



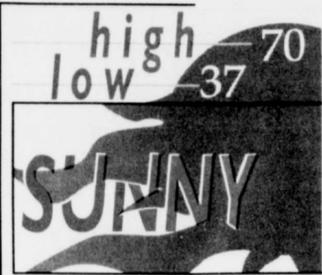
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STATENEWS

South Texas college student injured after truck hits house

DONNA (AP) — A Monterrey Tech student was in fair condition Monday after a truck slammed into his family's home, knocking him into another room.

Carlos Omar Garza, 23, was asleep in the front bedroom of his father's home near Donna when the truck slammed into a wall early Sunday morning.

The truck hit Garza so hard it knocked him down the hallway into his father's rear bedroom. He suffered a fractured skull, broken ribs and a punctured lung. He was in fair condition in the intensive care unit of Knapp Medical Center in Weslaco on Monday.

Garza's father, Tony Garza, said he planted an oak tree about 15 years ago near a ditch in front of his house to prevent such an accident, but the truck missed the tree.

"It flew across the ditch," Tony Garza said. "There's no sign it ever even hit the ditch."

After he heard the crash, Tony Garza went to the front of his house, which was cluttered with pieces of sheet rock and insulation, and looked under the truck for his son.

NATIONALNEWS

Body found in flight path thought to be stowaway

LONG BEACH, N.Y. (AP) — A dead man found on Long Beach may have been a stowaway who fell from a jetliner arriving at Kennedy Airport.

A woman walking her dog found the body Saturday night behind Long Beach Hospital. The condition of the body suggested the man had fallen several thousand feet, said Nassau County Detective Sgt. William Cocks.

The Federal Aviation Administration examined flight patterns and schedules and said the body most likely fell from an American Airlines flight from the Dominican Republic, *Newsday* reported Monday.

Police speculated the victim had hidden in the landing gear and fell when the gear was lowered. The wheel well is not pressurized, and police believe the man could not have survived the flight.

The identity of the man and cause of death had not been determined Monday. Police said he carried British coins and cigarettes bought in Spain.

WORLDNEWS

Tijuana police chief gunned down by unknown assailants

TIJUANA, Mexico (AP) — Assailants shot and killed Tijuana's police chief Sunday, pumping more than 100 shots into his car as he drove along a busy highway.

Alfredo de la Torre, in charge of the police force in this violent border town since December 1998, was pronounced dead at the scene, said Enrique Tellaache, a spokesman for the Baja California state attorney general's office in Tijuana.

Dozens of investigators combed the city and interviewed witnesses, but no one had been arrested.

"He was well-known and well-liked. We didn't know he was having any problems with anyone," Tellaache said.

Tijuana Mayor Francisco Vega de la Madrid said de la Torre had not received any threats.

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HSC receives \$1-million telemedicine grant

by Kelsey Walter
Staff Writer

The Texas Tech Health Sciences Center, already known for its use of telemedicine technology, received a \$1-million grant to help further its efforts in the field.

The Telecommunications Infrastructure Fund Board granted the HSC \$1 million in an effort to improve telemedicine technology in Lubbock and the surrounding areas, said Mike Phillips, associate vice president for telecommunication and computer services.

The money was given in response to a request by HSC officials several months ago.

Telemedicine technology allows doctors at the HSC to evaluate and diagnose patients hundreds of miles away via a satellite link. A camera allows the doctor to examine the patient with a nurse present. This allows the subject to avoid traveling hundreds of miles to visit a doctor.

The TIF Board's primary purpose is to determine what changes need to be made in the telecommunication infrastructure in various universities around the state.

"When (HSC) gets ready to make a pur-

chase, a request form is sent to the TIF Board to fund that particular item," Phillips said.

The funding period for the grant is from March 1 to Feb. 28, 2001.

Some of the items the HSC is looking to incorporate into its system with the grant are a mobile telemedicine system, complete with a van and a satellite system, and a school-based health clinic in Slaton.

Phillips said telemedicine is particularly important for West Texas since many schools in the area do not have the medical facilities and personnel they need.

"The improvements give them the oppor-

tunity to be connected with some of the most pre-eminent physicians this area has to offer," he said.

Phillips said the HSC telemedicine program consistently is cited as one of the top programs in the United States.

The mobile unit is aimed at providing extensive medical support in case of a natural disaster as well as offer opportunities for people to participate in mobile school clinics.

The telemedicine program at HSC is one of four in the nation that has been inducted into the Telemedicine Hall of Fame.

Horsing around



Krista McKamey, a freshman animal science major from Artesia, N.M., and instructor Chris Guay, adjust the reins on Coconut during a horse management and training course Monday at Dub Parks Memorial Arena, located at Fourth Street and Quaker Avenue.

Web voting working to squash bug

Students impressed with system overall

by Jennifer Bailey
Staff Writer

As the first day of voting came to an end, the 2000 Student Government Association elections made e-online history at Texas Tech.

But at noon Monday, reports to *The University Daily* said the TechSIS link on the SGA election Web site went down, causing students who had forgotten their personal identification numbers to wait and log on at a later time.

Michael Sommermeyer, associate director of News and Publications, said there were no known problems Monday.

"(The registrar's office) has not heard of or seen any problems with the TechSIS system today," Sommermeyer said.

Kellie McCallister, a junior advertising major from Albuquerque, N.M., said she was unable to cast her vote Monday because of the TechSIS system failing.

"It was a big hassle," she said.

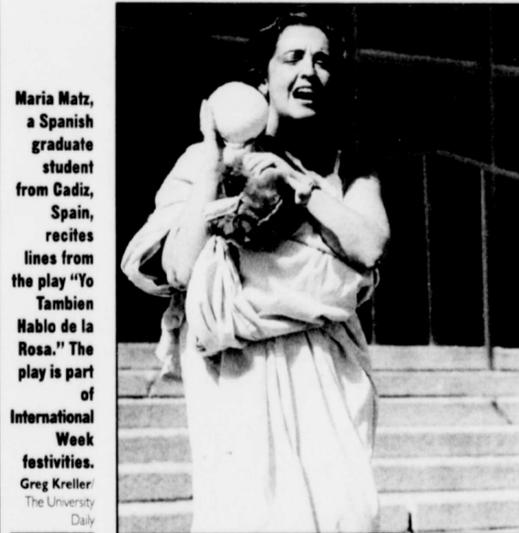
With the first-ever implementation of Web voting, students logged on to choose who will represent them in the upcoming academic year.

Tech students said the addition of Web voting was a beneficial one.

"I think (Web voting) is a positive aspect in making Texas Tech a technical university competing with other Big 12 schools," said

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Tech showcases international variety during week



Maria Matz, a Spanish graduate student from Cadiz, Spain, recites lines from the play "Yo Tambien Hablo de la Rosa." The play is part of International Week festivities.

by Kevin McEwen
Staff Writer

Texas Tech students from Britain, Finland and Turkey have found themselves the center of a celebration.

International Week, which began Feb. 23 and will end Wednesday, gives all cultures on campus a chance to present a different part of their heritage.

"We have lots of international students," said Glenda Neidecker, assistant librarian at the Tech library. "We want them to feel comfortable in our country. This is a chance for us to celebrate the diversity we have here at Tech. I can't imagine what Lubbock would be without the international community. The diversity simply enriches our environment."

At Tech, International Week continues with an international reading today at the Southwest Collection's rotunda and the first-ever International Soccer game at 4 p.m. Wednesday at the recre-

ation fields near the Women's Gym.

The soccer game pits a team of American students against a team of international students.

Peter Kargboy, library instruction librarian, put the game together and said he feels it's an opportunity to bring people together.

"The emphasis is to just have fun," Kargboy said. "I don't want it too competitive. It's the spirit of International Week; celebrate and get to know each other. I hope this begins a great tradition at Tech."

Kargboy was not only the sole organizer for the event; but also will take care of substitutions and be one of the officials. He said he has tried to gather students who have homes around the globe.

"I've got students from Ecuador, Iran, Saudi Arabia and Finland," he said. "The whole idea is to reflect the diverse community at Tech. I've

looked at the list and picked one from every country."

International Week began Feb. 23 with a performance of "Yo Tambien Hablo de la Rosa" by the Department of Classical and Modern Languages outside the Tech library.

"We gathered a pretty good crowd," Wilson said. "It was just a thing that students could catch on their way to lunch."

The same night, "Europa, Europa," a foreign film about a Jewish boy living in Poland during the Nazi's World War II invasion, was shown at the Formby Room in the Southwest Collection Library. The Formby Room also showed "The Blue Kite," a Chinese film based on a young boy and his family during the political and social uprisings in the 1950s and 1960s.

These foreign films are just two of a collection that carries more than 800 videos at the Southwest

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Native American student donates writing collection to Tech

by Cory Chandler
Staff Writer

A scarlet thread runs throughout the works of Arlie Willis, a Native American writer and Texas Tech student.

"My works have a scarlet thread running through them," said Willis, a senior general studies major from Lubbock. "I say they have a scarlet thread because Indians are said to have red skin."

Willis recently donated his work to the Texas Tech Southwest Collection Library. While working as a tax auditor, he lost his vision in one eye. Willis then started writing and returned to school four years ago.

"The day I found out about my eye, I was at Thompson Hall and decided to enroll (at Tech) that day," Willis said. "I wanted to get a new education."

Since then, Willis has had three stories published in Tech's honors literary magazine, *Elysium*, including one first-place entry.

He also has had three poems published in the *Chickasaw Times* and seven articles in the *Texas Petroleum and C-Note Journal*.

Jill Talbot, a graduate instructor of English, said Willis seemed hesitant about his writing when he started his classes.

"Willis was like a lot of non-traditional students," she said. "He was a little unsure of himself at first and wanted to be sure he was following the assignments. He got more confidence once he found what he wanted to write about though."

Stories such as "A Spark of Love" and "Chilocco Indian School: We Remember," refer to Willis' time spent at the Chilocco Indian School in Oklahoma, which was a

boarding school for Native Americans until it closed in 1982.

Brenda Hayes, historian for the Southwest Collection, said she found out about Willis' writing after they shared a class.

"Arlie and I had an anthropology class together," she said. "He and I spoke a couple of times, and I found out about his history. I was fascinated and soon ... he was donating his articles."

Hayes said the Southwest Collection is trying to increase its holdings on Native Americans and other cultures in the area.

"Getting stories about the Chilocco Indian School is rare since it shut down in 1982," she said. "So from 1884 to 1982 a small part of our culture had a totally unique experience, and we are trying to preserve that."



Arlie Willis, a senior general studies major from Lubbock, has donated some of his Native American writings to Tech.

Doctor receives award for work, compassion

by Shannon Davis
Staff Writer

The highest honor Texas Tech may grant to a faculty member was given to Dr. Abraham Verghese, a professor of medicine at Texas Tech Health Sciences Center in El Paso.

Verghese has been awarded the Grover E. Murray Professorship was established in 1995. This professorship honors Grover E. Murray, the first president of Tech HSC.

Verghese has been a member of the Tech faculty since 1991 and is board certified in internal medicine, infectious diseases, pulmonary medicine and geriatrics.

"I am deeply honored, and this is affirmation of the importance of the areas of literature in medicine," Verghese said. "I am proud of Tech for doing this kind of work."

Verghese enjoys writing as much as he enjoys medicine, and by putting the two together, he can perform

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**David Smith
HSC president**

both. He has been published extensively in the area of pneumonia, infections in the elderly, HIV infection and medical humanities.

He is the author of "My Own Country: A Doctor's Story," a book nominated for the National Book Critic's Circle Award. This book deals with AIDS in a small community in Tennessee and also was made into a television movie for Showtime.

Verghese's second book, "The Tennis Partner: A Doctor's Story of Friendship and Loss," was a national bestseller about the friendship of two medical doctors who enjoyed playing tennis and one doctor's struggle to overcome a drug addiction.

"The Tennis Partner" is taught at

Harvard, Baylor and many other medical schools across the country. His work has appeared in *The New Yorker*, *Esquire*, *Sports Illustrated*, *Granta*, *TALK*, *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post* and numerous other publications.

Verghese is working on a new book about medical teams on different continents and from different generations. He has spent several years on this novel and said he is looking forward to completing it.

Verghese graduated from Madras Medical College in 1979, completed his residency in internal medicine at East Tennessee State University and received his fellowship in infectious diseases at Boston University.

"Verghese is at statesman both nationally and internationally renowned, and he is in sync with the purpose of the Murray Professorship," Dr. David Smith, president of the HSC said. "He adds to medicine what we need today, the humanistic part, the feeling and the ability to cry with patients. We need more people like Abraham Verghese out there."

Verghese received the president's medal for teaching at Tech and also has been a commencement speaker at Johns Hopkins, Loyola University, Medical College of Georgia and the University of Connecticut.

Murray professorships are granted to professors in recognition of the attainment of national and/or international distinction for outstanding research or other creative scholarly achievements.

Other criteria for nomination include recognition by the nominee's peers for achievement in his or her field.



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Collection Library.

"I venture to say it's the biggest in Lubbock," Wilson said. "None of the other video stores have anywhere near that amount of foreign films."

The films will be available after

International Week concludes.

Warren Walker, director of Tech's Archive of Turkish Oral Narrative, also is available all year. Walker will perform an oral presentation in the Formby Room at the library at 10 a.m. today.

While plans for next year's Interna-

tional Week have not begun, Neidecker said she sees good things in the future.

"I just see it growing and growing," Neidecker said. "Next year's committee will be able to improve on what we've done."

Teri Wilson, Tech library associate,

said International Week benefits more than just Lubbock.

"As technology spreads out across the world, this campus is no longer just a Lubbock campus; it's a global campus," Wilson said. "International Week celebrates reaching out across the world."

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Kristina Harris, a junior agricultural communications major from Pearland. "(Web voting) makes it easier to vote rather than standing in lines and voting."

If students are unable to log on and receive their personal identification number, another option is to go to the registrar's office located behind West Hall.

Students must have their Tech ID or a picture ID in order to request their personal identification number.

Elections will continue until Wednesday, and results will be announced at the University Center that night.

Students wishing to vote can log on to www.sga.ttu.edu and click on the elections icon.

Federal student loan defaults see decline statewide

AUSTIN (AP) — Defaults on federal student loans in Texas declined almost 20 percent from 1990 to 1997, the state reported Monday.

The Texas Guaranteed Student Loan Corporation's annual report, released this week, shows an 11.7 percent default rate on student loans dur-

ing 1997. Those numbers, provided to the state from the U.S. Department of Education, reflect an improvement from 1990, when 30.8 percent of student loans went unpaid.

The lower default rate can be attributed in part to state prevention programs, said Alicia Terry, a spokes-

woman for the Texas Guaranteed Student Loan Corporation.

"We've set up programs to help students not get to the point of defaulting on student loans by providing basic information about the consequences of defaulting," Terry said.

She added that the strong economy

may play a part in graduates paying back their loans.

In 1999, there were more than 400,000 student loans in Texas totaling \$1.5 billion.

Correction: Monday's obituary on Kyle Blanco, the article should have stated that services will be Friday in Southlake. The UD regrets the error.

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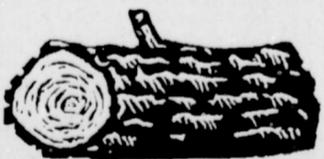
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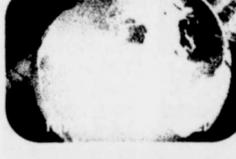


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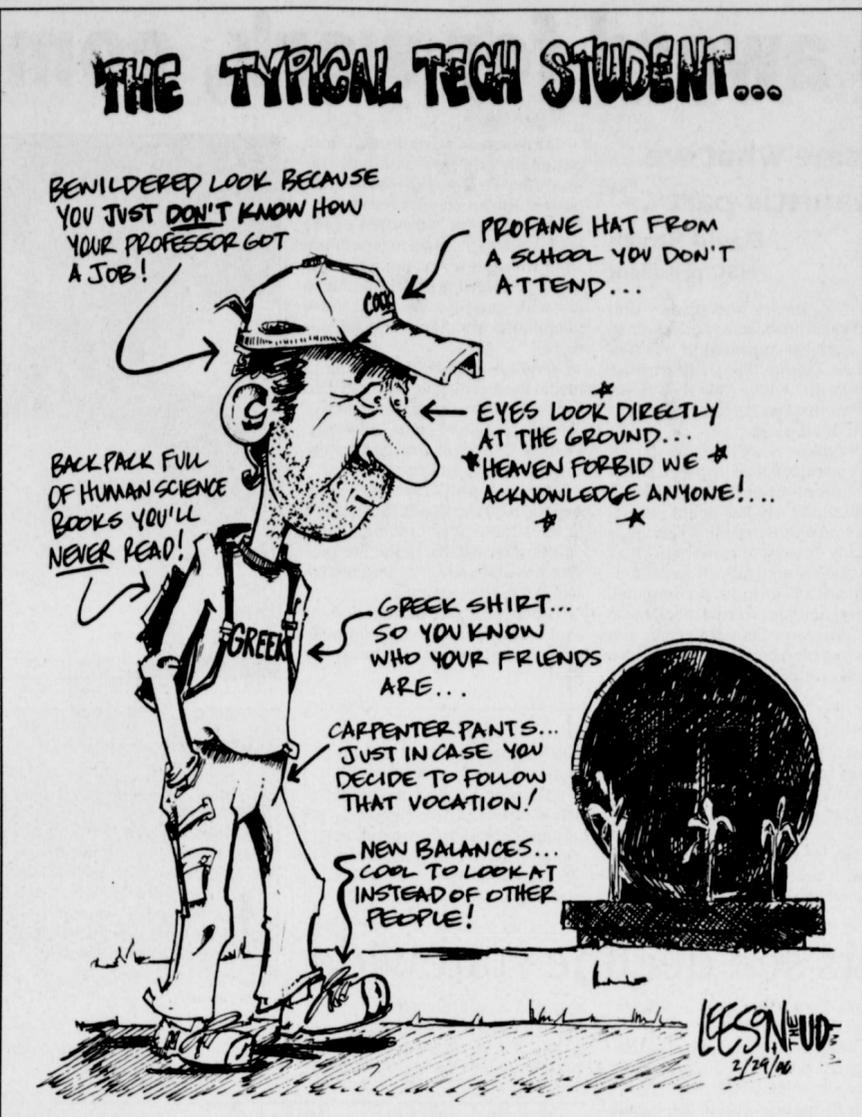
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FORBIDDEN



Random thoughts abound during lagging class times

So I'm sitting in this circus of a lecture, along with 500 others who have been sentenced to the same punishment. I'm bored out of my mind, so to say the least, so for a lack of anything better to do, I decided to whip out my legal pad and start writing random thoughts as they came to me.

Maybe you're reading this while sitting in a similar class. If you are, then maybe you can help me out here. Do you remember anything about a 500-to-1 student-teacher ratio being mentioned in orientation? Me neither.



Kenneth Strickland
Columnist

It's probably those classes like advanced goat herding or something, with two people in it, that throw off the numbers. Or maybe it's 500-to-2 if you count my teaching assistant who can't speak English. I tried to get his notes off the Internet the other day and couldn't tell if I was on his site or looking at U.S. nuclear missile secrets.

So as my eyes scan across the room, I get this feeling like I've been here before. Let's see, there's a group of people sitting on the first few rows who seem to be really excited and involved in what's going on. As you move further from the front, people get less and less excited, and you see a plethora of empty seats. There seems to be a lot of students leaving at random points, too. Wow, I just can't put my finger on what it is that this reminds me of. Oh wait, now I remember! It reminds me of the last men's basketball game I went to!

Did anyone else notice an article in *The University Daily* the other day when the headline said something to the effect of, "Students react to parking fees?" Of you who remember it, do you remember the picture that was next to it? It was a photo of an Army ROTC cadet, in full camouflage, carrying an M-16 rifle. Hmm — now there's an idea! Wait, I better not say that. If some kid in Wyoming walks into a school with a gun, it'll be my fault. You think I'm being funny, but that's not too far from the truth.

I stumbled on something pretty interesting the other day. There are some events that are so rare they seem to make front page news here on campus every time they occur. Events such as plane crashes, presidential elections, school shootings and what? Greek community service?

Subsequently, there are few things that occur so often that they never make headline news. Events such as a raise in student fees, an administrator's trip to some far off and distant land, the growing price of the United Spirit Arena (soon to catch up with the national debt) and alumni members expressing outrage at students. Wreck 'em, Tech!

Anyone remember when MTV showed music videos? My kid brother swears I'm crazy, but I think I remember watching a Twisted Sister video back in 1988.

Speaking of television, America has lost two of its most entertaining personalities within the last couple of weeks. Of course, you know who I'm talk-

ing about; that's right, Maude Flanders of "The Simpsons" and medical student Lucy Knight of "ER." May they rest in peace. Actually, the woman who played the voice of Flanders said she was just tired of making the long trip from Denver to Los Angeles to record her lines. I'm sure Montford could sympathize with her after having to park in the commuter lots last week.

Wait a minute, I think the professor is going to say something important! No, never mind. She was just coughing.

You know, I don't know who Aaron Gray is or what he's running for, but he has my vote. Anyone whose Student Government Association election poster has a picture of Mr. T on it saying, "I pity the fool that don't vote for Aaron Gray" has got to be a winner.

Speaking of posters, I like all these signs with the candidates' photos on it saying vote for so and so. I like the logic behind them. How they think we'll say, "Man, that girl's pretty! I think I'll vote for her." I would personally give out kudos to anyone who would put up a picture of themselves throwing up in someone's hair, or anyone who took a box from the movie "The Matrix," scanned it and replaced their face with Keanu Reeves'. I would really be impressed if it was someone from the Honor's College, too, but I'm not crossing my fingers.

Question: How many times have I nearly been hit by Texas Tech maintenance workers speeding across campus in their work vans as I tried to cross the street? The answer — never. I've nearly been hit by them several times walking on the sidewalk, though.

I've had some bad luck with women recently. For reasons escaping understanding, most women just don't seem to enjoy watching late night British Parliamentary Debate on C-SPAN with me. If any of you do, you can write me, and we'll watch it together. My e-mail is 2good@winning.com. I swear, that's really my address.

I've noticed that I'm one of the few columnists who doesn't use their column to vent sexual frustration, so I figured it was about time I got in line. My thought is that maybe I could use this column to meet women. Actually, it wasn't my idea, it was my mom's.

Speaking of my bad luck with women, I had a really great idea for Valentine's Day. I took a girl to DFW International Airport over the holiday weekend and drove over a couple of dirt roads until we finally reached a small hill 150 feet from the end of one of the runways. The lights from the airport were shining against the night sky while aircraft made their descent 50 feet above our heads. No way I wasn't going to score that night, huh? Wrong. The first thing she said as we sat down on the blanket I had spread across the ground was how much her boyfriend would love this spot. It's a real good thing a 747 was landing right after she said that because I don't think I could have yelled a louder expletive.

Wow, has it been an hour and a half already? No, the professor is just letting us out early. What? Some of you have never had an instructor let you out of class early? Well, then maybe you should drop mathematics as your major. It's time to walk across campus and fail another one of life's little tests. I would have studied for it, I just haven't had any free time.

Kenneth Strickland is a freshman political science major from Mesquite. Would any women who found his airport story romantic, please e-mail him to let him know? Send a picture, too.

Some hell raising needed in society

There's a lot to be said for raising hell. I have to admit that the words "mass protest" fill me with an invigorating emotion that is nearly unparalleled.

In an abstract sort of way, I wish I had been alive during the early 20th century so that I could have been a part of the protests against poor working conditions; or during the '60s so that I could have marched with Martin Luther King Jr. It would have been cool to be a hippie and to protest the Vietnam War. I even wish I could have been in Seattle last year to fight against the World Trade Organization meetings.



Joseph Colley
Columnist

Whether you agree with the protesters or not, you have to admit that there is power in protest. Too often these days, we take the easy way out in the fight against injustice. We join organizations that raise money to hand over to political parties or lobbyists. While this is one way to support our views, it's only a vague way of stating that we're activists for an idea that we don't really take part in.

Our wallets do all the work. Where would black Americans be today if all they did during the '50s and '60s was send a yearly sum to some organization? Justice goes beyond money. It takes action, it takes raising hell.

Some of you don't see anything to protest. You look around and everything appears to be quaint and picturesque. You're right. Life is good for you and me. But, there are plenty of others who are victims of police brutality and disrespect (I will expand on this in a week or two).

There are millions of people throughout the world who are forced to work in slave labor conditions, an injustice that is supported by both Republican and Democratic establishments. The list goes on. I could name individual acts of injustice all day.

We have local stories where a pig — oh, I'm sorry, I meant cop — reportedly pointed a gun at a mother in front of her children because she did not pull over fast enough. That same "peace officer" still has his job.

We have injustice on the national level, also. For example, the blatant disregard for human life is apparent when we sentence people to die and then find out that they were innocent only after the government has already killed them. Modern day Americans just shrug their shoulders without a care as long as it's not happening to them.

There always will be something to protest, and you can see injustice

everywhere if you'd open your eyes. Martin Luther King Jr. was the king of hell raising. He knew the value of protest, and he also knew the possible consequences. King gave his life for equality. He spent plenty of time in jail; not only did he receive daily death threats, so did his wife and children; and his house was bombed twice.

King could have easily avoided all this had he joined an organization or political party and just donated his money. Instead, he chose to fight and to protest, and he eventually paid the ultimate price for this decision. He put Americans a huge step forward in the struggle for equality, and he did it by raising hell.

There is nothing wrong with being a rebel when the system you are rebelling against is corrupt and unjust. It is our duty as free people to challenge the system instead of in haling all the rhetoric that the press sells us. King, and those who fought with him, took the alternative route to justice, and it has made all the difference in the world.

Politicians do not want us to take advantage of our protest power. Just look at what happened to the peaceful protesters in Seattle; and the media tries to spin the story to make it look as though everyone present became violent. It's not true. The peaceful protesters were the ones who got tear-gassed, beaten and hit with rubber bullets.

The politicians would prefer we go to the little ballot box, cast our vote and move on our way, allowing them to solve all problems by compromising with each other in Washington. Well, I'm not going to waste time checking boxes on a ballot so politicians can "compromise" liberty and justice right down the drain.

I know most you are thinking that voting is power and all that crap, but the people have the power when they actively stand for something. Voting only keeps the corruption in office. Government is not getting any smaller, and injustice still is rampant, regardless of how many times you vote or who you vote for. Maybe I will decide to vote on Election Day. I'll line up all the crooked, hypocritical, deceiving politicians, then I'll smile really big and vote them the middle finger. King did not wait for the politicians to remedy his problems (although he didn't use hand gestures either, I suppose).

Our First Amendment right to protest will not solve all the world's problems, but it will show members of the government that the people of this country are free because we are human beings, not because the government allows us to be free. Let's not be complacent when we can help those who can't help themselves — it's our duty. And besides, there's nothing like a good pissed off mob seeking justice — peacefully, of course.

Joseph Colley is a junior English major from Mount Pleasant.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Midnight madness

To the editor: I am writing in regards to Kelsey Walter's column "Don't Judge me; I have religion" in *The UD* on Monday.

I was one of the "party poopers" you encountered last Thursday, and all of us are from Paradigm, a weekly non-denominational worship service that meets Thursday nights.

So, to begin, let me first address why we chose to come to the parking lots of Midnight Rodeo. Every person who attends Texas Tech, South Plains, LCU, or for that matter, simply lives in Lubbock, knows that Thursday nights are big nights for college students to hit the club scene — Midnight Rodeo being one of the most popular.

The reason we chose to come and share the truth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ at that particular location is because Paradigm meets on Thursday nights and it just happens to coincide for us to go straight out to Midnight when the service ends.

It's not because the people who go to Midnight are sinners, we are all sinners. We don't go to the Tech sporting events or the movie theaters because they aren't filled with people on at 10 p.m. on Thursday's.

We never intended for our message to bring condemnation but to show the love of Jesus Christ. We are simply college students seeking to share that truth with other college students, that is another reason why we go to Midnight to witness.

We don't go to Midnight because it's a "hellish" place, because it's not. It is a big place, filled with college students, some who know Christ and some who don't.

It would be awesome if every person in there did know Christ and his awesome mercy and compassion, but I'm betting that they don't, so we went merely to bring the good news of salvation to help people in need.

Just because we didn't build houses at this time, our purpose was the same.

I thank God for you and for the fact that you do have a saving knowledge of Christ. But, Kelsey, there are some who don't, and those are the ones we went out there to love on.

I'm sorry if our presence there caused you to become offended; we aren't Bible-beating Baptists or "persistent Christians who do not want people exposed to the nightclub atmosphere."

We are simply persistent Christians who saw a place filled with people and an opportunity to share Christ with the ones who don't know him.

Adrienne Odom sophomore biology

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Balancing two worlds



Jennifer and Ray Pereda, married Tech students, walk hand in hand to class. The Pereda's say their decision to marry has outweighed all the costs.

Students find time for love, school

by Summer Allen
Staff Writer

The vows of marriage for couples at Texas Tech extend beyond the line of "I do." And couples are forced to apply it to their every day lives where they balance two worlds — school and their newfound love.

For some, marriage while attending college is out of the question, but for soon-to-be-married couple Daniel Hooton and Nichole Houston, they embrace the challenge.

"There is going to be difficult times ahead, but we both made the decision that we can work through it, no matter what it takes," said Hooton, a junior integrated pest management major from Waldorf, Md.

The couple said their main concerns are the financial burdens and responsibilities of being completely independent, like paying the bills.

"Financially, it is going to be more of a burden having more responsibilities with our own house and our own bills," said Houston, an early childhood major from Corpus

Christi.

The couple said they do not feel they should wait until they graduate because they have set goals and plans for their life together.

"There is no reason to wait, and we both decided that we will finish school," Hooton said. "We have already made up our minds, and we both don't believe in divorce, so we will be supporting each other through it all."

The couple said the decision to marry is not only a difficult decision to make, but one of the most important decisions a person will make in his or her life.

Jennifer and Ray Pereda said they believe the benefits of their decision to marry has outweighed the costs.

"I have someone there right beside me who roots for me every day, motivating me to go to class and get out of bed," said Ray Pereda, a senior

management and marketing major from Arlington.

Despite opposition from both sides of the family, the Pereda's pledged their love to each other May 22. They said they felt as if they could not wait any longer to start their lives together.

"At first, it was difficult for our parents to accept," said Jennifer Pereda, a junior animal science major from Arlington.

Ray recalls a specific incident on the day he asked his wife's parents for permission to marry her, and her mother started crying. He said he felt as if he was taking their only daughter away from them.

"They didn't want us to get married at such a young age," Jennifer Pereda said. "They just wanted the best for us."

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In honor of Black History Month, the Horn/Knapp Residence Complex council will present "Exousia" at 7 p.m. today in the University Center Ballroom.

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Events will include a step show by various student organizations explaining the significance of step in their organization's history.

The program also will highlight performances by Zelvis Applin, Men of God, Visions of Light Choir, Darius Luckey and Qualimetra Hutchens.

Admission is free, and the public is invited to attend.

For more information contact Diedra Hader at 742-2257.

Jazz festival to reintroduce lost art

by Amy Curry
Staff Writer

Tech will jazz up the Lubbock music scene this weekend with the 33rd annual Jazz Festival.

The festival will feature performances by guest saxophonist Ed Calle and popular pianist Paul English who will perform at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday in both the Hemmle Recital Hall and the University Center's Allen Theatre.

On Friday, Calle and English will perform a concert entitled "Hot Sauce" with the Tech Jazz Small Group in Hemmle Recital Hall. Calle will take center stage March 4 when he and the Tech Jazz Ensemble I present "Caracas" in the Allen Theatre.

Tickets cost \$6 for adults and \$4 for Tech students and can be purchased by calling 742-2270, ext. 233.

Associate Professor of Music Alan

Shinn is serving his 16th year as festival director.

Shinn said to his knowledge, Tech has the second-longest running annual Jazz Festival in the United States.

In addition to the concerts, the two-day event is scheduled to host 16 public school bands who will compete against schools in their division in sight reading and concert performance.

Brad Scheele, a senior management information systems and marketing major from San Antonio, said it is important for Tech to host the festival in order to keep jazz alive among today's youth.

"Back in the classical period, it was a given that everyone would learn to play an instrument," he said. "But now, less and less people are learning music. Jazz is losing its inspiration. It's an important part of our history, but it's almost a lost art."

In the four years he has performed

in the jazz band, Scheele said the festival has brought in talented artists who really give students a good understanding of traditional jazz as well as the latest styles.

English, who plays professionally in Houston, has played with jazz greats such as Dizzy Gillespie, David Liebman and Kirk Whalum.

Before his performance in "Hot Sauce," he plans to arrive early, teach a few classes and possibly make an appearance at the Tuesday jazz performance at Clousseau's.

Calle is a Venezuelan musician who is a member of Gloria Estefan's Miami Sound Machine. When he is not recording with Arturo Sandoval, Jon Secada, Julio Iglesias or Bob James, Calle teaches at the University of Miami.

Shinn said inviting guest musicians like English and Calle will not only benefit high school and junior high stu-

dents, but it will allow Tech students to work with high-level musicians, establish contacts and see how it is in the "big time."

Scheele agreed that bringing in professional musicians is very beneficial for the students, especially the ones still in the public school system. He said it is a good way for them to learn about musicians outside of Texas and what exists in the world of jazz.

While some public elementary and junior high schools are doing away with their music programs to make room for other programs, Shinn said it is vital for music to maintain a presence in public schools.

By providing an opportunity for students of all ages and skill levels to compete and learn about music from renowned musicians — jazz especially — Shinn said the Jazz Festival is an extremely educational experience.

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"Hot Sauce" featuring Paul English, Ed Calle and the TTU Jazz Small Group tickets are \$6 for adults and \$4 for children

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schools — those kids are our bread and butter," he said. "If jazz programs aren't happening in public schools, we're in trouble. We host events like this to keep the activity in their curriculum."

Insane Clown Posse finally makes way to Hub City

Because of an illness, Lubbock fans missed the chance to spend a special Valentine's Day with the Insane Clown Posse. Now, fans can spend Leap Day with the rap duo.

The duo will perform tonight at Liquid 2000, 1812 Ave. G. Twisted will open the show, and doors will open at 7 p.m.

Tickets cost \$20 in advance and \$22 at the door. Tickets are available at both locations of Ralph's Records, 909 University Ave., and 3322 82nd St., and at Liquid 2000.

The Detroit duo of Shaggy 2 Dope

and Violent J have been reeking havoc together for years but slammed into the Billboard charts with its platinum album *The Great Milenko*. *The Great Milenko* spent 83 weeks on the Billboard chart. ICP was able to do so with no radio exposure or air play.

The rappers now are touring in support of their latest project *The Amazing Jeckel Brothers*. The latest album included more variety from the men and guests spots from the likes of Snoop Dogg, Ol' Dirty Bastard and the Jerky Boys.

The Posse originally was recognizable with the dreadlocks and painted faces like demented clowns. Now, the hair is gone, but the antics and face paint still are there.

More people may remember the band for its antics instead of its music, although ICP's explicit lyrics and style are very recognizable. ICP is infamous in some circles for its energy on stage, enormous amounts of production and ridiculous amounts of Faygo soda pop that is sprayed over the crowd.

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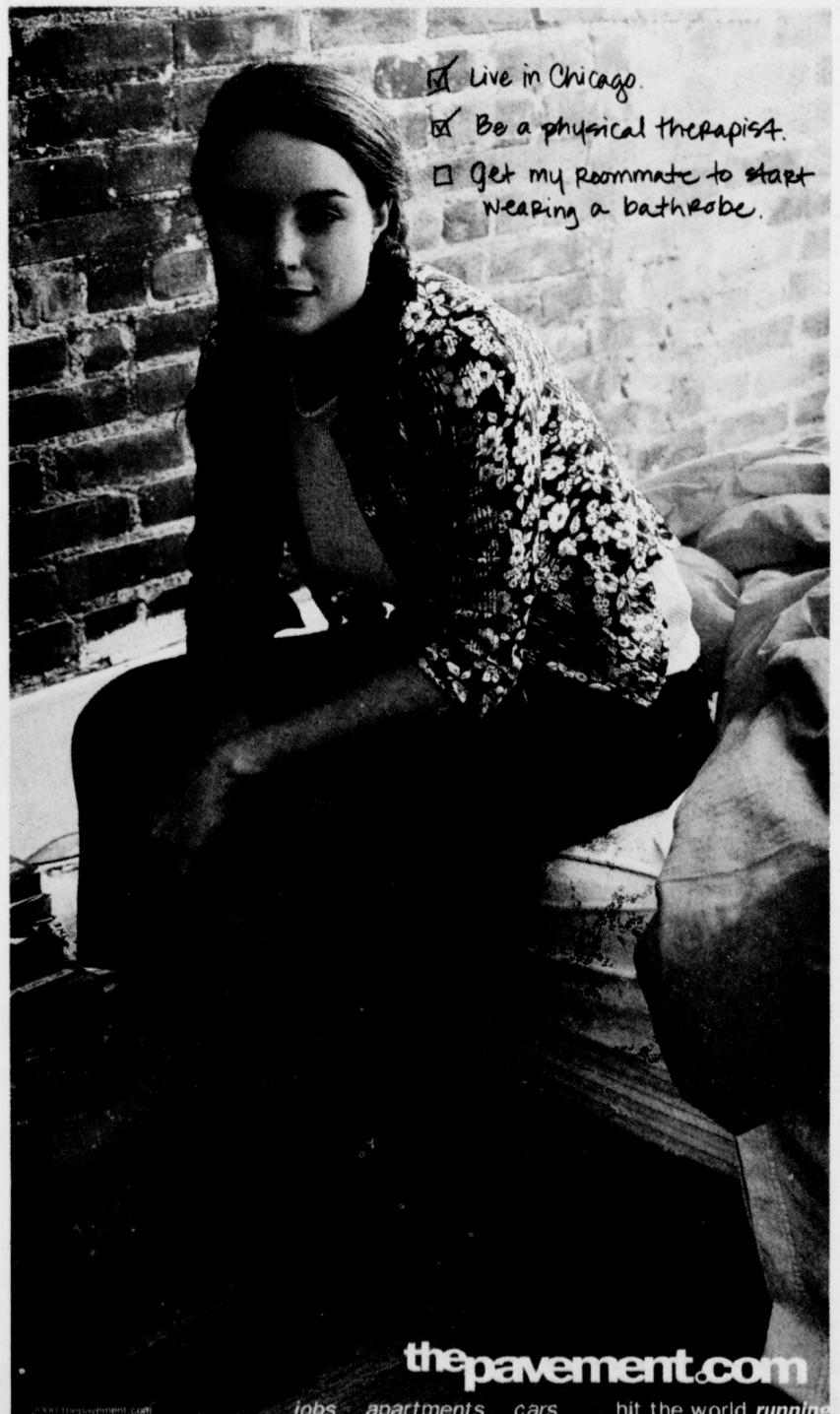
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SPORTS

Lady Raiders go for third straight Big 12 crown

by Matt Muench
Staff Writer

Big 12 Conference sports writers picked the Lady Raiders to finish fifth in the conference when the pre-season polls came out late November.

Three months later, the Lady Raiders are one win away from clinching their third consecutive Big 12 title when they host the Baylor Bears at 7 p.m. today at the United Spirit Arena.

The Bears (2-13 Big 12, 7-18 overall) come in as the Big 12's last place team, but the Lady Raiders said the way they are going to play will not be based on Baylor's record.

"Our focus is that we can't overlook them, and we just have to play like we have always played," Tech forward Aleah Johnson said. "We just have to try and not let them slow the game down."

The Bears' top scorer, Danielle Cockrum, is averaging 12.7 points-per-game but that will not stop the way the Lady Raiders are used to playing defense.

"We just have to defend her like any other team's top scorer," Tech forward Keitha Dickerson said. "We just have to contain and stop her."

The Lady Raiders (12-3 Big 12, 23-

3 overall) have won 12 of 13 contests and five straight going into today's contest.

Tech could go undefeated at the United Spirit Arena this season and could get their 31st consecutive home victory against a Big 12 opponent with a victory against the Bears.

The Lady Raiders are hoping to get an early lead so the starters can rest their legs for the Big 12 Tournament which begins March 7.

"I think it is always our goal to jump out to an early lead," Dickerson said. "It gives the starters some rest while also giving some younger players an opportunity to play."

Dickerson said Baylor is going to come out looking to upset the Lady Raiders and play like they have

nothing to lose.

But, she said she wishes the game already was finished so the Lady Raiders could jump into postseason play.

"I wish we have already played this game and clinched the title," Dickerson said. "But we have one more game, and we just have to go out and play like it is the first game of the Big 12."

Tech guard Melinda Schmucker-Pharies, along with Dickerson and Johnson, will be playing the last regular season game of their career today.

Right now, it has not hit them yet, but they said once game time approaches, they may be a little teary-eyed.

"I think the biggest thing for us is to honor our family and fans," Schmucker-Pharies said. "They have helped us and guided us all these years."

The Lady Raiders sit tied at the top of the Big 12 with Iowa State and Oklahoma.

Both ISU and OU play Wednesday with the Cyclones playing on the road against Texas and the Sooners playing at home against Oklahoma State.

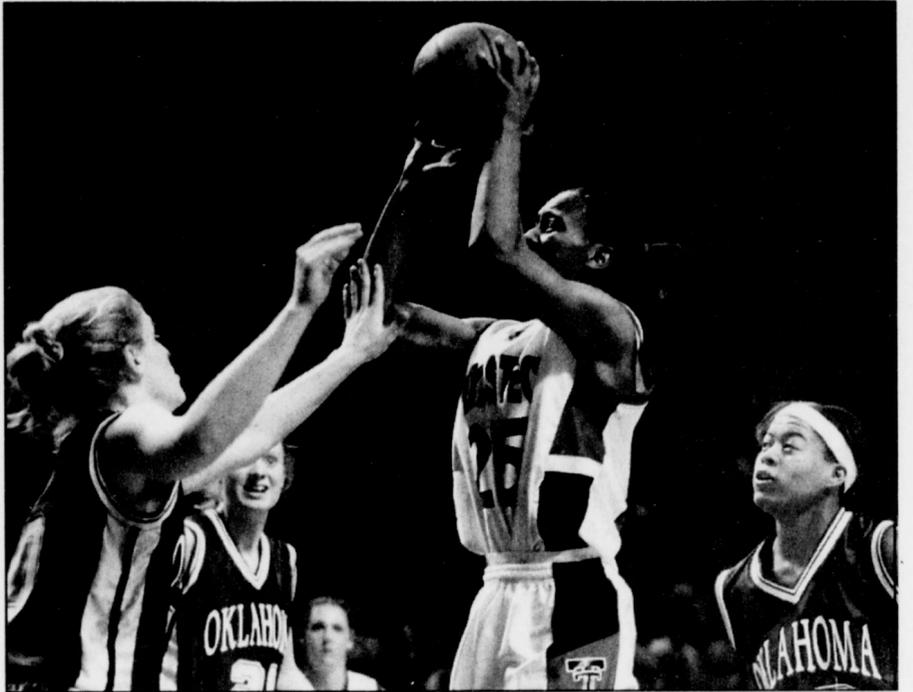
Dickerson is a little bittersweet that Oklahoma and Iowa State do not play on the same day as the Lady Raiders.

"I kind of wish we played the same night, so we could know if we won the title outright or if we are sharing it when we walk off the court," Dickerson said. "However, it could be good if we win because it will put more pressure on them."

Not many Big 12 sports writers thought the Lady Raiders would be fighting for a title today.

However, Schmucker-Pharies said they thought they always were in contention.

"They didn't expect us to do this well, and we kind of just said you can expect what you want, but we are just going to take care of business," Schmucker-Pharies said.



The Lady Raiders can clinch a share of their third straight Big 12 Title with a win at 7 p.m. today at the United Spirit Arena against Baylor. The game will be the last regular season game for seniors Melinda Schmucker-Pharies, Aleah Johnson and Keitha Dickerson.

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Keitha Dickerson
Tech forward

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Red Raiders look to strike out Lobos

Tech baseball strives to gain win after weekend series loss to Missouri Tigers

by Patrick Gonzales
Sports Editor

Earlier in the season when the Texas Tech baseball team needed a victory during a four-game losing streak, they defeated New Mexico, 14-11.

Now, as the Red Raiders come off a 2-1 series loss to Missouri, they once again will look toward earning a victory against the Lobos as the squads face off at 4 p.m. today at Dan Law Field.

"The losses were tough, but we just have to continue to practice hard and take it day by day," said Tech center fielder Marco Cunningham. "We got those guys last week, so it shouldn't be a different story this week. We just got to come out and play solid baseball."

Tech's loss to the Tigers last weekend was bigger than usual because it was the squad's Big 12 Conference opener.

It was also the Red Raiders' (8-8 overall, 1-2 Big 12) sixth loss in the past eight games.

The Lobos (8-9 overall) enter the contest after splitting two games Sunday against Southern Utah and No. 19-ranked Arizona State.

In their previous meeting with New Mexico, the Red Raider offense erupted for 16 hits and four home runs.

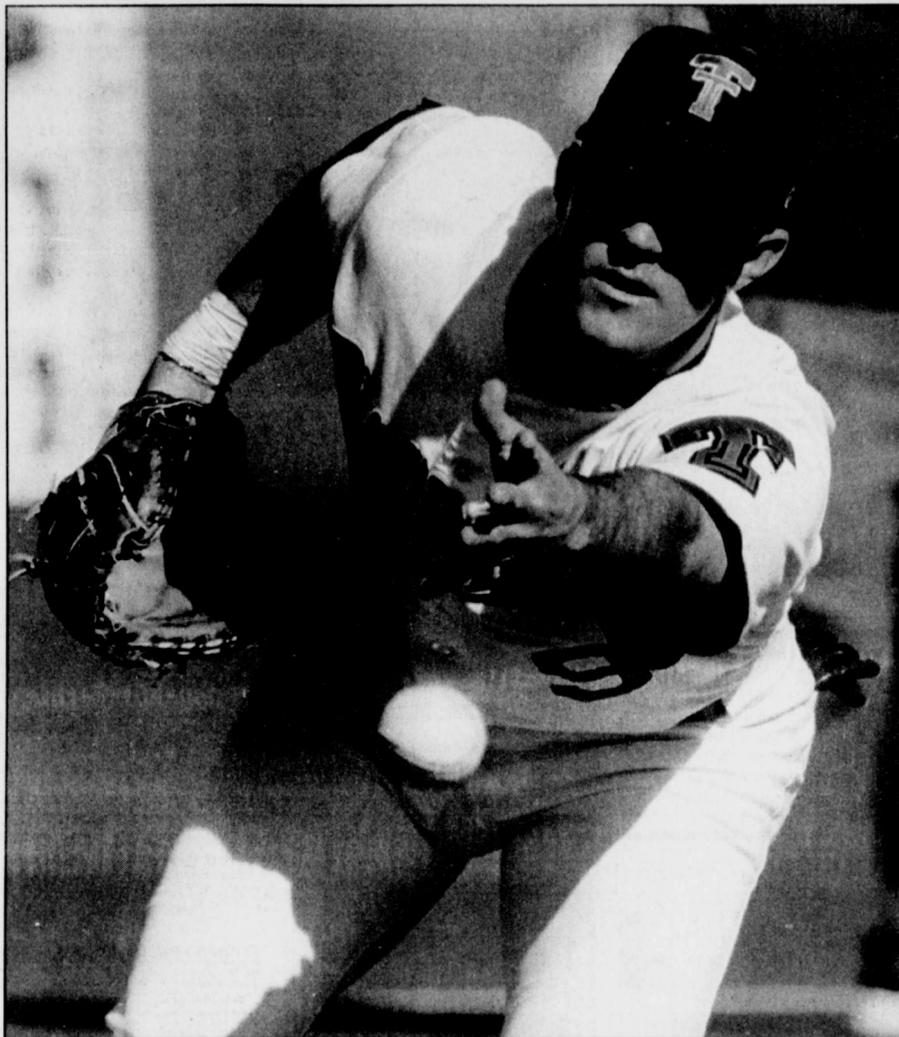
Designated hitter Chaz Eiguren had three of the homers and finished the game 4-for-6 with seven RBIs.

Eiguren, who leads the team with a .500 batting average, 33 RBIs and seven home runs, tied a NCAA record, hitting two of his home runs in one inning.

However, perhaps the most important statistic for the Red Raiders was the zero errors in their victory against the Lobos.

In their series loss to Missouri, it was the amount of errors that cost them the series, Tech coach Larry Hays said.

"We lost both games on defense," Hays said. "It's something that is going to happen every once in a while, and you hate to see it happen in one series. Maybe we'll get all that out of



Tech first baseman Mark Austry and the Tech baseball squad look for a win to redeem themselves after this weekend's loss to Missouri. The Raiders will battle New Mexico at 4 p.m. today at Dan Law Field.

our system and go on from here." In 16 games this season, Tech has outscored its opponents 166-131, but

in its last 10 games, the team has been outscored, 87-78. Cunningham said the team just

has to concentrate on playing smart baseball in order to rack up some victories.

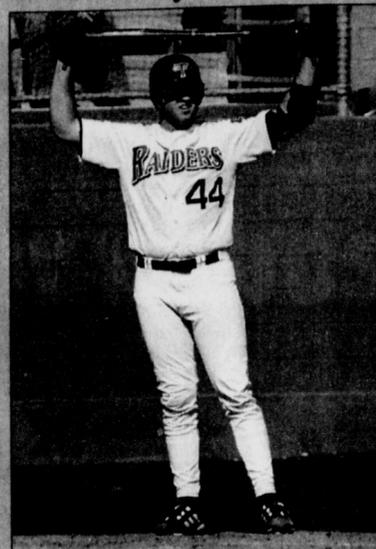
Eiguren named Player of Week

Senior designated hitter Chaz Eiguren was named Big 12 Conference Player of the Week by a select panel of media covering Big 12 baseball.

Eiguren hit five home runs and drove in 16 in Texas Tech's four games last week against New Mexico and Missouri. He batted 13-21 (.619) and had a 1.381 slugging percentage with 29 bases in 21 official plate appearances.

Eiguren's two home runs in the fifth inning against New Mexico on Feb. 22 tied a NCAA record for number of home runs in the same inning.

Eiguren is the Red Raiders' since Feb. 1, when Jon Weber was first Big 12 Player of the Week honored.



Greg Kreller/The University Daily

Tech designated hitter Chaz Eiguren was named Big 12 Player of the Week for his performance in last week's games against New Mexico and Missouri.

Brashear remembers little of brutal attack

VANCOUVER, British Columbia (AP) — One week later, Donald Brashear remembers nothing of the brutal stick attack.

"If you watch the tape, you can see I was out before I fell on the ice," the Vancouver Canucks forward said Monday of the stick-swinging hit to the head by Marty McSorley.

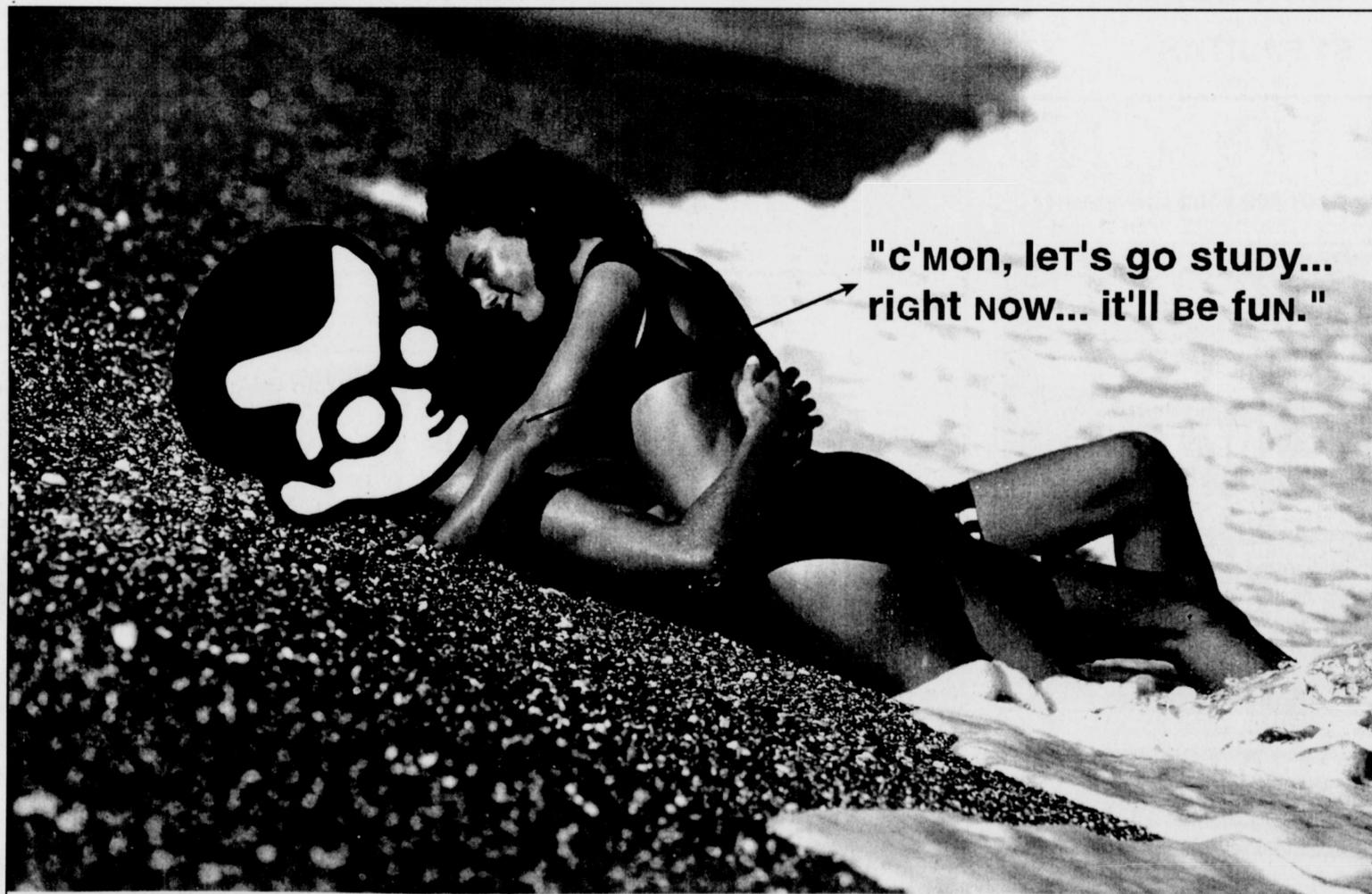
He said he remembers waking up, but isn't sure where. Brashear was diagnosed with the most serious kind of concussion and has headaches every day. He cannot exercise for at least two weeks and is expected to be out at least three weeks.

Brashear switched between English and French at the news conference, his first since the attack. He thanked hospital personnel and

hockey fans for their support.

Asked whether he recalled taunting the Boston bench before he was struck on Feb. 21, Brashear said: "There's not much I remember. But I remember that was a game that I had to play hard, where I was just doing my job. I remember we got into a fight right off the start. Those are all things that I have to do during a game."

McSorley has apologized profusely. The Boston defenseman was suspended for the rest of the regular season (23 games) and the playoffs. He must meet with commissioner Gary Bettman before he is reinstated. Brashear had little to say about the investigation by police, who are considering assault charges.



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Strawberry suspended one year for drug use

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — A third strike for cocaine landed Darryl Strawberry a one-year suspension Monday, and left the New York Yankees and most of baseball wondering: Will he ever play again?

Commissioner Bud Selig imposed the penalty and did not make any provision for the troubled slugger, who turns 38 next month, to return early for good behavior.

"This was a very difficult and painful decision for me to make," Selig said. "The meeting I had with Darryl and his wife, Charisse, last Tuesday was an emotional experience for all of us. I had no doubt that his remorse and sorrow were genuine, and I worried about the effect my decision would have on his health and the welfare of his family."

"In the end, I could not ignore Darryl's past infractions and concluded that each of us must be held accountable for his or her actions. I am hopeful that he will use this time away from the game productively and will care for himself and his family."

"My hopes and prayers are that he can do the things he needs to do to get his life in order."

George Steinbrenner
Yankees owner

Strawberry has not been at Legends Field since baseball ordered him out of the spring training complex last Wednesday, a day after his latest failed drug test became public.

His pinstriped uniform still hangs in his clubhouse locker, along with a batting helmet and spikes. There's also a stack of mail, though there's no telling when he'll ever get to pick it up.

Strawberry, an eight-time All-Star, had been expected to be the prime designated hitter for the two-time World Series champions this season. Instead, his third cocaine-related suspension from baseball in five years left his future in doubt.

"Bud just told me," Yankees owner George Steinbrenner said when he left the ballpark after an intrasquad game. "We will abide by the decision. I feel badly for Darryl. My hopes and prayers are that he can do the things he needs to do to get his life in order."

Said manager Joe Torre, shortly before the penalty was made public: "You don't have to condone what he's done to have a feeling for him. He's not a bad person."

"I think you're always concerned. Obviously, it's a tough thing he's go-

ing through. He's fallen off here a couple of times," he said. "Sure, it's easy to say he's suspended. But what happens to him during this time?"

Strawberry is a career .259 hitter with 335 home runs and 1,000 RBIs, and a legacy of tape-measure shots. The NL Rookie of the Year with the New York Mets in 1983, his power seemed to have him headed to the Hall of Fame early in his career before multiple setbacks.

Legal trouble slowed him while drug and alcohol problems almost derailed him. He had stays in the Smithers Center and the Betty Ford Center and then, during the 1998 playoffs, he was diagnosed with colon cancer.

Strawberry returned last season and hit .327 with three homers and six RBIs in 24 games. He hit .333 (5-for-15) with two home runs in the postseason, showing the easy swing that made him so dangerous.

The Yankees now must decide how to fill the left-handed DH spot Strawberry was supposed to occupy. Chili Davis, the team's top designated hitter last season, has retired.

Yankees DHs hit a combined .275 with 23 home runs and 84 RBIs last year.

"I'm not in a reactionary mode because of Darryl's suspension," general manager Brian Cashman said. "Do I think we have the bats on our roster to at least duplicate that? Yes, I do."

Torre has talked about using Tino Martinez, Bernie Williams, Paul O'Neill and Jorge Posada in the slot during their off-days, and Tim Lincecum is back in camp as a non-roster player.

There's also the chance the Yankees might make a deal. In fact, the front office began discussing trade possibilities once Strawberry's problem became known.

Anaheim's Darin Erstad and Jim Edmonds and Cincinnati's Dmitri Young are among the players rumored to move.

"There's always going to be speculation," Cashman said. "If something presents itself that would help improve the team, we'll look at it."

It ain't over till it's over, Tech fans

By looking at Saturday's attendance during the men's basketball game against Kansas State, it seemed to me that



Matt Muench
Staff Writer

students have given up on Texas Tech coach James Dickey and his players.

The student section was so bare I could have counted how many students attended before the 24-second clock ran out.

It was so empty I could have told you how many of the students were girls and how many were guys.

I just have to say it ain't over until Matt Muench sings.

The Red Raiders are far from packing up lockers and deflating their basketballs.

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Something good could be stirring up in the Red Raiders' locker room.

It seems that they have finally got over the loss of Ellis and Owens and said to themselves, "Let's just play with what we got and quit worrying about Ellis," as they have won two out of the last three.

On Saturday, the Red Raiders looked like a team having fun. Rayford Young was knocking down shots and throwing "guns up" in the air.

Brodney Kennard was smiling. Wow, long time no see.

Mario Layne was high-flying again, and coach Dickey, well, his appearance was still the same.

He was still jumping around the bench, but right now, he knows best

what is going to happen within the next weeks.

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Stage one of Dickey's Master Plan begins when the new season starts at 7 p.m. Wednesday against first-place Iowa State at the United Spirit Arena.

Just remember, it doesn't matter when the fat lady sings, it matters when I sing.

• Some Muench Notes: Listen up, learn, and see what's worth Muench-ionic.

It is about time this happened. This past Saturday was the first time the baseball team, softball team, men's basketball team and Lady Raiders all won. Somebody's lucky the Lady Raiders and the softball team were on the road or the Saddle Tramps and High Riders would be fighting over what group gets more ringing time at Administrative building bell.

Speaking of Saddle Tramps: What are they? I know they have big tradition and are supposed to be big on spirit, but they do not do anything that other student fans do. They get their nice red shirts and nice seats, but I see more pep and spirit out of the band.

The Saddle Tramps ought to be up and screaming at the games even if Tech is down 30. I just don't think they have established themselves as separate fans like they are supposed to.

North Texas football player collapses, in critical condition

DALLAS (AP) — A North Texas football player who collapsed during a weekend scrimmage remained in critical condition at a Dallas hospital Monday.

Shawn Kramer, 20, suffered a neurological injury after playing the opening series with the first-team offense during a scrimmage on the Denton campus Saturday. The 6-foot-5, 270-pound junior lineman did not seem to take a hard hit, teammates said, but he collapsed after reaching the sidelines.

"Nobody really saw it," senior offensive lineman Andrew Lott said. "He walked off under his own power, then he sat down on the bench and started talking. All of a sudden, he just passed out."

Kramer, a junior college transfer from Topeka, Kan., was taken by helicopter to Methodist Medical Center of Dallas. He was moved to the hospital's Neuro Critical Care wing after surgery.

Hospital spokesman Sam Lopez said Monday he could not specify whether Kramer suffered a head, neck or spinal injury. Lopez only could confirm that the player's condition hadn't changed.

North Texas athletic officials referred all questions about Kramer's condition to the hospital, but re-

leased a statement Monday.

"Shawn's family feels he is receiving the best possible medical attention and wants to pass along their thanks for all the support and prayers

for his speedy recovery," the statement read.

The family also asked messages for Kramer be sent by e-mail to the North Texas Athletic Department

www.sjohnsonunt.edu.

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