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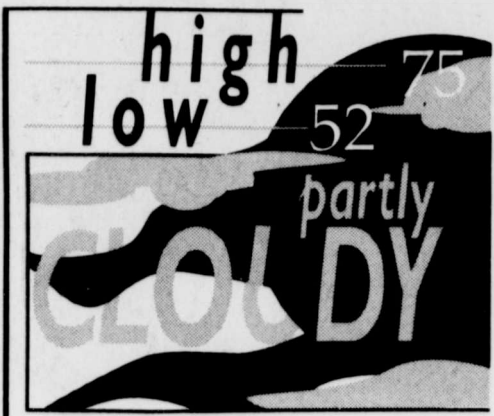


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## STATE NEWS —

### Water restrictions looming as Edwards Aquifer level drops

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The Edwards Aquifer has dropped below the level that triggers mandatory water restrictions for the region, prompting the aquifer authority to meet in emergency session Monday.

After days of warm weather and little or no rain, the aquifer had dropped to 649.1 feet above sea level by Monday. That's almost a foot below the level of 650 feet at which water rationing becomes mandatory.

Although the city of San Antonio received about an inch of rain from thunderstorms early in the day, it was too late to avoid the water rationing point.

Besides supplying drinking water for San Antonio, the natural underground aquifer feeds Comal and San Marcos springs to the east and is used by farmers to the west for crop irrigation.

## NATIONAL NEWS —

### ABC stations dropped from Time Warner cable systems

NEW YORK (AP) — In an escalating corporate dispute, ABC was blacked out in the homes of 3.5 million Time Warner cable customers around the country Monday — just as the "sweeps" period was beginning and Regis Philbin was about to quiz celebrities on "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire."

Instead of ABC programming, Time Warner customers saw a message saying, "Disney has taken ABC away from you" on the channel that normally carries WABC-TV in New York.

Around the country, the only way many viewers could see ABC shows was the old-fashioned way — by disconnecting the cable and rigging up an antenna — or finding a friend with a satellite dish.

The Walt Disney Co., ABC's corporate parent, is fighting over how much money Time Warner must compensate Disney for the right to carry some of its cable channels.

The affected customers were in seven markets served by ABC-owned television stations. About 1.5 million were in the New York City area, 665,000 in Houston and 440,000 in Raleigh Durham, N.C.

## WORLD NEWS —

### Black man set on fire in racially-motivated attack

BIRMINGHAM, England (AP) — A black man was verbally abused and then set on fire Monday, an attack police said was racially motivated.

The 24-year-old man, whose name was not released pending notification of relatives, was listed in stable condition at Selly Oak Hospital with burns to his face and right arm. His injuries were not thought to be life-threatening.

"There appears to be no motive for the attack apart from the fact it was racially motivated," said Detective Chief Inspector Neil James of the West Midlands Police. "It was a particularly vicious attack aggravated by the fact that the victim was abused verbally prior to being set alight."

Three white men were being sought for questioning, including one described as a skinhead.

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# Faculty give opinions on state pay raise

by Kelsey Walter  
Staff Writer

While it may not effect every faculty member the same way, the Texas Tech faculty payroll will soon receive an additional \$1.35 million of state funding beginning next fall.

Although the majority of Tech's faculty will benefit from the plan, some members are concerned with the increase.

Tech Faculty Senate President Nancy Reed is not satisfied with the raise and said it is not sufficient.

"While the merit raise is beneficial, the faculty needs an across-the-board raise," Reed said.

She said an across-the-board raise would benefit all faculty equally and help to compensate for higher costs of living.

The money will not be distributed across-

the-board because school officials are responsible for deciding how the money is used.

The pay raise comes as part of a \$40-million merit pay increase for Texas higher education faculty issued by State Comptroller Carole Keaton Rylander last Thursday. It is designed to increase payroll budgets by 3 percent.

The funding will be allocated to all public universities, technical colleges and medical schools in Texas effective Sept. 1.

Lewis Held, associate professor of biological sciences professor, said he favors both the across-the-board and merit-based pay raises and said there are advantages and disadvantages in both plans.

Held said since a merit increase is based on the evaluation of a faculty member's performance by a department head, it opens the

possibility for favoritism "that is not based on merit."

"Some people are going to get crumbs and others are going to get a feast," Held said. "Across-the-board will at least avoid that abuse."

He said he will support the merit system as long as it is done fairly.

Edward Steinhart, associate professor of history, said he is always in favor of across-the-board.

"Merit pay puts too much power in the hands of administrators and supervisors as to what constitutes merit," Steinhart said.

He said the across-the-board plan would keep other faculty members from being excluded.

Tech's Chief Financial Officer Jim Brunjes said the merit raise is good for the university. Brunjes said if the raise had not been

implemented, Tech faculty would have only received a 1.5 percent pay increase beginning in the fall. He said it is important for Tech to keep up with the cost-of-living increase, which he estimated will increase anywhere from 2 to 3 percent by September.

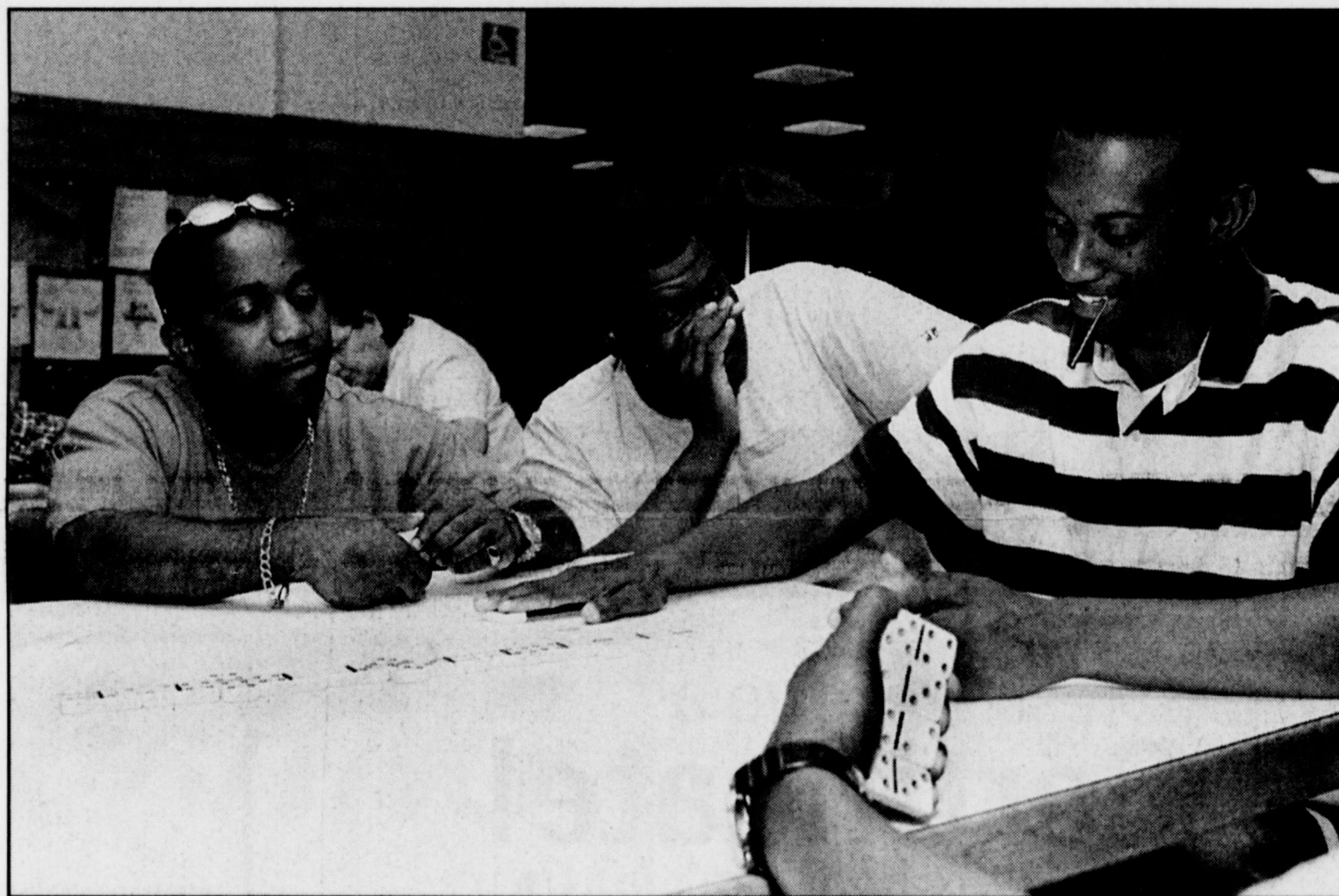
The raise was originally approved in a bill passed by the 1999 Legislative session, but it could not be officially allocated until Rylander said the funds were available.

Brunjes said when Tech officials calculated next year's budget, it was based on the assumption that Rylander would approve the allocation of funding for the pay increase.

He said when she finally certified the increase, the 3 percent increase had already been inserted.

"The budget for next year is already in place," Brunjes said.

## Winding the semester down



Darlington Onyeri, a senior biology major from Houston; Donald Bertrand, a freshman restaurant, hotel and institutional management major from Houston; and Ken Myers, a freshman pre-medical major from Midland, relieve some stress during a game of dominoes Monday at the University Center.

J.T.Aguilar/The University Daily

## Tech sorority adopts therapeutic horse

by Alicia Field  
Staff Writer

The Texas Tech chapter of Delta Delta Delta donated \$250 Monday to the University Therapeutic Riding Center.

The donation will adopt "Brownie," a horse at the center, for one month.

The riding center, located in New Deal, has been providing therapy to disabled children ages 2 to 12 through horseback riding for the past two years. The Tech Tri Deltas are the first campus organization to adopt a horse in the program.

University Therapeutic Riding Center is a joint program between Texas Tech and University Medical Center.

Heidi Brady, assistant professor in the Department of Animal Sciences and Food Technology, oversees the program. Brady said the benefits that disabled children receive from riding horses are invaluable.

"Most of our patients have cerebral palsy," Brady said. "The horse gives a part of bonding we'll never understand."

However, Brady said the program is lacking funds, and hopes to see other organizations at Tech adopt horses.

"It's such a motivation and self-esteem booster for these kids," she said. "We hope small groups can get behind us."

With the monthly donation, groups can fund vaccination, feed, shoes and transportation for a specific horse at the riding center.

Through therapeutic riding, the children, usually patients at UMC, can improve their flexibility, speech and sensory integration.

"(The children) are always happy to



Delta Delta Delta members Stephanie Karr and Ashlee Davidson accept a picture of a horse the sorority adopted from Heidi Brady, assistant professor of animal science. Greg Kreller/The University Daily

come," Brady said.

Physical therapists, speech pathologists and occupational therapists also work with the children in the non-profit program. Aside from riding, the children help to care for the everyday routines of the horses.

"The kids get cross-therapy, and we help facilitate that," Brady said.

Volunteers range from members of various organizations to students from the Animal Science 3309 class.

"Students learn how to walk the horses, saddle them, make lesson plans, and they learn about the different children's disabilities," Brady said.

Tri Delt member Stephanie Karr, a junior finance major from Lubbock, said the idea was

presented to the Tri Delt Officer's Council, and the sorority decided to take part in the program.

"This is our way of helping out," Karr said. "We hope that other groups can follow our lead."

The Tri Delt national philanthropy effort has dealt with childhood cancer, and Karr said she felt the program focused on that issue.

"We realize that there are other problems children have that need attention," Karr said.

Karr also said the Tri Deltas volunteer with as many diverse organizations as possible.

"We know that they need the money and that we have the money to give," Karr said. "Our role is just to show other people how to help."

For additional information, contact Brady at 742-2550.

## Tech freshman, father die in car accident

Texas Tech student Robert "R.D." Gillispie died Friday in an automobile accident between Terrell and Canton.

Gillispie, a freshman management information systems major from Terrell, was with his father at the time of the accident, who also was killed in the crash.

Gillispie was a 1998 graduate of Forney High School.

Scott Gray, a senior restaurant, hotel and institutional management major from Forney, said Gillispie loved being a Red Raider and participated in all intramurals and worked as a student assistant at Gaston Hall.

"He was a very caring and loving person. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends," Gray said.

Gillispie is survived by his mother, two sisters, one brother and a nephew.

Funeral services will be Friday in Forney at the First Baptist Church.

## Deaths take toll on Georgia university

### Texas not only state affected by tragedy

ATHENS, Ga. (AP) — The University of Georgia student newspaper is usually filled on Monday mornings with stories of overzealous weekend partying or sports results. But this semester, death has pushed it all off the front page.

Since January, 11 young students on this campus of 30,000 have died of various causes — a heart attack, cancer, a drug overdose, a wreck on the way home for Easter and a fraternity prank gone wrong.

Three weeks ago, the death toll was eight, and school officials scheduled a memorial service at sunset Monday. Since then, three more students have died.

"It's profoundly sad," said Rick Rose, an assistant vice president who offers the university's condolences to parents and friends of students who die.

The school has never lost more than eight students in one term. Any more than three in a semester is out of the ordinary.

At Monday's service, the chapel bell, usually silent except for victorious football Saturdays and late-night student pranks, tolled 28 times — once for each university faculty and staff member and student who died this academic year, including the 11 since January.

The idea, administrators said, was to get the campus to think of the deaths as more than just a number.

"This is not a tally sheet," Rose said. "Each one of these people is the most important thing."

Kim Weld, a freshman, came to remember one friend — Philip Walsh, who was killed in a car accident last month. But she was struck by the magnitude of the death toll.

"The bells kind of make you think," she said. "It doesn't seem like such a big number until you see it in front of you."

Travis Denison, a member of the university's student government whose friend, Chris Moseley, also was killed in a car crash, said students opened the campus paper every Monday almost expecting to read about another death.

"Every weekend they were dying," he said. "It's so hard to believe."

The students left behind mourning families across the state, from the beaches of St. Simons Island to the mountain town of Dahlonega to the suburbs of Atlanta.

## A&M bonfire report to be televised today

Results from Texas A&M's special commission investigation into the November 1999 Bonfire collapse will be released today on a live web cast and TV broadcast.

Commission members will announce their findings at a press conference to be held at the Reed Arena on the A&M campus.

The results from the \$1.67-million investigation stem from a five-month exploration into why the 59-foot tower collapsed and 12 A&M students were killed.

The broadcast will be televised live on all three major networks and CNN beginning at 1 p.m.

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# Gospel choir concert to soothe finals stress

by **Jennifer Bailey**  
Staff Writer

The Visions of Light Choir will host its annual Spring concert Saturday at the Community Baptist Church.

The choir has been performing as a group for the past seven years, and Rodney Shepherd, a junior family studies major from Dallas and president of Visions of Light, said each show gets bigger and better.

"I would encourage everyone who is going through finals and stress to come out and enjoy the concert," Shepherd said. The choir is made up of about 20 Tech students who enjoy singing and praising God.

"The choir members are all students going through the same stress from finals, and this is a way to relieve all that tension," Shepherd said.

Choir member Dameon Randall-Dennis, a graduate architecture student from Houston, said joining the choir helped him find talents he never knew he had.

"I didn't know I could sing, but be-

ing with the choir has brought out many new talents," he said. "Singing with the choir has been a very rewarding experience."

Randall-Dennis said the choir does community service as well as performing at local churches.

"We have worked at the Ronald McDonald house and recently volunteered with the Tech-Lubbock Community Day where we worked with the Women's Protective Services," Randall-Dennis said. "(Volunteering) with those organizations was a truly rewarding experience."

The concert will begin at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at the Community Baptist Church located at 220 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

Admission is free.

Shepherd said he hopes those who attend the concert will be uplifted by the choir's message of hope.

"I encourage all Tech students to attend the concert and know that with God in your life, you can overcome anything."

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**Rodney Shepherd**  
president of Visions of Light



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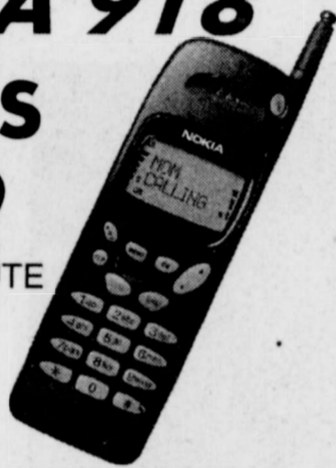
The Visions of Light Gospel choir is having its annual spring concert Saturday. The choir consists of about 20 Texas Tech Students and has been performing as a group for the past seven years. The choir travels around the state singing and praising God. The concert will begin at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at the Community Baptist Church located at 220 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Admission is free.

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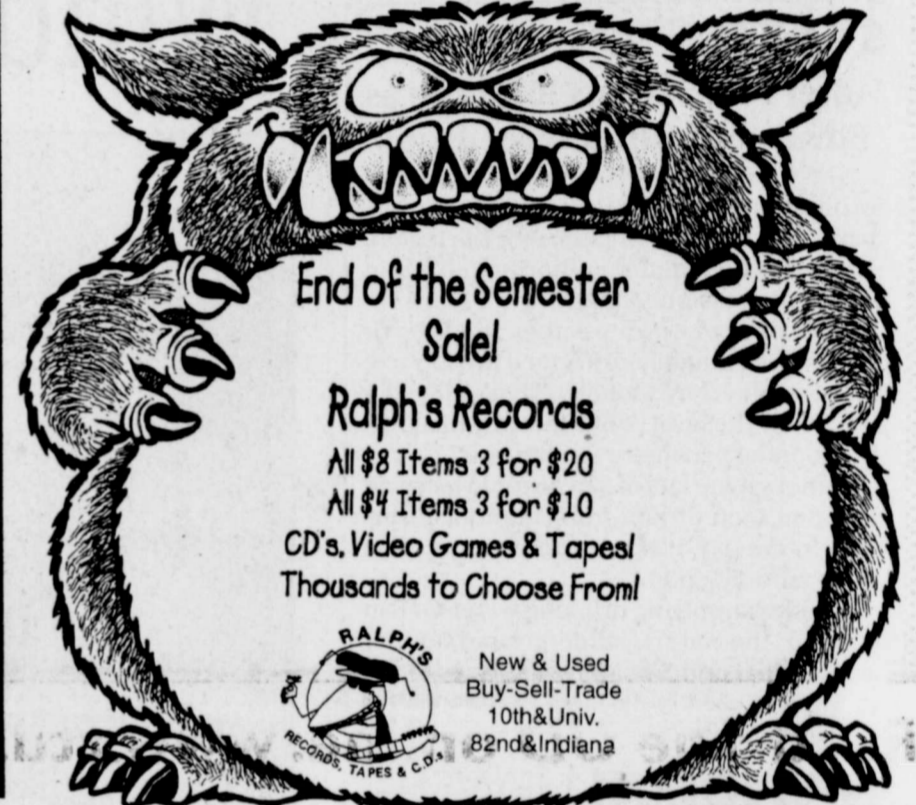
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## Depot to host benefit marathon

by Alicia Field  
Staff Writer

### Depot District RUN FOR THE ARTS Lubbock, Texas

The Depot District, a hot night spot for Texas Tech students, will have a chance to take in the District while supporting a community endeavor.

On Saturday, from 9 a.m. to noon, Tech students and Lubbock residents will have a chance to take in the District while supporting a community endeavor.

The Depot District's inaugural Run for the Arts race will begin in front of the Cactus Theatre, located at 19th Street and Buddy Holly Avenue, and will end at the Buddy Holly Center.

Lory Ioppolo, marketing coordinator for the Buddy Holly Center, said this is the first year for Run for the Arts. She said she hopes the run will become a tradition.

"We're really trying to promote the Depot District as a cultural center,"

she said. "It's more than a nightlife." Between 150 and 200 participants are expected, Ioppolo said, which is good for a first-time event.

"If you're new to Lubbock, like freshmen, it's a good way to get to know the Depot District," she said.

Participants will receive a race packet with a T-shirt, race number, menus, coupons and information about the Depot District. Free refreshments will be available, and Trio Los Classicos, a local mariachi band,

will perform during the event. The Lubbock Cotton Kings also will be helping with the event, and all participants have the chance to win a leather recliner, an autographed Cotton Kings jersey and gift certificates from businesses throughout the Depot District.

Cactus Theatre President Don Caldwell said the Depot District began in 1993 with the Depot Restaurant, which provided live entertainment. He said soon after other businesses started opening around that.

"Lubbock has a long history of having great artists," Caldwell said. "It's really important for a community to have a center for entertainment."

Run for the Arts is a sanctioned race, and runners can add it to resumes, Caldwell said. He also said all of the businesses in the Depot are preparing for the day.

"The whole District is involved," he said. "It's going to be a very enjoyable day."

The 5K fun run and walk also will focus on art education and involvement, and there will be events for children and adults.

"It is extremely beneficial to children in a community to find their undiscovered talents," Caldwell said.

Proceeds from Run for the Arts will benefit the Buddy Holly Center's Education Outreach Programs, which includes summer art programs for children and adults, employment opportunities for high school students and a visiting artist program for local schools.

"It's important to give children and families a venue for learning about art," Ioppolo said.

There is an entry fee of \$12. Registration will be held the day of the race from 7:30 a.m. to 8:45 a.m.

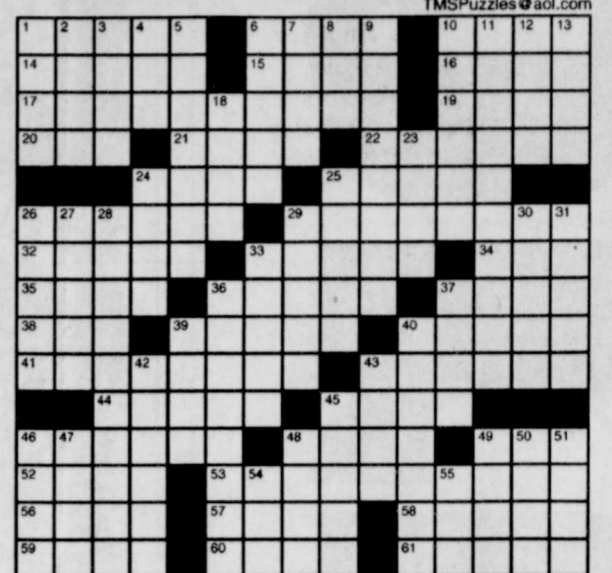
Those who wish to participate can register by telephone at 767-3116 until 5 p.m. May 5 or at the Buddy Holly Center, 1801 Ave. G.

For additional information, call Ioppolo at 767-3116.

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By Gerald R. Ferguson  
Portland, OR

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#### Monday's Puzzle Solved

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## Dope returns to Hub City, Primer 55 to open show

Dope will headline a concert tonight at Liquid 2000, 1812 Ave. G., and Primer 55 will open the show.

Doors open at 8 p.m., and the music starts at 9 p.m. Tickets cost \$8.50 in advance and at the door. Advance tickets are available at both locations of Ralph's Records, 909 University Ave., and 3322 82nd St.

Dope is receiving airplay currently on MTV2 with the video for "Everything Sucks." The track is from the band's debut release *Felons and Revolutionaries*.

People have seen Dope when the band opened for Powerman 5000

and Static X in February. Before the Powerman 5000 tour, Dope toured with Orgy and Fear Factory.

The band's sound is a mix of metal and industrial with edgy lyrics. *Felons and Revolutionaries* was produced by lead singer and guitarist Edsel Dope and John Travis, who has worked with Kid Rock and Sugar Ray.

*Felons and Revolutionaries* is the musical brainchild of brothers Simon and Edsel Dope. The Flip/Epic Records debut includes 13 subversive tracks. Flip Records is the home of Limp Bizkit.



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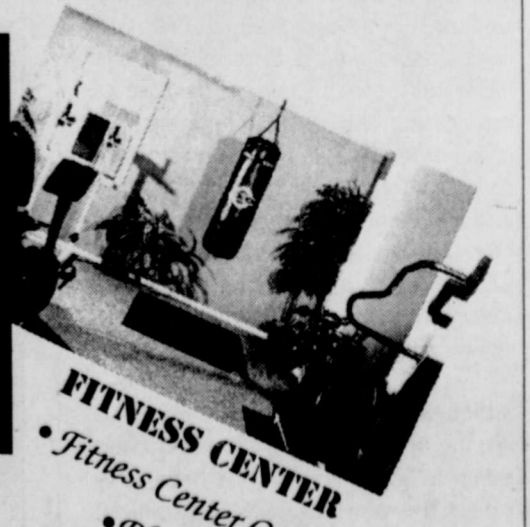
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### Bad form

To the editor: Well, there you go yet again this year. You know, as you practice for journalistic assignments out in the real world, one of the issues that you and your staff will at some point need to address is how you report stories, not to mention dealing with the basic concept of accuracy in reporting.

Let me demonstrate a case in point. In one of the last newspapers of the school year, in a full color, front-page spread, you identify a student who is participating in some form of deviant behavior—in this case drug use—and then you identify them not by major, ethnicity, religion, hometown, fraternity, special interest club membership, residence hall or any of a hundred other markers. They are identified instead simply by "Honors" participation. You mention the word "Honors" four times, precisely the same number of times that you mention the word "marijuana" or "pot." So what was the point of the article? That Honors students are potheads? I think not. I would suggest that deviant behavior is far lower among Honors students than among virtually any other group on campus.

As for accuracy (and just for the record), if someone who was enrolled in Honors received a 1.2 GPA in any given semester, they would be summarily dropped from the college. Your hypothetical Honors student also mentioned that they always received at least a 3.0 each semester—if they did not blow off a final because of uncontrolled cocaine use. Our minimum GPA to remain in the college is 3.25. Even this "lower than allowable" GPA would have been impossible to maintain if a final in one class had been missed. There were several other major errors of consistency in the story.

Did you, as the editor, do any checking of an interesting, but on the face of it, a wholly inaccurate and seemingly inflammatory story? I suspect that you were "set up."

Gary Bell  
dean  
Honors College

**(EDITOR'S NOTE: Verification of the student's name and grades were made prior to the release of Monday's story "Last Dance With Mary Jane." The story read the student had "at least a 3.0 GPA every semester..." indicating a blanket coverage of the 3.0-3.9 scale. If clarification is needed, however, the student was not enrolled in the Honors College the semester his GPA was a 1.2.)**

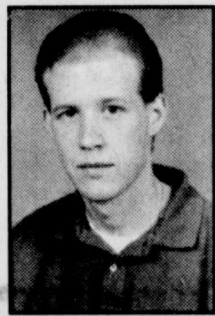
### Good form

To the editor: Kudos to the May 5 front page article on drug use. I'm happy to see a truly unbiased (and apparently intrepid) newspaper present the facts, good and bad, about minor drug use on campus. We all know what's legal and not, and most of us really decide for ourselves what we will choose not based on what is or isn't legal, but by what seems ethical or not. It is only through understanding of all possible perspectives that one can make an intelligent decision in any matter. The travesty here lies not in that drug use might be more present than we may have previously thought, but in that so many decide their position on the issue without full understanding of the consequences (or lack thereof). It is easy to rattle off the downside of such habits. Thank you for showing that it may not be as bad as we think.

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## Life is about existing, not regretting choices

Two years ago, my tenure as a student at Waco Baptist University was cut tragically short when the administration realized I had enough credits for my major and shoved me across a little stage, stuffed a piece of paper in my hand and called me a college graduate, all without asking me if I was ready to leave.



Jay  
Hudec  
Columnist

There I was, the guy who always wanted to avoid the real world, sitting on the floor of my now-empty apartment, wondering what I was going to do next. Like most people who have no clue what they want to do with their lives, I went to medical school. Now most people picture medical school as some ultra-competitive place that only accepts straight-A students with experience in the medical field. While this is true, sometimes they accept students who don't do especially well in science and have a tendency to put their interviewers to sleep.

So by some weird twist of fate, someone who only wanted a career to pay the bills while he tried to become a published writer was sitting in a classroom being told that he would never again have the time to write a grocery list—let alone a novel.

It's like that feeling you get when you are sitting on an airplane you thought was headed to Austin, and the pilot comes on the intercom and starts speaking in Russian. In retrospect, I made a mistake when I first started college. I should never have decided on a major before I took any classes.

When I enrolled, I was pre-med psychology with a minor in religion, and that is exactly how my degree stayed until the day I graduated. The only problem was that it left me with little room for electives to broaden my horizons.

So when my last semester arrived, and I could finally take some courses for fun, I enrolled in a creative writing course. It reminded me how much I loved to write in high school and how much I still wanted to be a writer. But my psychology and pre-med courses were finished, my medical school applications already received, my future already on track, and I had to leave. I didn't even have any courses left that were required for graduation,

so I couldn't fail anything to stay in college a little while longer.

While medical school has had its moments, I've spent too much time trying to fight the system, without realizing that the system has been working fine for years, so maybe it's not the problem. I realized that maybe I was a square peg trying to fit into a round hole and when it didn't work, complaining that the hole needed changing. I never thought to look for a new hole.

Yet, if I've learned one thing in life, it's that you should have no regrets. Everything happens for a reason. Every tumultuous relationship, mean professor or 15-car pile-up serves a purpose and adds something important to our lives. We don't get to know yet why it happens, and maybe it's better that way.

Looking back, I now can smile at some of the mistakes I've made, knowing how much fuller that made my life eventually. If this was a mistake, I'll recover, move on and realize it had a purpose, too. I've made friends here I'll never forget. I've gotten to do things most people don't get to do. I know more now about people and human nature than I did coming in. Above all, I've got two more years of life experience under my belt.

Even if I never come back, I've learned how to remove an appendix with a spork. I know that will come in handy someday. Also, this experience has given me a chance to try to write for other people to read instead of hoarding it all away for my own consumption, scared that others might criticize it. If it takes going to medical school to realize that what I truly wanted was to be a writer, then it was worth all the frustration and hardship. So, next year I will take a year off from school. I'll embark on a new beginning. I'll try writing and, if that doesn't work, I'll try something else. Even if nothing comes out of it, it will be a change of pace, and maybe that's all I need.

It seems like I have been in school forever. Maybe I've just gotten burned out and, if so, I will come back with renewed energy.

For the first time in my life, there's nothing visible on the horizon, no certain goal ahead of me. I have all the options in the world available to me, I just have to decide which way to go.

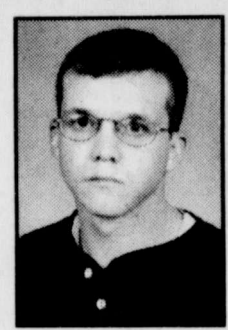
So here I sit again facing a future that is unknown and uncertain, not knowing exactly what it is I want to do. But, hey, I hear law school can be fun.

Jay Hudec is a future medical school dropout from Plano. He is hoping Robert Frost knew what he was talking about.

# Salvation lies in our own hands

I walk through the University Center three or four times a week to buy a Coke and some donuts. I could go to any of the main buildings to buy my snacks, but I see on my tuition bill that I now am paying \$88 a semester for the UC Fee, so I figure I'd better use the UC in any way I can—but I won't get started on that right now.

The other day I took my usual route through the UC. I opened my Coke and took a drink as I entered the free speech area that the administration so graciously gives to us, and I saw that a free speech demonstration was taking place. I nonchalantly strolled closer to the core of what appeared to be a religious demonstration. One person held a cross while the others held signs and banners. As I walked by, the leader of the protesting group said to me, "It's not a joke, kid. You're on your way to hell; this is reality."



Joe  
Colley  
Columnist

Rather shocked and offended, I held my mouth shut, shook my head and kept walking. I've been told plenty of times to go to hell, but usually, it's because of me offending the other person first. I'm not yet comfortable with other humans taking it upon themselves to judge my soul.

I kept right on walking toward the library where some of the mean, religious guy's followers—his children—handed me a pamphlet and demanded that I read it. I sat down in the foyer of the library to eat my donuts and read my new literature.

I'm sure many of you read the pamphlet. It was all about how seeking mundane goals, such as college degrees, is blasphemous and has a price tag of eternal suffering. He added some biographical information. My favorite was how God gave him football injuries so he would change his direction in life. Of course, his injuries had nothing to do with being at the wrong place at the wrong time. I think he probably just sucked at football. Apparently, he and his children just travel around and yell at people who they think are going to hell.

I don't mean for this column to be an argument for or against religion; anytime that happens, the editor is burdened with sifting through countless letters on creation vs. evolution, trying to find a few that have an original point. I am simply trying to understand what the mean, religious guy thought he was going to accomplish.

If you are going to change people's hearts in any way, you do it by showing them love, not telling them they are going to hell.

What does this guy think it takes to get to heaven? Must we all travel around the country and yell at people?

He is going to have a rather futile career with these tactics. On the other hand, if he's only trying to offend people, he's doing well. I assume the mean, religious guy meant business when he told me I was going to hell.

There is an old man in my hometown who stands on one of the busiest intersections and preaches. He's been there for as far back as I can remember, holding his Bible, preaching and singing hymns.

He's a nice old man; no one has a problem with him, and he seems to love everyone. Some people think he's crazy; others even say he is an angel sent by God. I think he is just a nice old man.

His tactics for promoting religion make much more sense than do the mean, religious guy's, since I thought the essence of most religions is love, peace and harmony among all people. I don't think bravado and self-righteousness have been inserted, but the mean, religious guy seems to think so.

Keep in mind, whatever your views on religion might be, that we are all in this thing called "life" together, and there is one thing that we all have in common: everyone wants to go out a winner, even if we don't agree on what it takes to be a winner.

As for the mean religious guy, I'm going to get his address from the back of his pamphlet and write him a letter that will read as follows:

Dear mean, religious guy:  
If you would be less judgmental, you might get more results. If I recall correctly, Jesus taught love, not division. I pity your children; they do not deserve to be subjected to such brainwashing. Maybe some day, they will see the light you obviously missed.

Anyway, come back to Tech anytime because we're all about free speech in our "free speech area." The next time you come to visit, bring a brain with you to complement that perfect soul of yours, jackass.

Love, Joe  
PS. How old are your daughters? They looked pretty hot.

Joe Colley is a junior English and philosophy major from Mount Pleasant.



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# Personal Prison

## Student lives in fear of social interaction, public

by Angel Wolfe  
Contributing Writer

Alley did what most people dread doing during a first date — she threw up.

Alley, a Texas Tech sophomore accounting major who wished to remain anonymous, said she felt like she was going to throw up, so she did.

She does not participate in some activities most 19-year-olds do.

"I don't go out much, to parties and stuff," she said. "I guess it's a fear of not knowing what will happen. I don't think it would be fun to have an anxiety attack during a party."

Alley has not dated much. Although she has recently started dating a man she met on the Internet, she only has had one boyfriend. She met him online and dated him for four months.

"If you avoid the situation, you don't have to deal with it," she said.

Alley has social anxiety disorder and has suffered with it since her freshman year of high school. The disorder affects between 8 and 13 percent of the United States today. It is the fear of social situations and the interaction with other people that can automatically bring on feelings of self-consciousness, judgment, evaluation and inferiority, according to the Social Anxiety Disorder Web site.

People suffering from social anxiety usually experience emotional distress when they are introduced to new people, teased, criticized or become the center of attention, according to the Web site. The stress also is common when they are watched, meet people in authority, or have social encounters with strangers.

"The problem comes when the anxiety begins to interfere with their life," said Dr. Barbara Zebb, assistant professor and director of the psychology clinic at Tech. "If someone notices an ongoing pattern of avoidance of specific areas in their life, they probably should seek some kind of help."

The anxiety Web site also has a description of psychological affects the body may have, such as feeling of intense fear, increased heart rates, turning red or blushing, excessive perspiration, dry throat and mouth, trembling, swallowing with difficulty and muscle twitches.

Alley said the first time she remembers having an anxiety attack she did not realize what was happening to her.

"I was visiting my grandparents the summer before I started college," she said. "When I went, I turned down the sheets for bed and I noticed it was dark outside. That is when I felt this dread come over me."

What she felt was anxiety, and dread, she said, is the only way she knows how to describe the feeling. It happened again the next night while she was on the phone with her mother. That is when she discovered she was having anxiety attacks.

One of the major complaints of those who have social anxiety disorder is a feeling that everyone is staring, laughing or criticizing them. While those with social anxiety know realistically that no one is watching and criticizing their every move, it is not possible for the feeling or the fear of it happening to go away on its own, according to the Web site.

Alley said one of the things that affects her the most is a group of people standing around her laughing.

"If I don't know what the joke is, I think it must have something to do with me," she said. "I don't like that."

Zebb said there are no absolute reasons why anyone develops this disorder. But, she said social anxiety often emerges during early adulthood. "The Anxiety and Phobia Workbook," by Edmund J. Bourne, says most anxiety in adulthood is often preceded by separation anxiety in childhood. This is when a child experiences anxiety, panic or somatic symptoms when separated from their parents. As adults, the book suggests this reoccurs when they become dependent on a friend or place to feel comfortable, often referred to as a safe person.

Alley said she has one friend at Tech who is a safe person for her.

"Lacey is very understanding," Alley said, referring to her friend whose name was changed to keep her identity secret.

"She is always there to tell me to calm down and to take a deep breath."

Michael Le, patient manager for the Social Anxiety Institute in Phoenix, said social anxiety impacts all areas of one's life that is social.

"It could affect going to the store, driving around town, public speaking ...," he said. "Most of the patients we have here have very few friends, many are single men. The married women we do have ... are most of the time in a bad relationship because they do not have the ability to make healthy decisions."

Dr. Rolf Gordhamer, director of the counseling center at Tech, said generally someone with social anxiety has a false logic or thinking with treatment being the only way to correct the behavior. Cognitive-behavioral therapy for social anxiety is one of the most successful treatments used to change thought patterns. This method combines one-on-one therapy with a therapist as well as behavioral exercises that help the individual learn to

Alley Tech student

overcome their anxiety. With aggressive treatment and a determination to overcoming social anxiety, Le said patients can begin to have positive results in a few months. While Le said it is important to begin therapy with medication, Gordhamer disagreed and said ideally it is better to work the problems out without medication.

"Medication tends to numb you," he said. "It gives you a false sense of security. Once you stop taking the medication, the anxiety comes back."

Gordhamer said he suggests counseling first with help dealing with stress management. If the problem continues, then begin a medication in conjunction with therapy, he said.

The Tech counseling center offers eight hours of free counseling, along with a free consultation. Students are evaluated and then assigned to a counselor on staff. If the counselor feels the student will need long term therapy, they are referred to counselors outside of the Tech campus.

Alley said she believes she will overcome the disorder.

"One day I will be able to stop taking the medication and feel comfortable in social situations," she said.

For more information on the Social Anxiety Institute, visit [www.social-anxiety-network.com](http://www.social-anxiety-network.com), or contact the Tech counseling center at 742-3674.

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### Bakker pitches autobiography

GREENSBORO, N.C. (AP) — Former televangelist Jim Bakker preached, prophesied and pitched his autobiography, "I Was Wrong," to about 300 people at a church.

Bakker, his wife, Lori Bakker, and his daughter, Tammy Sue Bakker, took turns touting their ministries: helping ex-gang members in Los Angeles ghettos; counseling women emotionally scarred by abortion; and saving lost souls in prison, where Jim Bakker served five years for bilking his PTL ministries of millions of dollars.

Bakker talked about deceit, sin,

forgiveness and the rarity of his public appearances these days. He said he turns down nearly all speaking invitations but came to the nondenominational Christ Covenant Church on Sunday as a favor to Derek Floyd, a former PTL singer and Christ Covenant's minister of music.

"I decided I would never step into public life again, but God had another plan for me," Bakker said during a meandering 90-minute speech on the evils of talking too much. "Jim Bakker's biggest problem is Jim Bakker. And his mouth."

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## Raiders gear up for final homestand

by Jeff Keller  
Assistant Sports Editor

After completing 31 innings in a three-game series win against Oklahoma, the Texas Tech baseball squad will once again take to the confines of Dan Law Field today to face the University of Texas-San Antonio.

The Red Raiders needed extra innings in Saturday's and Sunday's contests against the Sooners to pick up wins.

David O'Keeffe stroked the game-winning hit for the Red Raiders on Sunday, and said the squad's long weekend will not affect their performance against the Roadrunners.

"At this point in the season your body is pretty much used to going long or going short," O'Keeffe said. "So a three-game series isn't going to take much of a toll on you."

Tech rallied from 10 runs down in the final game of the Oklahoma series, and O'Keeffe's hit in the bottom of the 10th inning capped off the biggest comeback for Red Raider baseball this season.

He said even though the Red Raiders will be able to recover from the physical demands of the extra-inning contests, the emotional part of Sunday's comeback may take longer to recover from.

"I'm sure a lot of people are spent after that weekend series," O'Keeffe said. "But that's why we're not play-

ing (Monday). One day off is plenty of time to get ready for two more games."

The UTSA game is the last home series of the regular season for the Red Raiders.

The Red Raiders will face the Roadrunners again on Wednesday at 3 p.m., completing the two game series.

Nine Tech seniors will take the field for the last time at Dan Law Field in the series and will be recognized before today's game.

Senior designated hitter Chaz Eiguren said these last few home games will be special not only for him but the other seniors as well.

"This is going to be very special for all of us seniors to play our last few home games here at The Law," Eiguren said. "I don't want to say that it is going to be emotional, but it is going to be kind of neat and exciting."

The Red Raiders have just five regular season games remaining on their schedule.

Tech sports a 30-20 overall mark and a 17-10 Big 12 Conference mark, and is also 23-7 at home.

The Red Raiders are 10-5 against ranked opponents and have taken series from Southern California, Baylor, Texas, and Oklahoma.

Eiguren said if the Red Raiders are able to win their last five games and end the regular season with a 35-20 record, that would impress the NCAA selection committee.



J.T. Aguilar/The University Daily

Tech first baseman Mark Austry and the rest of the Red Raiders will take on Texas-San Antonio at 7 p.m. today at Dan Law Field.

"I think 35-20 would be impressive for the committee," Eiguren said. "But we've beat a lot of top 25 teams, and I think that fact right there is impressive in itself. If they don't like that, I

don't know what else to do for them."

With the series against UTSA as his final remaining home contests, Eiguren, who leads the team in RBIs with 67 and home runs with 10, said

he hopes to finish his career at Dan Law Field on a memorable note.

"I'd like to go out with a bang," Eiguren said. "But we'll just have to see what happens."

## Pitchers exhale as homer-rich April concludes

(AP) — For pitchers, April was the cruelest month — ever.

Batters hit 931 homers, a record for one month and 140 more than last April, according to the Elias Sports Bureau, baseball's official statistician.

"I don't like it. I think it's taken away a lot from the game," Atlanta pitcher Tom Glavine said. "I feel like what Mac and Sammy did two years ago should be a once-in-a-lifetime kind of thing. I'm not so sure it's going to be. I think it's definitely tar-

nished the image or the excitement associated with the home run."

Not including the four hit in March during the Mets-Cubs series in Japan, there's been an average of 2.55 homers per game, up 13 percent from the average of 2.25 last April.

By comparison, there was an average of 1.38 homers in April 1968, the year offense dropped so low that owners lowered the mound from 15 inches to 10 after the season.

"It's not a good time for pitchers, there's no doubt," the Dodgers' Kevin

Brown said. "There are a lot of ways to get hurt out there, the way the ball's flying."

The biggest change has been in Houston. In 1999, homers at the Astrodome averaged 1.54 per game. In the first 12 games at new Enron Field, there have been 46 home runs, an average of 3.83.

That's even higher than April's 3.10 average in 10 games at Coors Field, until now baseball's most prominent bandbox.

Houston's Jose Lima gave up eight homers in three starts covering 17 innings. Chris Holt allowed four in

two starts.

Jermaine Dye of the Kansas City Royals led the majors in April with 11 homers, while San Francisco's Barry Bonds, Atlanta's Andres Galarraga and the Dodgers' Gary Sheffield shared the NL lead with 10. Mark McGwire and Sammy Sosa each hit eight.

"The poor pitchers go home at night and turn on ESPN and there's 28 minutes of balls reaching the seats," Kansas City manager Tony Muser said. "The mindset of the game today is try to pound the other team into oblivion and win 12-11,

and say, 'Man, what a ballgame!'"

Pacific Bell Park in San Francisco averaged 2.5 homers per game, identical to last year's April average at 3Com Park, the Giants' old field.

Only Comerica Park in Detroit has been a pitcher's friend among the new sites. This year's average was 1.36, down 36 percent from last year's average of 2.11 at Tiger Stadium.

"It's one thing for the legitimate home-run hitters to be going out there and doing it," Glavine said. "But it's everybody else that makes you kind of wonder what the heck's going on."

Some say it's due to stronger batters or the lowered quality of pitching due to expansion. New York Mets manager Bobby Valentine said that hitting has improved so much that pitchers sometimes are afraid to throw strikes.

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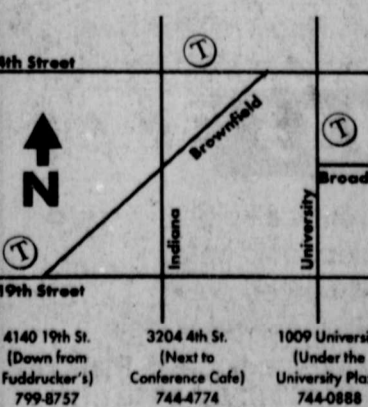


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