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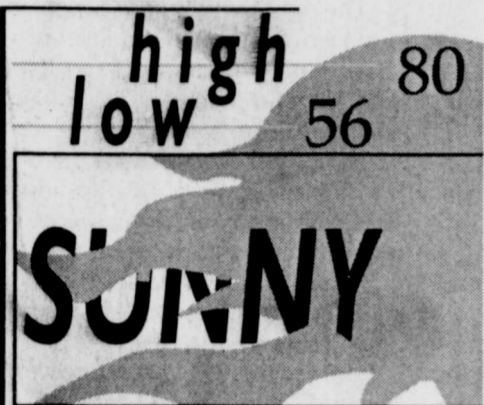


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## STATENEWS —

## Storms help ease drought conditions, more rain needed

HOUSTON (AP) — Meteorologists warned Texans not to get too excited over the thunderstorms that dampened much of the state this week, saying it will take more than a few spring rains to conquer the ongoing drought. "Obviously, as is the case with many of these rainfall events, they're kind of spotty," said Jerry Nunn, a hydrologist with the National Weather Service in Fort Worth. "It helped, but it's not enough to say the drought is over with. We still have soil (moisture) deficits and low reservoirs."

A creeping line of storms moving across the eastern half of the state Tuesday and Wednesday was particularly beneficial to the peanut and melon country around Comanche, between Abilene and Waco. Around three inches fell in the area, just in time for planting season.

"We need more of course, but this is really welcome," said Delinda Sorrells, whose husband is preparing to plant watermelons and cantaloupes on their farm near Comanche. "We're very thankful for it."

## NATIONALNEWS —

## Jury begins deliberations in latest Sheppard trial

CLEVELAND (AP) — The question of whether Dr. Sam Sheppard killed his wife in 1954 has gone to a jury for the third and probably final time.

A Cuyahoga County jury began deliberations Wednesday in a lawsuit filed through the doctor's estate by his son, Sam Reese Sheppard, against the state of Ohio.

Their son claims Dr. Sam Sheppard was wrongfully imprisoned for the slaying of his wife, Marilyn, at the family's upscale home on Lake Erie on July 4, 1954.

The doctor spent almost 10 years behind bars. The U.S. Supreme Court overturned the murder verdict in a groundbreaking ruling on the effects of negative pretrial publicity.

Acquitted at retrial in 1966, the doctor died of liver failure four years later, at age 46.

The case later inspired "The Fugitive" TV series and movie.

## WORLDNEWS —

## Leaders of poor countries call for sweeping changes

HAVANA, Cuba (AP) — Leaders of developing nations on Tuesday were drawing up a call for a new world order meant to help them escape poverty, while other heads of state held meetings aimed at solving regional problems.

Foreign ministers at the Group of 77 summit were proposing calls on rich countries to forgive debts, increase aid and trade, share new technologies and shift more decision-making to the United Nations away from institutions such as the World Bank and International Monetary Fund.

"We want to achieve a more democratic and equitable arrangement," said a draft of the proposed plan of action for the 133-nation organization which is holding the first summit in its 34-year history.

About 40 heads of state or government were to take part in the top-level talks scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday.

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## Clinton pushes for gun show restrictions

DENVER (AP) — Saying Colorado still has "a broken heart over Columbine," President Clinton encouraged citizens Wednesday to keep pressing lawmakers here and in Congress for new restrictions on firearms sales at gun shows.

"America is listening," he said. One week before the first anniversary of the Columbine High School massacre, Clinton traveled to Colorado to express support for a state ballot measure seeking to close a loophole that allows guns to be purchased at gun shows without a background check — the very mechanism through which a friend bought weapons for the two teenage Columbine killers; they were among the 15 dead.

Legislation on the matter failed in the Colorado Legislature this year. Sane Alternatives to the Firearms Epidemic, a group organized after Columbine, has launched a

petition campaign to put the issue on the ballot this November.

"There is just as much support for this idea among Republicans as there is among Democrats," John Head, said a Republican who is co-president of SAFE. "When the name-calling stops... I have no doubt the voters of Colorado will approve this measure."

"The country is looking very closely at Colorado," Clinton told a rally staged by SAFE. "We know it's a state with a broken heart over Columbine. We know it's a state where people can put aside their partisan differences, and maybe even their lifetime culture, to look at the facts. Other states will follow your lead. I hope and pray Congress will follow your lead as well."

But Clinton's visit prompted some dismay in the Columbine community.

"There's been enough trauma in my town already. I think he ought to go home," said

Steve Cordova, a gun-rights activist whose daughter escaped unhurt from the school.

Later, Clinton participated in a town hall meeting televised nationally on MSNBC. Almost immediately, state legislator Doug Dean told him closing the loophole would not have stopped the Columbine tragedy because the purchaser would have passed a background check.

"So it really wouldn't have had any impact," Dean said. "Our legislative responsibility is to pass legislation that actually will go to the root of the problem."

Replied Clinton: "You can't refuse to vote for a law because it's not perfect, and it won't solve every problem."

Clinton has regularly cited the Columbine killings as he makes his argument for "common sense gun laws" in response to a wave of deadly shootings.

Although Republican Gov. Bill Owens sup-

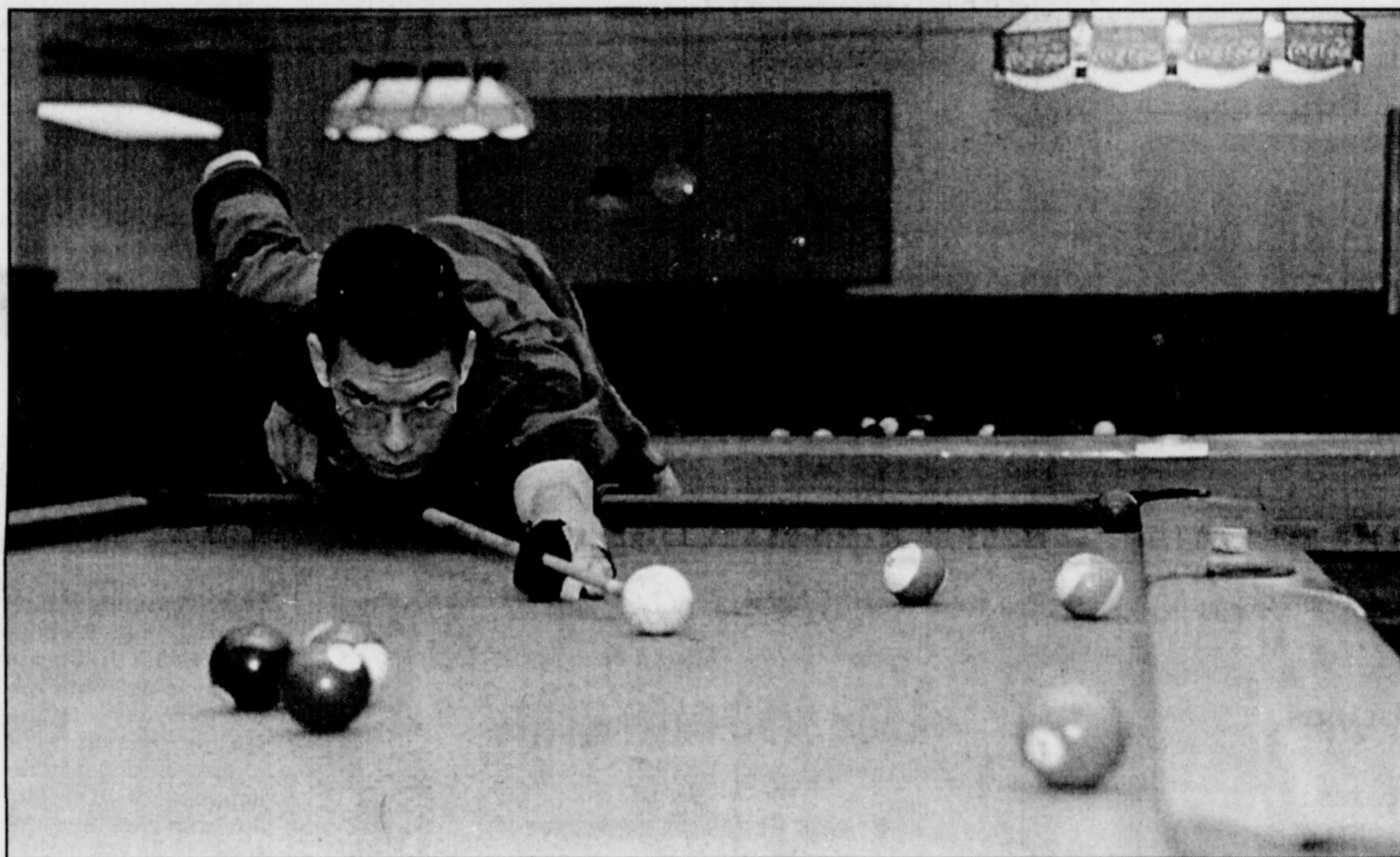
ports the ballot initiative, he stayed away from Wednesday's events, saying he was leery of the political overtones.

"I do hope that he doesn't politicize a Colorado issue and get involved in something that ought to be up to Coloradans to vote and agree on," Owens said of Clinton on Tuesday. In Washington, Republican National Committee Chairman Jim Nicholson accused Clinton of flat-out politicking.

"Bill Clinton and Al Gore have spent the last seven years campaigning on the backs of national tragedies," Nicholson said.

Clinton took to the road Wednesday in hopes of turning up pressure on Congress to take up gun safety legislation. A House-Senate conference committee has been assigned to reconcile differences between a Senate-passed bill that would set a 72-hour background check on gun-show sales and a House bill that shrank the wait to 24 hours.

## Pool sharks



James Tarbox, a senior biology major from Lubbock, lines up a shot during an eight-ball tournament Wednesday night at the University Center Game Room. The tournament was sponsored by the Tech Billiards Association. The organization recently was formed, and members hope to travel to other Texas universities to compete in other tournaments.

## Association hosts billiards tourney for Tech students

by Charlie Milling  
Staff Writer

They meet down in a dark basement each week waiting for their weekly feeding frenzy to begin. A pack of pool sharks searching for their prey, circling two green-lined pool tables, eyeing the next best shot.

Wednesday night's pool tournament in the University Center Game Room, sponsored by the Tech Billiards Association, is only a small taste of what the newly-formed student organization wants to do in the future.

"Next year, we will get to travel throughout the state and take on the (University of Texas) and (Texas A&M),"

said Nic Gibson, a junior family finance major from Idalou and president of the club.

The student club was formed in January by students who like to play pool but wanted to put together an organized group. The club gets together almost every week to play pool and host a tournament.

"It was hard to get a tournament together before the club was formed," Gibson said. "Now there is more structure. We can organize better tournaments and have prizes for placing well, and we can get funds."

Jonathan Wood, a freshman architecture major from Lubbock, said he has played pool for a while, and the club has been a great opportunity for him.

"The tournaments are great," he said.

"We usually play eight-ball or nine-ball tournaments. The prizes are cool. There are pot-luck prizes."

He said the participants of the tournaments put money, gift certificates or other prizes together, and the winners choose which prize they want.

Lee Allen, an anthropology major from Amarillo, said the tournaments offer a opportunity to get good competition, relax and play a game he loves.

"The players are good, and it's a great way to test your own skills," he said.

The next tournament will be April 27 and May 2 in the UC Game Room. For more information about the tournament or the club, call Gibson at 892-2217.

## Ag banquet honors departing chairman

by Kori Clark  
Contributing Writer

A joint banquet between Texas Tech's Collegiate FFA, Collegiate 4-H and Agricultural Communicators of Tomorrow clubs will recognize students' accomplishments today as well as bid farewell to department chairman Paul Vaughn.



Vaughn

said Patrick Padgett, a senior interdisciplinary agriculture major from South Frankfort, Ind.

Vaughn is leaving Tech after 10 years of service as department chairman for agricultural education and communications. He will accept a position as the associate dean and director of academic programs for the College of Agriculture at Missouri University in Columbia, Mo.

"Dr. Vaughn has been very instrumental in his tenure here at Tech," said Jaqui Lockaby, agricultural communications professor. "Because of his leadership, our department has moved into the limelight as a premier program."

The search for a new department chairman is underway, and the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources plans to announce the new chairperson before the academic year is over.

"Dr. Vaughn always takes time to talk to his students, but it's still obvious that he puts priority on his staff," said Kerri Howell, a junior agricultural communications major from White Deer. "The next department chair will definitely have some huge shoes to fill."

The department banquet will be at 7 p.m. Saturday in the Frazier Alumni Pavilion. All members of the organizations hosting the banquet are encouraged to attend.

## Astronaut lands on Tech campus to visit alma mater

## Husband donates items from space flight

by Shannon Davis  
Staff Writer

From Lubbock to outer space, Texas Tech graduate and NASA astronaut Rick Husband has taken a bit of Red Raider pride along with him every step of the way.

During a recent shuttle mission to work on the international space station, Husband flew the Tech flag and took with him other Tech memorabilia.

He presented the items he took to space Wednesday during a visit to Tech.

"I am very proud of Tech and to have gone to school here," Husband said. "Tech is every bit as capable as anyone else to be top-notch."

He presented several items to different departments. Tech President Donald Haragan was presented with the same Tech flag Husband took into space.

"Husband has been a test pilot, a flight instructor and now an astronaut," Haragan said. "He is a role model for students to follow."

Husband is from Amarillo and graduated from Tech in 1980 with a degree in mechanical engineering. He also was a leader in the Air Force ROTC.

Husband presented the College of Engineering and the Department of Mechanical Engineering with two medals taken on the mission. He also presented the Air Force

ROTC with the patch he took into space.

On the mission, Husband was one of seven crew members who docked at the space station to prepare for future visits. The international space station consists of a Russian and U.S. module.

On the 10-day mission, the group spent four days installing outside equipment, repairing inside equipment and bringing in supplies. The supplies included computers, reading material, clothing, spare parts and other items.

Husband, 42, worked on the communication system in the U.S. module.

As the chief of safety, Husband deals with shuttle and space station safety.

"The most enjoyable part of the mission was floating around," Husband said.

"Our motto was, 'If we are not having fun, then we are not doing it right.'"

Husband in the future hopes to be selected to go on more missions into space.

Also at the presentation, representatives from the College of Engineering, the Department of Plant and Soil Sciences and the engineering and water resources department spoke about the university's new mission to develop space research.

Husband is not the first Tech graduate to participate in a space mission. Bernard Harris, former Board of Regents member and a graduate of the School of Medicine, also has flown in space.



Texas Tech alumnus and NASA astronaut Rick Husband.

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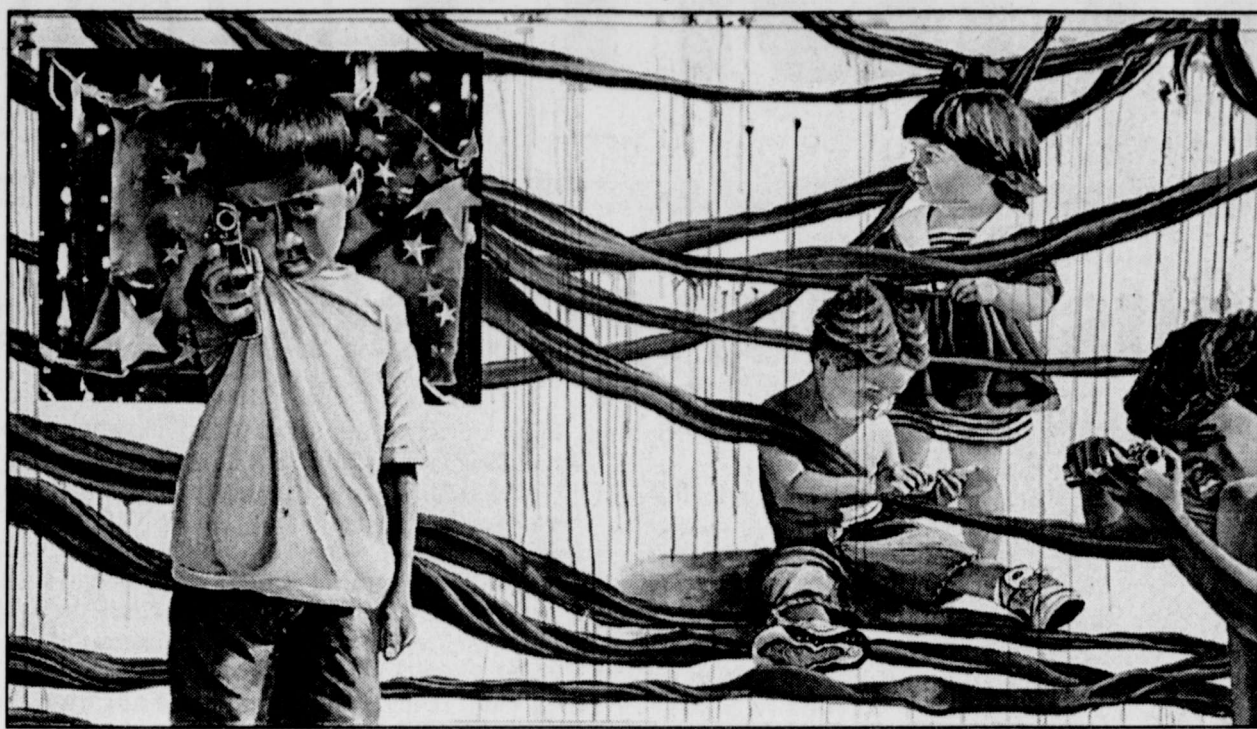
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## Art immitating life



**"Wee the People,"** created by Rene Trujillo, depicts school-age children playing with guns. The painting is one of the many student-created works of art in the 2000 Undergraduate juried show. The exhibit officially opens at 6 p.m Friday in the Landmark Arts Gallery in the Texas Tech Art building. Admission is free, and all are welcomed.

Joe Mays/The University Daily

# Texas school girl stabbed, critical

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A middle school student was being treated for a stab wound Wednesday after a fight between a group of girls turned violent northeast of the city, police said.

The 12-year-old girl, who was not identified, was stabbed in the abdomen shortly after school Tuesday, as students were walking home from Krueger Middle School.

A University Hospital spokeswoman refused to release the girl's condition Wednesday pending consent from the parents.

Police spokesman Al Ballew said a large group of girls, believed to include middle school and high school students, started fighting a couple of blocks west of the school campus, according to witnesses.

"They were pushing and shoving, and the victim tried to step in and break it up," Ballew told the *San Antonio Express-News*. He said

the attacker reportedly stabbed the 12-year-old girl once in the abdomen.

Police on Tuesday took 17 juveniles into custody for questioning, including a 15-year-old suspect. It was not known whether charges had been filed against the juvenile, the newspaper reported in its Wednesday edition.

The fight between the two groups apparently stems from something that happened two weeks ago, Ballew said. He refused to speculate on what triggered the argument.

North East School District spokesman Victor Garcia said school administrators had been unaware of any planned altercations.

"Had we been aware of this," he said, "I'd like to think we'd have been able to prevent it."

Counselors were scheduled to be on hand Wednesday at Krueger to talk with students, Garcia said.

## Medical students to get advice

The Clinical Laboratory Science Program and the Health Occupation Student Association will host a "How To Prepare For Medical School" panel discussion.

The panel will be at 6 p.m. today in Room 2C103 of the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center.

Students interested in attending medical school will meet with a panel of five medical students. Resident

students from first year to fourth year will provide knowledge and advice to future medical students. The medical students are all clinical lab science graduates.

They will discuss topics ranging from how to prepare for the Medical College Admissions Test to dealing with the medical school curriculum.

For more information, call 743-3252.

## Logo contest winner chosen

The Student Affairs Division announced the winner of the new design logo contest for the division's office.

Sarah Brock, a junior design communications major from Austin, was chosen from numerous designs submitted by Texas Tech faculty, staff and students.

Kathy Quilliam, associate to the vice president for Student Affairs and member of the selection committee, said Brock's design

encompassed everything the office stood for.

"The logo is perfect for the division of Student Affairs reflects energy and excitement found in the student body," Quilliam said. "The colors in the logo represent the diversity of our students."

As the winner of the competition, Brock received a new printer along with her design as the new logo for the office.

"This will be awesome for my resume," Brock said.

## Officials warn Texas shrimp fishery in danger of collapse

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas' gulf coast shrimping fisheries are in danger of collapse unless the commercial harvest is reduced, state officials warn.

An 18-month study by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department found a 30 percent decline in adult spawning shrimp in the Gulf of Mexico since the 1970s, meaning fewer shrimp are available to replenish the population every year.

Shrimp fisheries eventually will collapse if the trend is not reversed, said Hal Osburn, director of the agency's coastal fisheries division.

Bay and gulf shrimpers haul in about 70 million pounds of shrimp annually worth about \$160 million, Osburn said. The industry has about a \$500 million impact on the state economy.

The agency said it will consider shrimping gear restrictions, such as net mesh size and bag and size limits to reduce pressure on shrimp population. Other options include several time and area closures to protect juvenile shrimp in shallow back bays and during peak migration of adult shrimp into the gulf.

The Texas Shrimp Association did not immediately return phone calls seeking comment.

Any restrictions are likely to be unpopular with shrimp fishermen but may protect the industry, Osburn said Wednesday.

"We've been working with the industry, and there's reluctance on their part to endorse anything," Osburn said. "But they will also admit there are problems that need to

be dealt with.

"Texas shrimpers are trying hard to make a decent living on the water," Osburn said. "They are also conservationists at heart because without healthy estuaries and shrimp populations, they have no livelihoods."

According to the agency, about 1,400 bait shrimp vessels target small shrimp in the gulf's back bays. Another 2,300 licensed shrimping vessels patrol the gulf.

Since the early 1970s, shrimping activity in Texas bays has increased more than 300 percent, according to the study. At the same time, the amount of bay shrimp harvested has increased more than 400 percent.

But the pounds of shrimp harvested per hour — known as catch rates — have declined by about 50 percent, officials said.

Osburn said he can't predict when the fisheries would collapse under the conditions but said there is no doubt they will.

"We don't have that kind of precision. If we did we wouldn't have let it get to this point," he said.

"But we ought to take a common sense approach to a public resource like that."

The agency said it also will consider less disruptive options, such as increasing its commercial license buyback program, which allows shrimpers to sell their commercial licenses back to the state.

Since 1995, the state has bought back 477 shrimping licenses at a cost of \$2.3 million.

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On behalf of the students and employees of Texas Tech, the Chancellor has appointed a

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A web site for the study can be found at [www.ttu.edu/ciostudy](http://www.ttu.edu/ciostudy)

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# Department silences demand for language classes

by Kelsey Walter  
Staff Writer

Texas Tech students enrolled in foreign language classes spend hours conjugating verbs, translating compositions and working on vocabulary.

But that is all about to change. In a new foreign language class being offered next Fall, students will not even have to utter a word.

The Department of Classical and Modern Languages and Literatures will offer an American sign language course (CMLL 2301) at the sophomore level for students who wish to

fulfill their foreign language requirement. The second half of the course will be offered in the spring.

Made up of different hand motions used to represent words, sign language is the universal language for the deaf.

Department Chairman Peder Christiansen said he thinks there are students on campus who already know something about sign language.

"This is an experiment," Christiansen said. "I am already convinced there will be more than enough students to sign up for the course."

**"It's really important that hearing people become aware of the information concerning the deaf environment."**

**Tom Cox**  
linguistics graduate student

Tech has not offered a sign language course since it was taught by the deaf-education program several years ago. But then, it was only offered to deaf-education majors.

Tom Cox, an applied linguistics graduate student from Austin, is scheduled to teach both classes. He said he senses big demand for the new classes and hopes he is right.

"The sophomore-level class is really similar to all other sophomore-level foreign language classes," Cox said.

He said vocabulary, culture, history and literature all will be emphasized in the course.

As a non-traditional student, Cox has worked with the deaf since he was 10 years old. Cox, 38, said he considers American sign language a fairly new and growing trend.

"The goal is to get people to communicate in the deaf community," Cox said. "It is really important that hearing people become aware of the information concerning the deaf environment."

Christiansen said the first and second years of sign language could be offered in the future if participation is good enough.

"This is the type of diversity that Texas Tech needs," Christiansen said.

The American sign language course is not listed in the Summer/Fall catalog.

Students interested in taking American sign language can contact Cox at 742-1585. He can be reached in his office in 252 Foreign Language building or via e-mail at [tcx@ttacs.ttu.edu](mailto:tcx@ttacs.ttu.edu).

## Study: Many e-retailers may soon bust

NEW YORK (AP) — Most retailers that operate entirely on the Internet will be out of business by next year, a respected consulting firm is warning.

In a report critical of the battered online shopping industry, Forrester Research Inc. said intense competition and the continuing selloff of dot-com stocks will result in a rapid rise in buyouts and bankruptcies of online retailers in the coming months.

Lawyers and consultants are already being swamped with calls for help from online companies in distress.

"There are just too many companies out there that don't have what it takes to last, and they won't last," said Seema Williams, an ana-

lyst at Forrester, based in Cambridge, Mass.

When Internet shopping first began gaining momentum a few years ago, many believed cyberspace would be big enough for anyone, from giants like Wal-Mart to the entrepreneur selling jelly out of his kitchen.

But while the online world remains vast in size, the marketplace has become crowded with sites selling similar products and content.

It is quickly becoming clear that the largest and best-known sites are gobbling up customers and sales, and the smaller players have little chance to get noticed. Traditional chains, such as Wal-Mart and Sears, are increasing the pressure by stepping up their presence with recognizable brands online.

"There are 30,000 e-tailers out there,

and probably 25,000 will have to go away," said Mark Doll, a consultant for startup companies at Ernst & Young. "But that will end up helping the biggest and best players who can ride the tide and then will fare better because they'll have less competition in their markets."

The shakeout among the online retailers is just beginning and could become a bloodbath over the next year.

In its report released late Tuesday and based on surveys of 50 leading online retailers, Forrester said most companies won't be able to cope in the coming months as competition intensifies and money evaporates just as merchants need to ramp up marketing for the Christmas season.

Investors have tightened their purse strings, the flood of money

from venture capitalists and initial public offerings of stock has dried up, and prices for dot-com stocks have been sinking.

"They don't have the funds available to them 12 to 18 months ago, and now they are trying to decide what to do to stay alive," said Ming Tsai, senior vice president at Mainspring Inc., an Internet consulting firm in Cambridge.

Already, some cybershops have bottomed out. A few merchants, including cooking site Cook Express, filed for bankruptcy, and dozens of others, such as CDNow and Peapod, are quickly running out of money. Cybershop and Beyond.com got out of retailing entirely and now cater to businesses.

## Students awarded national scholarships

Four Texas Tech students recently received national scholarships for their work in their majors.

Lesley Crowley, a junior biology major from Henrietta; Harshal Kirane, a sophomore microbiology major from Lubbock; and Jamie Rose, a junior biology major from Lubbock, were chosen as the 2000-2001 recipients of the Goldwater Scholarship.

All three scholarship recipients are participants in the Howard Hughes Medical Institute.

The scholarship is a national math, engineering and science award and is only awarded after interviews with each applicant.

Nationwide, schools are allowed to nominate only four candidates a year.

The University of North Texas was the only other Texas school which received three scholarships.

Three hundred and four students representing colleges from across the nation received this year's Goldwater Scholarship.

In the past six years, 19 Tech students have been Goldwater Scholarship recipients.

Tech student Karlie Nicholson, a senior interior design major from Coppell, was selected to attend Steelcase University's collegiate scholarship summer program in Grand Rapids, Mich.

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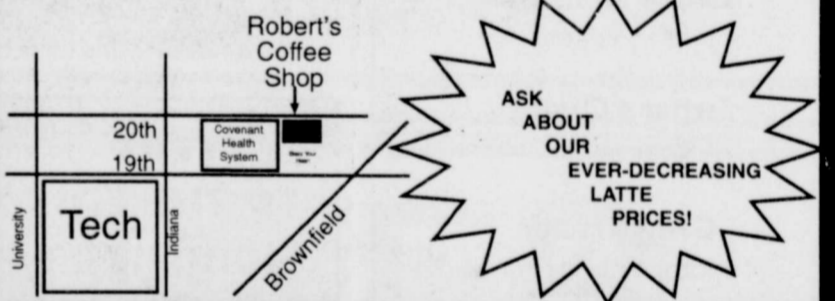
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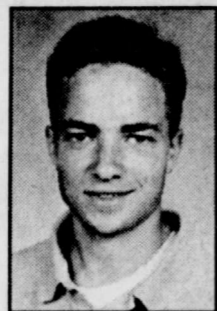
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## ADD alternative could be best

Last week, you were left with a dangling question, "Are drugs always the best solution to help cure people who suffer from Attention Deficit Disorder and other illnesses?" Some experts on ADD now are claiming that there is an alternative to drugs, and it's called neurofeedback.



**Andrew Schoppe**  
Columnist

Neurofeedback, also known as EEG biofeedback, is a process that utilizes sensors pasted to the scalp and ears with easily removable adhesive to transmit brain waves to a computer program. This computer program monitors and gradually trains the brain waves through the use of an interactive game that could resemble Pac-Man.

The point of the program and game is to help the patient learn to produce more beta and less theta brain waves. In the case of the Pac-Man game, the more your brain makes the desirable beta waves, the faster Pac-Man moves through the maze to indicate the progress that the patient is making.

So why are beta and theta brain waves sig-

nificant? Dr. Leslie Seiden, director of Braincare, Inc., New York's leading medically-directed center for the practice of EEG biofeedback, explains that beta waves are known to occur at optimum performance levels in concentration, memory and alertness. On the flip side, theta waves are associated with a lack of focus. People with "brain wave dysfunction," which would include children with ADD, make less fast-moving beta waves.

The Association for Applied Psychophysiology and Biofeedback reports that EEG biofeedback is being used by more than 700 groups worldwide for the treatment of ADD/ADHD (Attention Deficit Hyperactive Disorder). The information gathered by the AAPB shows that patients experienced a 60- to 80-percent significant improvement in the condition and a marked reduction in medication requirements.

Others also have conducted studies and research on this method of treatment. Dr. Michael Linden and some colleagues at Mission Psychological Consultants examined 18 children from the ages of five to 15 who were diagnosed with ADD. Nine of the children were given sessions of neurofeedback twice a week for 20 weeks while the other nine were given no treatment.

The results showed on average, the composite IQs of the children who were given neurofeedback sessions increased nine points

more than the increase in the children who were given no treatment. Furthermore, the children who were treated with neurofeedback significantly reduced inattentive behaviors, according to their parents, and their hyperactive behaviors fell to within normal limits after treatment.

Those who have gone through with neurofeedback treatment have found that it helps to improve several ADD symptoms such as attention, focus and concentration, impulsiveness and mild hyperactivity. Yet, as Dr. Joel Lubar said, "Neurofeedback is neither a panacea nor a cure (for ADD or ADHD) but a powerful adjunctive technique."

People between the ages of seven and 45 who have a primary diagnosis of ADD or ADHD are the best candidates for neurofeedback treatment, and the cost for neurofeedback treatment, according to Dr. Philip Brotman of Biofeedback Instrument Corporation, usually ranges from \$90 to \$120 per session.

Reports indicate that 5 to 10 percent of all children are affected by ADD, the most common psychiatric disorder of children. For people looking to avoid the side effects caused by drugs given to children with ADD, neurofeedback is certainly worth considering.

*Andrew Schoppe is a senior broadcast journalism and business management major from Houston.*

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Stand up and holler

To the editor: If the Texas Tech football team had won the national championships this year, nobody in their right mind would think of "scrapping" the team. Even after football losses such as that minor little defeat in Austin, many of us still support the Red Raiders and are excited about the 2000 season.

We are eager to see what our new head coach can accomplish with our guys. On the other hand, Tech is home to a national championship "all-girls" cheerleading squad, a co-ed squad that is ranked fifth in the nation, and a pom squad that beat all other Big 12 schools by placing ninth. But instead of congratulating them, instead of commending their hard work and dedication, we fire their coaches and "scrap" the "girls" squad.

It was ridiculous enough to fire the coaches. But instead of being eager to cheer on a national champion squad under new coaches, we just get rid of them? To top it all off, the man behind it won't even comment on his decisions to the university. It's just ridiculous.

*Tamara Cansino*  
sophomore  
human development

To the editor: It has become apparent on campus that the newcomer, Steve Sullivan, thinks he is high on the horse. A person cannot know the entire staff and the way activities run in just three months. For him to come into his new position and start taking people's heads is ridiculous.

I have known Michael Carver for more than five years, as well as many of the cheerleaders on his squads at Tech. It seems to me that Mr. Sullivan does not know who the Carvers really are. In Sullivan's statement to *The UD* on Wednesday, he states the new position will "promote school spirit, program development, civic events, community appearances, discipline and integrity."

Anyone who knows the Carvers will agree with me that they are already dedicated to every one of those areas. Michael was a cheerleader through all his college days here at Tech, so he knows a little about school spirit. As many people have stated in the past few issues of *The UD*,

he and his wife have been coaching the cheerleading squads, not for the money, but because they enjoy it. In developing a program, let's ask Mr. Sullivan, how much more development does he want, already having three top-10 finishes with one national championship? And I always thought developing a program meant building one up, not axing the best part of it.

The Carvers are excellent for civic events and community appearances. Being from Lubbock, Michael has been a Young Life leader as well as a local businessman. The Carvers know Lubbock and are in perfect position for the "events and appearances." By operating Extreme Cheer to a successful status, the Carvers have proved they have discipline and integrity.

My father owns a business, and I can tell you firsthand how much self-discipline and integrity it takes to run a business of your own — a lot! The bottom line is that they got the job done almost the best you can ever hope for, working part time — so why is there a need for a change to a full-time position?

It is obvious there will be many new problems with the new system. It was stated that with the new coach, many of the cheerleaders will not be back next semester. It sure will look comical to have two or three cheerleaders trying to get 50,000 people hyped for a game, that is kind of a bulky task.

Now, I have never been involved with cheerleading and really never have been interested in the sport. I am someone who knows some of the players in this "game" and realizes that Sullivan has made an enormous mistake. It also worries me of what else is to come from the newcomer on campus.

*Les'ey Loper*  
senior  
mechanical engineering

To the editor: I am a proud parent of one of the women on the "all-girls" cheer squad who just won the national championship title in Daytona Beach, Fla. I am also sad, concerned and angry that Texas Tech would do away with a program that not only has brought them national recognition but showed that 20 girls and three coaches can come together and build a wonderful program based on commitment, hard work and support for their university.

I recently spoke with Steve Sullivan about the possibilities on continuing this program, and he basically informed me that the decision has been made and that the university would stick to it. I am truly amazed that Tech

will not stand behind this team and support them in their endeavor to not only defend their national title but also to represent their school in building school spirit.

There is definitely enough opportunities for these 20 women to cheer Tech in football, basketball, volleyball and any other sport. These women, along with Michael and Kristen Carver, have built a reputable program and deserve the chance to represent Tech in years to come.

I was given the excuse that the university did not want to fund these women. These women did their own fund-raising. Their coaches instructed them free of charge and helped them to achieve their goals for nationals. I think that it is a shame that a university with the reputation such as Tech, will not stand behind these women and support them full-heartedly.

These women not only have cheered games, made personal appearances, practiced and maintained their grades, but also are representing Tech to the best of their ability. I cannot believe that in turn, the university is doing away with their program because of the premise that the school cannot fund 20 additional athletes and cannot take the additional time for this program. I would think that the university would be honored to support these athletes and do anything to maintain a national championship team.

Mr. Sullivan also informed me that the women can be a club team and go back and compete next year. What he fails to understand is that the main act of cheerleading is cheering for your team. It is the pride in representing your school, not only at competitions, but also at games and other venues.

I do believe that these women can be a relief to the pom and co-ed teams by assisting them in cheering at games so that these women are not burned out. They are a huge asset to the university as being dedicated and committed students and athletes.

*Robyn Young*  
Plano

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# Breakups can be painless

Today, I bring to you a diatribe about the five most feared words in the English language: "We can still be friends." These words cap off many relationships, even though it's the worst possible thing to say.

Nine times out of 10, it's a nice way of saying "I'm getting a restraining order," and that is perfectly fine. But it's those other times that cause me to cringe.

Sometimes you can be friends with someone after a certain amount of time has passed since the relationship ended. I still talk to some girls I dated in high school but only well after the fact.

Also, if you only date a couple of times before you realize the person is really cool and nice but they turn you on less than a box of corn flakes, then it might work. However, after a long drawn-out relationship, there are too many emotions initially that interfere with an actual friendship.

In my own sordid dating history, any initial attempt at friendship afterward leads to jealousy and eventually a cessation of speaking entirely, which is actually what I wanted in the first place. Unfortunately, before this happens, it has caused more frustration and aggravation than the actual breakup.

That's why I prefer big ugly breakups where the two people spout off every nasty thing they've ever thought of the person in a short brief period. That can be so cleansing and therapeutic, and it's more fun for the neighbors — unless it's 2 a.m., and they are trying to sleep.

For some reason, this is the only aspect of dating that guys understand better than girls. This is probably because a guy only considers a girl to be a friend when he either can't stand the thought of seeing her naked, or he is forbidden from seeing her naked because she's dating his friend, married or in prison.

Once a guy's dated a girl and broken up with her, she no longer fits into one of those categories, so she can't be a friend. Sure, he may still say the line, but he's not gonna actually try to follow it up by actually calling or something. He's too busy checking out strip clubs, hanging out with the guys and generally reveling in the "joys of single life."

**The truth is people just need time apart. Some people need a week, some a year. Some people need like a decade, but they have therapy for that.**

Many women, for reasons that years of psychology courses have yet to explain to me, have this weird idea that you can break up with a guy and on the next day, call him and hang out. Some say this is because women are intensely cruel. Personally, I think only a small minority of women are intensely cruel, and I just happen to have the bad luck of dating all of them (it's a public service I am seeking recognition for).

In reality, I think that some women truly believe if they were friends with the guy before they dated, they can simply stop dating and go back to being friends like nothing has changed. Sure, this works in theory. A lot of things work in theory.

In theory, I'm tall so I should have some innate talent for basketball. In the harsh world of reality, I don't. Blind people make baskets more often than I do. Granted, this doesn't stop me from playing, but no matter how hard you try, you can't change reality.

Even when initially the whole new friendship seems to be going well, it undoubtedly hits a snag when one of the two starts dating someone new. Then one person feels completely ignored, becomes bitter and runs off and joins the foreign legion. (Does the foreign legion really exist? Do they actually fight in wars or just wander around the desert looking forlorn? You never hear CNN reporting live from the front that the foreign legion is engaged in heavy fire with the rebels from Mahi Mahi, but I digress.)

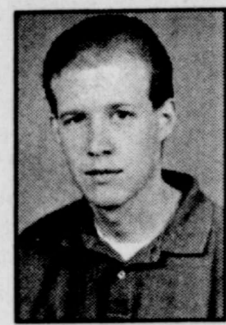
There's no good way to handle that situation. The rebounding person can't hide the new relationship from their ex, and they can't tell them about it or ask their advice.

It's better to wait until both people have dated to begin to be friends again. The truth is people just need time apart. Some people need a week, some a year. Some people need like a decade, but they have therapy for that.

The old cliché is that "time heals all wounds," but I personally believe that "distance heals all wounds." You could have a whole year to recover, but if the other person is still around constantly, it won't get any better. Whereas, if you send the other person in a crate to Abu Dhabi, before long, they are just a fading memory.

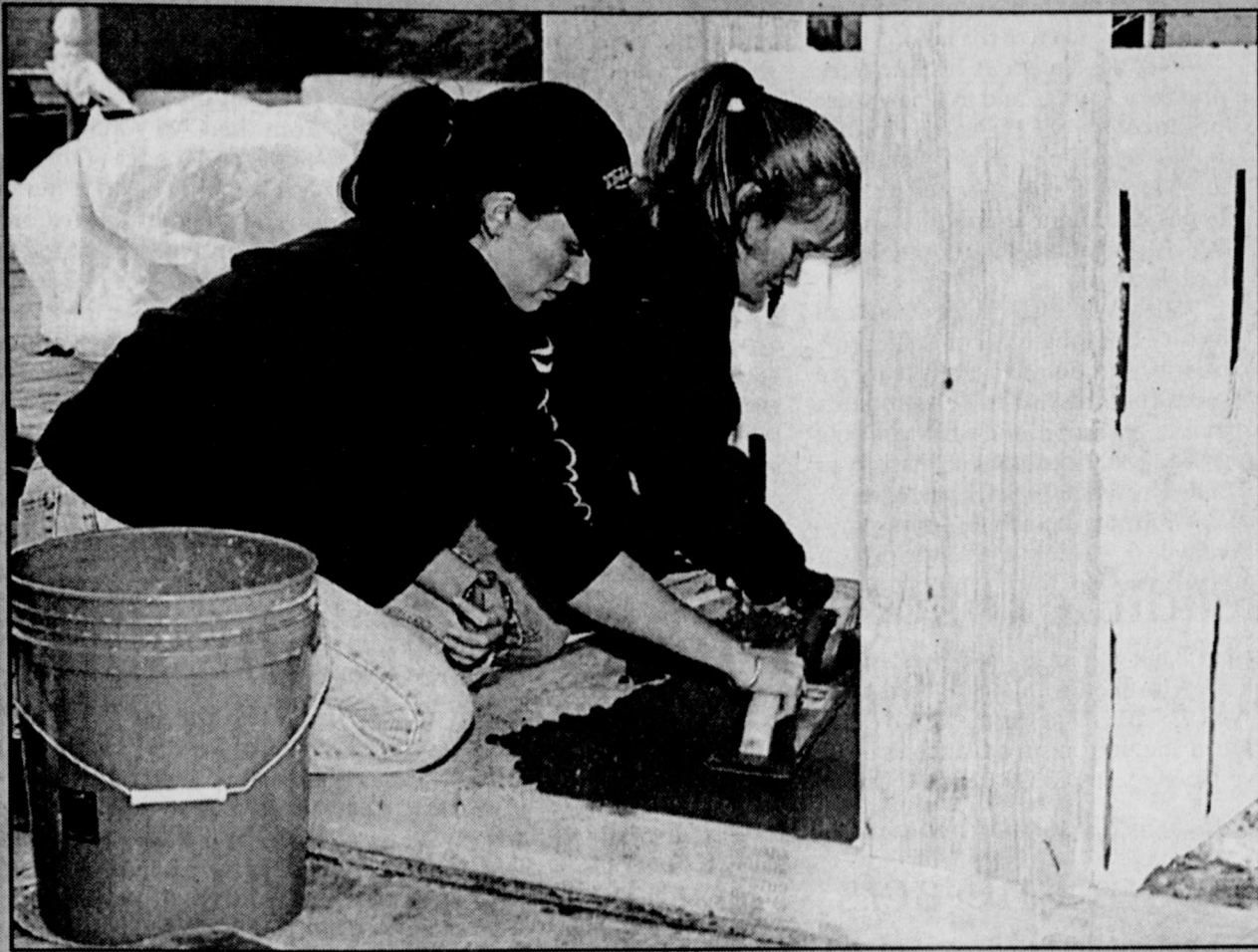
Out of sight means out of mind and that leads to a quick recovery. Of course, if all else fails, get stranded on a desert island with a supermodel (hey, it works in the movies).

*Jay Hudec is a second-year medical student from Plano. He is aboard a tiny ship embarking on a three-hour tour with Kathy Ireland, Ginger and Mary Ann.*



**Jay Hudec**  
Columnist

## Whistle while you work



Alissa Sutton, a junior interior design major from Midland, and Katy Cutright, a junior interior design major from Austin, work to cement a portion of wall for their buildings system architecture project Wednesday outside of the Architecture building.

Jo Mays/The University Daily

## Ball to benefit children

### \$15,000 goal to provide for three entities

by Alicia Field  
Staff Writer

Students from the Texas Tech School of Medicine will care for children of Lubbock through an evening of black tuxes, satin dresses and dancing couples.

Within the past two years, Tech medical students have supported three local children's charities by raising more than \$30,000 at the annual City Lights Charity Ball.

City Lights 2000, "Think of the Children," will be at 8 p.m. Saturday at the Lubbock Club.

In its third year, the City Lights Charity Ball has been the biggest single fund-raiser from a medical school in the nation, said event chairman Zee Kahn, a first-year medical student from Lubbock.

"The purpose is not only to raise money for the charities but to make people aware that these charities are out there," Kahn said.

He said the medical students hope to raise more than \$15,000 at this year's ball in order to focus on children's lives before they are born

and during their childhood. The students also provide help to the children's caregivers.

Tech Chancellor John Montford, Dr. David Smith and Dr. Cooper Smith were among the sponsors of the fund-raiser, but the medical students initiated and executed the ball, Kahn said.

"We want the community of Lubbock to be aware that the medical students are there for them," he said.

Proceeds from the ball will support the Children's Home of Lubbock, the Parent Cottage and the Lubbock chapter of the March of Dimes.

The Children's Home of Lubbock functions as a foster home for neglected and abused children, and the Parent Cottage provides home services for parents of disabled children. March of Dimes focuses on birth defects prevention through research.

"Why wait until we graduate when we can do something now?" Kahn said.

Staci Hix, a first-year medical student from Southlake and public re-

lations chairwoman for the ball, said the organizations chosen to be supported were operating on federal grants and focused on children.

"These organizations help children developmentally and emotionally ... you see them as the future," Hix said.

All students are invited to attend the ball and support the charities.

"We went into medicine to help — it's a fabulous experience to work with these kids," Hix said.

A silent auction will be held at the ball, and items such as an autographed Dallas Cowboys football, scuba lessons for two, shopping spree gift certificates and a soccer ball autographed by the U.S. women's Olympic soccer team will be available for bidding.

A live band, "Masterpiece," including classical guitarist Susan Grisanti, will provide the music for the evening.

Tickets cost \$75 per person, and proceeds will go to the children's charities. For tickets, donations and information, contact the Office of Student Affairs at 742-2131.



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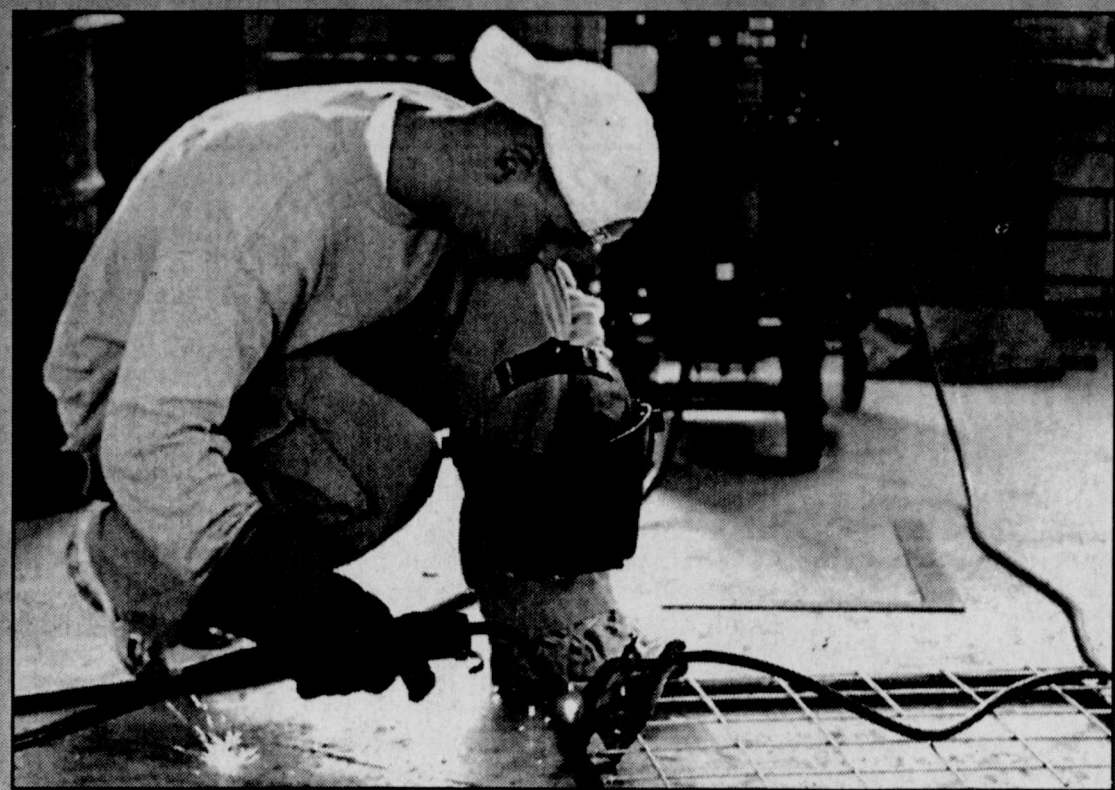
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## Don't stare directly into the light



Jared Kukory, a senior agricultural education major from Humble, welds panels Wednesday for upcoming FFA hog sales. J.T. Aguilar/The University Daily

# Trees witness nation's history

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — They stood as silent witnesses to the lives of George Washington, Andrew Jackson, Amelia Earhart, Henry David Thoreau, Henry Ford and Elvis Presley.

They provided cover for the Nez Perce Indians, shuddered from the cannon of the Civil War and sprouted from seeds taken to the moon.

They are America's historic trees, and their story is told in a new video produced by WCJT, North Florida's public television station. The hour-long documentary, narrated by actor James Whitmore, is airing on public television stations this month (check local listings).

"Silent Witnesses" traces American history from the birth of California's bristlecone pines to the sycamore seeds that the Apollo 14 astronauts took to the moon, and which are now growing on the campus at Mississippi State University in Starkville, Miss.

Whitmore, known for his portray-

als of Will Rogers, Teddy Roosevelt and Harry Truman, said the documentary gave him a new appreciation of trees.

"We are all from the Earth, and we will return to it," Whitmore said.

The video took more than two years to produce and is enhanced with interviews from the descendants of historic trees' original caretakers, including George E. Pickett V; the grandson of Chief Joseph; a relative of Johnny Appleseed and Andrew Jackson VI.

"It makes you realize the importance of trees in the history of this country," said Jackson, a district attorney in Knoxville, Tenn.

Two magnolia trees planted by President Jackson in memory of his deceased wife, Rachael, more than 160 years ago are still on the grounds of the White House. One of the trees can be seen on the back of the old \$20 bill.

Whitmore said he was most fascinated with the story of John

Chapman, who is better known as Johnny Appleseed.

"I had always thought it was folklore, and I was astonished to learn he was a real person who planted thousands of trees," Whitmore said.

Twenty-one trees are featured in the documentary. One of the more poignant stories is that of James Wayman Johnson, who hung his scythe in the crook of a tree, vowing to finish his work after he returned from the Civil War. Johnson died in battle, and the tip of the blade is still visible in the tree in Waterloo, N.Y.

The program also features trees in American Forests' Famous and Historic Trees project — trees that came from seeds of trees that were present during historically-significant lives and events. Grown in Jacksonville, the trees are available for planting by individuals and organizations. The Washington-based American Forests, established in 1875, is the nation's oldest non-profit citizens conservation

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11:00	Zoboomatoo Arthur	Ainsley Harriott	Young & the Restless	Forgive or Forget	All My Children	People's Court
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11:00	O'Brien	Kilborn	Real TV	Newsradio		
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## Skid Row ex to headline concert

Former Skid Row lead singer Sebastian Bach will headline a concert tonight at Liquid 2000, 1812 Ave. G. The show is filled with 1980's hard-rock acts. Aside from Bach, LA Guns and E'Nuff Z' Nuff will perform.

Tickets cost \$15 and will be available at the door or in advance at both locations of Ralph's Records, 909 University Ave., and 3322 82nd St. Doors will open at 8 p.m.

## Theatre gearing up for one-acts

The Texas Tech University Theatre will present the Red Raider One-Act Play Spectacular beginning Monday. The Spectacular consists of five one-act plays written, directed and performed by Tech students.

The plays began showing Monday at the Maedgen Theatre and will continue to run through Sunday afternoon. Performances are at 8 p.m. every night except for a 2 p.m. matinee on Sunday.

Tickets cost \$8 for students and the general public and can be purchased at the door or in advance at the University Theatre ticket office. The theatre is located on 18th Street between Boston Avenue and Flint Avenue.

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## Texas Music hits stands

AUSTIN (AP) — *Texas Music* made its national debut earlier this month, hitting newsstands from California to New York.

"One of the things we want to do is cover all of the genres we have, like Tejano," said Stewart Ramser, the magazine's originator.

"We have an article about a rap band from Fort Worth in the second issue. We want to really be diverse. Texans like to read about other Texans, regardless of their musical tastes, I believe."

Ramser got the idea for the magazine while he was on vacation in Hawaii in 1998. He was relaxing on a beach when a radio station began playing an entire set

from Texas artists.

"All of a sudden, it just hit me. I had been out of the state six-plus years and I missed a lot of great music, and there wasn't really a place to turn to read about it," the Fort Worth native said.

"Rolling Stone or the other national publications would occasionally cover Texas artists, but I knew that there was this thing with Texas music that was very diverse and that a lot of people were very passionate about."

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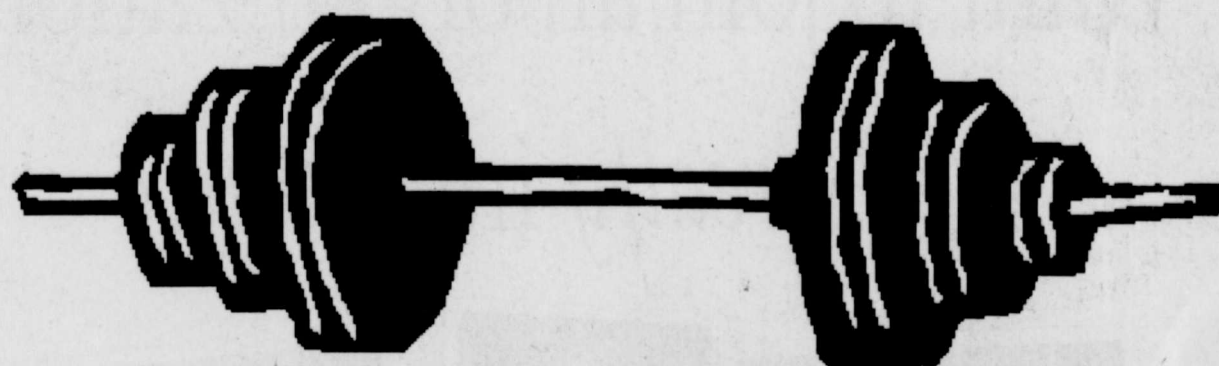
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# Busy environment may delay Huntington's symptoms

(AP) — A study in mice suggests that people who carry the defective gene that causes Huntington's disease might be able to delay the onset of symptoms by keeping busy in a stimulating environment. Mice took longer to show symptoms if they lived in cages with plenty of objects to play with and explore. Scientists were cautious about applying that result to people but said it is worth studying. For one thing, nobody knows what part of the mouse experience made the difference. Huntington's is a degenerative brain disorder that slowly diminishes a person's ability to walk, talk

and think. No cure or effective treatment is known. Symptoms generally begin between ages 30 and 45, though people who have inherited the defective gene can be identified much earlier through a blood test. About 30,000 Americans have the disease, but many more may carry the gene. The study of 16 mice was reported in today's issue of the journal *Nature* by Dr. Anton van Dellen and Anthony J. Hannan of Oxford University, with colleagues. Half of the mice lived in a standard cage, with all the food and water they could drink and a soft ma-

terial for bedding. The other half lived in an "enriched" environment that also included tunnels, boxes, tubes and other objects of cardboard, paper and plastic. New objects were switched for old ones every couple of days. The mice explored them, crawled under and over them and tore off pieces of cardboard and paper. Researchers tested the animals for movement abnormalities that appear in the rodent version of Huntington's. One abnormality — difficulty in turning around on a narrow rod — appeared in only one of seven mice from the enriched cage but in all

nine from the standard cage by the time testing concluded at 22 weeks of age. Another abnormality, claspings of hind paws when held aloft by the tail, appeared in half of the "enriched" animals by that time, vs. all of the other mice. The results suggest that mental or physical activity might help stave off Huntington's in people, but more research is needed, Hannan said. Dr. Christopher Ross, a professor of psychiatry and neuroscience at Johns Hopkins University, said it would be premature to change behavior substantially because of a single mouse study. The idea would be worth testing

in people if further animal study bears it out, he said. Any effect on the appearance of symptoms would probably be mod-

est, but even that would be helpful because nothing is known to affect the progression of the disease, he said.

## Readers Ask

A Service of Texas Tech Student Health Services

Questions in this column come from Texas Tech students, faculty and staff as well as professional medical newsletters and Columbia University's expert Q&A Internet service "Go Ask Alice." Answers to questions provided here are not a substitute for sound medical advice obtained from your health care professional.

**Reader Asks:** Why do some people get strep throat a lot while others never get it at all, and they live together?

**Jo Says:** There are a lot of factors. Some people's genetics make them more susceptible. Some people become colonized (the bacteria sets up a home in their throat and doesn't want to move out) with strep and pass it on to others even though they may show no symptoms themselves. There are physicians who believe that having tonsils make people more susceptible and therefore, remove them. I remember getting my tonsils removed at five years of age, but back in the dark ages when I was a child, they were yanking out tonsils summarily on



Jo Henderson Columnist

most of us. Then it was decided that this was an unnecessary surgery, and now you usually have to have two to three episodes a year of strep throat before removing your tonsils is considered.

**Reader Asks:** When do men need to start having a prostate exam? How do you know if you have a problem, and what are the symptoms? What can you do to keep from having problems?

**Jo Says:** According to a physician I work with, a digital rectal exam (DRE) is recommended annually for men beginning at age 40. This exam will check the size, texture and symmetry of the gland.

Many physicians also will include annual PSA (prostate-specific antigen blood test) at age 40 to more thoroughly assess for possible prostate cancer. Another common non-cancerous affliction of the prostate is BPH (benign prostatic hypertrophy).

The symptoms related to BPH include: 1.) incomplete emptying (sensation of not emptying your bladder completely); 2.) frequency of urination; 3.) intermittency (having to start and stop again several times when

urinating); 4.) urgency (difficulty in postponing urination); 5.) weak urinary stream; 6.) straining (having to push or strain to urinate); 7.) nocturia (having to get up in the middle of the night to urinate).

**Enlargement of the prostate due to BPH is essentially an inescapable part of male aging. Fortunately, it is rarely identified in males younger than 40.**

**Reader Asks:** You know those little moons on your fingernails? What are they? What do they do, and what if some of your fingernails do not have them?

**Jo Says:** The little "moon" on your fingernail is appropriately called the lunula. It is the visible part of the nail matrix (the growing part of the nail), which can be seen through the nail plate. Absence of a lunula may be normal because it is under the skin, however, on occasion, its absence may indicate an infection in the nail or nail bed or another illness.

**Readers Asks:** How long after losing my virginity should I get a gynecological exam for the first time?

**Jo Says:** The American Academy of Family Practice recommends that you get your first pelvic exam at age 18 unless you become sexually active. When sexual activity begins, then you need to get your annual exam with a pap smear within a few weeks of the beginning of activity.

Many women at Texas Tech are under the impression that they should wait until they are sexually active to start getting pelvic exams.

Pap smears, which are a part of the pelvic exam, are done to check for pre-cancerous changes.

Some abnormal test results can mean that you have a mild inflammation while other tests may indicate a serious problem that must be attended to right away.

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The health care providers are especially careful so first-timers have a good experience and will return yearly for their exam.

*Jo Henderson is the health education coordinator for Student Health Services.*

*Drop boxes for Reader's Ask are located in the University Center and in Thompson Hall, or questions can be e-mailed to sthjwh@ttuhsc.edu*

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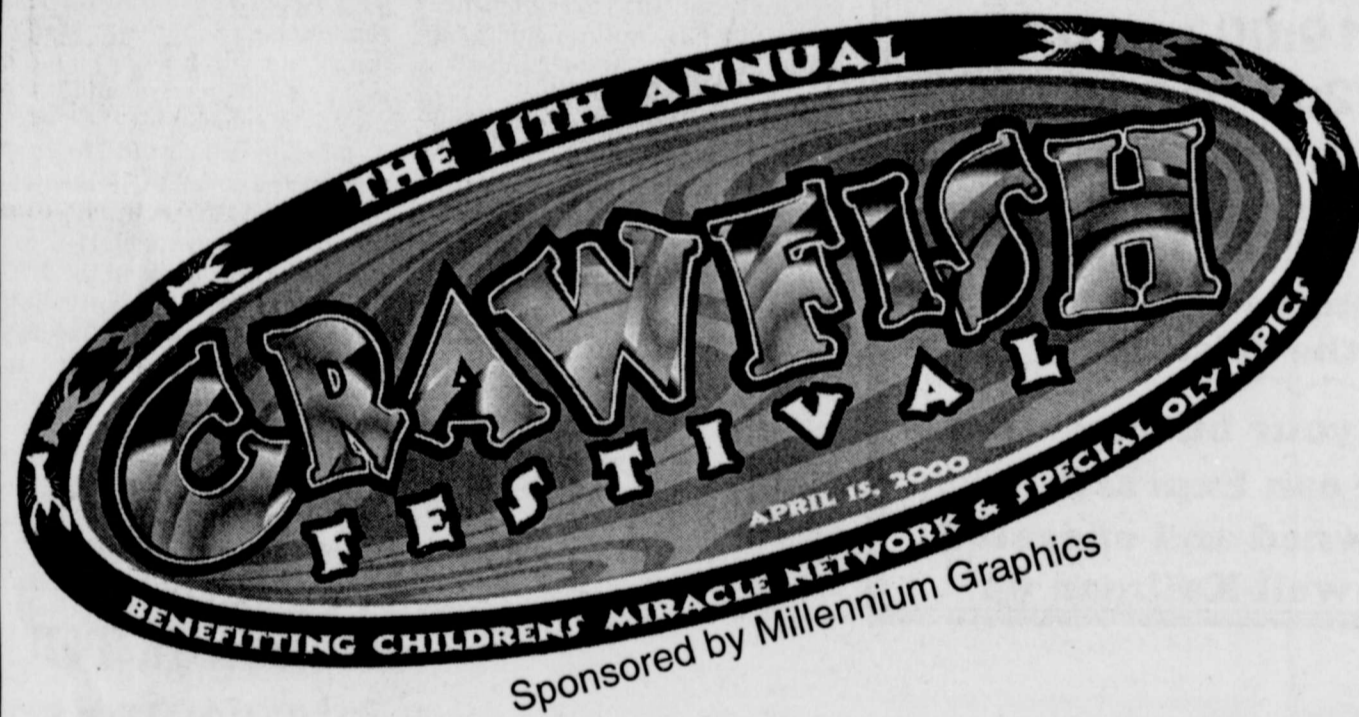
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# Rangers continue losing ways to Yankees, 8-6

NEW YORK (AP) — The New York Yankees opened the home portion of the 2000 season in familiar fashion, with Mel Stottlemyre in the dug-out and a win over the Texas Rangers.

Tino Martinez's two-run triple in the seventh inning carried the Yankees over Texas, 8-6, on Wednesday, one day after their pitching coach began treatment for cancer.

"It's always great to come back to Yankee Stadium, especially after winning the World Series and with Mel back," Paul O'Neill said. "We knew if we hung close that late in the game we'd make something happen."

The Yankees, who held the Rangers two runs in sweeping them out of the playoffs the past two seasons, rallied in the seventh inning after third baseman Wilson Delgado's throwing error had put the Rangers ahead 6-5.

O'Neill and Bernie Williams,

whose three-run homer gave the Yankees a 4-2 lead in the fifth, led off the seventh with singles off Mike Munoz (0-1).

Martinez then hit a long drive to right-center for his third hit of the game — all of left-handers.

"We know we are going to face a lot of left-handers this year so it's important to do well," Martinez said. "Last year we faced them so rarely that it was hard to get my timing down against them. It should be a lot easier."

Jeff Nelson (2-0) pitched two scoreless innings for the win, and Mariano Rivera pitched the ninth for his fourth save.

Rivera has converted his last 26 save opportunities.

The pomp of this year's home opener, which included the raising of the Yankees' record 25th World Series flag, was overshadowed by Stottlemyre's announcement Sunday

that he has bone marrow cancer.

He began chemotherapy treatment two days later and was supposed to miss the opener, before Tuesday's game was postponed.

"The best part of the cancellation yesterday was that Mel was here," Martinez said.

Stottlemyre, who is receiving medication in his chest through a catheter, was restricted in his duties.

Bullpen coach Tony Cloninger watched David Cone warm up and Stottlemyre did not make any trips to the mound, even when Cone struggled his con-

trol in the third inning.

"It was strange to be warming up before the game without Mel watching," said Cone, who has pitched 11

of his 14 major league seasons with Stottlemyre as his coach. "But Mel is so strong. He was in the game. He kept telling me to be more aggressive and throw strikes."

Stottlemyre received a loud, prolonged ovation from the crowd — as well as the

Rangers — as he jogged onto the field during pregame introductions. He waved his hat to the crowd

and appeared uncomfortable by all the attention.

The Rangers, who hit .152 in last year's playoffs, almost spoiled the day, taking a 6-5 lead in the seventh on Delgado's error and Tom Evans' double-play grounder.

Texas doubled its output from that three-gamer series in the third inning, when Cone walked four batters, including David Segui with the bases loaded.

Ivan Rodriguez added an RBI single.

The Yankees went ahead 4-2 in the fifth, on an RBI single by Derek Jeter and the homer by Williams, who had been 0-for-11 against left-handers before homering off Darren Oliver and singling off Munoz.

Texas added three left-handers to its rotation this year to counter the Yankees, who hit 23 points lower against lefties than righties last year.

But New York got all 13 of its hits — including two by O'Neill and an RBI single by Ricky Ledee — against lefties Oliver, Munoz and Mike Venafro.

"That's the reason we have those guys, to get left-handers out," manager Johnny Oates said. "You make good pitches, you get them out. We didn't make the pitches."

Cone couldn't hold the lead, though, giving up a single to Frank Catalanotto and a walk to Gabe Kapler leading off the sixth.

Jason Grimsley came on and gave up a two-out, two-run double to Rusty Greer that appeared to go over the right-field fence.

First-base umpire Brian Gorman ruled the ball hit the top of the wall and the Rangers did not argue.

"My first-base coach (Ed Napoleon) and the umpire were the closest to it and they seemed to agree," Oates said.

## Authorities break up fake memorabilia ring

SAN DIEGO (AP) — An investigation into fake sports and celebrity memorabilia has resulted in charges against 25 people and the seizure of thousands of items with forged autographs — including a baseball supposedly signed by Mother Teresa.

"This is by far the largest memorabilia fraud investigation in the FBI's history," special agent William Gore said Wednesday as authorities put the confiscated goods on display.

In addition to those already charged, about 40 more probably will be charged in coming months, U.S. Attorney Gregory Vega said.

Merchandise included items with fake autographs from Albert Einstein, Abraham Lincoln, Marilyn

Monroe, Michael Jordan, Martin Luther King Jr., Babe Ruth, Lou Gehrig, Mark McGwire and Tony Gwynn.

Some of the items were comically fake, such as the baseball supposedly autographed by Mother Teresa. Assistant U.S. Attorney Phillip Halpern said.

The Operation Bullpen investigation targeted a network of forgers and distributors, as well as people who provided fake authentication documents intended to persuade buyers that the items were legitimate, Halpern said.

The forgery ring was based in Southern California but authorities believe the merchandise was distributed nationwide and beyond. Federal agents seized merchan-

dise, including 10,000 signed baseballs, in California, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Nevada, and Florida.

"I would imagine stuff from this ring is in every single state in the country," Halpern said.

Authorities first got a tip from Upper Deck Co. of Carlsbad, a trading card and memorabilia firm.

The investigation suggests the celebrity memorabilia industry is rife with fraud, including merchandise sold at stores that appear to be legitimate, said Halpern, estimating that half or more of the autographed items sold to the public are counterfeit.

The suspects face a variety of charges including forgery, mail and wire fraud, racketeering, counterfeiting, and tax offenses, FBI

spokeswoman Jan Caldwell said.

Defendants were expected to surrender, she added.

McGwire and Gwynn helped investigators identify fake autographs, Halpern said.

Gwynn said he saw baseballs forged with his signature for sale at a team gift shop in Encinitas.

"There's just so many forged and counterfeit items out there that something had to be done," Gwynn said.

Vega said the investigation led him to doubt the authenticity of items he purchased for his own sons, including framed autographed photos of Jordan and Gwynn.

"As I sit here today I'm wondering if they are counterfeit or not," he said.

## Jets deal Johnson to Bucs for draft picks

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — The Tampa Bay Buccaneers are counting on Keyshawn Johnson to be a man of his word.

The two-time Pro Bowl receiver promised one thing Wednesday — to be himself — after signing an eight-year, \$56 million contract with a \$13 million signing bonus that makes him the highest-paid player at his position in the NFL.

For the Bucs, who failed to go to the Super Bowl because they couldn't score enough points, that would be enough. The team traded two first-round draft picks to the New York Jets and committed nearly \$7 million per season to him to finish the deal because of his track record as a productive and charismatic player whose top priority is winning.

"I'm not a savior ... I can't say I'm a hired gun and come in here like Dennis Rodman did with the Bulls when they were missing a rebounder to win a championship. All I can say is I'm going to do my part," Johnson said.

"It's refreshing to know the Bucs wanted to give up two first-round draft picks to acquire me," he added later, turning on a podium to look toward Tampa Bay owner Malcolm Glazer.

Tampa Bay failed to score an offensive touchdown in five games, including the NFC title game and ranked 30th among 31 teams in passing and 28th overall while averaging just over 13 points.

Nevertheless, the Bucs had their best season in franchise history because of a defense that was so dominant that the team won two of those five games the offense couldn't get into the end zone.

"Everybody knows the Tampa

Bay Bucs have an extraordinary defense that put them in the NFC championship game last year," Johnson said. "I hear all the time, all they need is 17. Well, we're definitely going to try to give them that 17."

New York gets the 13th and 27th overall picks, making it the first team ever with four first-rounders. The others are No. 16 and No. 18. That gives them the wherewithal to deal during the draft if they have to move up to get a player they want.

In four NFL seasons, Johnson has caught 305 passes for 4,108 yards and 31 touchdowns, despite playing only one year — 1998 with Vinny Testaverde — with a high-quality quarterback throwing to him. The 27-year-old receiver goes from a well-balanced, imaginative attack to one of the most conservative, run-oriented offenses in football. He won't have a veteran at quarterback, either, with second-year pro Shaun King.

Johnson said he's ready to do whatever is necessary to help King develop, even if it means catching fewer passes.

"As long as I can contribute in the blocking scheme or something," he said. "Just don't pay me as a \$7 million receiver and stand me on the sideline."

Johnson is the third Pro Bowl player to be added to the Bucs offense since the team failed to score a touchdown in an 11-6 loss to the St. Louis Rams in the NFC title game, joining center Jeff Christy and guard Randall McDaniel. Johnson, who had been scheduled to earn \$2.4 million with the Jets next season, is the highest-profile offensive star in Bucs history and adds the deep passing threat Tampa Bay has lacked for years.

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### Houston, TCU jobs capture Carter's interest

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — University of Texas-San Antonio basketball coach Tim Carter could be interested in the current coaching opening at the University of Houston or the potential vacancy at Texas Christian.

But he says he doesn't necessarily want to leave the Roadrunners.

"I'm not looking to get out," Carter said in Wednesday's San Antonio Express-News. "I really believe the job has to fit you and the school really has to want you. I am not actively pursuing anything."

However, he added, "I would be crazy to not express an interest in Houston or TCU if they would express an interest in me."

Carter's name is believed to be among the almost 40 candidates for the Houston job, which opened March 30 when Clyde Drexler resigned. The school is expected to narrow the list next week.

Carter, 43, was an assistant coach at Houston for the 1986-87 season.

Carter got his break in collegiate coaching as a graduate assistant under Tubbs at Oklahoma in 1982 and 1983.

Carter acknowledges the prospect of taking over one of the better-known basketball programs in the state is intriguing.

"I love coaching in the state of Texas," he said.

Whether he is truly in the market for other Texas jobs or not, Carter said he is reassuring his recruits that talk of his leaving is untrue.

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## Softball team happy with coaching change

by Matt Muench  
Staff Writer

Although the Texas Tech softball team may not like their standing in the Big 12 Conference, members said they do like who is running the team.

Interim coach Carla Marchetti, who was hired on staff as an assistant in August 1999, was hired to replace former head coach Renee Luers-Gillispie when she unexpectedly resigned last February.

When Luers-Gillispie left the team to begin the softball program at the University of Central Florida, Tech players said they felt shocked and a little betrayed.

"The change was brought on us pretty sudden," said designated hitter Shauna Briggs. "We felt pretty shocked, but I think the change

turned out for the better."

The change has helped the squad as Marchetti has improved the team in almost every offensive and defensive category.

Luers-Gillispie never coached the team to a victory this season going 0-9. Under Marchetti, the Red Raiders have compiled a 14-19 record.

The team's scoring average also is up from 1.2 to 2.4 runs-per-game.



Under Marchetti, the team has committed 40 errors in 30 games, while Luers-Gillispie's team committed 35 errors in 12 games.

"Marchetti has a lot more control than (Luers-Gillispie) did," said third baseman Lynsey Haij. "Everything has turned around since (Marchetti) took over."

Some of the Red Raiders said many of the players did not feel com-

fortable around Luers-Gillispie and said Marchetti knows more about the game of softball than Luers-Gillispie did.

"I consider myself a person," Marchetti said. "I like to get to know the players and their parents because I think, as a coach, I need to look out for the kids while they are away from home."

Briggs also said she likes Marchetti's coaching style better than the tactics Luers-Gillispie used.

"She is more straight forward than Luers-Gillispie was," she said. "Marchetti will get on us if we do something wrong and will commend us if we do something right."

Marchetti said she is pleased the team has related to her so well this season but also knows that head coaches are not going to be liked at all times. She said she can deal with that fact.

"Most of the time coaches are not liked," Marchetti said. "Sometimes

players may not like a move the head coach makes."

She said she emphasizes communication, something she thought the players did not do well while Luers-Gillispie was at the helm.

"The kids are the biggest part of this softball team," she said. "Without them, I don't have a job."

Marchetti and the team said they hope she can continue on as the coach for the team in the future.

The position is expected to be filled permanently this summer.

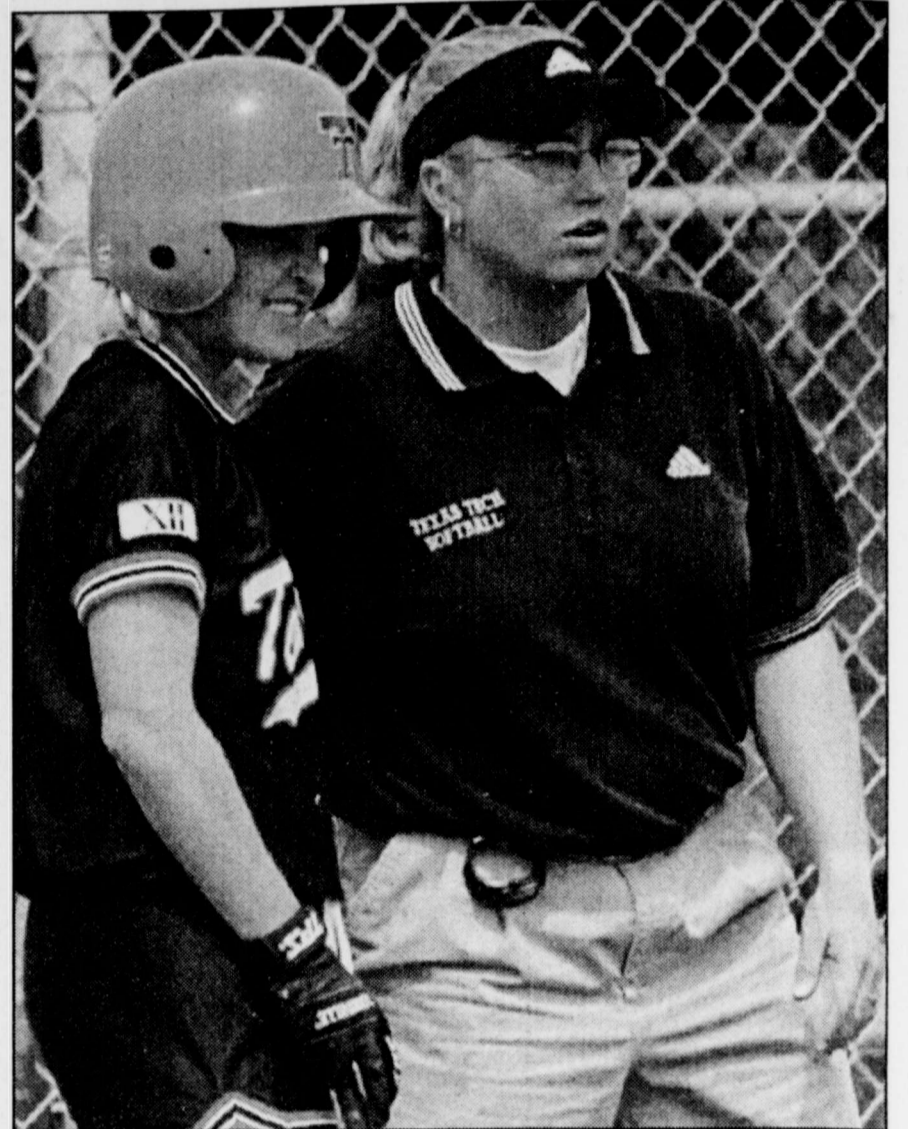
"I definitely hope she gets hired," Briggs said. "She has done a good job stepping in this year, and I think she has a good future."

Marchetti has many goals set for her future if she stays on as head coach. She would like to have alumni more involved and hopes she can get a new stadium built for her squad.

"The basketball teams have the United Spirit Arena to call home," Marchetti said. "We would like to have a place we call home."

**"Everything has turned around since (Marchetti) took over."**

**Lynsey Haij  
Tech third baseman**



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Interim coach Carla Marchetti talks with second baseman Briana Nietert. Marchetti took over in February and has improved the team's early season woes.

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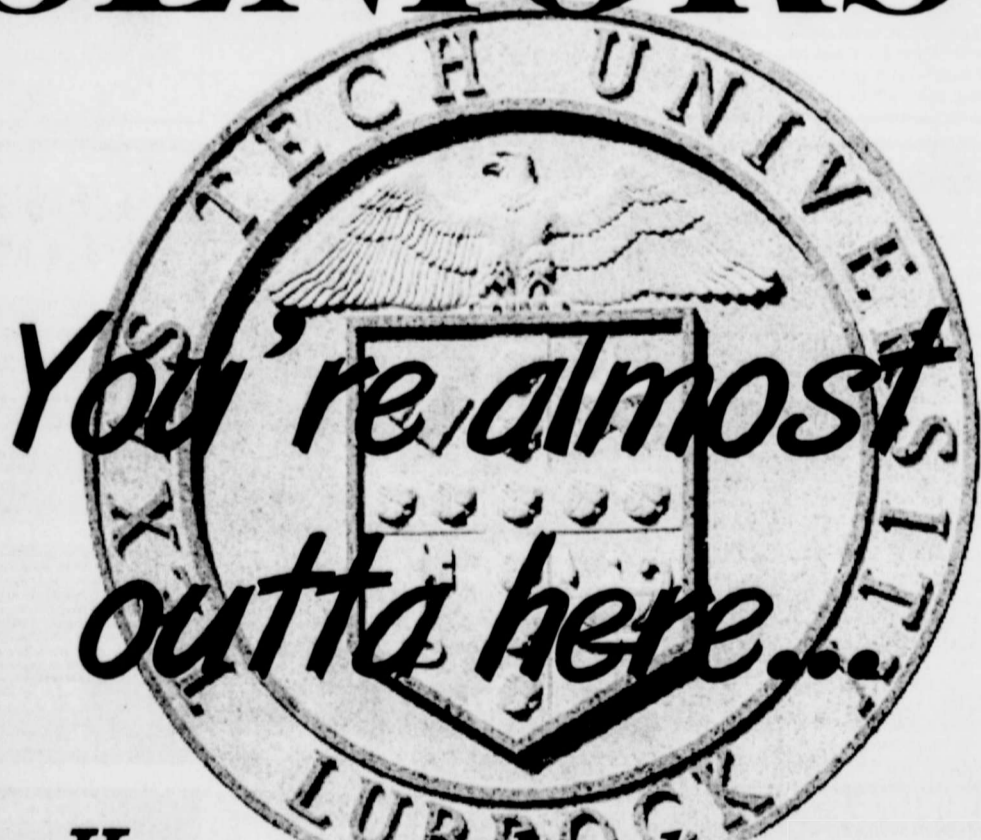
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