said at a news conference with the Texas governor, "We know that we have prosperity today, but let us be very clear that prosperity without values is no prosperity at all. Governor Bush has the values to be president of the United States.

To Bush, South Carolina represents his political "firewall," a place where he hopes to stop McCain's challenge. The Arizona senator

skipped the lowa caucuses and fo-George W. Bush said with a smile cused for months on New Hampshire. He has spent most of the rest of his time campaigning here.

Steve Forbes, who finished second to Bush in the Iowa caucuses and third in New Hampshire, is also appealing to conservatives with a strong anti-abortion and tax-overhaul message in South Carolina.

Alan Keyes, who came in fourth in New Hampshire, also was campaigning in South Carolina. Gary Bauer, who lagged badly on Tuesday, spent the day the assessing whether he would stay in the race.

Bush, the Texas governor, said, "I look forward to publicly defending my conservative philosophy, and I look forward to making it clear to the people of this state and other states that our conservative philosophy will lead to compassionate results." He addressed a crowd of more than 5,000 - his largest audience as a presidential candidate — in the cavernous auditorium at **Bob Jones University.**

The school lost its tax-exempt status in the 1970s for refusing to admit blacks. It now does accept black students but still bans inter"There's not going to be a bump in the road here in South Carolina. There's going to be a long, smooth highway." Texas Gov. George W. Bush presidential candidate

racial dating.

Across the same city, McCain was still reveling in his triumph in the New Hampshire primary, where he beat Bush 49 percent to 30 percent. The senator, a former Vietnam prisoner of war, hopes to win support among South Carolina's large military population in the Feb. 19 GOP primary here.

South Carolina voters are older, less well-to-do, more conservative and more likely to identify with the religious right than voters at large. One potential area for McCain to exploit: In 1996, voters here said their top quality for a presidential candidate was standing up for his beliefs, a quality that New Hampernment back to the people."

One negative for McCain in South Carolina: his sponsorship in 1998 of a Senate bill that would have raised cigarette taxes sharply and given the federal government new power to regulate nicotine.

This state has a tradition of rejecting the verdict of New Hampshire voters, giving Bob Dole a win in 1996 after he narrowly lost to Pat Buchanan up north. In 1992, it voted for Bush's father, former President Bush, after Buchanan nearly beat him in New Hampshire.

A series of polls last month had Bush leading McCain by as many as 22 percentage points.

'As I said last night, there's bumps in the road" to the presidency, Bush said at his news conference. "There's not going to be a bump in the road here in South Carolina. There's going to be a long, smooth highway."

The governor said he planned to portray McCain as a liberal in the staunchly conservative South Carolina.

"He came at me from the left on the education plan and he came at

how badly we need to give the gov- me on the left on the tax plan — and it worked," Bush told reporters.

Time and again, the governor said his challenge in the South would be to "solidify our base," and he set out to accomplish that bymaking a beeline for Bob Jones University as soon as his plane touched down.

Bush's appearance opened with a hymn and the Pledge of Allegiance.

The student body, whose attendance was compulsory, gave stand-, ing ovations to Bush and to former Gov. David Beasley, who focused on Bush's anti-abortion efforts in, Texas.

The governor told the students it was important for the government to restore standards and discipline to American schools. Healso pledged to rebuild the military.

"From the current administration, it seems like they think a. strong defense is something they, expect from their lawyers," Bush said.

He said he would "restore honor", and dignity to the White House," a., comment that earned him his largest round of applause.

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to him that both buildings need no renovations.

He emphasized that better communication between the students and Tech officials is vital.

"They should be more clear on how the money is going to be spent before they make a decision," he said.

Lee, who said his major concern was the Info-Tech Fee, said students already pay enough for technology.

The Info-Tech Fee increase, if

adopted, would pay for student from Korea, said it seems obvious licensing for campus use of Microsoft products on campus.

Lee said the increase is acceptable if the campus is improved with the money but also said the entire situation makes him uncomfortable.

Veronica Romo, a freshman Arts and Sciences major from Lubbock, said she feels differently.

"It is a good investment for me," she said. "I don't mind paying for it if it is going to help me toward my education."

NEW PROPOSAL, from p. 1 the station under one roof along with KTXT-TV and KTXT-FM.

The latest edition does not propose to have The University Daily be administered by the School of Mass Communications, nor does it propose to have a faculty member become the editor.

Instead, it states "there would be no change in the responsibilities, salaries, editorial or news decisions by the The University Daily student editors or reporters."

The proposal does call for stu-

dents who are enrolled in beginning reporting courses be assigned beats and write stories. A non-student adviser would grade the stories and then pass them onto the student editor.

shire voters hands-down identified

I'm going to get a mandate, I hope,

in about 18 days," McCain said at a

news conference. "If there's any-

thing different here, it's that there's

and supporters at Presbyterian Col-

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his signature issue: campaign fi-

the megaphone," McCain told a

packed gymnasium. "Gave me the

opportunity to talk to millions and

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about how badly we need to reform,

Later, in a speech to students

"Our victory last night gave me

more concern about the military."

"I got a mandate last night and

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nance reform

The student editor still would have the final decision on whether or not to publish those stories.

Like the original proposal, the revised draft calls for a non-student adviser to teach a beginning reporting course, and he or she would receive extra compensation, given in terms of part-time employment.

It was stated in the proposal that

Rehabilitation center moves from West Hall

The Texas Rehabilitation Commission satellite office, located in 118 West Hall, will relocate to an off-campus location today.

TRC Counselor Dena Lauderdale jobs. said the new location is at 5121 68th

site has not yet been determined. The TRC helps people with dis-

The location of the off-campus

abilities prepare for, find and keep

Work-related services are indi-

The UD would gain at least four benefits from the changes.

The student editor would have a wider selection of stories to choose from. Also, more journalism students would be introduced to the newsroom. Another proposed benefit for The UD would be that the competition among students would increase, thereby increasing the quality of stories. The fourth benefit would be that a wider pool of applicants could be attracted for the editorial adviser position.

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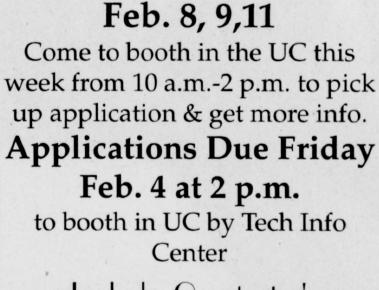
would have a tough time caring for the victims," said Kim Davis, director of public relations at UMC.

Davis also urges the Lubbock community to donate blood.

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sity Daily journalism building, Texas Techt University, Lubbock, Texas, 79409, Postmassend address changes to above ad dress. Publication number: 766480. The UD is a student newspaper published Monday through Friday, September through May; Tuesdays and Fridays June through August, except during university examination and vacation periods. The UD is funded primarily through advertising revenues generated by the student sales staff with free campus distribution resulting from student service fees. Subscriptions: \$90 annually; single issues: 25 cents.

keep the community well, but the community needs to help themselves right now," Davis



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Despite the move, Lauderdale said the office will continue to provide services for Texas Tech students with disabilities on campus from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

vidualized and include counseling, training, medical treatment and job placement services.

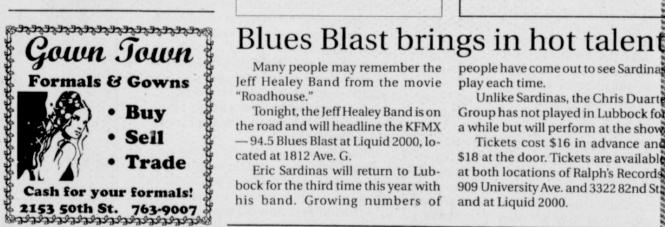
For more information on services, call 798-7083 or go to 246 West Hall to make an appointment.

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said.

King said UBS hours will be extended for the rest of the week to attract more donors. He said the best time to donate, when there is no waiting line, is between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday through Saturday. UBS is located at 1601 University Ave. and 2523 48th St.





Many people may remember the people have come out to see Sardina Jeff Healey Band from the movie "Roadhouse."

Tonight, the Jeff Healey Band is on the road and will headline the KFMX -94.5 Blues Blast at Liquid 2000, located at 1812 Ave. G.

Eric Sardinas will return to Lubbock for the third time this year with his band. Growing numbers of

play each time.

Unlike Sardinas, the Chris Duarte Group has not played in Lubbock for a while but will perform at the show

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Student staff calls shots

Existing structure offers challenges

by Shannon Davis Staff Writer

Although The University Daily is staffed by student editors, reporters, photographers and advertisement representatives, the director of Student Publications at Texas Tech and a professional staff helps run the department smoothly.

Along with Amigos! New Student and Freshman Directory and La Ventana, The UD is considered a student activity and non-academic and has no formal connection with the School of Mass Communications.

The mission statement of Student Publications states the department exists to provide financial, educational and management resources for the publication through professional training and staff development in the production of creative, journalistically-sound and socially-responsible student publications.

The UD management staff consists of the director, editorial adviser, photography supervisor and advertising, business and production managers, in addition to the editors of the publications.

Jan Childress, director of Student Publications, performs administrative tasks with the financial, personnel, public relations, promotion and marketing areas. She develops the budget, prepares and presents annual requests for funding and acts as an accbunt manager for The UD. She also appoints the full-time professional staff and represents the department at functions on and off campus, serving as a liaison between departments and academic and administrative offices.

"Student Publications functions best under a Student Affairs division, allowing students to accept responsibility for work in an environment with a professional staff supporting them," Childress said. "I believe the people will see the best school newspapers at schools with this kind of system - an independent editor running the

newspaper under a Student Affairs division. This allows for students to work at a paper and learn something they care about." Susan Peterson,

advertising manager of Student Publications at Tech, serves as the advertising manager for all publications and is responsible for developing a successful program of national, local and classified advertising sales.

"I believe the people will see the best school newspapers ... with this kind of

system ... "

She recruits a staff of qualified students to conduct sales and supervises them on a day-to-day basis. She works with editors and production managers to ensure a proper balance between editorial content and advertising.

"I am the continuity for the sales staff in order to keep the structure together," Peterson said. "We work with The UD so that the paper is balanced between advertising and news to make the paper profitable."

Amie Ward, business manager for Student Publications, serves as the principal assistant to the director and is responsible for certain business affairs related to the publications, including administrative routines and office detail. She helps to prepare the budget for each publication and supervises and handles all payrolls, purchases, requisi-

tions, orders, inventories and supplies, maintaining knowledge of university rules and regulations applicable in these areas. Carla McKeo-

wn, editorial adviser for Student Publications, serves as the main adviser for The lan Childress UD and La Ventana, as well as director of Student members of the Publications editorial staff of all the publications.

The adviser also provides on-going advice and consultation on such matters as editorial policy, news coverage, copy flow, reporting and writing techniques, layout and graphic design, mass communications law, journalism ethics, newsroom management, yearbook ladder, production deadlines and copy preparation. She reviews editorial and photography con-

tent for each publication and checks for libel, obscenity, invasion of privacy or a substantial disruption of the educational process. She has the authority to hold a story if any of the criteria is found in a story.

"I never change anything," McKeown said. "I am there as an adviser to critique and give my advice on specific questions. The editor of The UD is completely in charge of what goes in the paper.'

Photography Supervisor Darrel Thomas serves as supervisor of the Student Publications photography and provides advice to student photographers, apprentices and volunteers for all publications assigned to the darkroom.

Thomas said he teaches and critiques the techniques of the photographers and helps advise photographers in selecting the best photographs for each publication.

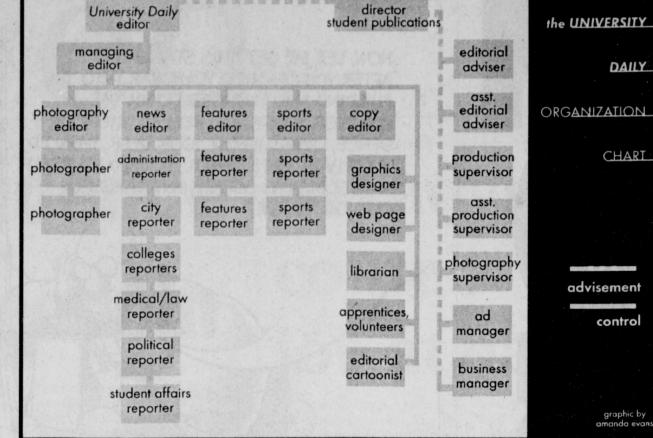
However, the staff goes beyond just the writing, photography and advising. After all the elements of the paper are turned in, the production manager helps prepare the paper to be sent to the press.

"My key part is to be an adviser for

students and be there as a manager and supervisor of production," said Vidal Perez, production manager for Student Publications.

The production manager recruits staff to perform typesetting and other tasks.

He works with a contract printer in maintaining the highest print quality for The UD by checking newspaper for printing problems and relaying to the press.

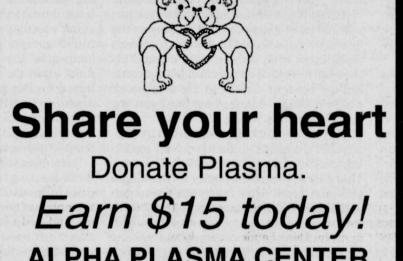


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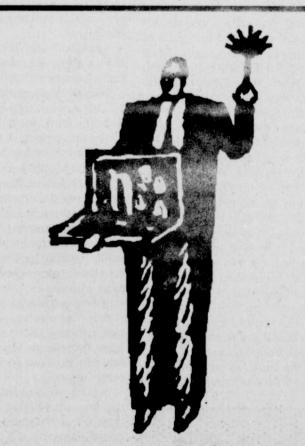
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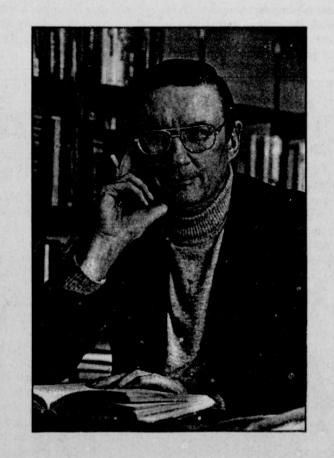
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Suggested classes would be more beneficial to students

pages of the Texas Tech undergraduate catalog just to look at some of the classes that our school offers?

The catalog includes classes such as structure and mechanisms in organic chemistry. Yeah, I bet they line up at the door to take that one.

What about classes like igneous and metamorphic petrography, advanced methods in therapeutic recreation, fiscal administration and my personal favorite, the habsburg monarchy in grandeur and

Seriously, does anyone take any of these you do, you can send in

ave you ever flipped through the with a \$200 fee, but everyone leaves with a keg.

> Philosophy 4350: "What Women Really Want." This is a philosophy course because in philosophy, there are no right answers, just a whole lot of wrong ones because even the instructor (who would be a woman) doesn't really know what women want either. This class will be graded on the effort of your work, not the content. Unlike in the real world, where it doesn't matter how hard you try, you're still always wrong.

Personal Fitness and Wellness 1115: "Advanced Paintball." Paintball is quickly replacing baseball as the country's national pastime. This course places emphasis on stalking a potential target, when to put down your gun and turn to hand-to-hand combat and fashion do's and don'ts on the paintball field. Students considering this course should visit one classes, anyone at all? If of the numerous copy shops in town to pick

History 4400: "'The Simpsons': Reflections of American Society." Let's face it. "The Simpsons" is the greatest show to ever grace our televisions. The show's success comes from the fact that the writers aren't picky about who they make fun of. They just make fun of everyone. If you don't enjoy "The Simpsons," then it's probably because you don't catch the brilliant satire the show is based on. No other show has portrayed American society with so much accuracy. It's a real shame that a school in New York has a class dedicated to "Star Trek," while "The Simpsons" has been ignored.

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Freshman Seminar 1360: "How to Succeed While Slacking Off." This may come as a surprise to some of you in the Honors College, but many of Tech's best and brightest don't even show up for class. They don't because they don't need to. This course introduces overachievers to the idea of doing just enough to get by and never putting any extra effort into anything. What better way for incoming freshmen who graduated first in their class to be put in their place? Education 4400: "Modern Teaching Methods." Why wait until you take your first teaching job to realize that you picked the wrong career? This course prepares you for what you'll really be doing as a public school teacher - nothing. This class addresses the concerns of present-day educators such as finding an apartment you can actually afford, dodging rival gang crossfire and realizing that most of your students will probably drop out. So in all actuality, your chances of "making a difference" are slim to none. Computer Science 4500: "Finding Love on the Net." It's a known fact. The most attractive people in the world are those who have to advertise on the Internet. This course assists you in finding true love by helping you bypass distractions on the net, such as FBI agents, pedophiles and super-conservative right-wing anarchists. Why not wait until after you're married to let that special person know that you're actually a 45-year-old man who still lives with his parents. The Internet is quickly replacing alcohol as the primary tool for attracting the opposite sex, so whatever you do, don't let technology pass you by.

It's time to bring out the big guns

This column is dedicated to an organization that is loved by some and loathed by others. Yes, you can probably guess. It's the National Rifle Association. I'm proud to state that the NRA is my church. It receives my tithes, and Charlton Heston is my pope.

I'll go ahead and warn you. I might say some things in the following words that make you uncomfortable, but that pesky little First Amendment gives me the right to do so.



Colley

Columnist

The NRA gets demonized more and more these days by the media and antigun advocates. They take cheap shots by blaming the NRA for the recent shooting sprees. They spin the news to make it look as though armed citizens are the bad guys. Somehow, it never makes it to the national media that literally thousands of rapes are prevented each year because of armed women. CNN doesn't spend a

month covering the story of

a man who used deadly force to protect his family from an intruder, but they'll sure cover the story of the whacked-out psycho who got his feelings hurt and opened fire on innocent people. You get the point.

I could go on all day citing specific examples or statistics that prove crime is significantly lower in states, such as Texas, where there are concealed carry rights (thank God). Instead, I'll focus on the NRA and its relationship between the people and the government.

The NRA is not only a Second Amendment supporter, it is the ultimate symbol of freedom. Gun collectors and hunters are just along for the ride.

The real reason the NRA is so important is because firearms provide people protection in the system of checks and balances. This does not mean we want to overthrow the government, but it does mean that we are free individuals that will not compromise our rights for political correctness and modern liberal propaganda. I can't understand why organizations such as the ACLU or the NAACP would want to abolish the NRA when it promotes the essence of liberty.



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ickland a letter to the editor Columnist telling me I don't know

what I'm talking about. I hear that's quite the popular thing to do this semester. Actually, I think that if I surpass a certain number of hate mail, I get a free set of steak knives from The UD. I'm checking into it.

Getting back to my point, though, I'm sure someone takes these classes, but why? What good do they serve? Who do you find to teach these classes?

Tech students should be outraged at their tuition is funding such frivolous courses. Instead, I offer an alternative list of courses for the fall that should, nay, must replace those outdated and absurd classes that we see today.

I'm not just replacing the courses I mentioned earlier but all classes that serve no general good to Tech students or society. I'm really praying that Tech adopts some of these suggestions and moves on them. After reading my list, I'm sure you'll agree that these courses would be much more beneficial.

Psychology 3355: "The Psychology of a Drunk." This course would be designed to help sober party-goers take advantage of their friends who didn't know when to say when. Emphasis is placed on areas such as, fun with cameras, the strategic redirection of vomit and creative places for your drunken friend to wake up. This course does come

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through the bowels of today's opin-

ions page, reading all about mass

up the 250-page insurance packet.

Sociology 4312: "Courting in the 21st Century." Times are changing and so are relationships. Why wait for the man or woman of your dreams to divorce their present spouse before making your move? This class takes an indepth look at new ways of attracting the opposite sex as well as some of the classics. Some topics include throwing up in her car and how revving your engine really loud indicates sexual dominancy.

Communication Studies 5320: "Really Basic Communication Skills for Engineering Professors." The idea for this course came to me from several of my engineering friends. It seems that engineering instructors are very intelligent when it comes to their subject but lack even the most primitive of social skills. This course then would become a requirement for anyone who accepted a job as an engineering professor.

Agricultural Science 3352: "Alternative Agriculture." For reasons escaping me, this institution's agricultural college does not teach about the one plant who singlehandedly saved every Latin American country's economy. It also is the No. 1 selling cash crop in the United States, but you won't find that in any almanac. Its pleasant aroma is as common to college campuses as corruption is to politics. For the sake of convenience, this class will meet on the third floor of the Sneed Residence Hall. BYOP (Bring your own paper).

Kenneth Strickland is a freshman political science major from Mesquite. He can't wait to read all the letters to the editor from students who think he was being serious.

Actually, I do understand. Both of these organizations predominately are made up of Democrats, and Democrats are supposed to be for gun control.

Once again, this is another example of the lack of thought in our two-party system. The government can never truly have control of the people as long as the people are armed.

This is not a serendipitous or an extremist notion. The founders of this country knew it, which is why they gave to us the Second Amendment.

It's not there for duck hunters. It is there to guard the people from tyranny.

The Federalist Papers, which explain the importance of the articles of the Constitution, state people without firearms are helpless against a tyrannical government.

Were it not for firearms in the 18th century, we would have no Constitution, no freedom of speech or religion and no political rights that allow you to be who you are today.

The inevitable problem with any government is that they always seem to keep growing. This country came about because the British government became too large, and unless there is serious reform of our government, it eventually will outgrow itself.

A society is not free without the right of selfdefense, whether it be against an individual or against a government that has become destructive of liberty.

Think of me however you like, but I will not feel bad or apologize for practicing my constitutional right. I will not apologize for supporting an organization that keeps this right alive. I will not apologize for my right of self-defense given to me by God or nature or whatever it is that you think put us here. You might think I am a crazy, militant, extremist, radical or at least some of you might label me as such, so you can go on trying to pass your crass federal gun control laws that doesn't stop one single criminal from getting a gun. But, I'll save that for some other day.

This is my country, and I am a patriot. I believe the most important qualities we can have in America are the ones named in our own Declaration of Independence - life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. As I have said in my previous columns, our government's purpose is to secure these three things. Anyone who fights against these principles is fighting against his or her own freedom.

The NRA is an organization that is trying to keep you free. Regardless of what the politicians say, we all know that the ultimate goal of all gun control advocates is eventually to disarm the American public.

If the politicians get our guns, we will truly be at the mercy of the criminals, and even worse than that, the government.

Joseph Colley is a junior English major from Mount Pleasant.

comm and what a gem of a devil Jerry Hudson is, then chewing on some tasty humorous suggestions for courses at Texas Tech, let's try something a little more serious. How about a game? The rules are simple, but they do require a bit of ex-

tracurricular activity. And since I bet A.P. none of you are actually up for such an extravaganza, the prize is pizza - on me (but you have to

share). The rules: 1. Clip this column and get me to au-

2. Follow rules one through nine in reverse order.

3. Find out what favorite novel of mine begins, "He speaks in your voice, American ..." and tell me the name of a play by that author. 4. (By the way, with the exception of Rule No.1, you can send in answers by letter or e-

Need a little break? Try this test

5. Close the paper now, and pay attention in class. This is a freebie because I'll never actually know, though your professor may

6. Fold the paper really loud so it annoys the heebie-jeebies out of the girl with too much makeup on (at least one in every class) or the guy with the khaki hat with long hair trailing out the back (less common, though easily spotted) or the group of girls gossiping in front of you (yes, right there). OK, there's another freebie, but it's a lot more exciting.

rather breathtaking sculpture entitled "The Throne of the Third Heaven of the Nation's Millennium General Assembly." (Hint: custodians can be geniuses, too.)

8. Call that person who is extremely upset with you or who you haven't spoken to in a

while or whom you haven't seen in a long time but kept saying, "I should call" but then don't; talk to that person, apologize or offer forgiveness (even if this pre-empts an apology) and go have coffee or hot chocolate or beer or tea or juice or water or soda or a shot or a daiguiri.

9. Wonder what the hell is motivating you to complete such an easy but rather delightful and educational game. The prize, which I already have said, is pizza on me.

So there, a little break from all the seriousness because sometimes seriousness sucks, and you can quote me on that.

And just because it was so tastefully put by my friend Ro, I can't agree more when he said he's happy McCain won in New Hampshire because he doesn't want a "coke-snorting frat boy running the country.'

Amen, Ro.

A.P. Thompson is a senior philosophy major from San Antonio who really likes Domino's pizza because it tastes good with beer and those cute little tubs of garlic butter.

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New NCAA rules for athletes entering college

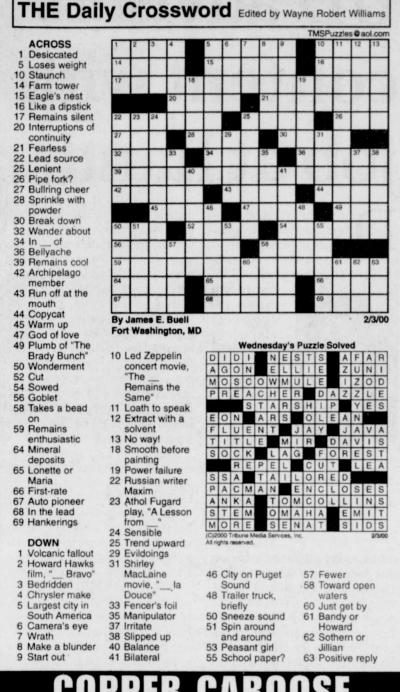
INDIANAPOLIS (AP) - High chool athletes will now have an easier time meeting academic standards that allow them to play college sports.

A new set of NCAA rules will let high schools determine whether

requirements for college eligibility. The decision means that many

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Lady Raiders look to keep streak alive

by Matt Muench **StaffWriter**

The No. 9 nationally-ranked Lady Raiders basketball team (16-2 overall, 5-2 Big 12) hope to continue their home success as they collide with offensive power University of Texas (14-6 overall, 5-2 Big 12) at 7 p.m. today at the United Spirit Arena.

Tech coach Marsha Sharp said this will be a tough game for her No.5-ranked defense in the country.

"I think Texas is playing really well right now, and I think they are one of the hottest teams in the con-

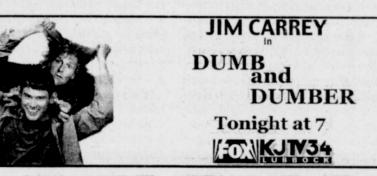
ference," Sharp said.

"They will be ready for us, and both teams know that there is a lot on the line as far as the conference standings are concerned."

The Lady Raiders have won fivestraight conference games coming off Saturday's victory at College Station against the Aggies, while the Longhorns are starting to get hot again coming off a victory at Baylor on Saturday.

Tech and Texas are tied for fourth place with Nebraska in the wild Big 12, trailing Kansas by half a game, Iowa State by a game and Oklahoma

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Tech forward/center Plennette Pierson and the Lady Raiders hope to use their homecourt advantage to pick up their sixth-straight win against the Longhorns today at 7:30 p.m. in the United Spirit Arena.

by two games.

"I think there are a lot of good teams in our conference, and many people underestimated us and said we wouldn't be one of the teams contending," said junior guard Katrisa O'Neal.

"I am happy that we are proving our point and that we are being competitive in the conference."

The Longhorns have the secondranked offense and third-ranked defense in the Big 12.

UT is one of the top teams in the nation as they received 44 votes in this week's AP poll.

"We are going to have to get after a couple players to get them offset and then just continue our pressure defense," said senior guard Melinda Schmucker-Pharies

In the last two conference games, the Lady Raiders have had no trouble stopping their opponents' top scorer.

Today, they have the task of stop-

ping senior Edwina Brown, who lead the Big 12 in scoring and is the seventh top scorer in the nation.

She leads the Longhorns in scoring, rebounding and assists. Brown is averaging 22.9 points, 8 rebounds and 5.95 assists per game. Her 119 assists lead the Big 12.

"We have to take care of Brown defensively to win the game," Sharp said.

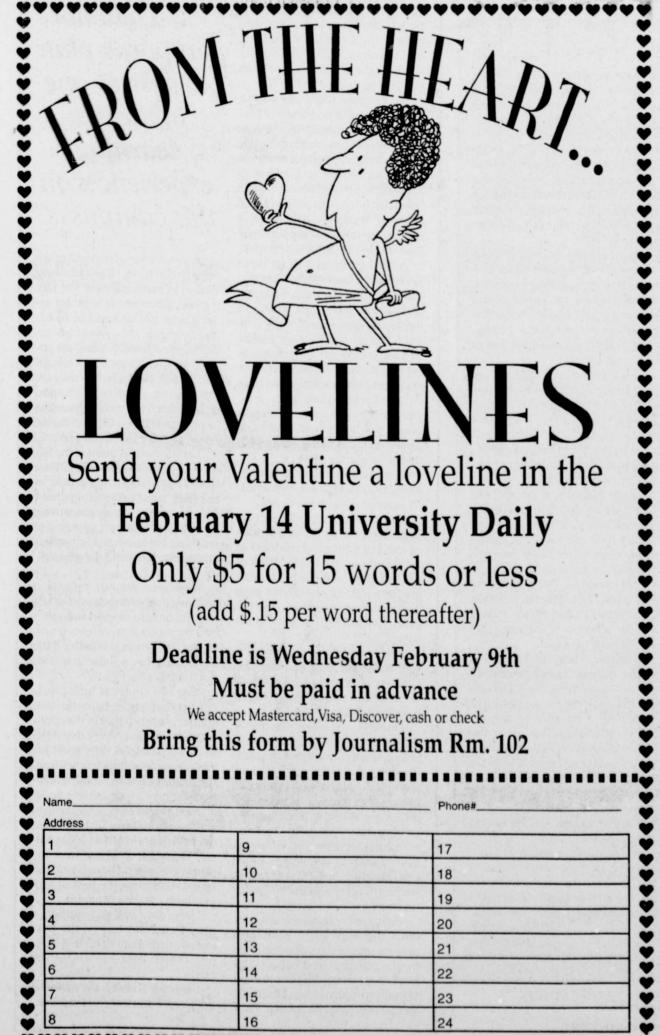
"She is one of those players that single-handedly can win a game for her team."

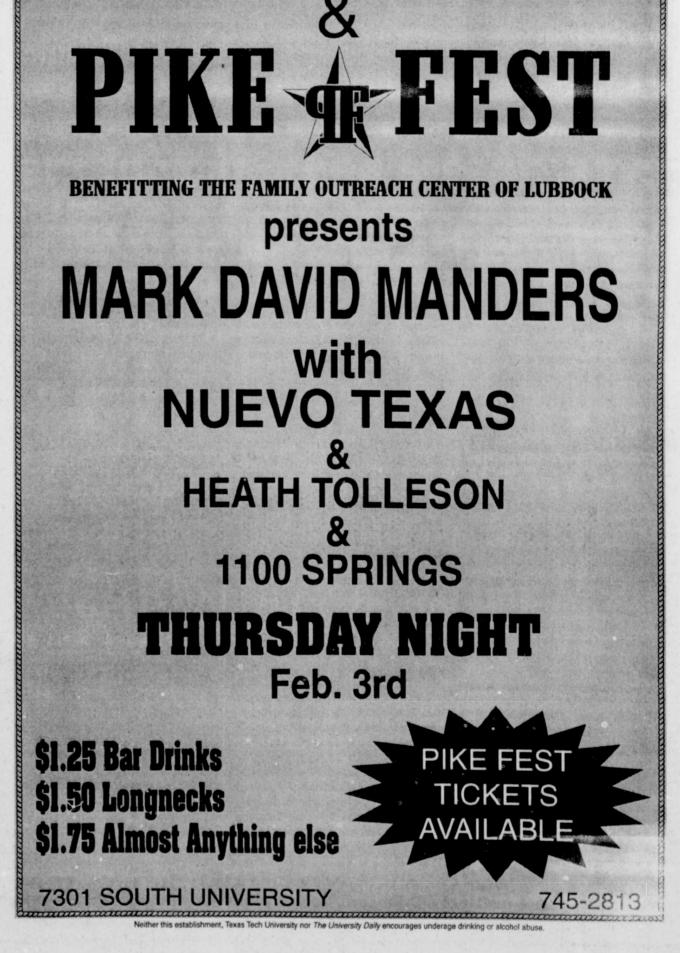
This game is crucial for the Lady Raiders because when it comes Big 12 Tournament time, the top four teams in the conference get a bye in the first round.

"I don't think we can expect to stay in the race for top four in the conference if we can't come out and win," Sharp said.

"It is a game that you feel like that you almost have to win to stay in contention."

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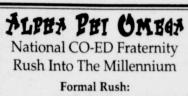




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Tech baseball swings into season with win

Designated hitter Chaz Eiguren keeps his eye on a high fastball as the Red Raiders won their season opener 14-3 at Dan Law Field. The win gave Tech coach Larry Mayes his 1200th career win.

by Patrick Gonzales Sports Editor

If Texas Tech first baseman David O'Keeffe was looking for a way to celebrate his birthday, then his performance Wednesday could be the solution.

O'Keeffe, who turned 23 on Wednesday, had two hits, including a grand slam home run, to help lead the 18th-ranked Red Raiders to a 14-3 victory in their season opener against West Texas A&M at Dan Law Field.

"I wish I had more birthdays like this, if that's what it comes down to," said O'Keeffe, who finished the contest 2-for-4 with four RBIs. "I was just excited to get back out here, after having our first few games canceled."

The contest also marked the 1,200th career victory for Tech coach Larry Hays, who becomes one of only four active coaches in the NCAA to achieve the mark.

"All it means is that we are 1-0, that's the key on that thing," Hays said

about the feat. "What happens in the past doesn't mean a thing to this team.

The Red Raiders got off to a slow start, as their first three hitters retiring in order.

But in the second inning the squad exploded for seven runs, highlighted by O'Keeffe's four bagger.

O'Keeffe said he was just trying to put the ball in play knowing that there were less than two outs and runner in scoring position.

My job is to get a someone in, and I got lucky enough to get four," he said.

The Red Raiders added three more runs in the third inning and also scored in the fifth, sixth and seventh innings.

The Buffaloes got on the board in the eighth inning, using three hits and three Tech errors to score three runs.

Tech hurler Brandon Roberson started the evening for the Red Raiders, but left the game in the top of the fourth inning after suffering a muscle strain to his right forearm.

spread the ball out like we wanted to.

We ran the shot-clock down like we

wanted to. We tried to make it a low-

scoring game, but we just didn't come

For the first time in conference

out on top.'

Despite the injury, Roberson picked up the win and managed to complete 3-1/3 innings of work, giving up two hits and striking out four. "I liked everything that happened

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today except Roberson getting hurt." Hays said. "We had an ugly eighth, but outside of that, I was happy with the way we performed."

Tech also saw the return of outfielder Miles Durham, who had been sidelined for more than a week with a strained right thumb.

Durham was expected to miss Wednesday's game, but said on Tuesday the thumb felt surprisingly better.

After talking with coaches and the team doctor, Durham said he was ready to go.

"I felt wonderful besides the fact that I haven't seen a fastball for about two weeks," said Durham, who finished the afternoon 2-for-5 with an RBI

The Red Raiders will be back in action Friday at 1 p.m. against New Mexico State at Dan Law Field.

Raiders fall short to Cowboys

by Jeff Keller Assistant Sports Editor

Greg Kreller

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The Texas Tech men's basketball squad (9-9 overall, 0-7 Big 12) came close to picking up its first Big 12 Conference win of the season Wednesday at the United Spirit Arena against Oklahoma State, but clutch free-throw shooting from the Cowboys down the stretch was too much for the Red Raiders to overcome as throws. they fell 63-59.

points of the contest came from the charity stripe, and guard Glendon Alexander was responsible for four of those shots.

Tech coach James Dickey said Alexander played a key role in the Cowboys' four-point victory.

"I thought Glendon Alexander's points were huge in the second half," Dickey said. "Especially his free

Tech fell behind early in the game

Oklahoma State's final seven but was able to keep the Cowboys' lead in single digits.

> The Red Raiders fought their way back and eventually tied the game at 27-27 with 2:11 left before halftime.

From that point, both teams went cold from the floor until Tech forward Brodney Kennard propelled Tech to a 29-27 lead at halftime with a thunderous dunk with three seconds left in the opening stanza.

In the second half, Tech built its largest lead of the game at 33-27 courtesy of jump shots from guards Rayford Young and James Ware.

The Cowboys battled back to tie the game at 34, and from that point, neither team was able to build a lead of more than seven points the rest of

the contest. Oklahoma State held a 56-55 lead when Young fouled Oklahoma State

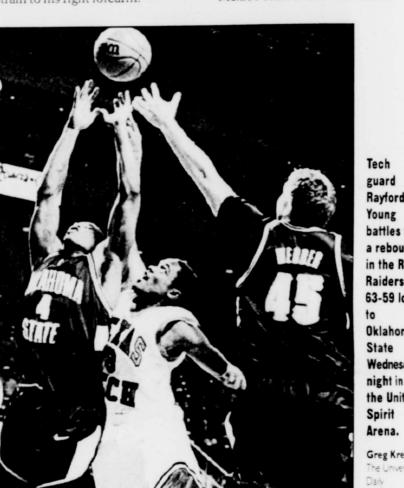
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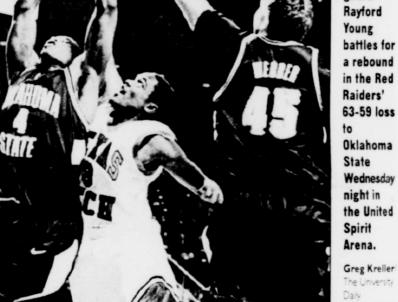
Gottlieb hit the first free throw to put the Cowboys up 57-55, but he missed the second shot and a scramble ensued for the loose ball.

Oklahoma State guard Desmond Mason was able to tie up the ball for a jump ball and Cowboys regained. The Cowboys were able to ice the victory at the free-throw line from

that point. Tech was led offensively in the game by Ware who tallied 20 points, going 4-of-6 from the 3-point range. Ware said once Mason tied up the ball after the missed Gottlieb charity shot, there was no chance of Tech

winning the game. "That was it," Ware said. "From then on, we were playing catch-up with them. They got back to the freewith 42 seconds left in the contest throw line and went up four after that. We just couldn't overcome that. They just out-hustled us to get that ball. They dove on the floor and tied us up and that was it."





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Young said Tech did what it wanted to do by keeping it a lowscoring contest but came up short in the end.

"We played well," Young said. "We

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play this season, Tech won the rebounding battle, grabbing 37 boards to Oklahoma State's 34.

Ware said if Tech can continue to win the battle under the boards, it will be able to pick up wins.

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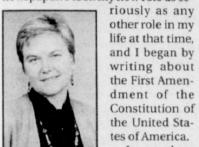




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Plea Students' independence bastion of press freedom

ighteen years ago, I wrote my first editorial as the new paily un-tor of *The University Daily* under the headline, "Campus press free." I was beginning the final of four years of working on Texas Tech University's award-winning student newspaper. I took my new role as se-



"Freedom of the **Kippra** press is most ef-Hopper fective at public universities Guest where student Columnist newspapers are

run by independent editors. Within The University Daily, the editor serves as the final arbiter concerning decisions of whether to publish sensitive material. ... Freedom of the press is the key to all other public freedoms. The press must remain free to criticize responsibly government and any other powerful institutions that affect American society. Without press freedom, the public is in danger of losing all other freedoms.

The independent-editor model of student newspapers remains theoretically, educationally and practically the most effective form of mass communications for public universi-

"The main objective of the press should be to remain free ... "

ties. The establishment of a free press a job well done in covering a probenefits the students who produce the newspaper (or radio or television station programming) as well as the community of students, faculty, staff and citizens of the state that make up the constituents of an institution.

With editorial independence, we all have a voice. Under the control of a faculty adviser, inevitably, the administration of a university would have control of who would be allowed to speak and about what. In times of post-tenure review, could a faculty adviser stand against administrators or Board of Regents' members who could wield their influence about stories that are negative and even damaging to their agendas? Without doubt, a faculty adviser the arm of an administration could overrule the student editor in a laboratory class model of student newspapers.

Educationally, mass communications students should acquire knowledge of these philosophical underpinnings of the First Amendment. Those students who choose to devote themselves to working on their student newspaper obviously understand what a threat to their independence could mean for themselves and for all of us. The present staff of The UD deserves commendations on foundly crucial issue for a public institution.

As well, working at an independent newspaper provides mass communications students with their most crucial training and education. The recent outpouring of letters from former UD staffers attests to this fact. In that newsroom, we learned our craft of thinking, finding, critiquing, interviewing, reporting, writing, editing, managing and cooperating to produce the best work we could every single day. The experiences, the lessons (and mistakes), the encounters with real situations built foundations upon which we have created careers

Part of a university's role in education is to help students prepare for jobs and success in the world after their college years. Most working journalists consider the laboratory newspaper model as an anachronism, something from a former age that is incongruous with the present. The people who hire young mass communications graduates much prefer those individuals who have actual experience over those who only have classroom experience, such as a laboratory newspaper would provide. The newsroom of The UD offers mass communications stu-

dents the chance to apply what they learn in their classrooms. The experience is as important to journalism students as being a member of the independent student government is to those students. And, the proposal to make The UD a laboratory newspaper is equivalent to and as ill-thought as having a student government ruled by faculty in the political science department.

The role of a student newspaper at an institution of higher education is sometimes to question and to challenge the administration. The administration's role may be to defend its own agenda, but the administration also must allow the newspaper's challenges because education and democracy are the higher callings.

The main objective of the press should be to remain free - which means freedom from any and all attempts by the power of the government (or a university administration) to coerce, intimidate or police the press in any way. So far, students and supporters of a free press at Texas Tech have fought hard to keep their newspaper free from such powers. The luxury of living in a democracy and having a free press can never be taken for granted. Independent student newspapers are bastions of the First Amendment and guarantee our voices won't be silenced.

Kippra D. Hopper was 1982-83 editor of The University Daily. She is associate director of publications in the Texas Tech Office of News and Publications and is editor of VISTAS: Texas Tech Research.

UD advisers content with job at hand

uring the recent controversy surrounding the School of Mass Communications and The University Daily, I have had a unique position. I am not only a

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versions of Carla the posal writ-McKeown ten by Jerry Hudson, di-Editorial rector of the Adviser School of

Mass Communications, suggesting a stronger link between the School and the Department of Student Publications. The proposals have become progressively less detailed with the first proposing complete control over The UD by the School and the last merely suggesting that the newspaper's editorial adviser teach a Mass Communications reporting course.

As a result of the stories published in The UD, we have discovered many misconceptions that people seem to have about Student Publications. One of the most prevalent ideas is that UD students are running wild over here in the Journalism building without any direction. On the other hand, some people think the assistant editorial adviser and I edit the stories and that the higher-ups in the university have the ability to stop a story

from being printed in The UD. All of those ideas are wrong There is a staff of non-student professionals employed by Student Publications who advise and guide the students. We read the stories to make sure they are not libelous, an invasion of privacy, obscene or an "obstruction of the educational process." We do not edit, grade or in any way influence their stories. And, we do not censor the paper. After I graduated from Texas Tech with a bachelor's degree in journalism, I pursued a writing and editing career. I was a features writer and food editor for the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal before striking out on my own as a selfsyndicated food columnist for several West Texas papers. I also have written freelance articles for a variety of newspapers and magazines, produced marketing and public relations materials and edited book manuscripts.

include topics such as ethics and legal issues, interviewing and reporting tips, working with sources, and more. Such workshops serve to train the students in basic journalism practices and UD policies and procedures.

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The UD's advertising and photography staffs have similar relationships with Susan Peterson, advertising manager, and Darrel Thomas, photography supervisor, respectively. Jan Childress, director of Student Publications, likewise has an open-door policy, welcoming students any time.

Hudson's latest proposal also states that its recommendations are based on a proposal by Childress to have journalism students more involved with The UD. For several years Student Publications has had a departmental goal to develop a cooperative relationship with Mass Communications.

One of the main strategies for achieving that goal is similar to Hudson's most recent proposal - to have the reporting students submit their stories to UD editors for consideration. In fact, such a process has been in place for at least a year and a half now. As far as I know, every Mass Communications professor who teaches a news writing or reporting class requires or allows her students to submit stories to The UD. Some or all of the professors have their students come to UD staff meetings and get assignments from the editors. Last

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

I wrote then:

Hits keep rolling

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taining two major broadcast facilities would, in my opinion, run

To the editor: Whether just an "idea" on Jerry Hudson's part, or something more sinister, the plan to restructure the student media under the School of Mass Communications is just plain wrong. The University Daily is one of the best student papers in the country and turning it into a lab paper would push it light-years back in quality and in fair, unbiased coverage of the Texas Tech community.

The UD is the readers' paper. If Hudson's plan ever sees the light of day, the paper would be turned into nothing more than a mouthpiece for Mass Comm and university administration. Instead of providing the Tech community with outstanding coverage of daily events that affects the lives of everyday readers, students in the "reporting lab" would be more concerned about getting a good grade and impressing the nonstudent "newsroom editor."

This faculty "editor" could easily inject their feelings of what they want to see in The UD and have the leverage of the students' grade to see that it happens. I'm sure it wouldn't be unbiased coverage. And even though Hudson believes that wouldn't happen in a lab paper, even the opportunity for that to occur should never happen.

In my four years on The UD staff. I learned so many things that I could have never learned sitting in a classroom listening to a lecture or reading some thick, boring textbook. That experience was invaluable to me when I went out into the working world to look for a job and will help me for the rest of my life.

I commend Hudson and other members of the Mass Comm advisory committee who want to open up the experience of the student media to more people and make the school better, but the simple truth is that the people in at The UD want to be there. In a lab paper, students would simply treat The UD as one of their many classes on their full schedule and other student media that Hudson has his eyes on for a hostile takeover always have places for students. Every semester, they actively recruit for new students, journalism and nonjournalism majors, to help fill open positions.

Even now, The UD has a system in place where students in reporting classes submit stories for consideration for publication in the paper. A system that is shockingly close to what Hudson said he really meant by his proposal. Plain and simple, students both in Mass Comm and from all parts of the university have a chance to be involved in the student media. All they have to do is show they want to get involved.

The students who have and now do work at the paper understand the experience is much more than a simple lab. Hudson, no matter what he calls it, had the idea to do away with a system that is vital in the community. That is wrong, and I hope the Tech administration realizes what a horrible mistake even considering any part of this ludicrous proposal would be. The UD does an excellent job at informing the Tech community. Everybody except Hudson seems to realize that changing even the smallest part of how they do their job would not benefit a single person on the campus.

Brent Dirks Class of 1999 San Diego, Calif.

To the editor: I have read with growing interest the concerns expressed regarding the proposed transfer of The UD to the School of Mass Communications. Another element of that transfer involves the public television and public radio stations. Both KTXT-TV and KOHM-FM are units of the Division of Outreach and Extended Studies, which I administer.

My opinion and/or input was not sought regarding the proposed transfer of the stations to the School of Mass Communications. I assume, and I'm sure legitimately so, that it is because I am leaving Texas Tech in a few days, and my opinions are con-

However, it is precisely because of that -- "I have no dog in that fight" that I would like to take this opportunity to at least put my observations on the table.

Both Tech and the community of Lubbock have been very good to my wife and I. I am leaving because of personal and family reasons. I still am concerned about both the institution and the community within which it resides - and will continue to be

Mass Comm is - has been - a department within a college. It lost its accreditation and had to have a major infusion of external funding to regain it. It has aspirations to become a stand-alone college. Part of the responsibility of such a move would be a greater requirement for "selfsustainability" through fund raising, "grantsmanship" and increased enrollments.

To accomplish this and sustain it after just having recovered from a disastrous loss of professional accreditation is a significant task. KTXT-TV and KOHM-FM are "working broadcast stations" with all the requirements and responsibilities of any commercial broadcast media outlet in the community.

They are licensed to the Board of Regents to serve the educational, informational and entertainment needs of the broader community ----Lubbock and surrounding counties. They are both very significant outreach tools of the university which expose Tech to the public-at-large and help Tech fulfill its public service mission on a daily basis.

They provide an educational environment in which trained students can acquire a "real world" working experience in a bona fide working broadcast station. They have a broad educational role in supporting the academic programs of the institution. They are not licensed to the Board of Regents by the federal government as overhead projectors or video cameras to be used to support classes in a single academic department of the institution.

To burden Mass Comm with the responsibility of operating and sus-

counter to the goal that mass comm has of becoming a viable, self-sustaining school.

The recent plight of the radio station and the negative press Tech received as a result of the public's interest in and concern for the station, illustrates its broader appeal and importance to the public-at-large.

This is equally, or perhaps even more, true of the television station. The impending required conversion from analog to digital television transmission technologies offers the university a range of potential opportunities that is quite imposing.

The station and its license are major assets from which the university will realize even greater benefits in the future. These benefits will serve both the communities in the broadcast area of the station and the academic community of the university.

These benefits, however, will cost money and will consume enormous amounts of time and energy to implement. At a time when Mass Comm is striving to become a school, these commitments could be overwhelming and could, of necessity, become the central focus of Mass Comm's activity -- to the detriment of its academic programs.

Besides, to bury such assets in the basement, literally, would ill serve, I believe, either KTXT-TV, KOHM-FM, the community at large or the broader university community. And, they have the highly likely potential of becoming a distracting burden to Mass Comm and its faculty that would deter them from their goal of breaking away from the College of Arts and Sciences and becoming an independent unit.

As I said, I have nothing to gain by offering these observations. I feel they have merit and thank you for the opportunity to express them and have them considered. Bill McCaughan

vice provost **Outreach and Extended Studies**

The assistant editorial adviser, Sheri Westerfeld Lewis, has almost 19 years of similar experience.

We are not faculty members at Texas Tech, but we do spend much of our day educating students as they produce the campus' student publications. Although we don't grade their stories, headlines, page design, etc., we do critique The UD every day after it has been published.

In our critiques, we recognize well-written articles and well-designed pages and make suggestions for how some things could have been better.

One of us is in the newsroom daily, Sunday through Friday, available to answer questions, provide direction and offer advice when requested. Students are in and out of our office all day, every day. Additionally, we schedule monthly one-on-one coaching sessions with each reporter and editor on The UD staff to discuss any problems they may be having as well as their writing style, plans for the future, etc.

Before every semester, we work with the editors to plan and present several days of workshops for the reporters and editors. The workshops often feature professional journalists, legal experts, campus administrators, etc. They

of the best learning experiences on this campus ..."

semester, it was not unusual to see an article by a "Contributing Writer" in many issues of The UD.

One difference is that the articles were not assigned by or edited by me, as they would be under the proposal. Having an adviser or faculty member assign and/or edit stories before they are published in a student publication is considered a form of censorship -prior restraint - that we choose not to practice here at Texas Tech.

The other main point of the latest proposal is that The UD adviser would teach a reporting course. In the past, some UD advisers have taught Mass Communications classes, and I am not opposed to teaching. No one in the School has approached me with the possibil-

However, I am not in favor of teaching a reporting class in which I would be able to exert influence over the topics that are reported on in The UD. I think it is better if the adviser teaches a topic that does not directly affect The UD.

Yes, UD students make mistakes in their paper. Reporters and editors at every paper in the country make mistakes every day. But, I think our students do a good job and do not need interference from the School of Mass Communications.

I am proud to be a journalism graduate from Texas Tech. I respect the professors in Mass Communications, some of whom were my professors when I was a student. And, I wish them the best of luck in improving their program.

However, I will not support a plan to destroy one of the best learning experiences on this campus, the student-run University Daily

Carla McKeown is the editorial adviser for Student Publications.

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