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STATE NEWS —

Mexican police arrest man wanted by Texas authorities

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Mexican authorities announced on Thursday the arrest of a man wanted in Texas in connection with the killing of his ex-wife.

Acting on an extradition request from U.S. authorities, federal police arrested Romeo Dominguez Lopez, 24, on Tuesday in Cadereyta about 120 miles southwest of the border city of McAllen, Texas.

The body of Lori Lopez, 25, was found Nov. 20 in a wooded area north of Wharton, 60 miles southwest of Houston. She had been shot to death. In Wharton, District Attorney Josh McCowen said no charges had been filed yet.

Officials said Dominguez Lopez went to her residence in Pasadena, southeast of Houston, on Nov. 10 to return their two children to her. No one reported seeing her since. His car was found abandoned the next day in Laredo.

NATIONAL NEWS —

Columbine students say media makes healing harder

LITTLETON, Colo. (AP) — Survivors of the Columbine High School massacre are ready to move on a year after the shooting attack, but the media spotlight makes progress difficult, students and faculty said Wednesday.

"Kids are ready to heal," said Crystal Woodman, a senior who hid under a table in the suburban Denver school during the attack that killed 12 students, a teacher and the two teen-age gunmen. "They're ready to go forward."

A group of 26 students and faculty members met with media members. The event, set up by the school district, was to be the only organized meeting of reporters with students in advance of the one-year anniversary on April 20.

Most of the students, teachers, and administrators said they wanted to publicly express thanks to Columbine Principal Frank DeAngelis for his efforts at helping them heal and to people across the country and worldwide for their support.

Some also said they came to dispel what they termed "myths" surrounding the nation's worst school shooting.

WORLD NEWS —

Ruling party insider takes over for Japan's ailing premier

TOKYO (AP) — Ruling party insider Yoshiro Mori took control as Japan's new prime minister Wednesday, squelching speculation he would call early elections and promising to plow ahead with his predecessor's economic recovery plan.

The election of Mori by Parliament resolved a leadership crisis in the Japanese government triggered Sunday when Prime Minister Keizo Obuchi suffered a stroke and went into a coma. Obuchi remained hospitalized on life support.

At his first news conference as prime minister, Mori brushed off suggestions that opposition pressure would force him to call a general election before July, when leaders from the Group of Eight nations will hold a summit in Japan.

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Campus warning system ready to sound

by Michael Denton
Staff Writer

With the recent destruction left behind by the F-2 tornado that ravished the Fort Worth area, issues on Lubbock's own tornado safety are being questioned.

Other than the external siren warning system located on the Texas Tech campus, the city of Lubbock has no external tornado warning system.

"The system at Tech consists of four external old civil defense sirens that can all be simultaneously set off from a switch located in the police communications room," said Sgt. Dan Hale, public information officer for the Tech Police Department.

Arlington and Grand Prairie's outdoor warning systems failed during the March 28

Tech sirens to help avoid Fort Worth disaster

tornado. Those cities now are debating whether or not the system is needed. Many Texas cities, including some of the largest, such as San Antonio and Austin, have chosen not to have outdoor warning systems, saying people tend to ignore the sirens.

Prior to 1977, Lubbock had its own external warning system in place, but the issue to update the system or even replace it was decided against because the decision occurred around the time of the implementation of the Emergency Broadcast System on television and radio.

Local officials thought television and radios could be used more sufficiently than an actual outside siren system.

"The main systems we depend on to warn people today are the televisions, the radios and the NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration) weather radio system," said Ken Olson, emergency management coordinator for the city of Lubbock.

The NOAA radio system consists of small radios people can buy at local appliance stores, and when a severe weather warning is issued, the radios transmit a distinct tone that warn people that an alert has been issued.

The device costs between \$20 to \$100, depending on whether they can be programmed for local announcements. Some Tech students are concerned about the lack of a siren warn-

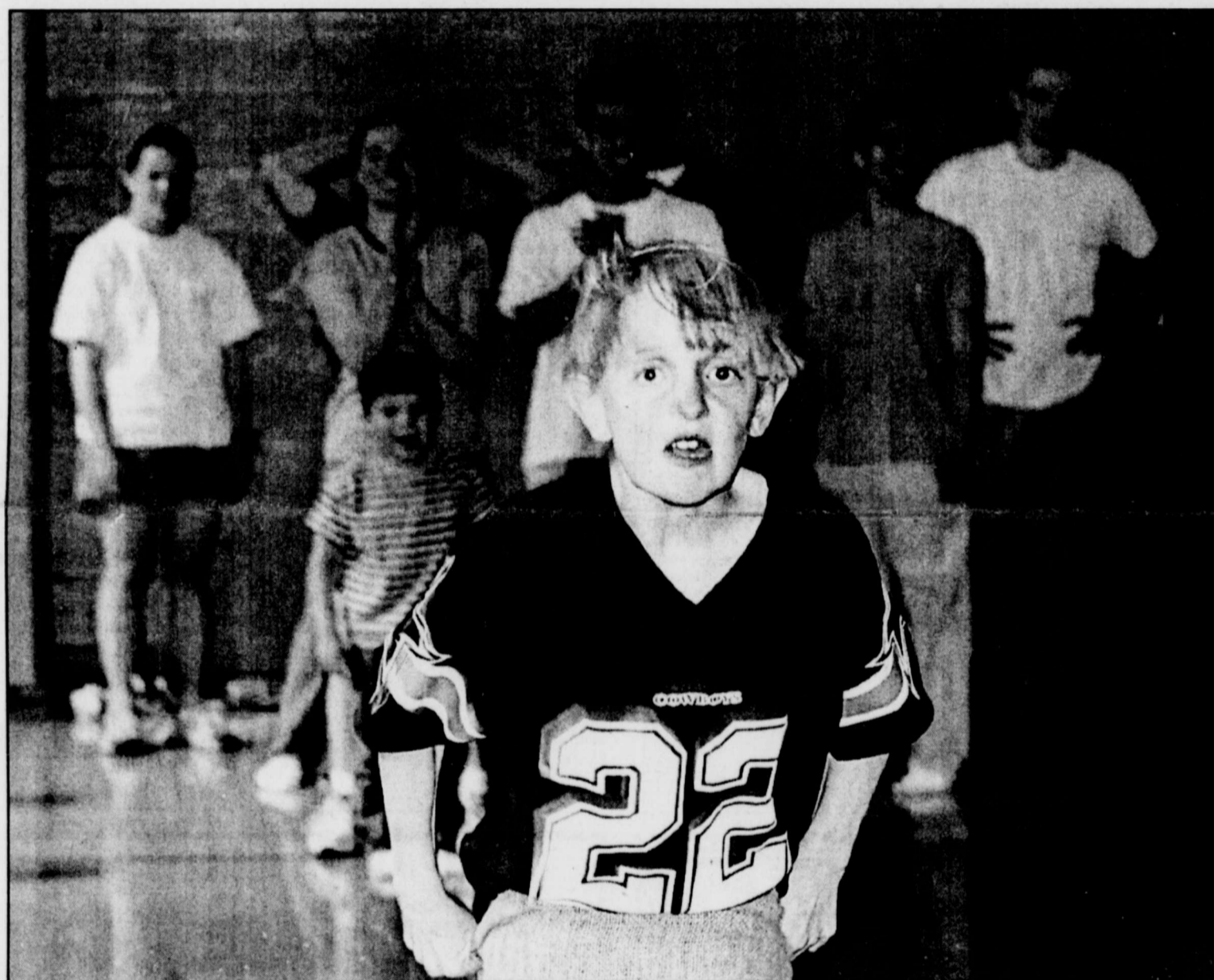
ing system if severe weather strikes.

"I think that is stupid because people don't want to have to spend extra money, especially college students, to buy a weather radio," said Kara Fry, a junior business major from Odessa. "Lubbock should use tax money to build a warning system, instead of perhaps placing flowers all long the Loop. Which is more important?"

Lubbock officials said they encourage any business, public gathering place, church or medical facility to purchase a Noah Weather Radio and always stay tuned to local weather services.

"One advantage we have over other places, like Fort Worth, is that we have such flat land around us that we can see weather forming from miles away and know what is coming toward us," Olson said.

Hop to it



Michael Todd, a fourth-grader and resident of the Children's Home of Lubbock, participates in a sack race as Texas Tech medical students cheer him on. Play Day is sponsored by the medical students and is in a series of events leading up to the City Lights Charity Ball. The third annual ball will be April 15 at the Lubbock Club and will benefit local charities. Over the past two years, no other academic institution has raised more for charity than the School of Medicine.

Plunkett hopes to increase Tech voting

by Kelsey Walter
Staff Writer

Although it might be easy to tell by the way he lives his life, Tom Plunkett's favorite saying is, "Life is too short, live every minute as if it is your last."

At 27, Plunkett already has accomplished several things he once thought might take longer.

Plunkett, a senior political science major from Plano, recently was elected as chairman of the 49th Precinct for Lubbock County during primary elections March 11.

Precincts 49 and 50 are known as the Texas Tech precincts and turned out extremely low voter participation rates for the local elections last month.

"One of my main goals as chairman is to increase the voting turnout for the Tech students," Plunkett said. "I understand that most students aren't from Lubbock, but it is important for them to vote because they do have a say."

Tech professor emeritus Neale Pearson said it is unfortunate for students who actually do vote to be left out, but if students are not showing up to participate, it is not really worth paying the poll officials.

As chairman for the Republican Party, Plunkett said his party is interested in helping students realize they can voice their opinions more often.

Plunkett has spent five years in the Air Force ROTC, and he came to Tech on an academic scholarship. In May, Plunkett is scheduled to be commissioned into the U.S. Air

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Student Senate completes student fee allocation

by Jennifer Bailey
Staff Writer

In the last regular session of the Texas Tech Student Senate on Thursday night, members passed the 2000-2001 organization funding bill. The bill appropriated funds for support of university registered student organizations for the fiscal year beginning Sept. 1.

SEE PAGE 4 FOR LIST OF FUNDING ALLOCATED TO STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

A total of 119 Tech organizations were funded for the upcoming academic year. With some debate from Senate members,

the Tech Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Student Association was one of 119 organizations that received funding.

GLBSA president Jason Gray said he is happy with the Senate's decision.

"In the past, GLBSA has sponsored all community benefits with private funding," Gray said. "It is a pleasure to know that Texas Tech has decided to supplement the good work our organization does."

Tech's Visions of Light Gospel Choir also received funding from the Student Senate.

"This is our sixth year as an organization, and the amount we received was the most ever," said Rodney Shepherd, a member of the choir and a junior family studies major from

Dallas.

The organization originally petitioned for \$3,000 but was allocated \$1,300.

The organizations added to the bill at Thursday's meeting were first-time recipients College Democrats and College Republicans.

The Senate also discussed a proposal to allow, for the first time in Tech history, the election of a Homecoming king for the year 2000.

The proposal was presented by members of the 2000 homecoming committee who said with the new millennium there should be new changes.

Although the proposal was presented, it will not be voted on until next year's Senate session.

If the proposal is passed, Tech would become one of five schools in the Big 12 Conference that have a homecoming king and the only school from Texas to implement the idea. Other Big 12 schools with a homecoming king include: the University of Kansas, University of Missouri, University of Oklahoma and Oklahoma State University.

The Senate also passed bills stating a need for more security at all United Spirit Arena events and a need for support of Tech's Habitat for Humanity's 20 in 2000 building campaign and all other student-sponsored philanthropic campuswide.

The Senate will not meet again until Fall 2000.

Volunteers provide support to Hospice patients, families

by Alicia Field
Staff Writer

Carpe diem may not be an important phrase to everyone, especially Texas Tech students in the prime of their lives. However, each day becomes increasingly shorter to someone with cancer or AIDS.

Hospice of Lubbock and Tech students have combined efforts to assist the families and patients of Hospice who are waking up each day with death on their minds.

Sam Ramos, volunteer Hospice family care coordinator, said Hospice advocates the affirmation of life and provides support to terminally-ill patients and their families.

"Tech students can bring a lot of happiness and joy to these patients and their families because they are young and energetic," he said.

Patients who are in the Hospice program

usually have six months or less to live, Ramos said.

"We try to provide end-of-life care so that patients can live as best as they can until the end of their lives, and some have lived longer than expected by doctors," he said.

Volunteers have the opportunity to work in many areas of Hospice and will undergo a 12-hour training course that is flexible to meet their schedules.

"Volunteers are special to us — they're the heart of Hospice," Ramos said.

Concentration areas for volunteers include family supportive services, administrative work, public affairs and serving on the Community Advisory Board or Board of Directors.

There is a great need for students who will be attending summer school, Ramos said.

"The understanding that dying is a part of living is something that Hospice volunteers



Shawna Gameson, a senior nursing major, visits with Marvin Crumble at the August Manor in Lubbock. Hospice volunteers not only talk with the residents but their families as well.

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can take from the experience," he said.

Ramos said volunteers are needed for at least one year, and those who work directly

with families will be spending one hour a week with the patient and their family as a

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Tech grad, others in need of marrow transplant

by Shannon Davis
Staff Writer

Just two months before Texas Tech graduate Stacey Galindo was to begin nursing school, she was diagnosed with leukemia.

In June, the 23-year-old began treatments to get rid of her disease, but the leukemia came back.

Doctors hope a bone marrow transplant will cure and help her fight the illness.

National Marrow Donor Program has scheduled two emergency bone marrow drives to help Galindo, along with a 15-year-old girl and an 8-year-old girl in the South Plains area. There also is a girl in Fort Worth and a boy in Hereford who need to find a match from a donor.

A bone marrow drive will be at Ralls High School from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday. The school is located at 1106 10th St., in Ralls.

The second drive is scheduled

from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m., April 29 at Maggie Trejo Super Center, located at 3200 Amherst St., in Lubbock.

The drives are targeting minorities and people with a mixed racial background. Galindo and the donor must match each other with six different characteristics.

"We are in dire need of donors, especially minority donors," said Marlene Lauterdale, the regional representative for the National Marrow Donor Program. "We are losing children, and I want to stress that people should do it with their heart because they care."

If the South Plains donors do not match one of the three patients in the area, they may match someone else nationwide who is in need.

"What I am telling people is to come out and donate because if it doesn't help me, it may help someone else," Galindo said in a written statement. "I'd love for someone to match me, but there is a need for donors for

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**Stacey Galindo
Tech graduate**

others, not just me."

Galindo has had chemotherapy treatments, and the cancer went into remission but returned. She then was sent for more treatments that sent the leukemia into remission but relapsed for a second time. Her platelets are down, and her white cells are dying.

The process of donating is in three parts. The first two steps are screenings and blood tests to find a potential donor. The third step is finding a match and having the donor donate. Lauterdale said.

There are two possible procedures that can be performed by medical physicians, and this is done to ensure the safety of the donor, Lauterdale said.

"Donors who do not match those recipients who are in need at the time, remain on records and can help future people who are in need," she said.

The Lubbock Health Department hosted a bone marrow drive March 31 and April 1, which drew 222 possible matches for the three patients.

The American Bone Marrow Do-

nor Registry states there is a one in 20,000 chance of finding an unrelated, compatible donor. The odds jump to one in 1 million for minorities.

Marrow transplants can treat various types of leukemia, aplastic anemia, severe combined immune deficiency syndrome, sickle cell anemia and radiation poisoning.

Lubbock has identified matches for patients who have needed bone marrow transplants. A Lubbock mother was tested and did not match her Anglo-Asian son, but someone did match. Also, a Ralls resident matched an 8-year-old in the West Texas area.

The National Marrow Donor Program has facilitated more than 9,000 transplants, in which 75 percent of those were for some form of leukemia.

For more information about the emergency drives in Lubbock, contact Lauterdale at 253-2678.

UT names site of new museum

AUSTIN (AP) — The University of Texas announced Thursday it will build the Jack S. Blanton Museum of Art near Martin Luther King Boulevard and Speedway.

John Rishling, associate vice president for campus planning, said a design team hired by the university recommended the site after considering several others.

"Their conclusion was that the

teaching mission of Blanton museum requires a central location on the campus," he said.

The design team said the site had the advantages of being near the Texas State Historical Museum, the core campus and a 1,555-car parking garage.

The \$60 million museum is scheduled to open in 2002. It will eventually cover 150,000 square feet, accord-

ing to information from the university.

The museum will exhibit the university's permanent art collection, including 700 works of European art from the Renaissance and Baroque periods in the Suida-Manning Collection.

Some aspects of planning the museum have been under dispute. Several possible locations were discussed then rejected.

Police arrest 24 during janitor protests

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Striking janitors took to the streets Thursday and tied up traffic with protests that led to more than 20 arrests.

The Rev. Jesse Jackson joined about 1,500 janitors at a rally that led to three arrests, including two people who allegedly punched bicycle police officers, authorities said.

A morning protest in which strikers blocked a freeway offramp resulted in 21 demonstrators being ar-

rested. They were booked for failing to disperse, Officer Marlo Lopez del Haro said.

Jackson, invoking the spirit of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., said the slain civil rights leader would have supported the janitors.

"Martin Luther King died for the dignity of workers," Jackson said. "America is so prosperous, and it needs to share the wealth."

About 8,500 unionized janitors

are pressing for a \$1-an-hour raise each year for the next three years. They now make between \$6.80 and \$7.80 an hour. The final offer from commercial building contractors was for two, 40-cent hourly boosts in the second and third years of the contract.

According to the union, more than 70 percent of downtown Los Angeles office buildings could be affected by the strike today.

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Force after graduation.

"Being commissioned into the Air Force is a lifelong dream," he said.

Plunkett is involved in several campus activities including the Chancellor's Council, three honor societies and is a residential adviser for Coleman Residence Hall.

"The experiences I have had at Texas Tech have been the best of my life," he said.

Plunkett has worked on campaigns with U.S. Senators Phil Gramm and Kay Bailey Hutchison. Plunkett also helped in the local sheriff's race for Lubbock County.

The on-campus polling location was dropped from the Tech campus for the upcoming election because of low turnout at the primaries.

"If Tech students show an interest in voting, then they will bring it back," Plunkett said.

He said when only a few people

vote out of an enrollment of 25,000 people, there is really no reason to continue to make polling locations on campus available for the students.

Plunkett plans to attend military intelligence school once he is commissioned into the Air Force and said he wants to be an Air Force lawyer until he retires.

He said after he retires, he hopes to run for U.S. Congress, senator and one day, president.

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Among awards being presented are the Fighting Heart Award and the Most Valuable Player award. Winners of the awards were voted upon by the Lady Raiders themselves. Coach Marsha Sharp and senior members of the team also will speak.

The banquet is open to the public, but no tickets will be sold at the door. Although dinner tickets are sold out, general admission tickets, which will not include dinner, are available at the Texas Tech athletic ticket office until 5 p.m. Monday. Tickets cost \$10.

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Tech study works to reduce pork bacteria

by Melissa Neal
Contributing Writer

Consumers soon may have safer and higher quality pork products at their neighborhood meat counter.

Texas Tech researchers are conducting a study on how producers can produce pork with less bacterial contamination and higher meat quality.

The study will determine which environment, indoor or outdoor, is best to decrease salmonella and E. coli bacteria found on pork, as well as boost overall meat quality.

Researchers are hoping to find answers for the growing U.S. pork industry that will reduce bacterial contamination often found on consumed pork products.

"Pigs are affected by stress, and these stresses can affect meat quality and food safety," said John Blanton, assistant professor in the Department of Animal Science and Food Technology at Tech.

A 1995 USDA survey of 91 percent of the U.S. hog inventory showed that pork had a 31 percent salmonella occurrence rate.

The information gathered from the survey proves to the pork industry that the top bio-safety management practices being performed might not be enough prevention against harmful bacterial growth on pork.

Researchers in the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources gathered pork fecal

samples and skin swipes from pigs raised in either indoor or outdoor environments. The samples then were evaluated for bacterial loads at the Tech meat laboratory following USDA protocols.

No conclusions have been made from those tests yet, and research will not be completed until August 2001.

Blanton said a possible advantage offered in an outdoor environment is the reduction of overcrowding. In outdoor facilities, pigs are in a natural environment with grass and have the freedom to dig and root as pigs normally do in outdoor environments.

Conventional indoor pork facilities place hundreds of pigs in one barn, often pushing pens to limited capacity. Pigs are raised on concrete floors from birth to slaughter age.

"The amount of space makes a difference," said Jessica Gentry, an animal science graduate student on her own evaluations of why outdoor environments may offer bacterial load improvements among pork. "Pigs like to have their own areas; they are really clean animals."

The research project is funded with portions of a \$1-million grant from the Fund for Rural America Program, a portion of the USDA.

Tech researchers have concluded a preliminary study and have begun a more thorough evaluation that will look at warmer summertime conditions at pig farms.

Unclaimed scholarships questioned

AUSTIN (AP) — Members of a legislative committee overseeing a new state scholarship program said Thursday they want to know why Texas colleges have returned more than \$3 million intended to help high school graduates pay for higher education.

Sen. Rodney Ellis, D-Houston, and Rep. Henry Cuellar, D-Laredo, co-chair the TEXAS Grant Oversight Committee.

The committee ordered staff members at the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board and the Texas Education Agency to survey public schools, colleges and universities to try to determine some of the problems with the first year of the program, which was passed during the 1999 legislative session.

"Before you know it, we'll be back

in session again, and we need time to make recommendations," Cuellar said. "My problem is very simple: how to get dollars from point A to point B. What's the problem?"

Said Ellis, "Knowing there were startup problems around the state, how do we make sure students aren't penalized?"

The Toward Excellence Access and Success grant was formed last year by lawmakers who allocated \$100 million over two years.

To date, 8,569 students have received \$14.9 million from the program. But colleges have returned \$3.1 million of the \$18 million originally set aside for this year.

The coordinating board will reallocate the unused money to colleges and universities that requested additional funds, said Sharon Cobb, as-

sistant commissioner for student services at the board.

Students earning the state's two highest diplomas, which indicate more rigorous course loads, are eligible for the scholarships. Students with a basic diploma are not.

Many colleges have said they had trouble identifying eligible students. Other schools reported problems interpreting the rules.

Some committee members suggested institutions lack the incentive to promote the program because students, not schools, receive money.

"To me, the ones who are losing out aren't the universities," Cuellar said. "It's the students."

The surveys will help the committee iron out the programs problems and ease growing pains, the lawmakers said.

"Once we do that, we can stop speculating so at least we'll know the reasons for not using the money," Cuellar said.

The surveys will ask administrators what problems they had identifying eligible students, how lower and higher education institutions promoted the program, the ethnic and financial breakdown of students receiving grants and what kinds of classes are being offered in the state's high schools.

Members of the committee also asked TEA and the coordinating board officials to urge middle and high schools to push the required higher-level curriculum so that more students, particularly low-income students, could be eligible for the TEXAS grant.

Gov. Bush asks for aid in Fort Worth

FORT WORTH (AP) — Texas Gov. George W. Bush asked President Clinton on Thursday to declare Tarrant County a major disaster area in the wake of last week's tornado.

"I want to assure the people of Tarrant County that our state will help them seek any and all available disaster assistance to help them recover from the damage," Bush said.

If approved, the request could provide assistance to both individuals and business owners.

Help could include housing assistance, individual and family grants, business disaster loans, unemployment assistance and farm aid.

Assistance also is being sought to help local governments pay for disaster response and damage repair, the state's Division of Emergency Management said.

All aid requires that a federal disaster declaration be issued, officials said.

In Fort Worth, the office towers with busted windows — many now covered by particle board or patched with tape — dominate the downtown skyline.

That less than picture-perfect scene likely will remain for at least

several more months in the wake of the March 28 tornado that pummeled the downtown area.

While workers may be able to begin returning to Bank One and UPR Plaza as early as next week, the process of replacing and repairing broken window panes on two of the most heavily damaged towers will take several months.

On the streets below, access to two nine-block areas of downtown remain restricted. They are around the Bank One and UPR Plaza because of the continuing danger of falling glass, primarily on breezy spring days like Thursday.

"One of our fire chiefs was standing under a covered walkway doing a visual survey the other day when glass crashed above him. He's not sure where it came from," city spokesman Pat Svacina said. "We haven't had anybody hurt by glass, and we don't want any now."

Svacina said it was too early to say when the barricades around those areas could be removed.

The tornado that went through downtown Fort Worth about 6 p.m. on March 28 killed four people and was one of at least two that touched down in Tarrant County that night.

Airport security measures discussed

WASHINGTON (AP) — Expressing concern that airport safety standards are too lax, Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison said Thursday she'll introduce legislation that would beef up training for airline security personnel and require all baggage handlers to undergo criminal background checks.

Her legislation, due to be introduced next week, would require 40 hours of classroom training for airline security screeners — up from the current eight-hour requirement.

Hutchison noted that 40 hours of training is the international standard.

Party planned for graduates

The Texas Tech Student Alumni Board and Ex-Students Association invites the class of 2000 to Red Raider Sendoff.

Seniors attending the event can enjoy live entertainment, free food, door prizes and a free ex-student license plate frame.

The event will be from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. April 16 at the Frazier Alumni Pavilion.

Information about the Ex-Students Association, the official class ring tradition and the Millennium

Project also will be available. Students who join the Ex-Students Association will receive a "Texas Tech Alumni" engraved pen.

Guests are welcome and will be charged \$8 at the door. Seniors get in free with their invitation. The event follows the Tech-Texas baseball game at 1 p.m. at Dan Law field. The game is dedicated to the graduating class of 2000.

Seniors also can receive a free gift by calling 742-3641 or by e-mailing vrhelton@ttu.edu by April 14.

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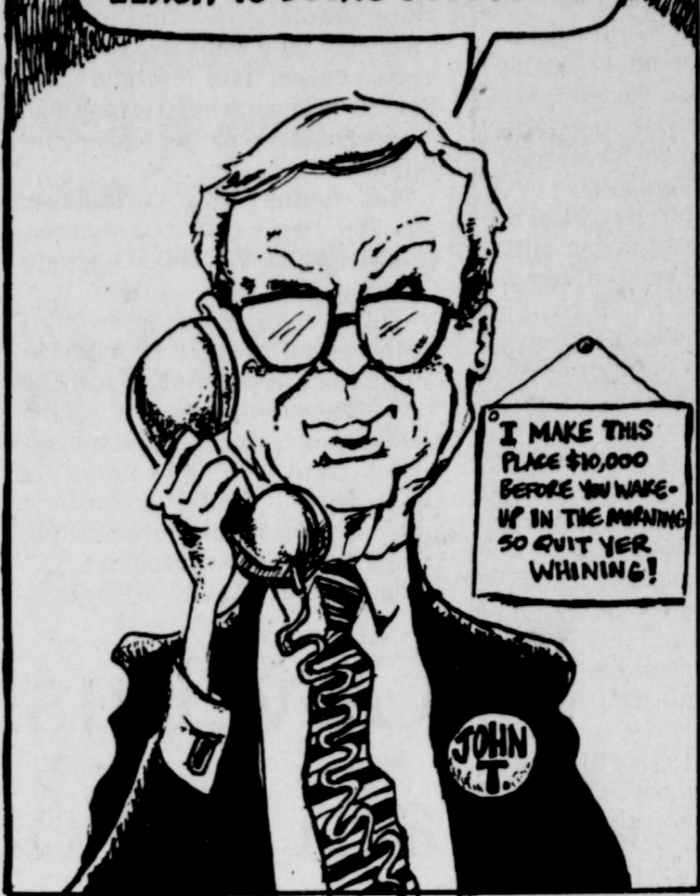
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Straight record

To the editor: I find myself in an odd position — feeling the need to respond to an editorial cartoon. Ordinarily, I'd consider a cartoon mere satire and give it little thought. Ben Sargent's cartoon (UD, 04/04) comparing guns and influenza, however, contains a false assertion that must be corrected. Guns are emphatically not the "No. 2 killer of children today," by a long shot.

The National Safety Council keeps track of accidental deaths for all age brackets. According to their 1998 statistics (at <http://www.nsc.org/lrsl/statinfo/99008.htm>), firearms rank eighth out of 10 categories as a cause of accidental death for children under 14. Only poisonings, when subdivided into separate categories for solid/liquid and gaseous sources, cause fewer deaths; together, poisonings claim more lives than firearms, dropping guns to last place on the list. Causing more unintentional deaths than firearms are automobiles, fires, drowning and suffocation by an ingested object. Falls claim more children's lives annually than accidental shootings.

Sargent's assertion, at least as to accidental deaths, is unfounded. Perhaps, though, Sargent meant to include intentional deaths in his statement.

According to the FBI's Uniform Crime Report for 1998 (http://www.fbi.gov/ucr/Cius_98/98crime/98cius07.pdf), 1,231 children age 16 and under were homicide victims. Of those, 473, or 39 percent, were killed with a firearm (of the 473 homicides, 352 were age 13 to 16).

Adding this to the NCS's statistics (110 accidental firearm deaths), even without categorizing the remaining 758 homicides, firearms deaths rise to equal those of fires and "pedestrian" deaths (children killed while crossing the street). Motor vehicle accidents and drownings, even when adding both firearm homicides and accidental firearm deaths together, distantly outrank firearms as "child-killers."

Finally, since Sargent felt compelled to compare guns to influenza, we should consider deaths from disease. According to the Centers for Disease Control, 2.5 times as many children (ages 1-14) died from "malignant neoplasms" in 1995 (the most recent year for which I could find statistics) as died from firearms in 1998.

Disease still kills far more children than firearms; it just doesn't generate as much publicity. Why do we not see mass public protests against swimming pools? Why has no one organized a Million Mom March to encourage the proper use of child safety seats in cars? The answer is simple: guns are a more divisive topic and thus better press. Sadly, the desire for sensationalism has replaced the genuine concern for children's safety.

Jason Bujnoske
first year
law

Write a letter to the editor

Drop it by 211 Journalism, have your Tech ID, or e-mail it to UD@ttu.edu, include your social security number and phone number.

Surviving graduation: The beginner's guide

Fellow students, if you have been reading my past columns closely, you will have noticed that I am very close to graduating.

Yes, I am very excited and somewhat nervous about this event. But I have come to find out that graduating is in and of itself, a chore. And a costly one at that.

Now the last thing I want to do is to cause any fears for those of you who are going to graduate after I do. Please stay in school and get your education. But take to heart what I have been going through the last few weeks and make sure you plan ahead.

First thing you have to do is to make sure that all your I's are dotted and your T's crossed with Texas Tech. Are all your requirements fulfilled? Do you have any holds? Did you ever return that library book you checked out when you were a freshman? Make sure all this is taken care of, otherwise, you might be shelling out money for nothing.

Now that you know you are going to graduate, make sure you know the day and time. The reason is that you hopefully have family who will want to come and see you get your diploma.

It would be helpful to them that they know when and where so that they can make plans. But this is all simple stuff you already should know.

Now then, you have to get your cap and gown.

Now I suggest that you buy two caps and two tassels — reason being that when the ceremony is over, you are going to want to chuck that thing into the rafters of the United Spirit Arena.

Oh, just as a side note here: I think after the Elton John concert and the KISS concert, the arena is in sound condition and will not collapse on anyone.

Now to invitations. To be honest, don't buy the ones that they sell at the Tech Bookstore. They don't look all that good, and they

really charge too much for what they give you. Instead, do what I do and go to an outside printing firm. They have a wide selection, and they allow for a degree of personalization.

A word of caution is advisable at this point in the game: for now in your mail will come advertisement after advertisement. Most of these will come from the university, or more specifically the Ex-Students Association. They will offer you everything from rings and watches to free tickets to the Don Ho Show. Please read these carefully because, my friends, you don't need all the stuff they are gonna offer you.

Once you get your invitations, you need to sit down and list those who are going to get one. Family, friends, potential job contacts, remember this is the best way to market yourself.

Also, make sure that a single 33-cent stamp will be sufficient to get your invitations to their destinations. It would really suck to have them all returned for insufficient postage.

Now if you are like me and you live alone, you have some more work to do. If your family is coming, clean your house or apartment. Get all the empty booze bottles out from behind the couch.

Go and rent an industrial carpet shampooer to get out all the stains. But above all, clean your bathroom. No sense in inviting everyone up to Lubbock for a case of botulism.

Don't put these things off. In fact, it would be advisable to start the first day of your last semester. So far, I have to do all this and more, like taking care of plumbing problems and even taking my little dog to the vet. And again, if you live by yourself and you support yourself, don't forget you have to pay to get your taxes done when you graduate in spring.

In short, prepare for the unexpected when you graduate. You can easily be taken off your guard.

But if you use a little common sense and follow some of my advice, you will do fine. Then you can say with pride that you are a graduate of Tech.

Cameron Graham is a senior history major from Lubbock with only 36 days until the burden of graduation lifts.



Cameron Graham
Columnist

Memories abundant around graduation

I know this "senior salute" may come a little early, considering there are still four weeks left in the semester. But if I don't do this now, I'll probably end up forgetting about it.

In the many semesters I have spent here (I don't want to disclose the number of years I've been here, it makes me look like a student), I've made a number of friends here at Texas Tech. And sadly, many of them will be leaving this semester.

Some friends have already graduated, and some won't for another semester or so. However, a bulk of my comrades, amigos and friends will no longer call themselves students at Tech after

May.



Greg Okuhara
Managing Editor

We've been through a lot, especially over the past year. Some of these people have stayed up at the Journalism building with me until 1:30 a.m. We've bickered, sneered, ignored, laughed and joked with each other. We've headed out to Cricket's after a long night at work and held bitch sessions about work. We've taken trips to conferences in the spring, weekend trips to Mexico, Austin and College Station.

These people have become my family away from home. As bad as it seems, I am just as close to some of these people as I am to my family. However, it's only because I spend so much damn time with these people, but I still love them.

They make me laugh when they talk about Pogo balls, terms of endearment, their love of '80s glam rock, when they steal pens and books from my desk and sing Britney Spears songs. All those things also annoy me, but I get over it — usually within a couple of minutes.

We chat about our hometowns, high schools and what our previous friends are up to now. We discuss how much we've changed since those four glorious years, even how we have changed since first arriving at Tech. Heck, there really isn't that much we don't talk about.

And just as I talk about my family to my friends, the same can be said when I go home. My parents seem to find most of the stories humorous, other times I'm sure they ask themselves why they haven't made me go back home and finish school in The Woodlands. But if you have ever heard some of my stories, I'm sure you'd agree I wouldn't trade most of these experiences for the world.

Besides, who else would go with me to Chelsea's Street Pub and laugh at me while I sing "Ghostbusters" and "Chattahoochee" while heckling David Trout? Who else would make requests for me to do the Lunchlady voice or sing "You've Lost that Loving Feeling" to a reporter on her birthday?

These are the times and friends I will tell my kids about when they accuse me of being old and boring; same with the grandchildren. Sure, I probably had a little too much fun, but I don't regret any of those experiences.

As graduation nears, it makes me just a little sad these people will be leaving. Don't get me wrong, I'll survive, but things definitely won't be the same without them.

So, to Christine, Laura, Wayne, Ismara, Jason and whoever else I'm forgetting, good luck. I hope these last four weeks together won't be the last, but for what it's worth, the previous couple of semesters will provide a lifetime of memories.

Greg Okuhara is a senior journalism major from The Woodlands. He hopes to be joining his friends "on the other side" in December.

Student Organization Funding

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American Chemical Society Student Affiliates	\$500	Finance Association	\$4,900	Russian Club	\$2,000
Agricultural Communicators of Tomorrow	\$5,450	Financial Planning Association	\$400	Sabre Flight Drill Team	\$2,200
Agricultural Council	\$5,400	Gamma Beta Phi	\$400	Seniors Academy Association	\$425
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Agronomy Club	\$2,200	Health Organization Management Student Association	\$1,500	Society of Engineering Professionals	\$600
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		Political Science Graduate Student Association	\$300	College Republicans	\$200

Superstar singer under scrutiny

NEW YORK (AP) — Does Houston — Whitney Houston — have a problem?

There was that allegation of marijuana possession in January, a much-discussed absence at last month's Oscars and a disjointed magazine interview.

On Monday night, the superstar singer is scheduled to perform at Arista Records' 25th anniversary party.

Given the tumult in her personal life in recent months, her appearance will be heavily scrutinized.

"WHERE WAS WHITNEY?" asked the *New York Post* after the diva's performance at the Academy Awards was canceled amid a report that she was "totally out of it" during a rehearsal with Burt Bacharach.

The same question applied after Houston failed to appear at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame dinner three weeks earlier.

Houston was scheduled to help induct Clive Davis, the music impresario who signed her to Arista in the early '80s.

"Whitney is in good spirits and looking forward to Monday's event," says her publicist, Nancy Seltzer, who had earlier blamed a sore throat for the Oscar incident and "voice problems" for the Hall of Fame flameout.

The bad news continues. The upcoming *People* magazine features a cover story about "Whitney's Troubled Times." Citing anonymous sources, it suggests a drug problem — an allegation Houston has denied in the past.

"If a performer gets a reputation for being unreliable or canceling at the last minute, that's a problem," says Richard Johnson, a veteran Houston watcher at the *Post*. "It seems that's been happening with Whitney Houston."

Houston's husband of seven years, singer Bobby Brown, has his own litany of woes: a 1995 Betty Ford Clinic visit for alcohol abuse, a 1997 report that he punched Houston in a Honolulu parking lot, and a 1998 five-day jail term for drunken driving.

The bad publicity is a relatively

new experience for the gospel singer's daughter, the all-American girl whose 1991 version of "The Star Spangled Banner" improbably turned Francis Scott Key into a best-selling songwriter.

The recent rash of incidents began in January, when airport security officers in Hawaii said they found a half-ounce of marijuana in Houston's bag.

Rather than wait for police to arrive, the 36-year-old Houston boarded her flight and left the islands.

Adding to Whitney's woes was a cover story in the May issue of *Jane* magazine. The piece described an "extremely unfocused" Houston showing up four hours late for a photo shoot.

Once there, the singer responsible for 11 No. 1 singles had "trouble keeping her eyes open" and intermittently played an imaginary piano, according to the story.

Whitney's explanation: She had just arrived from a visit to the dentist to repair a cracked tooth.

During an interview for *Jane*,

Houston tossed around four-letter words, compared meeting the president to hanging out with a junkie ("They're just men, you dig?"), and denied having a "lesbo" affair with her executive assistant.

Seltzer, spinning as fast as she could, said the article was not "a fair portrait of Whitney Houston as I know her."

Wrong, says *Daily News* gossip guru Mitchell Fink

"Look at her behavior over the last few years," Fink says. "If you did a timeline over the last few years, you'd see that this particular pattern of behavior is not at all shocking."

The problems and tabloid ruminations have had little effect on her recording career.

Houston's 1998 album *My Love is Your Love* was a platinum seller and spawned several hit singles: the title track, "Heartbreak Hotel," "When You Believe," "It's Not Right But It's OK."

In May, she will release a greatest-hits album that is expected to top the charts.



Courtesy Photo

Musical cast looking forward to performing for Hub City

"Annie," America's most beloved Broadway musical opens tonight at the Lubbock Municipal Auditorium for five performances.

Victoria Oscar, who plays the role of Miss Hannigan, said she is looking forward to coming to the Hub City.

"I always liked Texas and wanted to visit," Oscar said. "I've never been here, and I can't wait to put my boots on."

"Annie" originally opened on Broadway in 1977, and the performance in Lubbock will be directed by the original lyricist, Martin Charnin. Since that time, Charnin has directed five national tours and two London productions.

"Annie" is part of the 1999-2000 Give Your Regards To Broadway season which features the bonus production of *STOMP*, which will perform April 25-27.

Tickets are available at all locations of Select-A-Seat or by calling 770-2000. Groups of 20 or more can purchase tickets at a discount by calling 1-800-869-1451.

Organization invites students to help break down barriers

Breaking Down Barriers will host a social from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m., Saturday at the Depot's 19th Street Warehouse, located at 19th Street and Interstate 27.

The BDB project is designed to promote the elimination of stereotypical barriers such as culture, religion and race on the Tech campus.

Proceeds from the event will benefit Special Olympics South Plains.

Entertainment will be provided by Music Makers, and door prizes will be given out.

Door prizes include donations from businesses such as Varsity Bookstore,

One Guy from Italy, Paddle Tramps, Electric Beach and Music Makers.

Participating organizations in the BDB project include High Riders, Miller Girls, Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers, Roots 'N Shoots, Omega Delta Phi, Women's Service Organization, Kappa Delta Chi, Gamma Alpha Omega and the Texas Tech Pre-Med AMSA group. The groups hope to raise more than \$1,000.

Admission costs \$3 for students 21 and over, and \$5 for minors.

For further information, contact Joey Moreno at 780-2501 or 438-1185.

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — The New Jersey Supreme Court ruled Thursday that a lesbian who helped raise her then-lover's twins has rights akin to a parent's and can have visitation now that they have split up.

The case involved a woman who became pregnant by artificial insemination and gave birth to twins in 1994 that she and her lesbian partner, identified only as V.C., raised together for two years.

After their 1996 separation, a trial court denied V.C. joint custody and visitation. An appellate court gave her visitation rights but not joint custody.

In Thursday's unanimous ruling, the high court also turned down V.C.'s request for joint legal custody, which

would have given her a say regarding decisions on the children's upbringing, because she has not been involved in their lives for four years.

"To interject her into the decisional realm at this point would be unnecessarily disruptive for all involved," Virginia Long, Associate Justice said. "We will, therefore, not order joint legal custody in this case."

Long, writing for the full court, said V.C. carries the status of a "psychological parent" to the children and has a right to share parenting duties, despite the objections of the birth mother, identified only as M.J.B.

V.C. should have regular visitation with the children, as is typical for many divorced parents, the court said.

"Under the statute, V.C. and M.J.B. are essentially equal," Long wrote. "Each appears to be a fully capable, loving parent committed to the safety and welfare of the twins."

The New York-based Lambda Legal Defense & Education Fund, which litigates for the rights of gays and lesbians, joined in the New Jersey case.

Lambda legal director Beatrice Dohrn hailed the decision as

among the first "to recognize this important need to recognize the importance of lesbian or gay parents when both parents are not directly related to the child."

The court heard arguments in the case last October. V.C.'s lawyers argued that she is like a mother to the twins, a boy and a girl, even though they have no biological bonds.

"Biology truly doesn't have anything to do with a parent providing a loving, nurturing environment," V.C. said after the hearing. "They are my children, too."



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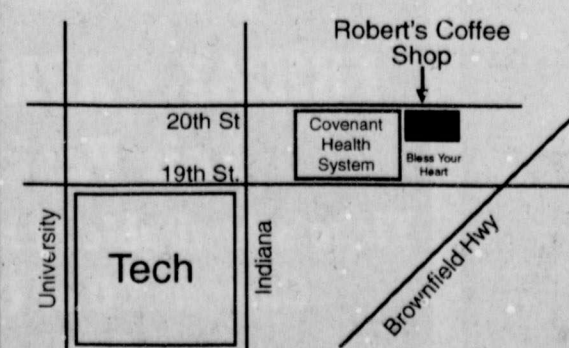
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Bergman admits to suicidal tendencies

STOCKHOLM, Sweden (AP) — Director Ingmar Bergman said in a rare interview that he has considered suicide and become indifferent to life since his wife's death from cancer in 1985.

"We used to joke about it, me and Ingrid. That I would be the first to die," Bergman, 81, said in an interview broadcast Wednesday by Swedish television station TV4.

"Instead she died. It has crippled me, it is the most cruel thing I have ever experienced. I am immensely indifferent to whether I keep on living."

The director of such classics as "The Seventh Seal" and "Fanny and Alexander" almost never speaks to the media, but he agreed to the interview because it was conducted as an informal, hour-long taped conversation with his friend, actor Erland Josephson.

They recalled how Josephson, a friend since youth, helped Bergman find enough desire to keep living. But Bergman, who is still active as a stage director, said he still thinks about ending his life.

Gifford sues tabloid for false claims

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Kathie Lee Gifford and her husband, Frank, sued a tabloid Thursday over an article that claimed their 10-year-old son is incorrigible.

The libel lawsuit filed in Palm Beach County claims *The Examiner* tabloid fabricated stories that Cody Gifford misbehaved on the set of the ABC movie "Janine & Alex: Cover Girls," in which he had role.

"It's a gratuitous, nasty article about a... child and they think they ought to take some action," Los Angeles lawyer Barry Langberg said about the Feb. 8 article with the headline, "Kathie Lee's Turning Poor Cody into a Monster."

Lawyers for the tabloid said they had not seen the lawsuit and wouldn't comment Thursday.

In February, Kathie Lee Gifford announced plans to step down as co-host of "Live with Regis & Kathie Lee." At the time she said she was no longer comfortable with sharing details of her family life on the air "only to watch the tabloid media turn them into harmful, misleading and libelous stories."

Seinfeld's wife expecting baby

NEW YORK (AP) — Imagine Jerry Seinfeld inside his Long Island mansion, baby bottle in one hand, burp cloth in the other, musing: Whyyyyy do they call it a burp cloth?

That's right. First came love (1998), then came marriage (last December) — and now Seinfeld and bride, Jessica Sklar, will soon be pushing a baby carriage.

The big announcement was made Thursday by Seinfeld pal

Regis Philbin on TV's "Live With Regis and Kathie Lee."

"Yes. It's true. There will be a new little Seinfeld sometime this fall," said Seinfeld's spokeswoman, Elizabeth Clarke.

It is the first child for both Sklar and Seinfeld, who made millions from a TV show that glorified single life and poked fun at commitment.

That was then and this is now, and soon the 45-year-old Seinfeld will be up to his diaper bag in com-

mitment.

Seinfeld apparently asked Philbin to serve up the news for him. Philbin did it gladly, informing viewers that the little Seinfeld is scheduled to arrive in October.

Clarke did not want to pinpoint the due date.

The new arrival may have the undevoted attention of his dad, who retired his series in 1998.

Baby Seinfeld will also have plenty of room for all that kid stuff

like swing sets, playhouses, bicycles and building blocks.

The couple are reportedly paying as much as \$40 million for Billy Joel's 12-acre oceanfront mansion in East Hampton.

And there are other kids in the neighborhood for playdates. Mike Tyson and Steven Spielberg, both with multiple offspring, live nearby.

Just asking: Could a minivan be far behind?

Special Olympics offers students opportunity to inspire greatness

The South Plains Area 17 of Special Olympics Texas will conduct the 2000 Spring Games from 9 a.m. to noon Friday at the Texas Tech Aquatics Center and from 8:30 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at the Tech's R.P. Fuller Track.

"Inspire Greatness" is the theme

of this year's events and the 31st anniversary of Special Olympics Texas. More than 470 athletes are expected to participate, and volunteers are needed to assist on both days.

For more information, contact Lisa Friedman at 749-7000.

Dallas band to show 'glimmer' of talent

Dallas alternative rock band Eden Automatic will perform Saturday at Clousseau's, 1802 Buddy Holly Ave. The show starts at 10 p.m.

The band will perform acoustic versions of its songs in-store from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday at Hastings, 320 University Ave. The Lubbock shows will be CD releases from the band's new album *Glimmer*.

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supportive figure. He also said Hospice volunteers will feel needed and important in offering something to the community.

"It brings happiness to the families and a different outlook on their lives," he said.

Nicole Meyer, a junior accounting major from El Paso, works three hours a week in the Hospice office filing patient records and taking prescriptions to patients.

Meyer began as a Hospice volunteer last fall when she heard about the opportunity through Miller Girls.

"It's a wonderful organiza-

tion, and it was a way for me to give back," she said.

Meyer said the spiritual comfort provided by Hospice makes the dying process less severe.

"Everyone is so appreciative and friendly to the volunteers," she said.

Meyer also said the range in the patients' ages casts a different light on death perception. She said young and old alike are just facing death.

"It shows you how much you should value your life," Meyer said.

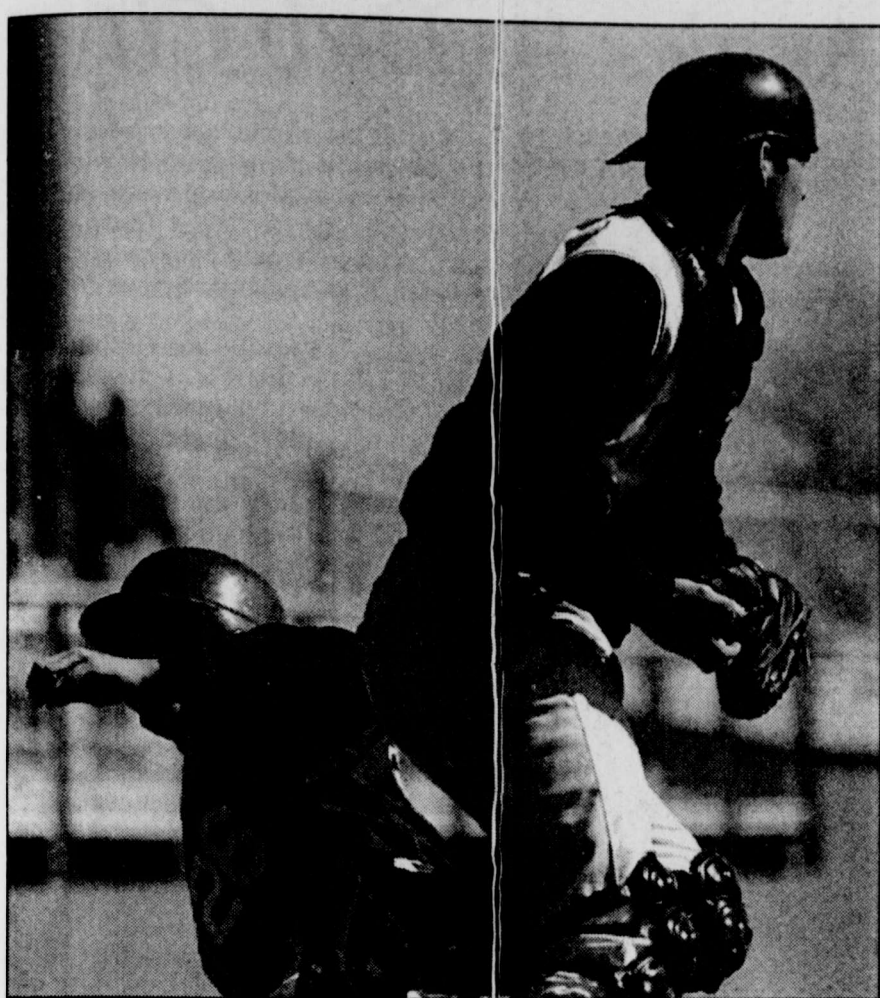
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12:00	Nancy Sews Sewing Conn.	News Days of Our	News Beautiful	Jerry Springer	Family Feud Port Charles	Mills Lane Mills Lane	12:00	J. Wilson Old House	Saved/Bell R. Ford	Paid Program	Movie: 'War Of The	Paid Program	12:00	Frontiers Wall St. Wk.		Paid Program	Honey I Shrunk the	Cart Nazareth	Movie: 'Adrenaline	
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2:00	Tugboat Dragon Tales	Hillyard Square	Guiding Light	Martin Liv'g Single	General Hospital	Paid Program Magic Bus PR Galaxy	2:00	Cucina Amore R. Rainbow	Latino NBA Special	Masters	Movie: 'Eye For An Eye'	World	Deep Space 9	2:00	Wash. Week McLaughlin	Basketball: Utah @		NY Undercover	Hockey: Teams TBA	Movie: 'Funny Bones'
3:00	Arthur Wishbone	Rosie O'Donnell	Maurycy Povich	Grace/Fire Paid Program	Sally Jessy Raphael		3:00	Pr. Potter Motorweek	Lesus Tombs	Skating	Figure Skating	Amazon	3:00	Small Bus. Comp. Chron.	Houston	Golf: Masters	Baywatch			
4:00	Zoom R. Rainbow	Oprah Winfrey	For Women For Women	Enquirer E.T.	Montal Williams	Beast Wars Digimon	4:00	J. Yarnell Memories	U.S. Champ'ships	Movie: 'Captain Ron'	Champ'ship	Santa Anita Derby	4:00	Austin City Limits	Basketball: Teams TBA		V.I.P.		Movie: 'Everyone	
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7:00	Wash. Week Wall St. Wk.	Providence 'D	Kids Say Cooby	Mooseha	Boy/World Hughleys 'PG	Police Videos	7:00	Nature Walk	3rd Rock 'PG Baseball:	Early Edition	Baseball: Texas vs. Toronto	ABC Movie: 'First Knight'	Cops Cops	7:00	American President	NBC Movie: 'My Fellow	CBS Movie: 'Fall Sale'		Millionaire	X-Files
8:00	American Speeches	Dabline	Nash Bridges	Teen Files	Sabrina Masaband	Greed: The Series 'G	8:00	Lawrence Walk	S.A. @ L.A. Lakers	Walker, TX Ranger	Falcoone		Your Big Break	8:00	Right Here, Right Now	Law & Order: SVU	Falcoone		Jerry Springer	Practice X-Files
9:00	Right Here, Right Now	News Tonight Show	News David	Cops Joe Brown	News MASH	Simpsons Frasier	9:00	Austin City Limits	News Saturday	News 3rd Rock	Poltargelst	News MAD TV	10:00	Mystery! In/Ed/Ition	News In/Ed/Ition	News	Pollard Ford H2M	News MASH	Paid Program One on One	
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Raiders set for long-distance matchup



Greg Kreller/The University Daily
Tech catcher Trey Lunsford and the Red Raiders will continue Big 12 play against Iowa State in a doubleheader starting at noon Saturday in Ames, Iowa.

Tech baseball squad travels to Iowa State, look to cure road troubles against lowly Cyclones

by Patrick Gonzales
Sports Editor

On paper, Iowa State is not a very strong baseball team.

The Cyclones, who are 11th in the Big 12 Conference, are last in the league in team hitting and next to last in team pitching.

However, this is the time of year when the Cyclones come on strong, said Texas Tech coach Larry Hays.

"The problem with playing Iowa State this time during the season is that they get it going," Hays said.

"The time to play them is early, and it has been that way every year. They always come on strong at the end."

Tech will face Iowa State in a three-game set beginning with a doubleheader at noon Saturday in Ames, Iowa. They will conclude the series at 1 p.m. Sunday.

The Red Raiders (20-16 overall, 9-6 Big 12) are coming off their third series sweep of the season, beating Kansas State three times last weekend at Dan Law Field.

Tech moved its record at home to

17-5, while posting a dismal 3-11 mark on the road.

The series marks the longest conference road trip for the Red Raiders, and overcoming the long journey will be key, Hays said.

"This will be the first two weekends in a row that they've got to play at home," Hays said.

"It's definitely going to be a challenge for us."

The Cyclones (8-22 overall, 2-10 Big 12) are coming off a 16-3 loss to Iowa on Wednesday, but it was their performance against Missouri last weekend that has Hays a little worried.

Iowa State ended up losing two out of three to Missouri, but the two losses were by a combined three runs.

"Missouri was a handful for us at home," said Hays, whose squad dropped two out of three to the Tigers earlier in the season.

"The problem with playing Iowa State this time during the season is that they get it going."

Larry Hays
Tech baseball coach

"So we know we'll have our hands full this weekend."

Tech enters the series coming off perhaps its best performance since sweeping the Baylor Bears more than three weeks ago.

In their series sweep against the Kansas State, the Red Raiders outscored the Wildcats by a margin of 37-11.

The Red Raiders were led by center fielder Marco Cunningham, who finished the series 6-for-12 with seven RBIs, seven runs and two stolen bases.

"It's going to be the longest road trip of the year," said Cunningham

Large baseball salaries becoming commonplace

NEW YORK (AP) — These days, a \$2 million baseball player is just average.

Just eight years after the average salary broke the million-dollar mark, it nearly reached \$2 million on opening day, falling just short at \$1,988,034, according to a study of all major league contracts by The Associated Press.

"I don't know if it is negative or positive for the game," New York Mets catcher Mike Piazza said. "It rewards guys with talent who have worked hard all their lives, rode the buses in the minors and now are getting paid very well for what they do."

When Piazza first came up to the major leagues in 1993, he made \$126,000. This year, he's making \$12,071,429, and that only puts him sixth.

Dodgers pitcher Kevin Brown is No. 1 at \$15,714,286, only slightly less than the \$16,519,500 the Minnesota Twins are paying their entire roster.

Arizona pitcher Randy Johnson is second at \$13.35 million, followed by Baltimore out-

fielder Albert Belle (\$12,868,670), New York Yankees outfielder Bernie Williams (\$12,357,143) and Colorado outfielder Larry Walker (\$12,142,857).

Belle had been No. 1 the previous three seasons.

Cincinnati's Ken Griffey Jr. is only 19th at \$9,329,700, which includes \$7 million in salary, \$625,000 as the remaining share of the signing bonus from his Seattle contract and \$1,704,700, which represents the 2000 value of \$5.5 million in deferred payments. While Cincinnati gave Griffey a \$116.5 million, nine-year contract, \$57.5 million is deferred and won't even start earning interest until 2009.

"If the salaries continue to escalate and you don't have revenues that come close to staying even, then you're in trouble, and that's where we are," said Diamondbacks owner Jerry Colangelo, who pays Johnson every two weeks. "I don't think anyone could say it's a healthy sign. There needs to be a change in the economic system. That's just clear and distinct."

Williams returns to New Orleans

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Ricky Williams has a new agent, a new attitude and another chance. He hopes that's enough to let him follow up the worst year of his life with one of the best.

"I can see I did a lot of things wrong, said things I shouldn't have, made some mistakes," Williams said Wednesday. "I was very frustrated with my injuries, but I should have done things differently."

Beginning Friday, when the New Orleans Saints open a mini-camp under new coach Jim Haslett, Williams plans on making a fresh start. He is anxious to get going after a rookie year in the NFL he calls his worst ever, a dismal, lonely time when he was injured and homesick and couldn't cope with any of it.

It seemed that just about every-

thing that could go wrong for Williams did — from putting on a wedding dress for a photo before training camp, to getting hurt early and often, to a recent article in which he complained about his new team, new coach and New Orleans.

"I now understand that I'm going to have to learn how things work and be a part of them," Williams said. "I want this to be a good year for me and for the Saints, and I understand that I have to grow up if that's going to happen."

So what caused Williams, who became known for his surliness and scowls last season, to become so interested in convincing his fans and teammates that he's changed for the better? Williams said it was seeing a *Sports Illustrated* article which made him look like a crybaby. Hav-

ing a new agent also helped, he said.

"I think I'm learning a lot of things about what I have to do and who I have to be," Williams said. "I really didn't understand anything last year. I didn't understand how much people expected of me. I didn't understand how much the coach and (owner Tom Benson) were counting on me."

When he saw the *Sports Illustrated* article in which he knocked his teammates and New Orleans, Williams said he realized how immature he sounded. When he dropped Master P's agency for Leigh Steinberg, who represents many of the NFL's biggest stars, he also got a guide to help him build his image as well as his take-home pay.

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Pirates beat Astros, 10-1

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Francisco Cordova lost his no-hitter with one out in the eighth, his shutout one batter later. That didn't diminish how he dominated the Houston Astros — again.

Cordova kept Houston hitless for 7 1-3 innings before yielding two hits in the eighth inning of the Pittsburgh Pirates' 10-1 romp Thursday.

Brian Giles went a career-high 5-for-5 with two solo homers and a triple.

Jose Silva pitched a scoreless ninth after the Pirates opened a nine-run lead.

The Astros didn't have a hit off Cordova (1-0) until rookie catcher Mitch Melusky doubled off the center-field wall in the eighth.

Chris Holt (0-1) lasted five innings, allowing Giles' two homers.

Melusky doubled for only his third career extra-base hit, and Tim Bogar ended the shutout bid with an RBI double down the left-field line.

Tech ready to serve home cookin'

Men's, women's squads to battle Aggies in Hub City

by Jeff Keller
Assistant Sports Editor

The Texas Tech men's and women's tennis squads will try to serve up some home cooking this weekend as the squads take Big 12 Conference foes in the Hub City.

The men's squad will take on Texas A&M at 10 a.m. today at the Lubbock High School tennis courts.

The men also will be in action at 10 a.m. Sunday at the Lubbock High School tennis courts when they face Nebraska.

Tech is 7-9 overall with a 1-3 mark in Big 12 Conference action heading into today's match with the Aggies.

The Aggies eliminated the Red Raiders from last season's NCAA Tournament with a 4-3 victory.

The Red Raiders have not tasted victory against the Aggies since 1997 when they upset A&M in College Station.

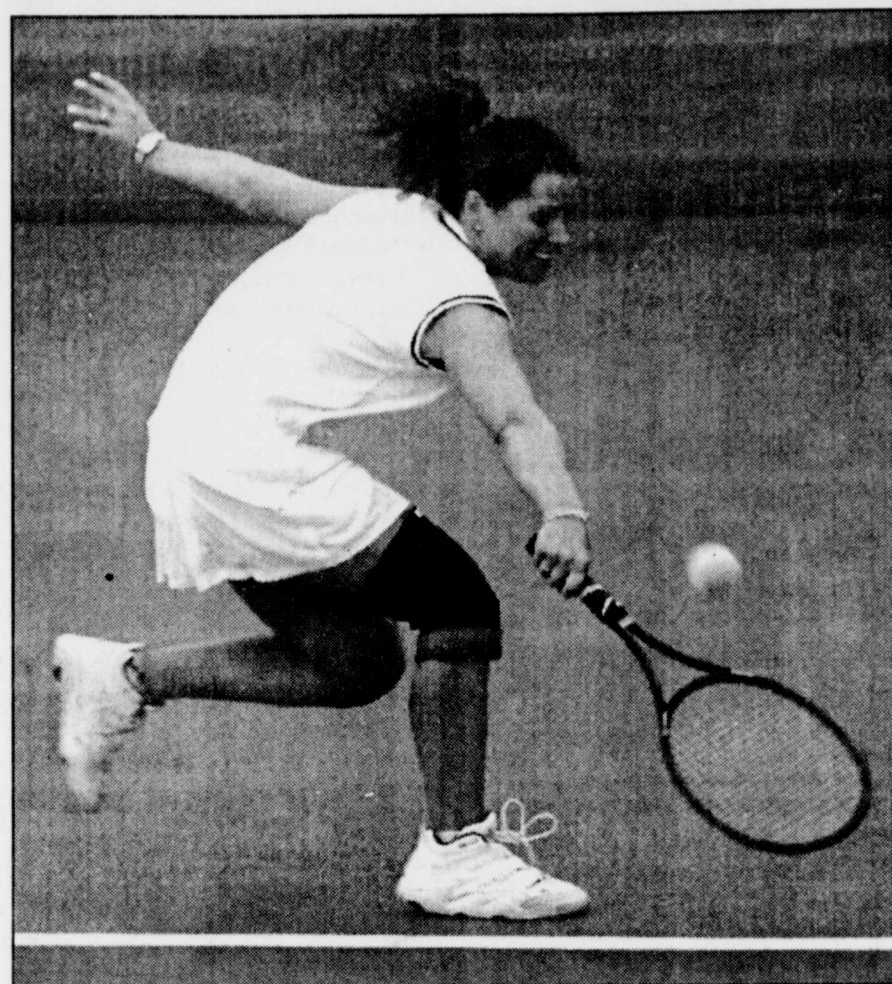
Tech men's tennis coach Tim Siegel said A&M is entering this match as one of the most solid teams in America.

"A&M is, right now, probably one of the hottest teams in the country," Siegel said. "They just beat Pepperdine and Duke."

Though the Red Raiders have dropped nine contests thus far, six of those losses came by 4-3 margins.

Siegel said those losses have taken their toll on his squad this season.

"Whenever you're 7-9 and six of those losses have been 4-3, sometimes that takes the wind out of your sails," he said. "But I think that these guys are going to go out and play hard. A&M is very strong and talented, and all six of our guys are going to have to play very well for us to win. But we are definitely capable of picking up the win."



Greg Kreller/The University Daily
Tech senior Amanda Earhart and the women's tennis team hope to pick up a conference win against the A&M Aggies at noon today at the Athletic Training Center.

Siegel said he will start Borut Martincevic at the No. 1 singles position and Jevgenij Cariov at the No. 2 singles position.

Cariov has the best singles record on the squad, racking up 10 wins against only two losses this season.

He said Tech's NCAA Tournament chances would be greatly increased with a victory against the Aggies.

"I think A&M is the most important match for the rest of the season," Cariov said. "If we want to get to the NCAA Tournament, it is really necessary for us to beat them."

The Tech women also will battle Texas A&M at noon today at the Athletic Training Center.

The women have not beaten the Aggies since the 1987 campaign, and Tech women's coach Virginia Brown said this year's edition of the Aggies' squad is as strong as ever.

"We're going to have a hard time," Brown said. "They are ranked in the top 20, and we're just in the top 100."

The women will have two walk-ons playing at the No. 5 and No. 6 positions in singles action.

One of those walk-ons is Renee Pereira, who will be playing at the No. 5 position against the Aggies.

Pereira said Tech is improving with each match and said she is looking forward to the contest with A&M.

"We are doing good right now, and we are only getting better," Pereira said. "Hopefully, we can win some matches and beat them."

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Enron Field to be slugger's sanctuary

HOUSTON (AP) — Home Run Central might find Enron Field its favorite stop.

The NL Central got its nickname when Cincinnati acquired Ken Griffey Jr. to join Mark McGwire of St. Louis and Sammy Sosa of Chicago for an anticipated home run derby in pursuit of the three-time division champion Houston Astros.

Houston will play its first regular-season game in its new home Friday against the Philadelphia Phillies, which also played the first official game at the pitching-friendly Astro-dome in 1965. If exhibition season was any indication, however, Enron Field will be a slugger's sanctuary.

"I think it's going to be a hitter's park, no question," Texas Rangers shortstop Royce Clayton said. "The ball seems to carry really well here. It's just a comfortable feeling. I'd be surprised if you don't see a lot of balls going out of here."

Two exhibitions against the New York Yankees and one with the Rangers produced nine home runs. Two went over the shortest left field in baseball — 315 feet down the line — and the other seven went to right.

No one has threatened the expansive center field, with a flagpole-topped 30-degree hill rising to the fence 436 feet away.

Clayton, a speedster with moderate pop, homered in consecutive at-bats last week. So what's going to happen when the big bashers come calling?

"It's going to be an exciting season here, a real challenge," Astros starting pitcher Jose Lima said. "It's like Wrigley Field, where the wind blows out. This will be a great place to play. I'm not afraid. I've got pretty much of an idea what I have to do. I just have to make some adjustments in

my pitching style." While the pitchers gird for the challenge, Astros hitters are looking for some hometown homers. For instance, first baseman Jeff Bagwell hit 30 of his 42 home runs away from the dead air of the Astrodome.

"I've said before if Bagwell played in Seattle, he'd have as many home runs as Junior," teammate Craig Biggio said.

The Astros already have arranged targets for the big guns. A 422-foot marker has been plastered just below owner Drayton McLane's office on the sixth floor of Union Station, the old train depot behind the left-field fence.

Right field's 326-foot line also is inviting. The power alleys are an unremarkable 362-feet in left and 373 in right field.

The fence features 21 different angles and three fence heights to

confound outfielders. Moises Alou, an All-Star left fielder two seasons ago before missing last year with a knee injury, has gladly moved to right field.

"I think I've got the most normal part of the outfield, playing right," Alou said. "I think it's going to be OK playing defense, it's just getting used to it. In left field you're just going to have to take a lot of balls off that wall and see how it bounces. Once guys get used to it, I don't think it's going to be that tough."

Hitting and fielding could be a season-long learning experience.

"From all the talk about it being a band box, it doesn't seem like it," Biggio said. "But there's so much you have to learn about the field. You really have to play an entire year to find out all the little things, to see which way the winds blow and how the ball bounces around."

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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Raider softball set to pluck Jayhawks

Butler fights off emotions, continues to lead team

by Matt Muench
Staff Writer

Before the softball season began, Texas Tech center fielder Sandy Butler was not sure what she was going to do.

She was minutes away from turning her jersey in and throwing her glove away after the news of assistant coach Bobby Reeves leaving for Southwest Texas State.

Butler is from Tucson, Ariz., and came here Reeves recruited her.

She said he was like a father to her, and she almost transferred to Southwest Texas when he left for the coaching job there.

However, Butler said she did not want to quit the team because she would have felt like she was abandoning the team.

"I was frustrated before the season because it was a new team," Butler said. "I thought to myself 'Why am I still here?' But it just wouldn't feel right to quit and leave the seniors on this team and all the players that went through regionals with me last year."

Although Butler did not leave the team at the beginning of the year, she almost quit again after she fell into a 2-for-29 hitting slump last month.

"I was thinking that I was not pro-

ducing, and I was not doing anything good for my team," she said. "I was thinking that I shouldn't be lead-off hitter, and I am not good enough for Division-I ball."

However, she stayed with it, and now she is leading the team in six offensive categories.

Butler leads the squad in batting average (.266), on-base percentage (.405), runs scored (15), walks (18), hit by pitch (4) and stolen bases (16).

She is on a 6-for-9 streak and is second in the Big 12 Conference with a .545 average in conference play.

"I found the desire to play again, and Shauna Briggs helped me mentally, Butler said. "I am glad I stayed with it."

Interim head coach Carla Marchetti said she was happy to see her stay because of her role as a lead-off hitter.

"I knew she was going through tough times," Marchetti said. "I was definitely happy when she stayed because, like Amanda Renfro, she is very important to our team."

Butler said she is a very superstitious player. She changes gloves, shoes and basically everything when she gets into a hitting slump.

She always slaps two buckets before the game, wears a head band and warms up with the same ball.



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Tech junior outfielder Sandy Butler leads the team with a .266 batting average. She and the Red Raiders will look for a victory when they face Kansas at 1 p.m. Saturday and Sunday in Lawrence, Kan.

Butler wears the No. 6, and she said the number ties in with her ritual at the plate. She takes six warm-up swings and stretches her legs six times before she steps to the plate.

Butler said she also uses professional golfer Tiger Woods for motivation.

She has a softball she keeps in her bag with two quotes from Tiger Woods written on the ball.

One of the quotes states, "It is amazing when you look deep down inside yourself, and find out how good you are."

"I love Tiger Woods because he is good at his sport, and he has the desire," Butler said. "I would marry him in a second."

She also likes to sing while she waits in the on-deck circle because she said if she thinks too much about the game it makes her perform poorly.

The one word Butler said describes herself is ambitious.

"I am so hard on myself, and I refuse to fail," she said.

Tech hits road for Big 12 clash against Kansas

by Matt Muench
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After playing their last 10 games at home and winning four of them, the Texas Tech softball team will be back to a familiar position this weekend — on the road.

The Red Raiders, who played their first 29 games of the season on the road, will be in Lawrence, Kan., this weekend for their first Big 12 Conference road game against the Kansas Jayhawks at 1 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

"It was nice playing at home," said Tech center fielder Sandy Butler. "But if we want to do well, we have to win the road games."

Butler, who serves as the Red Raiders' lead off hitter, leads the team in six offensive categories including batting average with a .266 mark.

Both teams enter Saturday's contest as the two worst hitting teams in the Big 12, with the Red Raiders (12-27 overall, 1-3 Big 12) in the bottom spot.

Butler said the main concern for the squad this weekend is to find some run support for pitchers Amanda Renfro and Dana Yocum.

"It is devastating as a player to see (Renfro) pitch so well, and we can't help her," Butler said. "It is sad to know she has pitched so well, and we can't score runs. It has been like this since she has been here, and she works so hard, and I really admire her for that."

Renfro is the team's ace with a 1.23 ERA and a conference-leading 209 strikeouts.

However, she has just had nine wins in 24 outings, sometimes resulting from the lack of run support.

In fact, Renfro has yet to be pulled from a game all season.

During her 15 losses this season, she has only had a combined 12 runs of offensive support, while in her nine wins, she has received 40.

Tech interim coach Carla Marchetti said Renfro will pitch Saturday, and Yocum might throw Sunday pending on how Renfro feels.

However, Marchetti said she would like to get Yocum to pitch some innings for experience.

"I might try and get Renfro to pitch both games," Marchetti said. "We need these two wins, and we might be missing some players this weekend that will hurt our motivation and leadership."

Kansas (21-19 overall, 1-4 Big 12) is the second-worst hitting team in the conference with a .227 team average.

Despite the fact they haven't been hitting the ball well, Marchetti said her squad cannot underestimate them.

"They know that Kansas is not hitting very well," she said. "But at anytime, anyone could get out of a slump, and they have some good hitters on that team."

Marchetti said she thinks the Jayhawks will be tired because they will have played two games Tuesday, one game Wednesday and two more games today before facing the Red Raiders over the weekend.

"We are hoping they are a little worn out, and I think that will be an advantage to us," Marchetti said. "Let's just hope at least their pitching staff is."

Butler said confidence is the key and hopes some wins can help them move up in the standings before the Big 12 Tournament in May.

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