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STATENEWS

Air Force uses West Texas route for bomber training

(AP) — The Air Force is sending its heavy bombers over West Texas, near Lubbock, for training flights instead of northern New Mexico.

The Air Force on Wednesday announced it had chosen the West Texas route, which Sen. Jeff Bingaman said will spare northern New Mexico "from having to host noisy B-1 and B-52 training exercises."

In an environmental impact statement released earlier, the Air Force leaned toward selecting West Texas. Bingaman, D-N.M., who opposed the northern New Mexico alternative route, said the impact statement backed up his contention that training flights would cause severe noise and threaten various forms of wildlife, including bald eagles, in northern New Mexico.

"We have known all along that these training exercises were not a good fit for northern New Mexico," he said. "It was clear from the start that these low bomber routes would intrude upon the peace and quiet of the area, one of the main reasons people chose to live here."

NATIONAL NEWS

Mobile home fire kills eight people in Georgia town

ACWORTH, Ga. (AP) — A fast-moving fire engulfed a four-bedroom mobile home early Wednesday, killing eight people, including an infant.

Linda Joanne Cochran, her four children, a niece, her teen-age son's girlfriend and the girlfriend's baby all died in the blaze that broke out around 3 a.m. 30 miles northwest of Atlanta. Officials said the double-wide mobile home did not have a working smoke detector.

Five of the bodies were found in a bedroom near the back door and three others were in the front of the mobile home, authorities said.

"It appears they were all trying to exit," said Mark Gresham, spokesman for the Cobb County Fire Department.

Neighbor Jim Wheeling said he tried to open windows to get to the victims, but all he could see inside were thick smoke and the red glow of flames.

WORLDNEWS

Experimental ivory sales succeed without poaching

GENEVA (AP) — Last year's experimental sale of elephant ivory stocks by three African countries appears to have been conducted without an increase in poaching, a U.N. official said Wednesday.

Monitors from the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species concluded that "the experimental trade was a success," said Jim Armstrong, its deputy secretary-general.

Under the February 1999 decision, CITES allowed Botswana, Namibia and Zimbabwe to sell 55 tons of ivory to Japan.

"All of the countries had to comply with a rigorous body of conditions," he noted.

Armstrong said the monitors had detected no connection between poaching and the sale, which raised \$5 million for elephant protection and community development projects.

Tech researchers head to Fort Worth

by Kelsey Walter
Staff Writer

Although Lubbock sits on the edge of Tornado Alley, Mother Nature's latest victim was hit more than 300 miles away in north central Texas.

Representatives from the Texas Tech Wind Engineering Research Center traveled to Fort Worth on Wednesday trying to find a cause for the massive amount of glass breakage the city suffered from two deadly twisters Tues-

day evening.

Joe Bilello, associate academic dean for architecture, Chris Letchford, civil engineering research assistant professor, and two other graduate students made the trip aimed at studying the tornado that killed four people and injured more than 100 others.

The storm caused what could be irreparable damage to numerous buildings while overturning cars, uprooting trees and pollut-

ing the downtown area of "Cow Town" just after rush hour.

Kishor Mehta, director of the Wind Engineering Research Center and Horn Professor of civil engineering, said he was uncertain of the severity of the tornadoes, but more will be known in a few days. He said it cannot yet be determined what classification the tornadoes were until more of the damage is surveyed.

Mehta said because the tornadoes hit

such a large suburban area, the damage caused could be slightly different than if they would have hit a rural community.

He said a lot of ground friction was present in the twisters, and winds may have blown as hard as 130 mph.

"Most of the glass in the taller buildings is designed for winds up to that speed," Mehta said. "The main thing they will focus on is if the wind affected all the buildings or if it just passed over the smaller ones. We also want

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KISS them 'Farewell'



Neal, Debbie, Coleman, Murphy and Rachael Overbay, all of Fritch, wait in line prior to the KISS concert Wednesday at the United Spirit Arena. KISS, along with Ted Nugent and Skid Row, played to a sold-out venue at the arena. This was the last time the Detroit rockers would visit the Hub City, which was a stop on their Farewell Tour.

Greg Kreller/The University Daily

Freeway construction to affect campus

by Cory Chandler
Staff Writer

Lubbock traffic bordering Texas Tech will be taking a U-turn into construction, detours and delays in the next few years.

Plans have been approved for an East-West Freeway that will run from Interstate 27 down Fourth Street to the 19th Street exchange, then west on Brownfield Highway to West Loop 289.

Penny Mason, public information officer for Texas Department of Transportation, said they hope to break ground on the freeway by Fall 2001.

The Texas Department of Transportation already has received \$62.8 million of the estimated \$183 million needed to complete the project.

Most of this money went to two phases of construction.

Phase one consists of four projects that include widening West Loop 289 from four to six lanes from Slide Road to 34th Street and adding a three-level diamond interchange in

place of the one located at Brownfield Highway and Loop 289.

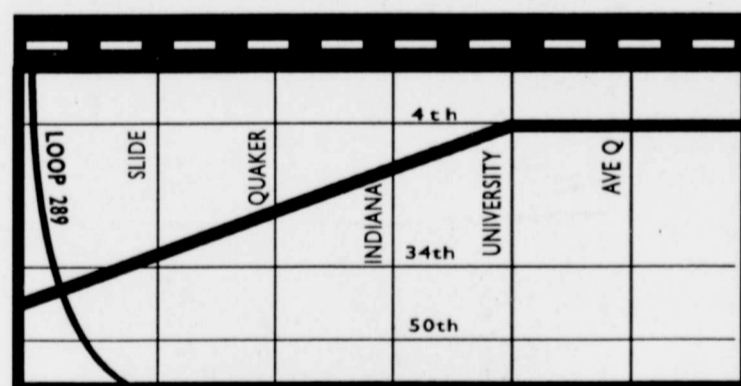
Mason said \$25 million already has been awarded for this portion of the freeway, but the additional funding is required to complete it.

Phase two will involve construction on the portion of the freeway running beside Tech.

This will include building main lanes on U.S. 82 between Memphis Avenue and University Avenue and between Flint Avenue and University Avenue.

It also will include building frontage roads between University Avenue and Avenue L.

Steve Warren, director of planning and development for TxDOT, said the Tech por-



EAST WEST FREEWAY

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tion of the freeway is considered a priority because of the congestion in the area.

TxDOT estimates that 327 parcels of land along the new freeway will have to be purchased to make room for construction.

TxDOT has closed on 180 of these parcels. Ted Carter, district design engineer for

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HSC doctors: no cause for alarm over hantavirus case

by Shannon Davis
Staff Writer

A Lubbock girl has been successfully treated for the hantavirus pulmonary syndrome by Texas Tech Health Sciences Center physicians at University Medical Center.

The 12-year-old girl was admitted to the hospital March 13 and was released March 23.

Officials caution that the general public should not be alarmed about a case being spotted in Lubbock.

This is the first case of hantavirus identified in Lubbock County, said David Waagner, associate professor of pediatrics at the HSC and medical director of infection control at UMC, in a written statement.

"Hantavirus has never been shown in the

United States to be transferred from person to person," Waagner said.

Hantavirus is contracted mainly by breathing in the virus from fresh or dried rodent droppings, urine or saliva. Deer mice have been found to transmit the virus.

Some symptoms of the virus include fatigue, muscle aches, dizziness, abdominal pain, fever, nausea, vomiting and headaches.

The virus then progresses to pneumonia, causing the arteries to close down and the respiratory system to fail, said Robert Rosenberg, chief of pediatric critical care medicine.

"The young girl who came in and was diagnosed with the virus was sick for a few days, and then her breathing became worse,"

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Philosophy department to welcome new chairman in fall

by Charlie Milling
Staff Writer

Frederick Suppe, professor at the University of Maryland's Department of Philosophy, has accepted the position of chairman for Texas Tech's Department of Philosophy, effective in the fall.

"Tech's philosophy department has a strong administration and a huge growth potential," Suppe said. "There are many new opportunities."

In an effort to get better acquainted with Tech, Suppe visited with students and faculty last week.

"I taught an advanced logics course Friday," he said.

"I was able to visit with philosophy students and faculty. They were very gracious and open. They even took me out to dinner Friday night."

Mark Webb, assistant professor of philosophy and a member of the recruiting team, said Tech has acquired a great person.

"He is nationally known and has an impressive resume," Webb said.

"He has helped initiate many new programs at the University of Maryland, and he is great with the students. I think they will really accept him."

Some of the opportunities Suppe referred to involves new courses in conjunction with new resolutions passed by Tech.

He said there will be two new positions at Tech and probably new courses.

"Tech wants to do new stuff with biology

and humanities," Suppe said.

"The good thing about all of these new resolutions is philosophy will be an aspect in every one of them. One of the new course that will be offered is environmental ethics."

Suppe graduated from the University of California at Riverside and received his doctorate at the University of Michigan.

He said he looks forward to living in Lubbock, and he would probably move sometime in August.

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National day: just what doctor ordered

by Shannon Davis
Staff Writer

Dr. Randy Cleghorn, a staff physician at Thompson Hall, is being honored by Student Health Services today on National Doctor's Day for his compassionate doctoring methods.

After working all over the country, he decided to move to Lubbock when an opening was available at Texas Tech.

Before he came to Tech, he traveled to other clinics who needed physicians to work in place of a doctor on leave of absence.

While on an assignment at Tech, he came to substitute while a doctor was away. He said he decided to stay because he enjoyed working at Tech.

"The patient population is great, and I enjoy working with students," Cleghorn said. "This is great work for a doctor, and I also enjoy the free time on the weekends to spend time with my family."

Cleghorn used to work in a rural city of about 5,000 people, and only two doctors treated all the patients.

"The closest doctor was 100 miles away, and I was constantly tending to emergency room patients along with my own patients,"

he said.

Cleghorn is a general practitioner and deals with many different medical situations. Geriatrics, pediatrics and orthopedics are only a few of the many problems that he encounters.

"I deal with a lot of simple problems, like sprained ankles, colds and sore throats," Cleghorn said. "Those are the easy problems that I deal with."

He said the most difficult challenge with students is helping them cope with college life and illness.

"College students have a lot of stress, and I see that stress can be compounding and overwhelming to students," Cleghorn said. "When I intervene, it provides some help in alleviating stress and the fears that students have."

On average, the doctors at Thompson Hall see between 20 to 25 each day patients, which is a step down from the 40 to 50 patients Cleghorn used to see when he was in private practice.

"I have been to Thompson Hall when I was sick, and the doctors have been helpful in dealing with my problems," said Reagan Reed, a junior education major from Plano.

As a child, Cleghorn was ex-

tremely sick, and since he was eight years old, he knew he wanted to be a doctor in able to help other sick people.

Cleghorn is married and has two children, a 4 year old and a 2 year old.

"The most important thing in my life is my children and wife," he said. "This job allows me to practice medicine while having the opportunity to spend time at home."

Thompson Hall has seven doctors which includes Cleghorn, Kelly Bennett, Bill Norton, Dick Capps, Arnie Gonzales, Anthony Way and Shakuntala Patel.

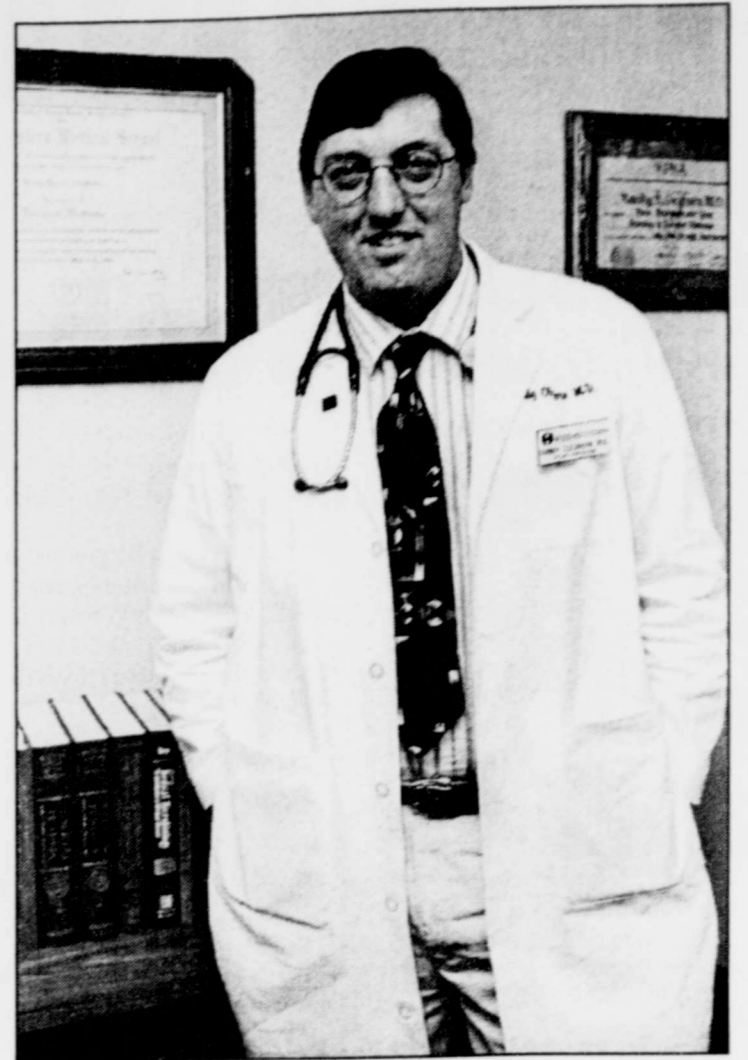
There are two nurse practitioners, Donna Humphrey and Amy Picon and two physician's assistants, Jack Runyan and Joe Bielik.

Rotating physicians from the dermatology department of the Health Sciences Center also help at Thompson Hall.

Cleghorn has been working with Thompson Hall since September.

He graduated from Rice University and Southwestern Medical School in Dallas.

Cleghorn's second cousin was Buddy Holly, and he grew up listening and being surrounded by music and stories that Cleghorn's mother told him.



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Cleanup begins in Fort Worth

FORT WORTH (AP) — The center of Fort Worth looked like a ghost town Wednesday, the day after a tornado tore a path through downtown and caused an estimated \$157 million in damage. Three people died and a fourth person was presumed drowned.

Fort Worth City Manager Bob Terrell said a preliminary survey showed as many as eight commercial buildings were destroyed, and 52 businesses and high-rises received either major or minor damage.

Officials had no dollar estimate on the damage to homes.

"You will have one building that looks almost unscathed, and next door to that you have a building that looks like it's downtown Beirut. It is obviously a disaster of the first class," said Lt. Gov. Rick Perry, acting governor while Gov. George W. Bush is on the presidential campaign in New Jersey.

Deputy Fire Chief Jim Tidwell said it's likely one building will be demolished.

Workers in the city's central business district were told to stay home until large pieces of glass hanging from window frames in high-rise buildings could be knocked down.

The National Weather Service said the tornado reached the intensity of an F-2. On a scale ranging from F-0 to F-5, an F-2 includes significant damage and wind speeds of 113-157 mph. An F-5 is the most damaging.

A second tornado struck Arlington and then moved to Grand Prairie, but as of Wednesday afternoon officials had not determined its strength, said National Weather Service meteorologist Skip Ely.

Police in downtown Fort Worth patrolled a tightly secured area where contractors and city workers tried to safeguard the damaged structures.

Glass glimmered in the sunlight as it showered 30 stories to the streets from the Bank One building.

The downtown twister was a hit-and-miss affair, although it stayed on the ground for about 10 minutes.

"We dodged the bullet, really," said Ely. "It could've been a lot worse."

In Fort Worth, 83 people went to hospitals. Eight were admitted, mostly with minor injuries.

"It's somewhat of a miracle that there aren't more injuries than we've found out about so far," said Fort Worth Mayor Kenneth Barr.

The first twister touched down at 6:15 p.m. and moved eastward into Fort Worth, hitting an area just west of downtown where two people were crushed to death — one by a falling wall and the other by a truck trailer that flipped on him. Several businesses and homes were destroyed.

Much of a five-story church tower, where two women were praying, was blown away.

The Arlington tornado traveled two miles and was several blocks wide. It left 93 houses uninhabitable, Mayor Elzie Odom said. Weather service officials estimate that tornado may have been on the ground 20 minutes.

Twelve injuries, all minor, were reported in Arlington, and 82 people were left homeless, said police Officer Brad Blackman.

The second twister next touched down in the Grand Prairie area about 10 miles to the east, destroying at least eight homes and damaging six others.

About 30,000 people were without power at one point. That number dropped to about 2,000 by Wednesday afternoon, said TXU spokeswoman Pat Nichols.

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to know what would have happened if this would have occurred at 4 p.m."

Civil engineering professor Scott Norville went with the research team.

He said he is hoping to answer several questions in the next few days to determine the cause of the glass breakage in the buildings.

Norville said he thinks that 99.9 percent of all glass breakage is debris-related.

"There are a lot of things we have to look at before anything can be determined," Norville said. "There is no short-term fixage to breaking glass. I am going over there to reinforce my beliefs or to prove I am wrong."

Mehta said tornadoes can occur anywhere in the state, depending on where the jet stream lies as fronts from the north and west collide with moisture from

the Gulf of Mexico.

This usually occurs more often in the Lubbock area than in north central Texas.

"We seem to be at the confluence of the fronts when they come together," Mehta said. "It is hard to pinpoint exactly where a tornado is going to hit."

Doppler Radar now is an effective tool in determining where tornadoes are likely to form since the twisters cannot always be seen. Doppler is used to find upper-level cloud rotations that could become funnel clouds.

Members of the wind engineering team have traveled and researched about 80 tornadoes in the last 30 years.

The research team traveled to Georgia three weeks ago to study a tornado that killed 13 people. Mehta said they determined it to be less powerful as first expected.

Charlie Milling contributed to this story.

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Rosenberg said. "In the first couple hours, she became very ill, and we began using supportive measures."

Measures used included using a ventilator to help her breathe, blood pressure medication, feedings, antibiotics and routine

nurse care. Her blood was sent to the Texas Department of Health for testing of the virus, Rosenberg said.

The young girl's immune system fought the virus off, and she has made a full recovery.

The Texas Department of Health now is investigating the victim's home because of the unknown reason of contracting the virus.

According to figures from the Centers for Disease Control, a total of 238 cases of the hantavirus pulmonary syndrome have been reported in the United States since 1993. About 42 percent of the cases resulted in death.

The patient treated in Lubbock is only the fourth in Texas to contract the virus.

About 3 to 5 percent of rodents in

Lubbock County carry the virus, according to Texas Department of Health reports. If droppings are found, the Texas Department of Health suggests airing out the area for an hour and then spraying the area with bleach before cleaning. Wearing gloves and double-bagging the droppings or dead rodents is important.

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TxDOT, said not all of these parcels will be complete lots.

"Having to buy 327 parcels doesn't mean we have to buy 327 complete lots," Carter said. "We may just have to buy the corner off of someone's property."

Of area businesses and homeowners along Brownfield Highway, 75 percent have been

approached about selling land to make room for the freeway.

Mason said construction on the freeway is scheduled to begin during 2003.

She also said the length of time it takes to finish the projects depends on funding.

A delegation now is in Austin asking the Texas Transportation Commission for \$20 million in additional funding.

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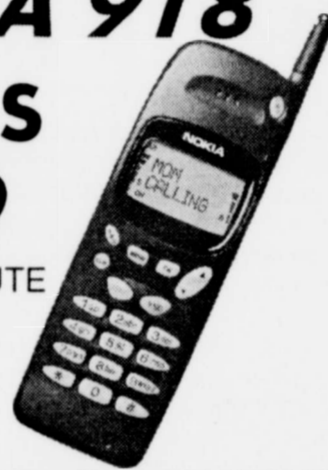
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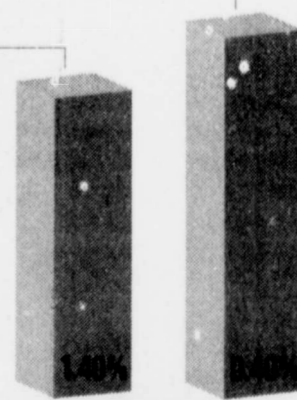
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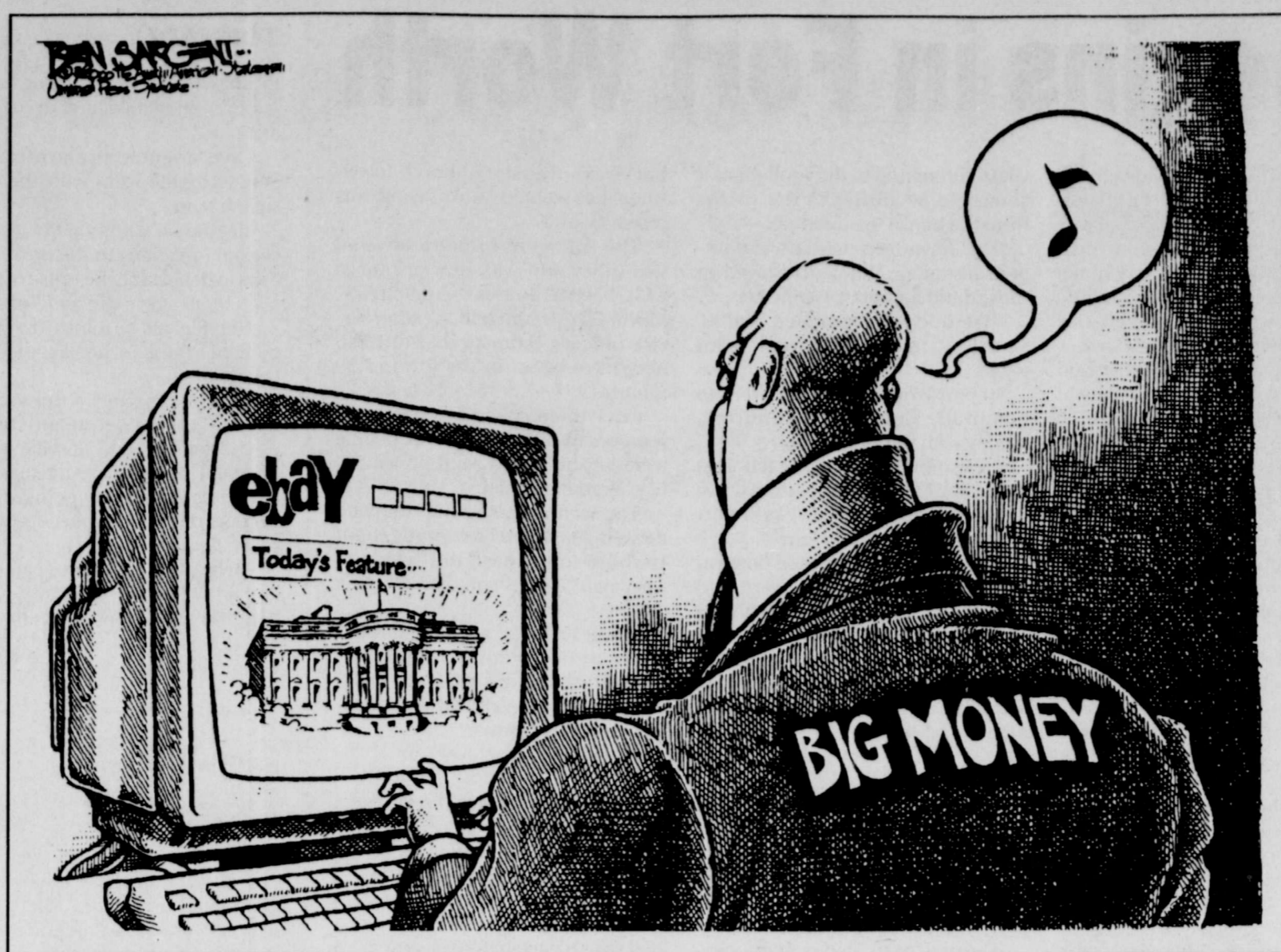
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TECH SOLVES



Students needed to serve on various campus committees

Imagine, if you will, a giant jigsaw puzzle that is the size of a football field. The pieces are no bigger than the ones that come in a puzzle box, so you can only imagine how long it would take for one person to put the whole thing together. Progress would be made much more quickly and effectively if more people got involved.



Andrew Schoppe
SGA
President-Elect

Well, here is a call to any Texas Tech student interested in being a part of an effort to put together the jigsaw puzzle we call Tech. Like the puzzle, Tech has many different pieces that need to be addressed and that means there is a need for students to help in these various areas.

Each year, the newly-elected Student Government Association president is responsible for appointing more than 100 students to various student committees and executive branch and judicial branch positions.

These positions are extremely important because the students who sit on these committees and in these positions are responsible for representing and conveying students' concerns and issues on the areas of interest that are dealt with by the committees and branch positions.

The following is a list of committee positions, executive branch positions and judicial branch positions that are available:

- Presidential Chief of Staff Presidential Cabinet
- Student Diversity Affairs, Academic Affairs, Transportation, Spirituality/Campus Development, Athletics/Spirit Liaison, City/State Affairs, Campus Life, National/International Affairs, Technology-Internet, Big 12 Affairs, Student Activities/Involvement and Communications
- Supreme Court
- Chief Justice and six associate justices

- Student Endowment Fund Committee (seven student members)
- Community Relations Committee (six student members)
- Talent Show Committee (seven student members)
- Environmental Awareness Committee (six student members)
- Fourth on Broadway Committee (nine student members) — must be in Lubbock for the summer.
- Big 12 Committee (eight student members)
- Financial Aid Committee (six student members) — must be in Lubbock for the summer.
- Minority Affairs Committee
- Student Housing Advisory Committee
- Technology Committee
- Communications Committee
- Academic Affairs Committee
- Homecoming Committee
- Parking Violation Appeals and Parking Policy Advisory Committee (two student members)
- Personal Safety Awareness Committee (four student members)
- Student Financial Aid/Scholarship Committee (two student members)
- Student Health Advisory Committee (four student members)
- Student Publications Committee (six student members)
- Student Service Fee Advisory Board (seven student members)
- Substance Abuse Awareness Committee (one student member)
- Honors and Awards Council (one student member)
- Recruitment, Admissions and Retention Committee (two student members)
- Artists and Speakers Committee (five student members)
- Bookstore Advisory Committee (two student members)
- Campus Security and Emergency Committee (two student members)
- Rec Center Expansion Committee (two student members)

During the SGA campaign season, countless numbers of students spoke up to share their concerns and issues about Tech and how they hoped to make it a better university.

These committees provide an opportunity for students to continue to work to make Tech the best it can be. It is necessary for students from all areas of campus to fill these leadership roles so that we can come together to represent the thoughts and ideas of all students.

If you have a particular interest in any of these areas; if you would like to represent your fellow students; if you would like to work hard and get things done to make a difference; or if you've had previous experience in student government at other universities, junior colleges or community colleges and would like to get involved in student government at Tech to use your previous experience to help enhance this university, then please consider applying for one of these positions.

Application forms can be picked up in the SGA office, 230 University Center, during normal business hours. The application form also is conveniently posted on the SGA Web site at www.sga.ttu.edu.

Simply go to www.sga.ttu.edu, click on "Frames and Java Script Site," and then click on the Double T to the left of "Presidential Committees," which is located near the top of the menu bar that appears on the left side of the screen. Finally, select the format you wish to view the form in, HTML format or Word '97 format, fill in the HTML and then return the completed form to the SGA office by 5 p.m. April 21.

If you have any questions regarding the available positions or obtaining an application, please call the SGA office at 742-3631 or e-mail aschoppe@tacs.ttu.edu.

To solve the big jigsaw puzzle we call Tech, it is necessary for you and other Tech students to get involved in the coming year so we can all work together to find the right fit for all the puzzle pieces.

Andrew Schoppe is the president-elect of the Student Government Association and a senior broadcast journalism and business management major from Houston.

For the love of the game

Ahh, spring, when a young man's thoughts turn to love. Then he turns on the television, realizes it's baseball season and forgets about love entirely. Or maybe that's just me.

Every April, like clock work, my grades sink, my girlfriends give up on me, and my friends think I've disappeared — all because of my devotion to the American pastime.

Some people feel baseball doesn't mesh with our attention-deficit society, where we must have every moment of our television viewing filled with a barrage on our senses lest we get bored and change the channel.

Yet baseball sits there, each game about as long as the Academy Awards ceremony and often with less suspense. But yet, regardless of the score, I'll watch until the last pitch of any Rangers game.

Why this blind faith when other sports could fill my attention at a faster pace?

First, baseball is really the only sport where any team can win on any given day. In football, it might happen on the last week of the season when the teams bound for the playoffs rest their starters, and the teams with nothing to lose prevail. But in baseball, anything goes.

Last year, the Minnesota Twins, one of the poorest, losingest teams, had a winning record against the New York Yankees, the eventual World Series champions.

In baseball, it is actually a challenge to reach the playoffs. In basketball or hockey, more than half the teams make the playoffs. Any team can just cruise to a .500 record and still have a reasonable shot of making the playoffs.

Meanwhile, in baseball, teams fight it out for the minuscule chance of playing in October. Teams who win 90 games don't always make the playoffs, so it means much more.

Baseball is a unifier. It's the only sport that unites jocks and math nerds in a common bond. Both are equally as likely to tell you the batting average of their favorite player on night games in the month of June on games after off days.

It's a game that belongs to the thinking man and the athlete alike. But most of all, I love baseball because it's a team sport. Basketball teams can win behind one talented player, football can get by with two or three stars, but baseball requires a solid team from top to bottom to win.

Individual stats may draw more attention than a solid lineup, but both Mark McGwire and Sammy Sosa have said they'd give up their home run prowess for a shot at the World Series.

My only complaint is that each season, "sports gurus" expect you to pay good money for their "in depth" analysis predicting the winners based on some "sure-fire method."

When most sports magazines picked the Arizona Diamondbacks and Texas Rangers to finish third in their respective divisions last year, I was ready to institute mandatory drug tests for sports writers. But they were made to see the light when both teams handily won their division.

The truth is there is a formula to predicting winners, but it's not complicated; it's merely based on addition and subtraction. Figure out which team in the division improved their team the most in the off season, and you've got your winner.

Last year, it was the Arizona Diamondbacks, adding Randy Johnson and other talented veterans. This year, the obvious choice is the Cincinnati Reds who added All-Stars Dante Bichette and Ken Griffey Jr., to an already talented ball club without any major losses. They'll win their division (provided they pick up a quality starter down the stretch) because they've added while the Astros lost significant players such as Mike Hampton and Carl Everett.

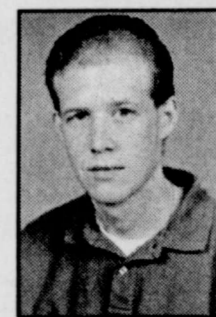
I think the rest of the National League will stay the same with the exception of New York and Atlanta switching places atop the NL East. Both of them will still make the playoffs, so you won't notice any difference from last year, except that this year, the Mets will prevail and end up in the World Series.

In the American League, Cleveland, New York and Boston will retain their playoff positions from last year because they each have significantly improved from last year (the Yankees just by ditching a certain Fat Toad from their rotation).

The only close race in the AL will be the AL West, where the Rangers will pull it out because the rest of the division got weaker, except for Oakland who can't repeat their break-out performance from last year.

Meanwhile, Tom Evans and Ruben Mateo will produce for the Rangers, propelling them to a World Series win. Well, I suppose I say that every year, but it could happen. And at least you didn't have to pay for my predictions.

Jay Hudec is a second-year medical student from Plano. He is trying to explain to the girl he's dating why he won't be able to see her again until sometime in November.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Parking woes

To the editor: Texas Tech Traffic and Parking (God bless them), on top of the ridiculous prices they are setting for parking passes in the future, now have another reason to be despised. The other afternoon while parking at a commuter lot, I was issued a ticket for not having a valid permit when a permit was hanging from my rear-view mirror. I thought no big deal, just go down to the traffic office and get it dismissed, no problem. Well, eventually, my appeal was rejected by the appeal gods who decided that I was lying about having the permit on my car even though I hadn't received a ticket for not having a permit before or after that day. My guess is with the rise in prices for parking passes, the department is still short of money, so I'll donate my \$25 to them because I really have no other option. I just wanted to thank them for making a financially-struggling college student even poorer because they need my money. Keep up the shoddy work.

John Hartnett
junior
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To the editor: Over the last few months, many people have pointed out and de-

bated to death all of the problems this "fine" institution of higher education is facing, ranging from spending students' money to pay for our chancellor to move to construction project funds being "misallocated" (case in point: the English/Philosophy/Education Complex). So I want to jump on the bandwagon and point out yet another problem that I know many students like myself are dealing with. The problem is our university's Traffic and Parking department. Over the course of this year, I have somehow managed to accumulate around seven or eight tickets for various reasons that the Traffic and Parking officers seem to pull out of thin air. For example, earlier this semester, my car was towed from behind my residence hall because "I was parked too close to a trash container." I kid you not, you could have driven three semi-trucks side by side through the space between my car and the trash container in question. Another example, at the beginning of the year, I was taking my computer to the High Tech bookstore and was instructed to park in a 30-minute parking space. Because of the line in the bookstore, I was in there for exactly (yes, I was watching my watch) 33 minutes. Guess what? There was a ticket on my car when I got back to it. I received another ticket for \$250 for partially parking in a handicap zone. Never mind that it was the last night before the end of the fall semester (the campus was nearly deserted as it was) or the fact that I had strained a back muscle playing sports the day before, and I was just trying to park close to my room so that I could move things from my residence hall to the car. Never mind that I

was not intentionally blocking part of a handicap space, I still got a ticket. But they are too ticket happy and full of sugar from their donuts to really care, they just want more money. Hopefully, some of you have been luckier than that, and by my calculations, the \$250 I paid should be enough to buy about 100 dozen donuts which should last them about an hour so you should be able to get away with just about anything for a little while, but then look out!

Luke Stapleton
freshman

management information systems

Ode to Lady Raiders

To the editor: Dedicated to Marsha Sharp and the Lady Raiders:
Hey everybody,
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People ■ News

Hanson brothers launch new website

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The brothers from the group Hanson — Isaac, Taylor and Zac — are now just a click away from the teenyboppers who find them irresistible.

On Thursday, the band will launch www.hanson.net, a full-service Internet service provider.

The site provides dial-up access for \$14.95 a month and offers users a "virtual backstage pass" to the group's upcoming tour.

The site, described as "a totally interactive online destination for Hanson fans," debuts on the eve of the release of Hanson's new album, "This Time Around."

The site is the latest creation from rocker David Bowie's entertainment Internet company UltraStar Internet Services.

Speech attracts hundreds of protesters

WALTHAM, Mass. (AP) — Charlton Heston's speech at Brandeis University attracted hundreds of protesters, including some who lay on the pavement, fake blood oozing from fake gunshot wounds.

"Political correctness is tyranny with manners," Heston told the crowd of about 700 students, administrators and members of the community in a speech at the university's student center Tuesday night.

Heston, the president of the National Rifle Association, told the crowd to "question authority" when it comes to gun control laws.

Before Heston's address, protesters — most of them students — chanted anti-gun slogans and waved signs outside during a rally sponsored by the American Jewish Congress.

Congress President Summer Kaplan railed against the NRA's resistance to stricter gun control measures.

"The blood of innocents — children or adults — by the illegal, inadvertent and improper use of guns ... it's cause for revulsion," he said. "The Second Amendment was never meant to condone lawlessness."

Pro-NRA demonstrators were also on hand to air their views. Tim Labbe, 31, said he came to support Heston.

Arranging flowers Oscar-style

by Alicia Field
Staff Writer

Across the street from Texas Tech, in the College Flowers shop on Broadway, Oscar-quality floral arrangements are being created daily.

College Flowers owner Kelly Marble and operations manager Geoff Kratz were among the 15 floral designers from around the country invited by the Oscar decorations producer to travel to Los Angeles for the 2000 Academy Awards.

Marble and Kratz participated in coordinating the flowers that adorned the red carpet walkway into the auditorium, as well as the arrangements that were placed in the dressing rooms of the actors and actresses. They worked with the Rose Bowl float company, Charisma Floats, as well as set producers.

More than 60,000 flowers were brought to Los Angeles for the Oscars from around the globe.

Marble said flowers were imported from South America, Holland and Hawaii. He said most of them included roses, lilies and orchids.

"To be involved in something this

major and seeing a job of this magnitude fall together is truly rewarding," he said.

After several months of planning and eight days of arranging flowers, Marble and Kratz were able to attend the Oscars and met some of the stars many dream of seeing.

"We were face-to-face with people like Robin Williams," he said.

Marble and Kratz were chosen to be part of the floral design team at the Oscars because of the unique style in design Marble initiated.

"The designs keep a traditional look with a cutting-edge flare," Kratz said.

He also said Marble's designs depict style seen in clothing and interior design, with a European touch.

"College Flowers is known around the United States and the world for their style," Kratz said.

He said their experience and ability to create arrangements for large-scale events also was a factor in going to the awards ceremony. Kratz particularly was involved in the flower arrangements for the dressing rooms.

"People have the idea that Lubbock is this little West Texas town," he said. "They don't realize what's in this town and the amount of talent that comes



Greg Kreller/The University Daily

Kelly Marble, owner of College Flowers, was among 15 floral designers who were invited by the Oscar decorations producer to help decorate the 2000 Academy Awards.

out of it."

Marble was employed at College Flowers while attending Tech. Shortly after graduation in 1984 with a degree in ornamental horticulture, he bought his place of employment. Kratz has

been in the field for 20 years and is a member of the American Institute of Floral Designers.

Marble and Kratz have been invited back to arrange the flowers for the 2001 Academy Awards.

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Gay, lesbian fingers reveal cause of homosexuality

(AP) — A provocative study of finger lengths found that lesbians are more likely than other women to have a subtle masculine trait, while gay men may display that same characteristic more than heterosexuals. The research adds to an expanding body of evidence that sexual ori-

entation is at least partly a matter of biology — and not simply a choice or a result of cultural or psychological influences. It also provides evidence for the theory that exposure to higher levels of male sex hormones in the womb can help make a person lesbian or

gay, despite the stereotype of effeminate gay men, the researchers said. The researchers at the University of California-Berkeley built their study on an already known quirk of human anatomy: Men tend to have shorter index fingers than ring fingers. In women, those two fingers tend to

be about the same length. Scientists believe that men's higher levels of androgens — the male sex hormones such as testosterone that are found in both sexes — produce this and many other sex differences. In the study published Thursday in the journal *Nature*, the Berkeley researchers interviewed 720 adults at three street festivals in San Francisco, asked them their sexual orientation and measured their fingers.

The fingers of lesbians were closer to the typical male configuration — with the shorter index finger — than

the fingers of other women. The finding points to higher levels of male sex hormones in early life for lesbians, the researchers said. The researchers also found indirect evidence of a similar trait in gay men.

They found that, in keeping with earlier research, men with more older brothers were more often gay, possibly from escalating levels of androgens in the womb for successive boys. The researchers then went a step further, showing that those same men with older brothers also had relatively

shorter index fingers — the hormonal male pattern — than other men. The researchers suspect that if they had looked at larger numbers of people, they would have found that gays overall indeed show a more masculine finger pattern than other men. Some earlier researchers have also tied male homosexuality to unusually strong masculine traits. "This calls into question all of our cultural assumptions that gay men are feminine," said psychologist Marc Breedlove, who led the Berkeley study.



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Houston dazed during interview

NEW YORK (AP) — Whitney Houston showed up four hours late for an interview, had trouble keeping her eyes open and said meeting a president was about the same as hanging out with a junkie, says *Jane* magazine.

Houston, who bowed out of a scheduled performance on Sunday's Academy Awards show, explained to the magazine that she was late because she had to go to a dentist after cracking a tooth, the magazine says in a cover story in its May issue.

"When Whitney arrived, she was extremely unfocused, had trouble keeping her eyes open and kept singing and playing an imaginary piano on the table," wrote the interviewer, Tony Romano. "I guess laughing gas can do that to you."

Asked if she'd ever met a president or hung out with a junkie, she said "sure" and added that the experience was "just the same. The president gets off on a couple of hits. They're the same, both cut from the same cloth, they're just men, you dig?"

She did not say which president she had met.

Houston wore a gold and diamond bracelet during the interview. She told the magazine that after she signed her first contract with Arista records, "I asked this few guy on Diamond Row in New York" to make it.

Houston spokeswoman Nancy Seltzer did not immediately return a call for comment today. She told the *Daily News*: "I've never heard Whitney use language like that. She doesn't think in terms of race or religion."

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Tracey steps into leading role for Raiders

by Patrick Gonzales
Sports Editor

A look at Texas Tech pitcher Kevin Tracey's record can be somewhat deceiving.

At 2-5, Tracey has the most losses of any Red Raider pitcher.

But with two starting hurlers out with injuries and No. 1 starting pitcher Brandon Roberson out for the season, Tracey has stepped in to become Tech's ace.

"He's obviously our No. 1 guy, and we've also turned games over to him late," Tech coach Larry Hays said. "He's been the man for us and has really done an excellent job for us this season."

However, Tracey recently has gone beyond the call of duty as a starter and has been used as the club's closer as well.

Altogether, he has started nine contests this season and has made five other appearances, including three saves.

Tracey's importance to the team might have been evident during the Red Raiders' sweep of nationally-ranked Baylor less than two weeks ago.

Tracey entered every game during the series and helped secure victories for the Red Raiders in the late innings.

"We went to him late against A&M, Baylor and Nebraska in five critical games, and he won four of those for us," Hays said.

However, being the "go to" pitcher also has its downfalls, as Tracey experienced in last weekend's series with Nebraska.

In the Red Raiders' first game during Saturday's double header, Tracey

gave up a game-tying home run in the eighth inning and eventually gave up the winning run on a wild pitch in extra innings.

However, Tracey did not have long to dwell on the loss, as he started the second game of the double header for the Red Raiders.

"I had been really successful lately, so that was kind of a turn of the tide for me, but that's baseball and you just have to forget about it," Tracey said about his outing against the Cornhuskers. "But I still want to throw whenever I can. The more I'm out there the more fun I'm having, so I don't mind doing any role (coach) wants to put me in. I love it."

But even though his role has grown because of injuries to other starters, Hays said Tracey still was going to be used in abundance this season.

In fact, last season, Tracey was Tech's No. 2 starter and finished with a 9-1 record and a 3.52 ERA.

"The way he's throwing, we might have made a closer out of him, or he might have been the second or third

starter," Hays said. "Either way, he would have been a key figure for us. He just would have had a lot more help."

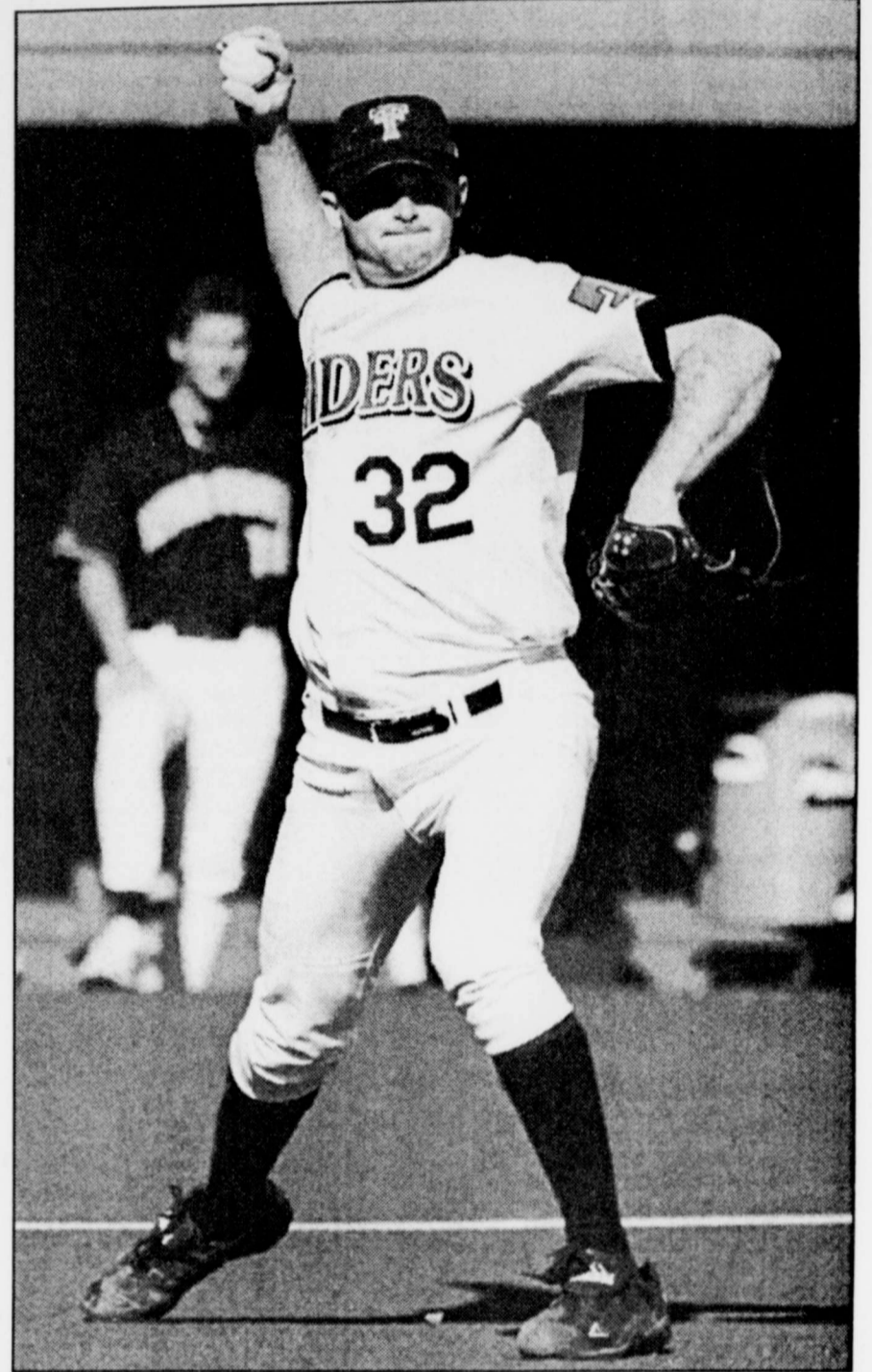
Overall this season, Tracey leads the club with 48 strikeouts compared to 17 walks against opposing batters.

His most impressive statistic could be the 60.2 innings he has pitched so far this season with 22 regular season games remaining. The total is 13 innings more than any other pitcher on the Tech staff and only 27 innings less than he pitched all season last year.

However, the amount of innings does not matter for Tracey as long as he stays healthy, he said.

"It's hanging in there good" said Tracey who has pitched four complete games for the Red Raiders. "I'm running a lot, exercising a lot, so it's hanging in there pretty good. Hopefully, the bug doesn't get me."

Tracey once again will look to lead the Red Raiders when they face Kansas State at 7 p.m. Friday at Dan Law Field to begin a three-game series.



Greg Kretler/The University Daily
Tech pitcher, Kevin Tracey, has become the Red Raiders' ace after injuries hurt two other starting pitchers. Tracey and the Raiders are next in action 7 p.m. Friday at Dan Law Field against Kansas State.

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