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STATENEWS

Railroad agrees to pay Lubbock couple \$8 million

EL PASO (AP) — Burlington Northern Santa Fe Corp. will pay \$8 million to a Lubbock couple for a 1995 collision that killed their 3-year-old daughter, a company spokesman said Tuesday.

The Fort Worth-based railroad agreed to pay between \$1 million and \$8 million to Manuel and Stephanie Rosales in a pact reached toward the end of a two-week trial over the couple's lawsuit, company spokesman Richard Russack said.

Though a jury on Tuesday awarded the couple \$46.5 million, the Rosaleses earlier approved of the \$8 million maximum. Under the agreement, neither side can appeal.

Stephanie Rosales was a passenger in a car and holding her daughter, Destiny, on her lap when the car was struck by a train on Aug. 25, 1995, near Shallowater in Lubbock County. Both the driver and Destiny were killed, and Rosales, who was five months' pregnant, lost her unborn child.

NATIONAL NEWS

Confederate flag debate shows civil rights generation gap

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — The dispute over the Confederate flag flying over the Statehouse has exposed a generation gap in the ranks of South Carolina's civil rights leaders.

Some veterans of the struggles of the 1960s support a deal under which the flag would be moved to a less conspicuous spot on the Statehouse grounds. But a younger generation of blacks wants the flag removed altogether and says the older leaders are too willing to compromise.

"The flag has become a very emotional, symbolic issue," particularly for younger blacks, said Joseph Lowery, president emeritus of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, the civil rights group once headed by the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. "It has taken the place of the back of the bus."

The state Senate agreed April 13 to lower the flag as long as it is raised again above a monument to Confederate war dead on the Statehouse grounds. The House could vote as early as next week.

WORLD NEWS

Japan, neighbors clash over rich fishing grounds

TOKYO (AP) — Squid, snow crabs, mackerel. The waters off eastern Asia boast some of the world's richest fishing grounds — and one of the hottest competitions for the spoils of the sea.

Luring neighboring countries as well as faraway intruders, the plentiful waters around Japan stand out in a world of shrinking sea resources. While catches elsewhere have leveled off or dropped, the region is one of the few with potential for bigger hauls.

History and economics have only heated the competition. The area is studded with long-standing territorial disputes, and the waters are in the backyard of four of the world's biggest fishing nations: China, Japan, Russia and South Korea.

The tensions sometimes erupt into violence.

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Bonfire investigation results released

by Jennifer Bailey
Staff Writer

Weak oversight in the building of a "complex and dangerous structure" and improper wiring of the support logs are to blame in the 1999 Texas A&M Bonfire collapse.

The panel, which was commissioned by the university to investigate the incident, blamed the students and school officials involved with the construction of the structure.

The panel released their findings Tuesday after a five-month, \$1.6-million dollar investigation into what caused Bonfire's fatal collapse which killed 12 and injured 27 on Nov. 18.

"This failure has roots in decisions and actions by both students and university officials over many, many years," Leon Linbeck said.

Linbeck, a Houston construction executive who headed the panel, said Bonfire was a very dangerous situation for all to be in.

"It created an environment where a com-

plex and dangerous structure was allowed to be built without controls," he said.

The annual Bonfire is headed up by the Redpots, a group of juniors and seniors named for the color of their hard hats they wear.

The panel also cited the lack of written, mapped-out instructions on the construction of the 59-foot pile as a reason for the collapse.

According to the report issued by the panel, the structure was to be no higher than 55 feet but had reached 59 feet by the time of the collapse.

"Each year, those in charge would discuss how the pile would be built, allowing room for error," Linbeck said.

He told those in attendance that the commission's duty was to determine the cause of the collapse, not point fingers.

Michael Shonrock, Tech's interim vice president for Student Affairs, said Tech students and faculty should learn from this tragedy.

"This is the most regrettable tragedy, and I know that I, along with my fellow colleagues,



Members of the Corps of Cadets listen during the announcement of the Bonfire committee's findings Tuesday at Reed Arena in College Station. The conference listed the causes of the bonfire collapse. Stuart Villanueva/The Battalion

will use this incident to put everything in place for our own students' safety and supervision," Shonrock said. "We will continue to

pray for those who were lost in the tragedy and their families."

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Air Bud



Brad Butler, an English graduate student from Lubbock, along with his 8-month-old son William, watch their dog Bell snatch a tennis ball out of the air near the English building.

Campus projects top list at next Regents meeting

by Kelsey Walter
Staff Writer



Texas Tech's planning and renovation projects and the approval of several proposals are some items scheduled for discussion at the next Board of Regents meeting May 11-12.

The meeting will be in the Kline Room of the Tech Museum on May 11 and in the City Bank Conference Center of the United Spirit Arena on May 12.

One of numerous items to be discussed involves the approval of stage two of the Jones Stadium renovations. Phase one is scheduled to be completed before Red Raider football season begins the last weekend of August.

Other items that will be reviewed for approval include the plan for renovations of Dan Law Field, plans for a trial courtroom addition to the Tech School of Law, establishing a doctor of philosophy degree in petroleum engineering in the College of Engineering, the Texas Academic Skills Program Developmental Education Plan and the acceptance of the transfer of the Lubbock Lake Landmark State Historic Park to Tech from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

Reports on the Teaching Nursing Home and the proposed Animal Science Facility also are on the agenda.

Budgets for the university and the Health Sciences Center for the remainder of the 2000 fiscal year and the 2001 fiscal year will be reviewed for approval.

In addition, a major part of the first day will be used to approve the contract on who next will operate the campus bookstore.

Michael Shonrock, interim vice president for Student Affairs, said he thinks students will be very excited with the announcement.

While the candidates have not been released, Shonrock said the proposal involves a 10-year contract.

University Center Director Tom Shubert said it would be premature to release any other information until after the meeting is concluded.

The bookstore will remain in the same location for only one more year before it is moved to the UC, after the UC expansion project is complete.

Other items on the agenda concerning Student Affairs include a new contract with Citibus transit. The contract is expected to be approved on day two of the meeting, while Student Affairs officials also expect for changes to be made to the Student Code of Conduct regarding the alcohol parental notification issue on day one.

"A generic statement will be added to further explain our new policy," Shonrock said. "It should put the responsibility back on the students."

Items scheduled to be discussed and possibly approved May 12 include two name changes to buildings and lease arrangements for living quarters for Congressional Interns.

The revision of the campus Master Plan architectural and site design guidelines related to parking will be reviewed along with amendments to the four-year Capital Projects plan for the university and the HSC.

Investigator: Indictments expected in Trimble case

by John Dorff
Staff Writer

A Kerr County grand jury will consider indicting Texas Tech student Kenneth W. Trimble on Thursday on charges of aggravated sexual assault of a child and indecency with a child.

Trimble, a senior in the College of Arts and Sciences, was arrested April 14 after two young boys came forward with allegations that Trimble molested them at a YMCA summer camp near Kerrville where he was a counselor.

Gary Twiss, an investigator for the Kerr County Sheriff's Department, said Trimble later confessed to inappropriate sexual contact with at least 20 boys at the camp. Twiss said that number does not include incidents Trimble confessed to that occurred outside of the camp.

Twiss said evidence that will be presented to the grand jury could lead to indictments on several additional counts of aggravated sexual assault of a child and indecency with a child. The counts can be added to the indictment for each time Trimble had inappropriate contact with a child.

"We should have indictments by Thursday," Twiss said.

Trimble's attorney, Harold Danford, said if in-

dicted, Trimble will plead not guilty and he would work to have Trimble's confession thrown out.

"(Trimble's) constitutional rights were violated in the taking of that confession," Danford said.

Trimble, a Lubbock resident, has worked as a student assistant for several departments during his time at Tech including the Rec Sports Summer Sports Camp for children from June 1, 1997, through Aug. 31, 1997.

Vice President for Student Affairs Michael Shonrock said he is not aware of any complaint being filed against Trimble during his employment at Tech.

"We need to follow up if, indeed, any questions were raised," Shonrock said. "We are not aware of any questions raised, but I am sure (Trimble) was closely supervised as a student assistant."

Trimble also was employed at the Lubbock Independent School District as a substitute teacher from October 1998 through March of this year.

Skip Watson, spokesman for LISD, said all district employees must pass a criminal background check. He also said Trimble is no longer on the substitute list.

Anyone with information regarding investigation can contact the Kerr County Sheriff's office at (830) 896-1216. Anyone with information locally can contact the Lubbock Police Department at 775-2413.

Student employees may be exempt from FICA tax

by Kelsey Walter
Staff Writer

With the increase of several student fees already implemented for the fall semester, money could be scarce for some Texas Tech students. But with the approval of a two-year-old bill passed by Congress, some students could see more money in their paychecks in the near future.

The Omnibus Appropriation Bill recently was approved and is scheduled to go into effect July 1.

The bill includes a provision that allows states to renegotiate their agreements with the Social Security Administration to exclude Social Security taxes (FICA) from the paychecks of student employees.

In order to qualify for exemption from the FICA tax, students must meet the exemption criteria in the Internal Revenue Service Code and Regulation.

"The exemption will leave an additional 7.65 percent in a student's

paycheck," said Chief Financial Officer Jim Brunjes.

Brunjes said undergraduate students must be enrolled in at least six hours of classes at Tech to receive the exemption.

Graduate students must be enrolled with at least five hours, unless a student possesses a 99-hour exemption.

Only students who are employed at Tech are eligible for the benefit.

Brunjes said student employees will begin to notice a difference in their checks from the first pay period in July, which officially begins July 2.

Exclusions from exemption include faculty, staff, postdoctoral students, postdoctoral fellows, medical residents and medical interns.

Elmo Cavin, vice president for Fiscal Affairs at the Tech Health Sciences Center, said it benefits the students because they get to put the extra money in their pockets.

"It saves money for the university as well," Cavin said.

He said Tech matches all Social Security taken out, so if the money is left, Tech is saving, too.

BALANCING Act

New SGA president tackles diverse schedule of commitments

by **Brian Gonzalez**
Contributing Writer

Andrew Schoppe walks with a purposeful stride nearly every day across campus wearing a Texas Tech track T-shirt, shorts and rubber sandals—even on cold winter days.

Schoppe, a senior broadcast journalism and business management major from Houston, is the new president of the Texas Tech Student Government Association.

Schoppe started joking about running for president near the end of the Fall '99 semester and became serious about it as the call for nominations approached. He said running for office against three other students was more difficult than he imagined.

"Campaigning consumed me," Schoppe said.

He worked four to five hours a night, four nights a week for four weeks, spending more than \$200 of his own money on the campaign.

"It was like a full-time job," Schoppe said. "The worst thing about campaigning is always feeling like a salesman. I detest that."

During the campaign, Schoppe said he estimates that he gave about 250 speeches to about 100 groups. His broadcast journalism background helped him in the campaign trail.

"It is my nature to be shy," he said. "Majoring in broadcast journalism helped me break out of my shyness."

However, after graduation this May, Schoppe will not be pursuing a career in broadcasting.

"TV journalism is too superficial," he said. Schoppe is always on the move, his friend Tracy Anderson said.

"Schoppe is definitely hardworking and energetic," Anderson said.

Camille Smith, a fellow officer in Eta Omicron Nu, an Honors College student organization, said Schoppe is a good leader.

"He manages to delegate well and considers everyone else's opinions before making his decisions," she said.

Schoppe has never served as a SGA senator at Tech.

"I was glad to be coming from the outside," he said.

Schoppe looks to improve communication between students and administrators during his term as president.

"Improved communication will cut down barriers," he said.

Schoppe has kept his platter full during his years at Tech. He has maintained a 3.97 GPA while participating in track, completed two majors and serving as an officer in several organizations, including the Society of Professional Journalists and Mortar Board, a national college senior honor society.

Schoppe received only one B at Tech in a senior level management course but declined to explain why.

"I do not want to get into it," he said. Otherwise, he has earned straight A's because of his competitive spirit.

"I just like to compete," Schoppe said, adding that he competes against himself, even when he doesn't have any competition.

"I always shoot for the top grade," he said.

"I figure if you shoot for the highest, you will end up somewhere near it."

Class work fills a large part of Schoppe's week. Evenings and weekends are not even sacred.

"If you asked me what movies are playing, I would know one or two but not any others," Schoppe said.

When asked what he normally does on Friday nights, he said, "Studying, sad as that may sound."

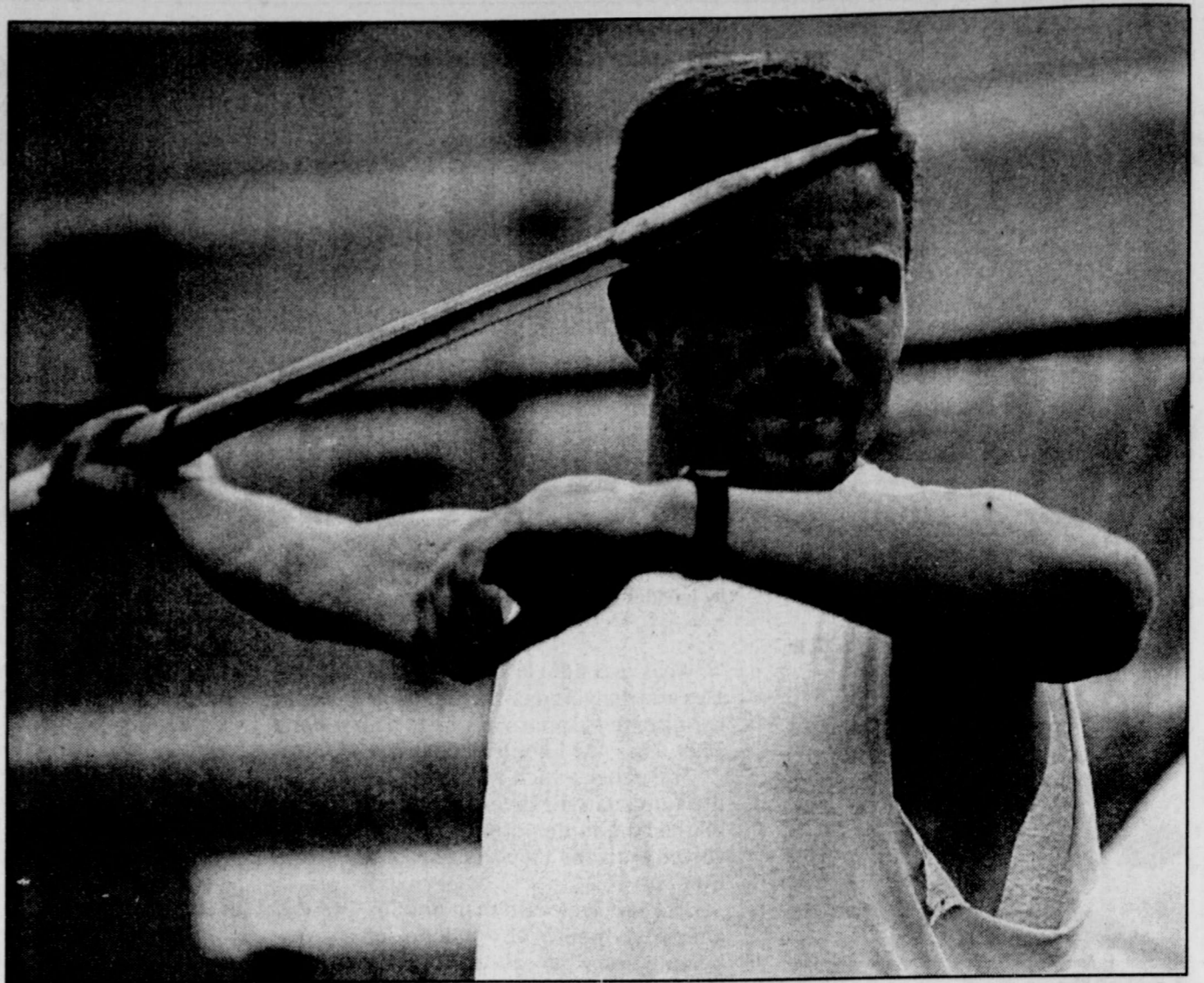
After six or seven hours of sleep, Schoppe normally wakes up at 6 a.m. or 7 a.m. to work out at the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center. He studies while working out on the stair-stepping machines.

"I have a tough time sitting at a desk studying," he said.

Schoppe has lived in the same residence hall room for four years. He chooses not to live in a residence hall reserved for honors students because it can have an elitist connotation.

"The dormitories are convenient," Schoppe said. "I don't want to take the time and hassle to drive on and off campus."

Schoppe devotes some of his extra time



Greg Kreller/The University Daily

Student Government Association President Andrew Schoppe, a senior broadcast journalism and business management major from Houston, practices throwing the javelin Tuesday.

to community service projects. He started Collegiate Youth Service Week at Tech. Students who participate in the project work together on service projects during Spring Break.

Schoppe is scheduled to receive two bachelor's degrees in May and plans to graduate again with a master's degree in finance in 2001. After that, Schoppe hopes to be a Rhodes scholar and attend Oxford University in England.

Skydiving also fits into his plans.

"I think it would be fun to be suspended in the air," he said. "It would be a challenge."

Schoppe plans to pursue a career in busi-

ness. He has done several internships, including one with Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison's office in Washington D.C., an Oregon steel mill, Tech's public relations office and the *Houston Chronicle*.

"Ultimately, I'd like to run a major corporation," Schoppe said. "Somewhere down the line, I'll probably start my own business."

In the meantime, students will continue to see Schoppe rushing across campus in his shorts and sandals, even in the winter.

"Students should know he can be approached with anything," said David Kelley, a longtime friend and classmate. "He is the nicest guy."

First spring commencement in United Spirit Arena nears

Texas Tech will hold its first-ever Spring commencement ceremonies at the United Spirit Arena on May 13.

Students in the agricultural sciences and natural resources, business administration, education and human sciences colleges will attend the 9 a.m.

ceremony which will feature Tech President Donald Haragan as the guest speaker.

Graduates in the colleges of Architecture, Arts and Sciences and Engineering will attend the 1:30 p.m. ceremony. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison will

be the featured guest speaker.

Outstanding students will carry banners from their respective colleges.

This year's banner bearers are: Brian Dale Bohlen, College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Sciences; Jaime Michelle Hughes, College of Ar-

chitecture; Angel Marie King, College of Arts and Sciences; Jesse Keith Cockrum, College of Business Administration; Serna Leanne Frye, College of Education; Andrew Schoppe and James Albert Tarbox, Honors College; Pansy Nicole Byers Wood and Candice

Ruth Madonna Corlis, College of Human Sciences; Tara Ann Stevens and Ramiro Castellanos Nolasco, Graduate School.

Tech's law school will have its graduation commencement ceremony at 5 p.m. at the Lubbock Mu-

nicipal Coliseum. The guest speaker will be Justice for the Supreme Court of Texas Greg Abbott.

More than 2,200 Tech students will receive their diplomas. Tickets are not required to attend. The Arena will hold less than 16,000 people



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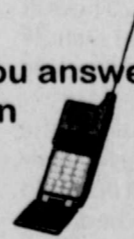


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BONFIRE, from p. 1

Bill Dean, executive vice president of the Tech Ex-Students Association, said if A&M decides to keep the tradition, future bonfires will be handled differently.
"I would be very surprised if A&M discontinued the bonfire altogether," Dean said. "It's just a tragedy, but in the future, bonfires will probably be handled much differently."
The five-member panel disclosed that the structure of logs, which was supposed to serve as the "spine" of the stack and a crane that hit the stack, had little to do with the collapse.
The structure, which resembles a tiered wedding cake, was designed to twist inward and collapse on itself as it burned.
The center pole consisted of two telephone poles spliced together end to end and was buried 15 feet deep on one end.
President of A&M Ray Bowen announced at the hearing that he will allow students and faculty to voice their opinion whether to keep the 90-year-old tradition alive.
Two A&M students already have created a petition to keep the tradition going.
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Some North Overton residents eligible for relocation funds

by Shannon Davis
Staff Writer

With the semester coming to an end, Texas Tech students considering moving into the North Overton neighborhood may want to think again.
The city of Lubbock and the Lubbock Housing Authority announced Tuesday the start of the Optional Relocation Program for tenants in the area.
"The purpose of the project is to redevelop the North Overton area that has deteriorated over time," said Mark Murdock, vice president of business development at McDougal Properties. "About 97 percent of the area is owned by people who do not live in the area."
McDougal Properties is buying up lots in the neighborhood, which stretches from Fifth Street to Main Street and Avenue R to Avenue X.
Nancy Haney, manager of community development for the city, said eviction notices will be given to tenants of the University Arms apartments, which McDougal has recently purchased.
"Students in the area need to look for places outside of the North

Overton area unless they want the disruption of having to move at any time during the semester," Haney said. "They may not be eligible for money if they move now, but it may be more convenient."
McDougal officials said the process will be a long-term project to redevelop the area.
"About 10 percent of various lots have been purchased, and we hope to have purchased the entire area by the end of this year," Murdock said. "This entire project will happen over a period of seven to 10 years."
Women's Protective Services has allocated \$300,000 for the project from the city for residents who want to apply and are eligible for relocation assistance. Each resident must meet certain guidelines to receive the funding.
Residents who qualify for the Optional Relocation Assistance will receive a set rate of \$600. This can assist in moving expenses and deposits on new housing.
"Students are able to apply if they qualify, have an income and a signed lease of the new residence," Haney said.
Residents can pick up a preapplication packet during regular busi-

ness hours at the LHA office located at 1708 Ave. G.
"We think that if residents get a packet and have everything ready to turn in by May 9, then the paper work is done quickly and residents have a check by May 25," Haney said.
Packets are to be completed and additional information must be gathered before the LHA will review the applicant for eligibility.
Packets can be returned starting May 9 to the Housing Authority from 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.
Eligibility is based on income and family composition, and the household must be a family or a single person.
"We are concerned about people being displaced, and we want to try to relieve the burden," said Quincy White, LHA executive director.
If a resident is eligible, they are placed on the LHA's waiting list, and they will receive a letter of eligibility for relocation assistance. There will be a one-time form of assistance, and people will not be eligible for future moves.
For more information, contact LHA at 762-1191.

BONFIRE TIMELINE

A chronology of events related to the Texas A&M University bonfire collapse and its subsequent investigation:

- November 18** A 59-foot stack of logs being assembled for Texas A&M University's annual bonfire collapses, killing 12 and injuring 27 others. The bonfire is traditionally lit on the eve of the annual football game with archival Texas.
- November 26** Despite the collapse, the football game between Texas A&M and Texas is held and the Aggies beat the Longhorns 20-16.
- Leo Linbeck appoints four other members of the commission, which include business people and academic officials: Veronica Kastrin Callaghan of El Paso, Hugh G. Robinson of Dallas, Allan Shivers Jr. of Austin and William E. Tucker of Fort Worth.
- December 3** Silver Taps, a century-old Aggie tradition done each month when a student has died, is held. The ceremony marks the first time since the collapse that all the Aggies killed in the accident are remembered in a formal ceremony.
- January 4** Texas A&M University System regents vote unanimously to allow spending up to \$1 million on the commission's investigation.
- February 6** A&M freshman, John Comstock, the last Aggie to be hospitalized from the bonfire stack collapse, is well enough to be transferred from College Station Medical Center, where he has been since the collapse, to a section of the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas. The move leaves him closer to his relatives in the Dallas suburb of Richardson.
- March 24** After being hospitalized for five months, John Comstock goes home. He still has to undergo outpatient therapy five times a week.
- April 21** The commission investigating the bonfire collapse releases its findings, citing stress on the lower log pile, lack of steel cables and organizational failure as causes of the bonfire collapse.

source: Associated Press

Some 1997-2000 Exhibitions, Lincoln Navigators recalled

DEARBORN, Mich. (AP) — Ford Motor Co. said Tuesday it is recalling 628,703 Ford Expeditions and Lincoln Navigators from model years 1997 to 2000 because of concerns of loosely bolted trailer hitches on the sport utility vehicles.
In some of the affected SUVs, customers already have had the bolts tightened after complaining of rattling in the rear of their vehicles, the automaker said.
If the bolts loosened enough to the point where they fell out, the hitch could separate from the vehicle — something Ford said has

not happened.
There have been no reports of accidents or injuries attributed to the problem, Ford said.
Owners of affected vehicles will be notified by mail to arrange with their dealer to have the bolts and nuts replaced at no charge with stronger ones at a higher torque and with adhesive.
"With the summer trailer-towing season approaching, we want to encourage owners of these vehicles to have this work done before they tow," Ann O'Neill, the director of vehicle service for Ford customer service, said in a statement.

Walk to raise suicide awareness

Contact Lubbock will sponsor Walk for Life on Saturday at Wagner Park, located at 26th Street and Elgin Avenue.
The event's purpose is to raise awareness about suicide. Registration will be at 5 p.m., with a short pro-

gram and a picnic following the walk. The event marks the beginning of Suicide Awareness Week, May 7 through May 13. For more information on Walk for Life or suicide awareness, contact Susan Clowe at 765-8393.

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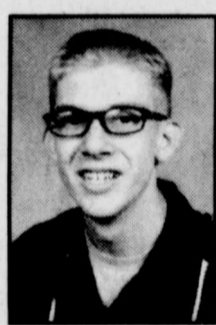
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Going to miss this place — sniff

It's been a great year, my friends, but it's coming to a close. In the nearly 20 years since I was accidentally conceived in the shoe department at a Kmart, I've experienced a lot of events, but nothing quite compares to the events that I've taken a part in here at Texas Tech.



Kenneth Strickland
Columnist

I've had to wash my sheets, brush my hair or wear underwear. Maybe I won't be able to cut it back home, but I think that the thought of coming back here in the fall will be enough to keep me going.

I'm going to miss the deep-rooted philosophical discussions my friends and I have. Discussions that start out with statements such as, "You know, if I were in a porno..." I figured that coming to a major university would spark a great passion for those really in-depth conversations that you only have at coffee shops.

Right now, a buddy and I are engrossed in a heated argument over who looked better as a woman — Bugs Bunny or Daffy Duck. Of course, everyone knows that Bugs Bunny is the only true cross-dressing cartoon character.

I'm going to miss Lubbock weather. Nothing quite matches the feeling of walking through a West Texas dust storm while thinking in the back of your mind, "Did Rapture just occur while I was in lab?" And how many of you are like me and find yourself yelling at

the wind. I mean that literally, how many of you just stop where you are and start cursing the wind at the top of your lungs as if it could hear you?

What I'm going to miss even more than Lubbock weather, though, is Lubbock meteorologists. Hey guys, if there's a tornado in a county with seven people in it, why not just call all seven of the farmers at home instead of interrupting whatever it is I'm watching on television?

I'm going to miss the dining halls. There's nothing I love more than eating something at 6 p.m. and then seeing it again at 7 p.m. as it makes its way back up my digestive system (up, if I'm lucky).

I can't eat anything without throwing it up anymore. If I were a high school girl, that would be acceptable, but I'm not. I even get sick from pre-packaged stuff. I can eat a bag of Doritos and drink a Coke and still lose my lunch. If I lose any more weight, Gap may ask me to model in one of their commercials.

I'm going to miss my rural friends. Back where I'm from, we don't get too many people from the country. We have the Mesquite Championship Rodeo back home, but no one from Mesquite actually goes to it. I'm truly going to miss things like meat judging, calf fries, stock shows and FFA conventions.

I came to Tech thinking, "Why in the hell would anyone need a college degree to work on a farm?" Well since being here, my more rural friends have taught me the necessary principles behind farming and cattle ranching. Skills that will no doubt serve me well as a political science major. No, not really.

I'm going to miss Lubbock radio. I like how every station in Lubbock says the same thing — "You have a choice in Lubbock radio!" Yeah, you've got a choice all right. Country or Tejano. I really wish more Lubbock stations would play Blink 182, Lit or something a little more hardcore than Hank Williams Jr.

I'm going to miss Lubbock news stations. There's nothing that makes more sense to me than to postpone a story regarding a developing international crisis to bring viewers minute-by-minute updates from the

Coronado High School baseball games. Go Mustangs!

I'm going to miss Lubbock celebratory practices. From throwing tortillas to tearing down goal posts, people in Lubbock know how to celebrate. I've learned that you don't do anything in Lubbock without subsequently getting wasted. Pass a chemistry test — get wasted. Score a girl's phone number — get wasted. Graduate from seminary — get wasted.

I really think that we have a good thing going here. I particularly like the tortilla tossing at football games. I really think we should expand this, though. So from now on, after making sweet passionate love to a beautiful young woman, I will no longer light up a cigarette in celebration. Nope, I'm throwing a tortilla. I hope it catches on.

And I guess the last thing I'm truly going to miss this summer is my friends. We've had some good times, guys. From getting kicked out of movie theaters to fully utilizing the physics behind a water balloon launcher, my partners in crime have made this year outstanding for me.

Bryan and Brian have shown me that high school tour groups pose endless possibilities when it comes to pulling pranks. Ryan and Aaron introduced me to more rural forms of entertainment, such as making home movies (clean ones) and hitting stuff really hard with your truck.

Dave didn't have time to teach me anything because he was too busy cursing the electrical engineering department. And then there's Trey. They taught me the most valuable lesson I've learned all year: Revving your engine really loud really does indicate sexual dominance. Who would have thought?

So, my friends, as you leave this summer, take a few moments to reflect on what it is that makes Lubbock special to you. And if you're actually from Lubbock — gee, that must really suck.

Kenneth Strickland is a freshman political science major from Mesquite. In a rare moment of sincerity, he wanted to wish everyone a safe and enjoyable summer vacation.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Just say no

To the editor: I just finished reading Gary Bell's letter to you regarding the drug use story (UD, 05.02). I can say that I completely agree with Bell. I am a student in the Honors College, and I work very hard to keep my good grades. I know one thing for sure, that if you are doing drugs, there is no damn way that you can have a 4.0 GPA. You would have to be too stoned to think, and if you miss a final because you are high, then you are just plain stupid as far as I can see. I was really shocked to see two people smoking pot, marijuana, whatever, on the front page of our respected newspaper. This story has condemned the university. Just how many people do you really think were proud to see two people getting high on the front page of the newspaper? Well, maybe next time a good story for you all will be a story on all the stupid stories and untrue stuff you have published. Don't get me wrong, I don't hate *The University Daily*. I think they do a very good job, except when they put dumb things on the front page.

Brahama Seth
sophomore
engineering physics

Thanks, Tech

To the editor: 10 Things I Have Learned At Texas Tech in four years.

1. Buses will always in travel in groups of three or four and seem to get me to my classes 10 minutes late.
2. The campus parking patrol is better

than the Nazi Army. They can always smell an illegally parked car from about 500 yards within three minutes.

3. Professors can't be bought off cheaply (just a joke).

4. Tuition always seems to get higher and higher, but the classes seem to stay the same.

5. No matter how much I want to believe, the bookstores will only give me \$5 for a \$75 book.

6. Crickets can actually be a good place to study!

7. The wind never stops blowing in Lubbock!

8. People still take pride in Tech athletic teams, even when they don't win.

9. Parking two miles away in a commuter lot and walking/running to class can be counted as exercise.

10. I finally learned why the Will Rogers statue faces away from Texas A&M.

While this is all in jest, I do want to seriously thank all those teaching assistants and professors who did their duty and educated me. Mom and dad, your money was not wasted at all. Thanks to everyone and thank you, Tech.

Miguel Garcia
senior
political science

Snub Sneed

To the editor: I am writing to let everyone know about the wonderful living experience in Sneed Residence Hall, or as it is lovingly referred to on our floor as "the ghetto."

If you don't know, our hall has many special features that the other halls on campus do not. First off, we have the built-in sauna in every room because of Housing and Dining's mandatory "option" for a hall with no air conditioning. Let me tell you, it's great! This fea-

ture has enhanced my social life greatly because everyone knows girls can't resist sweaty guys.

We also have many physical fitness programs in Sneed Hall. We have the walk-to-Gordon-to-get-change-for-the-laundry-because-the-change-machine-is-broken-most-of-the-time program. This is basically the same as the walk-to-Gordon-to-get- (choose one: lock out key, packages, light bulbs, brooms, dust pans, etc.) program. We also have the built-in stair-stepping program. My calf muscles are so much more toned now. My 70-year-old grandma has also noticed results in the lower legs because she has to walk three flights of stairs to visit me.

If we are not seeing results, we can always help a neighbor move heavy furniture or boxes up the stairs. We also have an integrated diet plan. I have lost 15 pounds this semester because I can't bring myself to eat the mystery casserole in the dining hall.

Our newest feature is by far the most valuable. This is the built-in alarm clock. Apparently, the faculty has become worried that we might miss class, so they have asked the construction workers at West Hall to complete the noisiest tasks between 7 a.m. and 9 a.m. I can rest assured that a loud diesel engine will wake me up for class. I literally jumped out of bed this morning because of the ungodly loud sound of a drilling rig right outside my window. In closing, I would like to thank Texas Tech for these special programs and ask one question: Will Kathy Lee Gifford be arriving before the end of the semester to show us the joys of sweatshop labor?

Aaron Schlabaugh
freshman
mechanical engineering

Lessons learned, memories made

College is supposed to be an environment that promotes independent thoughts and higher learning — a place where ideas and education are the foremost goals of everyone on campus.

With that in mind, we should turn back to the road we have traveled during this academic year and look at all of the lessons we, as college students, have learned.

We have learned that loud, obnoxious Aggies can quickly be shut up and run out of town by simply tearing down a goal post and parading it through the campus.

Homecoming parades allow people the creative outlet to make things out of chicken wire and tissue paper but also can be dangerous when they hit those damned traffic lights.

College football really does prepare student-athletes for the National Football League — experience, practice, drug charges — what else could they want?

Freshmen are not always shy and intimidated. In fact, some of them think they could run the athletic program better than grown adults.

Students have to work hard, especially when putting themselves through school. In fact, sometimes, they even (GASP!) take off their clothes for money.

Just because someone is the head of a school or department does not mean they are a competent human being. And just because they write down their "ideas" to improve things does not mean they will win in the end.

Sometimes athletic arenas take 2,394,342 years to complete, but if you finally build it, KISS will come.

You can have a daily drug habit and still graduate with honors — as long as you do not appear on the front page of the paper "disguised" only by a baseball cap two days before school ends.

If you lose to the University of North Texas, you will be threatened, made fun of and chastised until you step down from your position as head coach and leave the campus for good.

No matter how much the administration says they care about academics, construction priorities lie with athletic facilities despite the fact that the English building is going down faster than the Titanic.

When it comes to "Beverly Hills, 90210," it takes Fox 10 years to finally take out the garbage.

Roommates completely change personalities the day you sign the lease.

School trips teach you a lot about the people you travel with. You usually end up knowing just exactly what they would and would not drive six blocks for in a Mercedes. Cleavage really does help girls get a ride.

No matter how many days it has been since school started this year, only three weeks have lapsed on your favorite soap opera, and the characters have only changed their outfits once.

Winning a national championship doesn't mean squat once you get back to campus. In fact, sometimes it seems the better you do, the more likely you are to have your organization disbanded.

Moving a mere two miles can cost more than \$10,000, but it's OK as long as the school foots the bill. And just because you go to Italy to look for "Vatican Art" doesn't mean you actually have to come back with any.

Speaking of art, when you take a little artistic license with a project, the janitor just may end up calling the cops because he thinks someone is somehow trapped in the walls.

It is difficult to get students to vote in elections — especially when senators vote to throw out the election, then decide to keep the old election and add to it with a new election, then finally agree to just keep the original election and finally let go of all the bitterness.

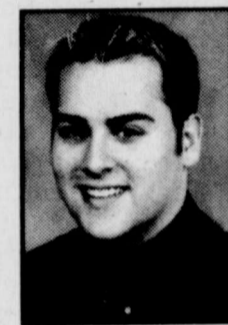
Molly Ivins writes pretty good columns, but you never really see her on campus, she never shows up to UD staff meetings, and she never talks about Tech topics. According to the chancellor, he reads my columns, but he "does not agree with them."

Some people think children shouldn't be spanked. They obviously don't plan on having any, and if they do, people are going to beat them; themselves.

No matter how much they want this school to be like the University of Texas or Texas A&M it will never happen because when it boils right down to it, if the students had wanted to go there, they would have.

And perhaps the most important lesson that we really haven't learned at all is this: we still need a damn rival. Can you say Baylor?

Brandon Formby is a senior journalism major from Plano. He's learned that not all administrators are bad guys, not all teachers know what they're doing and that despite everything, Texas Tech is a pretty cool place.



Brandon Formby
Columnist

Minority parents value college more than others

(AP) — Hispanic and black parents are far more likely than white parents to rank a college education as the most important ingredient for a youngster's success, a poll released Wednesday found.

The survey of the general public and parents of high school-age youths found that 65 percent of Hispanic parents and 47 percent of black parents considered college the most important element for success.

Only 35 percent of the general public and 33 percent of white parents agreed.

Most of the general public and

non-minority parents picked various other attributes — such as knowing how to get along with people, having a good work ethic, gaining skills on the job — as most crucial for success.

The survey was conducted by the New York-based Public Agenda, a non-profit research group.

Parents of high school-age youngsters also endorsed more education as the best sequel to high school graduation. More than three-quarters, or 77 percent, identified four- or two-year college as most beneficial, and 16 percent cited

“For many non-Hispanic whites, it is a given that they will go to college.”

Antonio Flores
president of the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities

trade school. Only 4 percent advocated a job.

Yet 67 percent of the public and 63 percent of parents with high

school kids said they believe success is possible without college.

The survey's findings on minority aspirations contrasts sharply

with minority attendance in schools of higher education. In 1998, the latest federal figures available, among 18- to 24-year-olds, 37 percent of whites were enrolled in higher education, but only 30 percent of blacks and 20 percent of Hispanics were.

“For many non-Hispanic whites, it is a given that they will go to college,” said Antonio Flores, president of the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities.

Not so for Hispanics. “They want to go, but they can't afford it,” Flores said. “They may be

held back by poverty, language barriers or lack of family experience in higher education.”

The survey polled 1,015 adults by telephone in December. An additional 451 Hispanics, blacks and whites were included in the sample of parents of high school-age children. The margin of sampling error was 3 percent overall, and 7 percent for the extra survey of parents.

The study was commissioned by the National Center for Public Policy and Higher Education in San Jose, Calif., which promotes education and training after high school.

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 is potassium so important, and what sources are there besides bananas because I don't like them.

Jo Says: According to Nutrition Now (Brown, 1995), potassium is needed to maintain the right acid-base balance in body fluids, help maintain an appropriate amount of water in blood and body tissues and for muscle and nerve activity.

Consequences of deficiency include weakness, apathy, poor appetite, muscle cramps, headache and swelling.

Primary food sources include potatoes, squash, lima beans, meats and milk products.

Reader Ask: I heard that Student Health gives out free condoms, but when I came to get

some for a program on my floor in the residence hall, you told me no. Why do I have to go to SPARC to get condoms for programs?

Jo Says: Since we buy our condoms, we are required to at least speak briefly about Student Health Services before giving out handfuls of condoms.

After your visit, we talked it over, and we want to support our resident assistants in their education efforts in the residence halls.

If you are an RA and are planning on doing a program that includes condom education, we can provide up to 30 condoms for your program.

We just ask that you give us the name of your program and what hall you will be presenting in.

We do give out a free condom with use instructions to students who come by, but we cannot give out bunches to individual students for their personal use.

Reader Asks: Is it possible to get pimples (real small) on your penis? Or does this automatically mean genital warts?

Jo Says: Generally, pimples are not found on the penis but on surrounding areas.

It may not be warts, but you need

to get this checked out since it is not standard for your equipment.

Reader Asks: I'm in my late 20s, but my neck area still is very sensitive to razor burn. What can I do? What am I doing wrong?

Jo Says: Your problem could stem from any of three different things. First, you may be using a soap or shaving lotion or a shaving product that is causing the sensitivity.

Try using Dove for a mild, yet good soap. Also, look for hypo-allergenic shaving products (creams, lotions or gel).

Second problem could be the type of razor you are using. You didn't indicate your preference, so you might try changing to a different type of razor.

Finally, if you try each of the above, one at a time, and nothing changes, see a dermatologist.

Reader Asks: How often should I get my diaphragm replaced?

Jo Says: Replace a diaphragm every two years or sooner if you notice holes and tears, or it has deteriorated.

It needs to be fitted by a health care professional and needs to be re-evaluated for fit if you lose or gain more than 10 pounds or if you have a baby.

Reader Asks: I burn really easy so I don't lay out to tan. I was wondering, though, we are going to the coast for vacation right after school is out. Is all clothing equal in blocking the sun's rays?

Jo Says: The Skin Cancer Foundation recommends looking for clothing with a tight weave. If you can hold it up to light and see through it, don't wear it out in the sun as protection.

Avoid bleached cotton, which is really transparent, and choose loose-fitting clothing because the tight stuff provides less protection.

Lastly, wear darker colors because lighter-colored clothing doesn't filter out UV rays as well.

Reader Asks: Are clove cigarettes a safe option?

Jo Says: No because the majority of these cigarettes come from India and contain about 60 percent tobacco and 40 percent ground cloves.

Clove smoke has its own harmful chemicals, and when you add that to the harmful chemicals in tobacco, this type of cigarette actually has more tar than regular smokes.

They can be bad for asthmatics and may also promote bronchitis and even pneumonia in healthy people.

The Center for Disease Control has had at least two deaths reported where adolescent smokers died from acute pulmonary effects brought on by clove cigarettes.

They also are as addictive as regular cigarettes, so you are only trading one poison for another if you think clove cigarettes are better than the regular kind.

Medical center to celebrate opening

One of Lubbock's largest and most comprehensive medical sites will have its grand opening Thursday.

The Texas Tech Medical Center Southwest, located at Quaker Avenue and South Loop 289, will offer new specialty centers and clinics to serve southwest Lubbock.

The medical center will house family medicine, obstetrics and gynecology, pediatric, internal medicine and occupational medicine clinics.

The Southwest Family Medicine will provide care for all ages, including wellness programs, annual physicals, immunizations, women's health, well-baby exams and urgent care.

The “Fast Track Clinic” will be located at the building and will open from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on weekends and holidays.

“This facility will provide quality health care for family members who need after-hours care,” said Joel Kupersmith, dean of the Tech School of Medicine in a written statement.

The primary care physicians

are board certified to meet the needs of families. They include Dr. Daniel McGunagle, Dr. Dana Phillips, Dr. Emad Kaldas, Dr. Emily Deeb and Dr. Juan Sarrig.

The Southwest Lubbock Surgery Center will be a specialty center at the Tech Medical Center Southwest.


“This will provide an accessible center with quality service for patients who need day surgery,” Kupersmith said.

Other specialty centers also available for patients include the Lubbock Dialysis Center, the Southwest Laser Surgery & Vision Institute and the International Pain Institute.

The Southwest Laser Surgery & Vision Institute will encourage and promote state-of-the-art technology for people interested in refractive surgery, assist and educate physicians in the newest surgical techniques and provide physicians with the best possible equipment, technology and educational resources.

The International Pain Institute is an affiliate of the World Pain Institute. The team of clinicians will provide specialized services from the division of anesthesiology, psychology and physical medicine.


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Chalk it up



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Brian McFadden, a professor in the English department takes a picture of his students response to the question — Why, today should we read medieval and renaissance literature? The students responded by writing their answer with chalk on the sidewalk outside the Mass Communications building Tuesday.

Students urged to give, not toss

by Cory Chandler
Staff Writer

The time has begun for students to begin packing for their summer migration home. As the semester ends, many students end up with personal belongings they do not want anymore.

The When You Move Out, Don't Throw it Out program allows students to give their leftovers away to charity instead of throwing them out.

Sean Duggan, manager of resi-

dence life, said this program is a good way for needy people in the community to get quality items they might not be able to buy themselves.

"Most of this is stuff is still in good condition and shouldn't be thrown away," Duggan said.

Bins will be placed in residence hall lobbies today through May 11.

Students can put any personal items in the bins they do not want to take home.

Alice Scott, secretary for Housing and Dining Services, said these items

are often personal items such as clothes or even half-empty bottles of shampoo, but some items can be more expensive.

"If some of the parents knew what their kids were leaving behind, they'd probably kill them," Scott said.

Duggan said he has seen micro-refrigerators, computers and televisions given away as well.

Once the donations are collected, vouchers will be given away to community service agencies in Lubbock.

These agencies then pick clients

they feel are in special need of assistance. May 15 people can use these vouchers to shop through the donations.

"The people involved in this are genuinely in need," said Duggan. "That is why we work with the agencies, to make sure this is going to people who actually need it."

Tech has been participating with the When You Move Out, Don't Throw it Out project for seven years.

Duggan can be reached for more information at 742-2542.

Surfacing artists to showcase work

by Will Frederick
Contributing Writer

Seniors in the bachelor of fine arts department at Texas Tech will open an art show from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the Landmark Arts Gallery, located inside the Tech Art building.

Work by Eric Christopherson, Cristina B. Medina, Brian Montgomery and Neil Zapata will be on display at the gallery.

Gallery Director Ken Bloom said each student has worked very hard this year and hopes to see a large turnout at the exhibit.

"Each of the four artists have shown a large amount of skill and professionalism in their work," Bloom said. "Exhibitions like this will greatly improve their chances for rec-

ognition in the future."

Friday's exhibit is important for each graduating student.

To successfully complete their senior seminar requirement, each student must display samples of their work in a gallery at the end of their graduating semester.

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LANDMARK ART GALLERY

Eric Christopherson, a senior studio art major from Garland, said the exhibit will be beneficial

said. Work displayed Friday will consist of various types of screen print, paintings and sculptures produced by each of the four graduating seniors.

Brian Montgomery, senior art major from Lubbock, said the gallery will have great work for attendees to see.

"All of us have worked very hard this year, and the exhibit is sure to reflect that," Montgomery said. "Something is sure to appeal to everyone at the exhibit."

The exhibit is free and open to the public.

to each of the students.

"This exhibit will be very beneficial for us by giving us the necessary experience we need to prepare for our future careers," Christopherson

Romance film lacks chemistry

by Brev Tanner
Staff Writer

If you want cute, no-brainer fun, "Return to Me" is the movie for you.

I'm not saying that this is a bad movie. It is certainly entertaining and quite charming, but don't look for any spiritual or intellectual enlightenment here — it just is not there.

The film stars Academy Award nominee Minnie Driver ("Good Will Hunting," "Circle of Friends"), "X-Files" star David Duchovny ("Playing God," "Kalifornia"), veteran actors Carol O'Conner ("All in the Family") and Robert Loggia ("Jagged Edge," "Independence Day") and comedian James Belushi ("Jingle All the Way," "Red Heat"). It is co-starred, co-written, co-produced and directed by Bonnie Hunt ("Jerry Maguire," "The Green



Mile").

The movie is a nice little love story that we have seen a billion times before. The fun and surprises mostly come from a group of old men led by O'Conner who provide the comic relief for the entire film.

Unfortunately, the film's main stars do not seem to have chemistry; therefore, they can never make their attraction believable. They are a mismatched pair who never seem to quite connect on screen. Driver is far too superior an actress to be playing such

an easy role. I hope this movie is not a sign that she now is going to be playing only Hollywood-esque roles from now on. Her earlier performances are too good to let that kind of talent go to waste.

Hunt and Belushi's scenes are wonderful, though. They shine on the screen together — one can only hope they make another film opposite each other. They are the real interest in the film.

The film suffers through a horribly-tedious first 20 minutes in where if you have seen the preview, you know where the film is going. The last half is a fun joy ride through the relationship of the two main characters, but after a while, these films become formalistic and borderline boring. To this film's credit, it provided enough humor and laughs to garner its two-star review, but it will never be a "classic."

Theatre to offer students summer alternative

During the summer months, Texas Tech Theatre's Summer Rep' season will include three productions from June 15 to July 2.

"What I Did Last Summer," "The Butler Did It" and "The Riders of the Golden Sphinx" can be seen at the Maedgen Theatre's Lab, 18th Street between Boston Avenue and Flint Avenue. Admission costs \$8 for the general public and \$5 with a Tech ID. A summer season package that includes

tickets to all three performances costs \$21.

"What I Did Last Summer," by A.R. Gurney, is centered around the life of a teen-age boy during the end of WWII. It will be shown at 7:30 p.m. June 15, 17, 21 and 25. A matinee also will be held at 2 p.m. May 18. The play is directed by Sally Allen.

"The Butler Did It" is a mix of comedy and suspense surrounding a murder occurring in a theatre scene. Writ-

ten by Walter Peters and Mark Peters, the production will be directed by Kris Harrison. Show times are at 7:30 p.m. June 16, 18, 23, 29 and July 2.

Cat Parker will direct "Riders of the Golden Sphinx," a classic production about a rancher who becomes abducted by alien body-snatchers in a sci-fi musical. Show times are 7:30 p.m. June 22, 24, 25, 28, 30 and July 1. On June 25, the show will begin at 2 p.m.

Grad students, faculty display art overseas

At the I-Kilm studio in Hong Kong, eight ceramic pieces from six Texas Tech graduate students and two faculty members are on display in the "Small Works from Texas" exhibit.

The exhibit was planned and executed by the students through a grant. It will be shown in Hong Kong for two months, and the pieces arrived overseas Friday.

Tech graduate student Marti Geiger-Ho obtained the grant and owns the community-involved I-Kilm studio.

Most of the eight pieces of the original work are for sale at the exhibit.

Juan Granados and Adelaide Paul are the two Tech faculty members who have pieces in the exhibit. The graduate students include Marie Wiechman, Lance Frazier, Mary Beth Rippel, Eric Vicory, Bryan Wheeler and Wesley Smith.

For additional information on the exhibit, contact the Tech art department at 742-3826.

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Sand Which Is serves up new slice of sounds

by Sebastian Kitchen
Staff Writer

Years of studying music at Texas Tech may or may not have prepared three students for life on the road in a 1986 Chevrolet van. Three Tech graduates in Sand Which Is have performed across the United States and are returning to Lubbock this month to support their latest release, *Burn Right Through*.

Having degrees in music, the men in Sand Which Is explore rock and punk music.

"We are a band that likes to experiment with rock music," said Brooks Harlan, guitarist and vocalist for the band. "People always have to label music. If we are going to label it, I prefer the term scientist rock for Sand Which Is."

Harlan said the group's music contains some rock qualities and some emotional qualities.

"The lyrics reflect our commentary on society and politics," he said. "We study the world around us and write songs about it."

Sand Which Is will return to familiar ground May 18 with Egon and Tom Foolery and the Mistakes. The show will be at Einstein's, 1824 Ave. G. The opening band will take the stage around 9 p.m. Times may be subject to change. For more information or for tickets, call 762-5205.

Sand Which Is was formed in 1996 in Lubbock while the three were students at Tech. After several lineup changes, the group settled on a solid three-piece — Harlan, bass player Adam Yeargin and drummer Scott Tiemann.

"The lyrics reflect our commentary on society and politics."

Brooks Harlan
guitarist and vocalist for Sand Which Is

"At one point, there were five in the band," Yeargin said. "When it came time to graduate and leave Lubbock, only three of us were serious about pursuing this beyond a hobby."

After the three graduated from Tech, they moved to three different cities.

"There is about a five-hour drive between the three of us and that puts a strain on practicing or playing local shows," Yeargin said.

He said they get around this prob-

lem by touring.

"It is important to us focus on becoming a national band rather than a local band," he said. "Besides, it's much more fun to travel around the country seeing places you've never been to and meeting awesome people."

The trio said they reassemble to tour and head out in the Chevy van.

Harlan said the band just completed its ninth tour as a "serious band."

"I say serious because we toured

a little in college, but it was just for fun," he said. "Since graduation, we take touring seriously."

In the past two years, Sand Which Is has played in 52 cities in 20 different states and have performed in about half of those cities more than once. The band books the tours itself, and the tours usually last two weeks to a month.

Harlan said the band tries to play every night when they are on the road.

Yeargin said the best part of being in Sand Which Is are the nightly gigs.

"Since we're a smaller band, our shows tend to be smaller but also much more intimate than some club shows that we've done," he said. "It's really incredible to play to a group of kids who are right in front of you getting into the music and you can see

their faces."

Music has taken the three thousands of miles since they graduated from Tech. The road has billed the band with many others including the GetUp Kids, Fugazi, Jets To Brazil, At the Drive-In and Murder City Devils.

Harlan said his Tech roots have had a lasting effect on his life and his music. He said his music composition professor, Steven Paxton, had a large effect on him personally. He said Paxton encouraged him to listen to every kind of music available.

"He taught me that the appeal of music is very subjective," he said. "This really relates to Sand Which Is because we are consciously trying to push the envelope of rock music, while at the same time, trying to make it accessible."

Depot District to host street dance, live bands tonight

Venues in the Depot District have collaborated to throw a Depot Dead Day Party tonight. The event begins with a free street dance featuring live bands. Buddy Holly Avenue will be

blocked off for the event.

West 84, Cross Canadian Ragweed and Iris will perform outdoors. The music in the street will begin at 8 p.m.

At about 10:30 p.m., the entertain-

ment will move indoors to the different bars and clubs of the district. Each club will have different entertainment.

Clouseau's will host its weekly

Salsa Night. Disco cover band Le Freak will perform at Liquid 2000. Blue Light will host four different bands on its stage. Austin jam band Larry will return to Finstein's.

Liquid 2000, Coyote Meadows to entertain students in summer

Liquid 2000 and Coyote Meadows will offer an opportunity for music and entertainment for students between now and the first summer session.

Coyote Meadows, 1224 North Ave. S, will be the sight of Atmosphere — an all-day and all-night event featuring disc jockeys and live bands from across the country and Texas. Admission costs \$10 a person. People must be over 18 to attend and must have an ID. A full bar will be open.

The concert starts at noon Saturday and runs until sun up on Sunday. Bands include Watermelon Fastback, Podunk, Iris and more. DJs include DJ Dos, Chandler, Christopher Michael, DJ Prophet, DJ Scott Hoepker, Jonny U4ik, Digit and Traumatic. For more information, people can look at odeonetwerx.com.

The bands will play in the sunlight, and the DJs will perform when the sun drops.

Liquid 2000, 1812 Ave. G, will host at least three shows during the break. Indigenous will perform May 10. Testament, Mortifix, Human and Itch all will play May 13. Bowling For Soup and Union Underground will return to a Lubbock stage May 20.

Advance tickets for the shows at Liquid 2000 are available at both locations of Ralph's Records, 909 University Ave., and 3322 82nd St. For more information on the shows, call 747-6157.

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12:00	Great Foods Painting	News Days of Our	As the World Turns	Ricki Lake	One Life to Live	Matlock
1:00	T. Tubboat Dragon Tales	Hyd Square	Guiding Light	Liv's Single Paid Program	General Hospital	Paid Program Magic Bus
2:00	Arthur Wishbone	O'Donnell	Maury Povich	Grace/Fire Paid Program	Sally Jessy Raphael	Magic Bus PR Galaxy
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Rec Sports

Softball Champions Crowned

Intramural softball concluded its spring season Thursday evening with three championship finals played at the West Rec Softball Complex.

Left Turn Only won the Women's championship, Medical Malpractice took the top honors in the Co-Rec division and PPH claimed the Men's championship.

Over 230 teams competed in this years program that began in February.

Every player scored in the Left Turn Only's 15-5 victory over Zeta. Leading the way was Robin Worthington who crossed home plate three times, including the final run in the bottom of the fifth inning for the run rule ending. The victory

capped an undefeated season for Left Turn Only.

In the Co-Rec finals, Medical Malpractice scored runs in every inning but the second to defeat the defending champions, Bust 'N' Balls, 10-3. Leadoff batter, Justin Clarke, scored three times to pace his team. Alexandra Bowen and Josh Westrom both scored two runs apiece for the winners.

PPH broke open a close men's final with nine runs in the fifth inning on way to a 20-13 victory over the Spank Dogs. Timely PPH hits and untimely Spank Dog errors lead to the big inning as twelve men came to the plate. PPH and Spank Dogs were the number one and two seeds in the

tournament so the closeness of the game was no surprise. Four different players plated home three times for PPH.

Students here for the summer can play summer intramural softball with sign-ups beginning the first

week of June. For further information, contact Rec Sports at 742-3351.

Finals and Interim Fitness Schedule

Pick up a new schedule in the SRC for finals and the interim break fitness classes that is from May 4 to May 30.

Thursday, May 4	5:30 p.m.	Fitness Jam
Friday, May 5	12:10 p.m.	Steppin' Out
	5:30 p.m.	Shape and Tone
	5:30 p.m.	Steppin' Out
Saturday, May 6	3 p.m.	Weekend Express
Sunday, May 7	5:30 p.m.	Weekend Express

Monday, May 8	12:10 p.m.	Steppin' Out
	3:00 p.m.	Steppin' Out
	5:30 p.m.	Shape and Tone
	5:30 p.m.	Total Body Conditioning
Tuesday, May 9	12:10 p.m.	Steppin' Out
	3:00 p.m.	Steppin' Out
	4:20 p.m.	Cardio Combo
	5:30 p.m.	Steppin' Out
Wednesday, May 10	12:10 p.m.	Steppin' Out
	5:30 p.m.	Shape and Tone
	5:30 p.m.	Steppin' Out

Rec Sports Interim Schedule

May 4-10

May 4	SRC	6 a.m. - 10:45 p.m.
	AC	12 noon - 1:20 p.m., 3-8 p.m.
	Outdoor Shop	1-3 p.m.
May 5	SRC	6 a.m. - 9 p.m.
	AC	12 noon - 1:20 p.m., 3-8 p.m.
	Outdoor Shop	12 noon - 4 p.m.
May 6-7	SRC	12 noon - 9 p.m.
	AC	2 p.m. - 6 p.m.
May 8-10	SRC	6 a.m. - 8 p.m.
	AC	12 noon - 1:20 p.m. (only on May 10)
	Outdoor Shop	12 noon - 4 p.m. (only on May 18)
		1 p.m. - 3 p.m. (only on May 9-10)

South ID closes on May 10 at 2 p.m.

Good Luck on Finals!

Athletes and Leaders



Photo Courtesy of Recreational Sports
Sport Club Council awarded Keith Kelly of the In-Line Hockey team and Sheila Melle of the women's lacrosse team were named Athlete/Leader of the Semester. They were given these awards at their banquet held Wednesday at the County Line.

Intramural Golf Scrambles Results

The Intramural Golf Ball tournament was played this past Saturday. Eleven teams competed at Elm Grove Golf Course. John Medlock and Curtis Peters won with a score of 67. Gregg Vochoska was the closest to the pin winner. John Medlock won the longest drive. Rec Sports thanks all who participated.

Finals tonight for indoor soccer

Indoor soccer finals will finish this evening with championship games. The Co-Rec final is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. between Force and Ephedrine Futuras, the Women's final will be at 6:15 p.m. between Storm and Angry

beavers and the men's finals will be at 7 p.m.

At the time of print, the Greek red and black was winner, 19th Street, El Barrio, and high flying Killer Bees were in contention for the men's championship. Please check our rec check line (742-4832) today to confirm times for tonight's games.

Fitness Jam

Tomorrow, May 4, there will be a fitness jam from 5:30 p.m. to 6:40 p.m. at the Student Recreation Center.

The fitness jam workout will include step, funk and toning! There will be several instructors leading the jam. Door prizes and free snacks will be given away.

Come to the Rec on Dead Day, May 4, relieve some stress, have some fun and get ready for finals. For more information on the Jam, people can call 742-3351.

Congratulations to all of this year's winners!

Co-Rec Champions Medical Malpractice are pictured at right. Front row (Left to Right): Alex Bowen, Dana Jones, Crystal Heule and Alissa Ferguson. Back row (L to R): Shawn Tabor, Lori Tabor, Kacy Jones, Brad Heidelberg, Justin Clarke and Josh Westrom. Tica West is not pictured.



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Women's champions Left Turn Only: front row (L to R): Jennifer Kuykendall, Kathy Tutak, Roxanne Blue, Garrie Sanders, Courtney Davis. Back row (L to R) Robin Worthington, Kayanne Rogers, Geleah Stockard, Kyle Simpson, Staci Elrod, Roxanne Schriber, Tamara Hobbs and Alissa Ferguson.

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For your Dining Pleasure

Red Raiders race past Roadrunners, 8-6

by Jeff Keller
Assistant Sports Editor

It wasn't a good night to be a baseball Tuesday as the Red Raiders belted four long balls out of the confines of Dan Law Field en route to an 8-6 victory against University of Texas-San Antonio.

The Red Raiders received a solid pitching performance from starter Blake McGinley who picked up the win to move his overall record to 5-1.

McGinley pitched seven innings, giving up eight hits, four earned runs and striking out two Roadrunner batters in the victory.

Tech pitcher Kevin Tracey entered the ball game in the eighth inning and went the rest of the way to pick up the save.

Tech coach Larry Hays said he was very pleased with the performance his starter turned in.

"McGinley was great," Hays said. "If we hadn't given them those few runs, there was three innings in a row where he had to make four outs, he could have made the eighth inning. We didn't play good defense so we had to bring Mr. Tracey in to save the game for us."

The contest started off with both teams posting runs in the opening stanza, but Tech bolted to a 5-1 lead in its half of the third inning as shortstop Scott Holzhauser blasted a two-run homer to right field, and designated hitter Chaz Eiguren slammed a two-run dinger of his own over the left-center wall, clearing the tree just outside of the wall.

Eiguren said he was unsure if the home run was the farthest he had ever ejected from Dan Law Field but said he got a good piece of the pitch regardless.

"I got that one pretty good," Eiguren said. "I don't know if that was the farthest one that I have ever hit, but I definitely hit it good. But it put us up a couple of runs, and it helped us out."

The Roadrunners scored a run in the fourth and sixth innings to cut the Red Raider lead to 5-3, but in Tech's half of the sixth, once again, the baseballs started exiting Dan Law Field.

This time, it was Tech outfielder Jason Rainey and first baseman Mark Austry going deep as they both cranked solo homers in the inning to put Tech up 7-3.

Rainey's home run was his 11th of the season, tying him with Eiguren for the lead on the Red Raider squad.

Rainey has been on a hitting tear of late as he has left the yard in five of his last six games.

He said he has been seeing the ball well over the past few games which has helped him to hit better.

"I've been seeing the ball good," Rainey said. "But you really can't think about stuff like that. I come out here every night, and I expect

every pitch to be in the strike zone. That's the way I've approached it. I expect to hit any pitch that is good. I am just trying to put good swings on it and hit the ball hard somewhere."

The Roadrunners put up three runs in the top of the eighth to cut the Tech lead to 7-6, but Tech answered with a run in the bottom of the eighth to make the score 8-6.

Tracey retired the side in the ninth, and the Red Raiders picked up their 31st win of the season to move to 31-20 overall.

Tech did have three errors in the contest, and Hays said that will be something the Red Raiders will have to improve before it faces UTSA in the final game of the two-game series at 3 p.m. today at Dan Law Field.

"All of the errors but one were just physical errors," Hays said. "We'll just have to live with those, but you hate to see the mental ones. But we had some guys that made some errors do some great things with the bats. So everybody that goofed up made up for it."

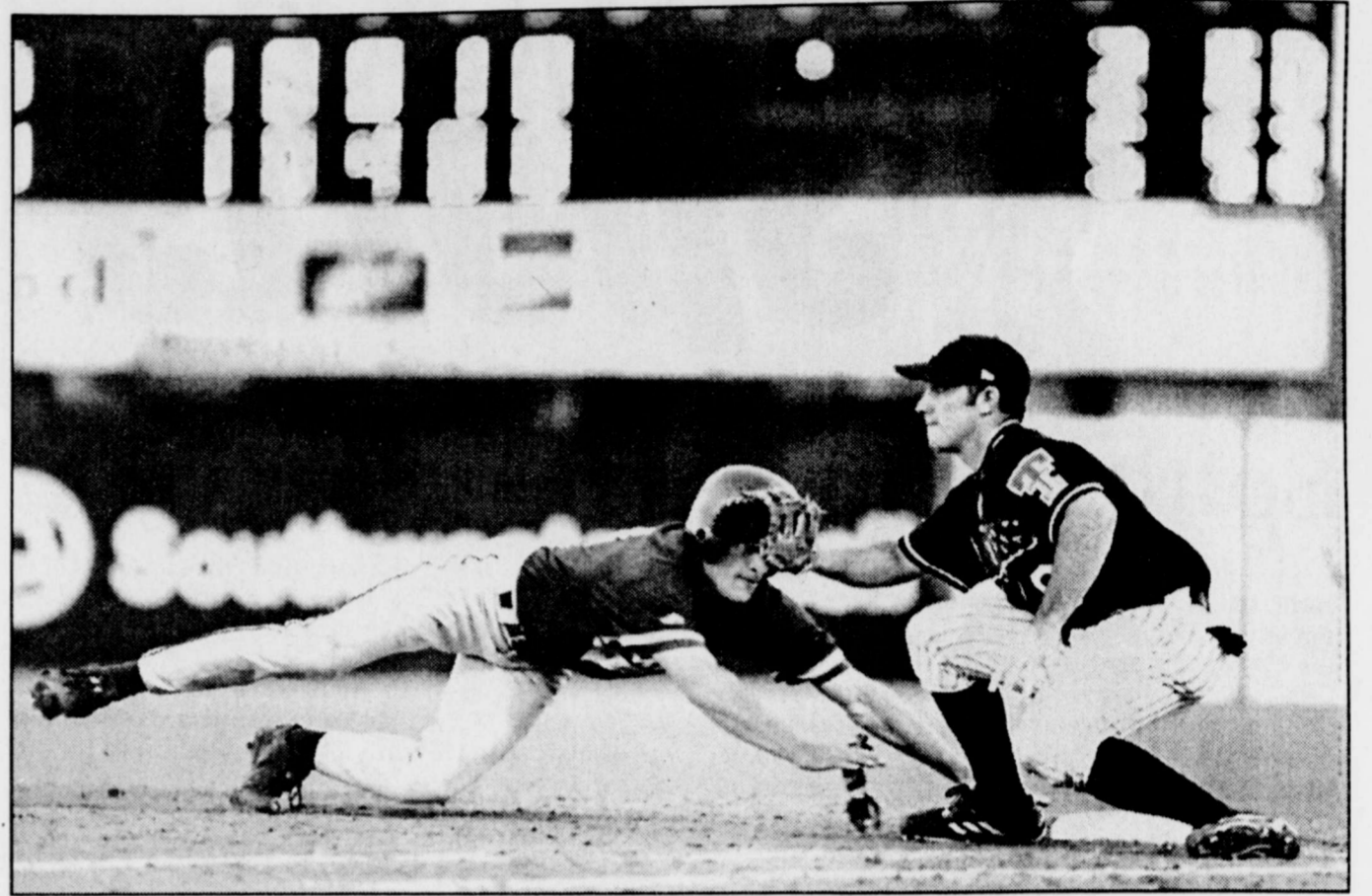
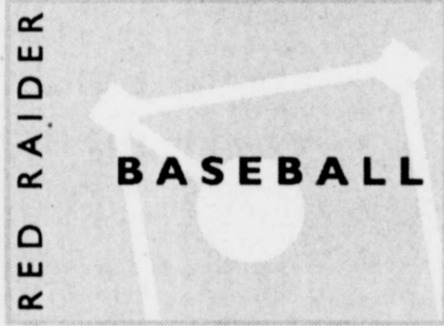
Tech has four games remaining in the regular season, and three of those are Big 12 Conference games.

Rainey said the Red Raiders are approaching each contest with a sense of urgency to get as many wins as possible for the NCAA Selection Committee to contemplate.

"We've got to get as many wins as we can," he said. "We've been playing strong lately, and I think we are opening some eyes with the teams we've beaten. But I think it is going to be big for us to finish strong so we can get into a regional."

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Jason Rainey
outfielder



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Tech first baseman Mark Austry receives the throw from an attempted pick-off play. The Red Raiders defeated UT-San Antonio, 8-6, at Dan Law Field on Tuesday. Austry also hit a solo home run in the game.

Trailblazers advance in playoffs

(AP) — Steve Smith got mad, then he kept the Minnesota Timberwolves from getting even.

Smith hit a key 3-pointer minutes after drawing a technical for tangling with Anthony Peeler, and the Portland Trail Blazers went on to eliminate the Wolves from the NBA playoffs with an 85-77 victory Tuesday night.

The Blazers won the best-of-five series 3-1 and advanced to face the Utah-Seattle winner. The Jazz lead that series 2-1 with Game 4 Wednesday night in Seattle.

Minnesota failed to reach the second round for the fourth straight season.

Smith and Peeler confronted each other with 5:07 left and the Wolves clinging to a 73-72 lead. Smith fell down after taking a long jumper, and Peeler walked over him. The two jawed at each other and drew double-technical fouls.

A minute later, Smith was called for a foul on Peeler, and Smith stared him down again. The Blazers trailed 75-74 before Smith's 3-pointer with 3:45 left, and the Wolves never regained the lead. Smith finished with

14 points, one fewer than Rasheed Wallace and Arvydas Sabonis.

Kevin Garnett nearly recorded his third triple-double of the series for Minnesota, finishing with 17 points, 10 rebounds and nine assists.

After Brian Grant's basket gave Portland a 79-75 lead, Terrell Brandon's layup made it 79-77 with just under a minute left.

Wallace banked in a jumper from the top of the circle with 32 seconds left, barely beating the buzzer and giving Portland a four-point lead. His two free throws 12 seconds later iced it.

Tech hires new golf coaches

Stacey Totman and Greg Sands were named head golf coaches by Texas Tech Athletic Director Gerald Myers on Tuesday.

Totman will lead the women's team while Sands will direct the men's squad.

The two will replace Texas Tech Director of Golf Jeff Mitchell, who will resign in June to be the head men's golf coach at Stanford University.

Both new coaches served as assistants under Mitchell, with Totman being here three years. Sands just completed his first year at Tech.

Women's golf invited to NCAA West Regional in Tempe, Ariz.

Monday, the NCAA Division I Women's Golf Committee announced the Texas Tech women's golf team will be one of 11 teams to compete in the 2000 NCAA West Regional in Tempe, Ariz., May 11-13.

The regional will be hosted by Arizona State University and will be played at Karsten Golf Course.

The Red Raiders were named the 11th seed in the regional coming off a sixth-place finish in the Big 12 Championships a week ago at Lubbock Country Club.

If the Raiders perform well, they will advance to the NCAA Championships held at the Sunriver Resort in Oregon on May 24-27.

Rangers ink Sierra, recall Thompson back to majors

(AP) — The Texas Rangers signed outfielder Ruben Sierra to a minor league contract Monday.

Sierra, a four-time All-Star who played for the Rangers from 1986-92, will join Triple-A Oklahoma of the Pacific Coast League on Tuesday. Sierra, 34, was playing for Cancun in the Mexican League, where he hit .355 with three homers and 12 RBIs in 16 games.

"Ruben was very persistent in wanting to get another opportunity with the Texas Rangers organization," Rangers general manager Doug Melvin said. "We feel this is a low-risk situation and we'll evaluate him on the Triple-A level over the next couple of weeks."

The switch-hitting Sierra was a non-roster invitee in the Cleveland Indians major league spring training camp before being released in late March. He last played in the majors with the White Sox in 1998, hitting .216 with four homers and 11 RBIs in 27 games.

Sierra, a four-time Rangers player of the year, has a career .269 average with 239 homers and 1,041 RBIs. He

eclipsed 100 RBIs in a season four times.

Sierra hit .294 with 28 homers and 82 RBIs in 1999 with Atlantic City in the Independent Atlantic League.

Texas also announced left-hander Justin Thompson has been recalled from his rehab assignment at Oklahoma and remains on the 15-day disabled list.

Thompson complained of pain in his left shoulder when throwing on the side in Baltimore Sunday. He was 1-0 with a 6.32 ERA in three rehab starts. He allowed seven earned runs in 5.2 innings in his last outing April 25.

Thompson has been sidelined since undergoing arthroscopic surgery to repair a torn labrum in his left shoulder last August. It is not known when he might pitch again on rehab assignment.

Texas also signed left-hander Tony Mounce to a minor league contract.

Mounce, 25, was 5-3 in 45 games with New Orleans and Jackson in the Houston organization in 1999. He was released by the Astros in spring training.

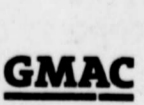
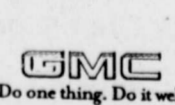
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Flyers soar over Pittsburgh Penguins

PITTSBURGH (AP) — The Philadelphia Flyers almost had no choice: win the game or lose their season.

The Flyers let Jaromir Jagr's line rally Pittsburgh from a two-goal deficit, then came back to do on the road what they couldn't do at home by winning 4-3 on Andy Delmore's overtime goal Tuesday night to cut the Penguins' series lead to a game.

Delmore scored his first two career playoff goals, the second at 11:01 of overtime to overcome a brilliant game by Jagr, who had two goals and an assist, as the road team won for the third consecutive game.

The seventh-seeded Penguins take a 2-1 lead into Game 4 of the Eastern Conference semifinals Thursday, but squandered a chance

to virtually wrap up the series by allowing the Flyers to dominate the overtime. The top-seeded Flyers outshot them 11-1 in the extra session, with Delmore wringing a shot from the slot past Ron Tugnutt off drop passes by Keith Jones, who had a goal and two assists, and Jody Hull.

Jagr scored his fourth and fifth goals of the series and had a hand in every Penguins goal as they rallied from Flyers leads of 2-0 and 3-2 before Philadelphia ended an eight-game playoff overtime losing streak. The Flyers hadn't won a playoff overtime game since Eric Lindros' goal beat New Jersey on June 7, 1995.

The Flyers opened a 2-0 lead in a frenetically played first period, lost it as Jagr's line scored twice in the second

period then regained it on John LeClair's goal at 7:27 of the third.

The Flyers are one of the NHL's best teams with a lead. But as they already know, that means nothing when Jagr is on the ice — and, in Game 3, that probably seemed to the Flyers like virtually every shift.

Jagr, who appeared to skate in an even higher gear at 14:28 of the third for his fourth goal in two games.

As the sellout crowd of 17,148 threatened to lift the steel top off Mellon Arena, the NHL's oldest arena, Flyers coach Craig Ramsay wisely took a timeout to slow Pittsburgh's momentum, and the Penguins never regained it.

The Penguins were 7-0 in their

playoff history after opening a 2-0 series lead.

Philadelphia changed its top two lines after losing the first two games on its home ice, but it was a Pittsburgh line change that led to their comeback.

Penguins coach Herb Brooks replaced Josef Beranek on the top line with Martin Straka, alongside Jan Hrdina and Jagr, and the move paid off with a goal within 40 seconds of the second period.

Straka's shot deflected high into the air off Boucher, who lost his balance and had grabbed the crossbar to stay on his skates. Jagr jumped on the puck and missed his first rebound attempt but lifted up a second over Boucher's leg

from along the right side of the net.

Jagr, double teamed in the neutral zone, somehow tapped a pass along the right wing boards to defenseman Bob Boughner. He rammed a cross-ice pass to Straka, who tipped it with the top of his stick into the net at 10:23 before Boucher could react.

The Flyers, who scored only once in 73 shots in losing the first two games at home, scored on consecutive shots by Delmore and Keith Jones in the first period.

Delmore scored his first career playoff goal at 14:11, racing to a puck that Tugnutt deflected to the blue line to ram in a shot from the high slot as Valeri Zelepukin backed into the goal.

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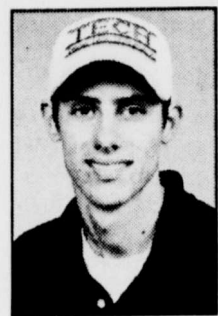
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Muench bestows honors to Techsters

Michael Jordan may have reeled in five MVP awards during his 13 seasons with the Chicago Bulls, and the Los Angeles Dodgers may have pulled off five consecutive rookie of the year awards last decade, but one thing they don't have is the top honor — a M u e n c h Award. I present to you the inaugural edition of the M u e n c h Awards. This column will feature some



Matt Muench
Staff Writer

of the people, teams and organizations of this season that I think are worth Muenchioning.

• Smartest person: The first Muench goes to Texas Tech Marketing and Promotions Director Steve

Sullivan. After just three months on the job, Sullivan fired cheerleading coaches Michael and Kristen Carver in March. Sullivan recognized that the Carver's may have been good coaches but believed they didn't support Tech as much as they did their own cheerleading company in town. Someone once told me that Tech should not even have cheerleaders. I agree. Sure, they are pretty and all, but really, is there a use for them? The crowd does not need them to get pumped up. Maybe someone will get a Muench Award next year if they decide to cut the cheerleading program.

• Top organization: Sorry, Saddle Tramps. If you give up your seats, you may get a Muench, but the Court Jesters win the Muench this year. The band is known for their witty and original comments during basketball games. What I liked about the Jesters this season is when they stole the show from Beale Street performers in Memphis, Tenn., when they traveled with the Lady Raiders to the Elite Eight.

• Best person to interview: Lady

Raider coach Marsha Sharp now can add another award to her trophy case. Sharp always had something new to say. She never said clichés we always hear other coaches say. And she always speaks the truth.

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During an interview about Lady Raider Melinda Schmucker-Pharies, I asked Sharp if “Shmick” was WNBA material. She said she would like to see her get drafted but did not think she would get in because of her

shooting. Sharp was right.

• Best quote I heard in an interview: After the Lady Raiders defeated Tulane to advance to the Sweet 16 of the NCAA Tournament, Tech forward Keitha Dickerson said, “I have always wanted to go to Elvis’ house.” Well, I went to his house, and it was nothing special. I didn't even get to see the bathroom he died in.

• Best game I attended: The Muench goes to the football team for their upset victory against Texas A&M. Not once have I been to a game where people were even sitting in the aisles. The one thing I enjoyed about the whole upset ordeal was when I fooled many people into saying I was the one hanging on the goal post in the picture everyone saw in the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal the following morning.

• Team that looks like they have the most fun: Oddly enough, the Muench goes to the softball team. Although they have more than 30 losses this season, they always have smiles on their face. I guess winning is not everything for them.

• Thing I hated the most: Going to the softball games and hearing both teams singing in the dugouts during the game. Not only were the songs terrible, it sounded terrible. What made it worse was I had the songs stuck in my head all day. There are only two times during a ball game they should be singing — during the National Anthem and the seventh-inning stretch.

• Strangest people: Wreckem.com users receive the Muench for this category. Most of these users are alumni while the creator is a Tech student. They are so tied up into Tech sports they sit on the computer and post messages about the Red Raiders ranging from recruits to the latest games. It is good that they support Tech sports, but I think they take it too far when the Web site is their life. And everyone thought teen-agers these days were computer nerds.

• My best friend: James Dickey. See you next season.

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Raiders close out regular season today

The Red Raider softball team will close out the regular season when it plays a doubleheader at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. today in College Station against the Texas A&M Aggies.

This is a crucial series for the Red Raiders (17-33 overall, 6-9 Big 12) because their performance will show where they will stand for postseason play.

The top six teams in the Big 12 Conference get automatic bids to the Big 12 Tournament on May 10-13 in Oklahoma City, Okla.

Tech sits in sixth place, and with a sweep against the Aggies, the Raiders could move to fourth place.

However, all they need is one win to clinch a berth into the tournament.

If the Raiders lose both games against the fifth-place Aggies, Tech will have to play a one-game play-off against Iowa State to secure a spot in the tournament.

The Raiders will bring Amanda Renfro and Dana Yocum to the mound as Renfro will try and win the Big 12 strikeout crown for the second straight year.

Renfro is the team's ace leading the team in ERA, wins, and strikeouts.

She also has pitched a Big 12 Conference-high 30 complete games.

Texas A & M stands near the middle of the pack in conference statistics when it comes to batting averages (fifth, .267) and ERA (fifth, 1.92). However, the Aggies boast a pair of the top bats in the conference and a pitcher who is having an outstanding year. Selena Collins is hitting .338 with five home runs as a freshman, and teammate Angie Long is hitting .320.

Tech is led by center fielder, Sandy Butler who leads the team in batting average with a .282 percentage. Butler also leads the team with 17



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stolen bases on the season. Today's game will be the last regular season contest for three Red Raider seniors.

Catcher Kristi Tunnell, shortstop Paula Workman and first baseman Tamara Harrington will suit up for

the last time. Workman also will be trying to extend her hitting streak to eight games this season. If she can complete that feat it will be the longest streak for the Red Raiders this season.

NASCAR hands down penalties

(AP) — NASCAR hit the Penske-Kranefuss team with tough penalties Tuesday — a fine, loss of points and suspension — for using illegal fuel during an April 16 race in Talladega, Ala.

Driver Jeremy Mayfield was stripped of 151 points, dropping him from seventh to 14th in the standings. Michael Kranefuss, who operates the team co-owned by Roger Penske, was fined \$50,000, matching the second-biggest fine in NASCAR history. Crew chief Peter Sospenzo was suspended until June 6 and will miss three Winston Cup races.

NASCAR discovered an improper additive — an oxygen enhancer — in the fuel tank of Mayfield's Ford Taurus following a 14th-place finish at Talladega Super-speedway.

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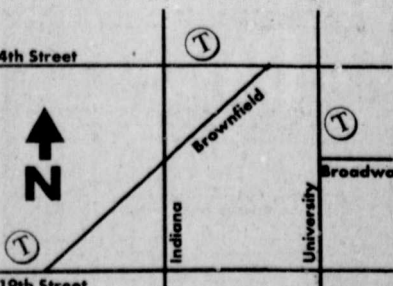


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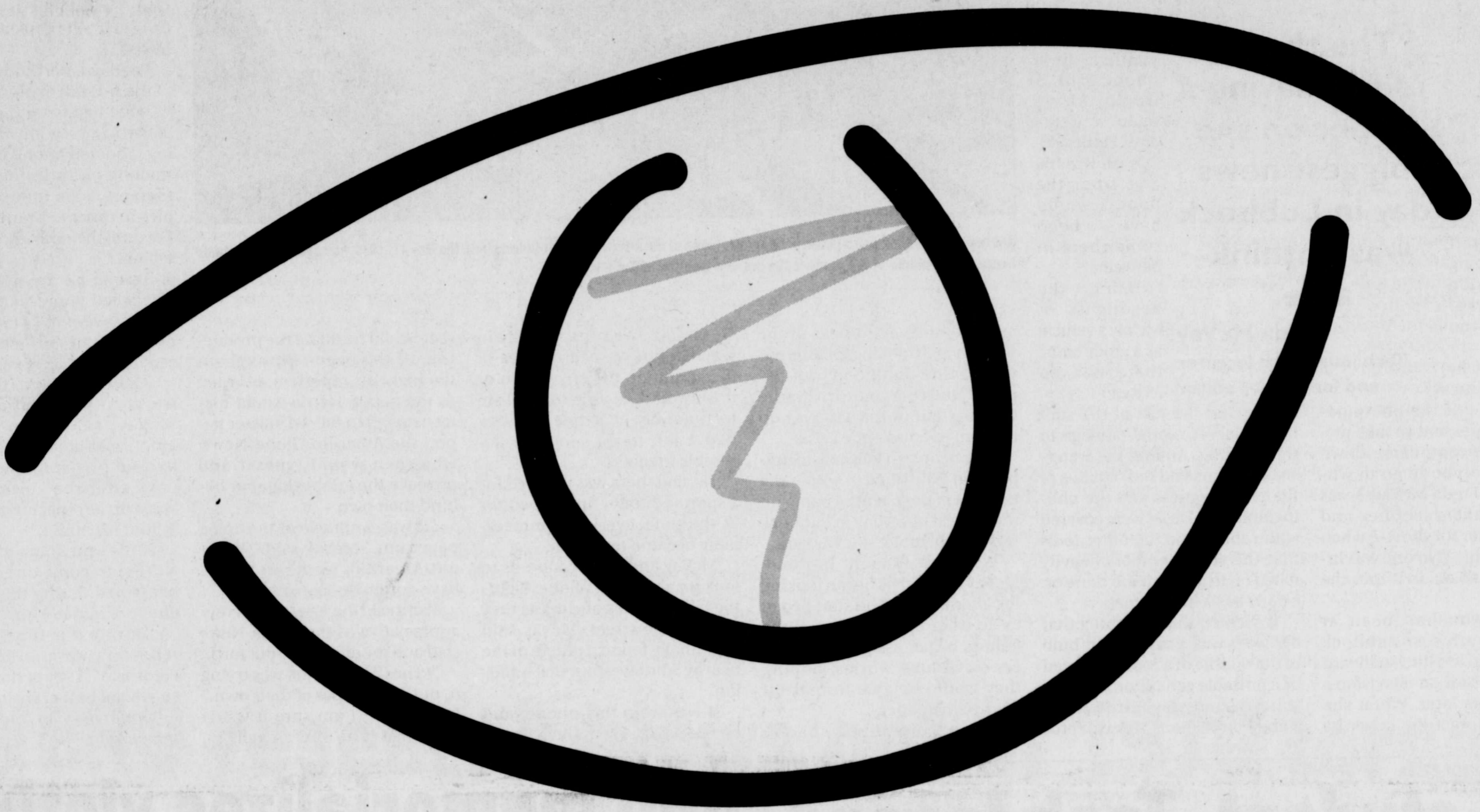
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On May 11, 1970, Lubbock saw the worst damage in its history when a pair of
tornados wiped out most of its downtown area. Twenty-six people were killed and
numerous injured and an estimated \$135 million in damage was done. Although
Texas Tech did suffer some damage, it was nothing compared to the destruction
the storm caused the city. In the wake of the storm, though, Tech's claim to fame
has been its world-renowned Wind Engineering Research Center.



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'The biggest news day in Lubbock'

by Pam Smith
Contributing Writer

During times of crisis, people can turn to the few professions who have the duty and skills to step forward and shine in order to help the rest of the community out — the police, the American Red Cross, local hospital staffs and the press.

On the night of May 11, 1970, the staff of the *Lubbock Avalanche-Journal* had their chance to shine, despite a direct hit by a tornado.

At 9:46 p.m. that Monday, during the newspaper's night shift, a reported F-5 tornado made a direct hit on the two-story building where the *A-J* staff worked, ripping off an outside wall and part of the roof of the building.

"Someone at the last minute, possibly one of the photographers who was sent to take pictures on the roof, came down and had everybody go downstairs," said Freda McVay, Texas Tech journalism lecturer and features editor for the *A-J*, when the tornado hit. "No one was injured. They all made it into the basement."

McVay, who had been at home in southwest Lubbock when the tornado hit, had heard about the twister on television a few moments later. When she could not contact the paper by

telephone, she immediately drove to the paper to assess the situation.

"Water was pouring down," McVay said. "The second floor, where the news production office was located, was waist high (in water). I had to hold on to the banister because the water was so strong."

Burle Pettit, editor emeritus of the *A-J* and sports editor at the time the tornado hit, had given up on a call he was expecting and was on his way out the door when the tornado hit.

"I was almost out the door — had I not been waiting on a phone call, I would have been a casualty," Pettit said. "My car was 100 feet from the door, I would have been somewhere in between."

Using the headlights of McVay's vehicle as a guide since there was no electricity,

McVay and the rest of the staff began surveying the damage to the building. Among the water-soaked floors laid the remains of the printing press and the photography lab. Desks were covered with rubble, and the other tools that the staff members heavily relied on to get their job done on a daily basis were ruined.

It seemed the only thing that did work was a single light bulb in the middle of a room powered by a portable generator. With the paper in ruins, Jay Harris, managing editor then, McVay, Pettit



Sporadic destruction can be seen in this photo taken of the aftermath on Broadway from the May 11, 1970, tornado. The devastated house in the middle of the photo is the present location of Gardski's Loft.

"The thought of not having a paper on the biggest news day in Lubbock was unthinkable."

Freda McVay
Tech journalism lecturer and former *A-J* editor

and the business officer of the paper began looking for alternative ways to produce a newspaper. Since then editor Charlie Guy was out of town, it was up to them to handle the crisis.

"For people in journalism, (reporting) is instilled in you — the thought of not having a paper on the biggest news day in Lubbock was unthinkable," McVay said.

With that thought in mind, McVay and Harris began looking for alternatives. The staff began to do what they did best — the editors began assigning reporters to various stories, hoping they would be able to make it back to the paper.

"It was organized chaos,"

Pettit said. "We knew we were in trouble, but we had no idea of the condition the city was in or if we would be able to publish. Instinctively, everyone knew we had a job to do — so we assembled teams."

He said there was no need for a sports editor or fine arts editor at the time, everyone immediately became reporters.

McVay and Harris' job was to look for a working phone. Fighting falling panes of glass as they crossed the street, McVay said they finally found a phone in the nearby Southwestern Bell building.

It was from this phone, and one at KFYO-FM radio station,

that would facilitate the production of the paper. Throughout the night, as reporters returned to the paper, Harris would dictate stories to the *A-J*'s sister paper, the *Amarillo Globe-News*, who then would typeset and produce the Lubbock paper behind their own.

"It was a miracle of putting a paper out," McVay said. "Without Amarillo, we never would have gotten the paper out."

Pettit said the *A-J* staff was very appreciative of the *Globe-News* staff and the effort they put forth.

"(The *Globe-News*) was trying to put out a paper of their own," Pettit said. "I am sure it was a challenge to do ours as well."

However, the newspaper was delivered to people's homes around 2 p.m.

The next day's sunlight also allowed the reporters to see the full extent of the damage to the downtown area for the first time.

"It looked like it was two different cities," McVay said. "One looked like it was hit by an A-bomb, the other was untouched."

Pettit described the aftermath as a war zone.

"It was all very exciting," Pettit said. "Adrenaline is a powerful drug... it puts you on a high in a hurry."

For days afterwards, members of the *A-J* staff worked on stories in what had been the classified advertising section of the building. The newspaper began contracting out printing and photography jobs to local companies in order to produce the paper until their own facilities were repaired.

Among all the news stories published about damages and injuries were the human-interest stories of the survivors who ran for weeks afterward.

"One of the stories that I wrote was about a lumberyard owner," McVay said. "One of his employee's houses had been destroyed by the tornado. In the days after the storm, he and some of the other lumber people rebuilt his house."

Pettit said some of the best writing to come out of the *A-J* happened during the 48 hours after the tornado hit.

"During this time, ordinary reporters up another level," Pettit said. "They performed way above the best of their ability."

Jamie Laubhan contributed to this story.

Ex-student, Tech legend remember 1970 tornado

by Kevin McEwen
Staff Writer

It has been 30 years since a tornado touched down at Texas Tech. The damage from the May 11, 1970, twister has been fixed, but the memory remains for one former Red Raider.

Steven Souter, a 1971 graduate from the Tech College of Architecture, was a resident assistant at Murdough Residence Hall at the time.

"Finals were over, and I was one of only about six to eight students still in the dorm," Souter said. "I had heard earlier in the day that there was a storm warning issued that night, but the weather in Lubbock in May is pretty unpredictable, so I hadn't paid much attention to it."

As Souter packed up for his return to his hometown of El Paso, the weather began to change, and he listened for a bulletin on the radio.

"I noticed the wind was getting stronger and stronger outside," Souter said. "I turned on the radio, but the power went out before I could find any weather information. I opened my blinds, and I saw a telephone pole bouncing end to end across the lawn next to the dorm."

The winds continued to grow stronger, so Souter met up with the other RAs from Stangel/Murdough Residence Complex and made their way to the basement of Murdough. From there, they listened and waited.

"We could hear glass breaking, and the wind roaring — even in the basement," he said. "I'll never forget the ominous noise — almost like a freight train. We stayed there until the

"Everything was devastated, and it was like a bomb had dropped — total destruction."

Bill Dean
Ex-Students Association

noise died down, and we went back upstairs."

Within a few minutes, campus security arrived and took down the names of everyone. The RAs then helped campus security check the hall for other students.

The next day, Souter witnessed exactly what kind of damage had been done to his car.

"A light pole had fallen over it, and there was a metal trash can smashed through the back window," Souter said. "There was a wheel from a bike rammed through the front grill. Most of the windows were broken. It looked like someone had beaten it with a hammer."

Souter said he then noticed the damage the tornado had wreaked on the rest of the campus.

"The tornado had just hit the edge of the campus but had cut a huge sheath between the campus and downtown," Souter said. "It looked like entire blocks had been completely cleared. Water was running everywhere from broken pipes. There was a large church where all that had been left was the organ pipes and the raised platform where the choir used to sing."

Despite the destruction the tornado had brought upon Lubbock, Souter said he still believes

it could have been worse.

Another alumni who remembers the fatal tornado is Bill Dean, a professor in the School of Mass Communications and executive vice president and chief executive officer of the Ex-Students Association.

"The tornado knocked all the radio stations' power out but not the television stations," Dean said. "If a person wasn't watching TV that night, they wouldn't have known what happened."

Dean said the weather that day was quite unusual.

"It was a very hot and humid day, which was unusual for Lubbock at that time of year," he said.

Dean was the director of Student Publications at the time and said the tornado was very destructive.

"The tornado hit a mile from where (Loop 289) intersected (Highway 87), now I-27," Dean said. "Everything was devastated, and it was like a bomb had dropped — total destruction."

Dean said he received the tornado warning at a very inconvenient time.

"I was in the shower and heard the announcement that there was a tornado on the ground in downtown Lubbock," he said.

Souter said if the tornado hit a few days earlier, there may have been more fatalities.

"It was so fortunate that it had happened after classes had been out, or the death toll would have been many, many more," Souter said. "The campus came through pretty well. All-in-all, Texas Tech was very, very fortunate."

Jennifer Bailey and Kelsey Walter contributed to this story.

RHC memorializes victims

by Jeff Keller
Assistant Sports Editor

It seems fitting that a windmill sits atop the central mound at the Ranching Heritage Center.

After all, part of the ground that makes up the mound was provided by debris from a powerful display of wind and Mother Nature that hit Lubbock on May 11, 1970.

The tornado tore through the middle of the Hub City, damaging buildings throughout the city and the Texas Tech campus.

Much of the debris left over from the tornado damage was taken to either the area which is now the Berl Huffman Softball Complex or the windmill mound of the RHC.

Tech Grounds Maintenance Director Dewey Shroyer worked on the cleanup effort and said it took most of the summer of 1970 to finish moving the debris.

"We worked on it for most of that summer," Shroyer said. "We used dump trucks and loaders to move the debris."

Some of the debris was taken to the windmill site because it was much closer than the Berl Huffman site, he said.

"It took a lot less time to move it across to where the mound is," Shroyer said. "It was also a lot cheaper to move it there than the Berl Huffman site, which is where most of the debris went."

The tornado did more than just damage buildings around Lubbock, it also claimed the lives of 26 Lubbock residents.

In an effort to honor the memories of those fallen citizens, former Lubbock Mayor Jim Granberry decided to assemble the Citizen's Advisory Commission for Rehabilitation.

A.C. Verner headed the committee, and they helped to gather support for local legislation in August 1970, which would eventually result in the construction of the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center.

The center was built right in the heart of downtown, in an area that was destroyed by the tornado.



Nills and windmills adorn the grounds of the Ranching heritage Center. Some of the mounds at the RHC are made from debris of the May 11, 1970, tornado destruction.

On March 2, 1977, the memorial was finished, and dedication and ribbon-cutting ceremonies completed the construction.

The 300,000-square foot facility came complete with a theatre, exhibit hall, banquet hall, 12 meeting rooms and appropriately enough, a foul weather convenience entrance.

The Civic Center housed grand-opening events March 2 through March 13, 1977.

Banquets and dances were held in the banquet hall in the first week, and Waylon Jennings played a concert in the exhibit hall.

The Lubbock Symphony Orchestra christened the theatre portion of the Civic Center with a tribute to the music of Henry

Mancini. And on March 13, 1977, festivities concluded with a Holiday on Ice Extravaganza in the exhibit hall.

With the completion of the Civic Center, the community of Lubbock had realized it had joined together to make a reality.

Jim Bertram was the director of planning for the city of Lubbock at the time of the opening of the Civic Center.

Bertram summed up the feeling among Lubbock citizens at the opening of the Civic Center.

"I think Lubbock grew up a lot in the period following the tornado," Bertram said. "The city grew up more in that 10-year period than it has at any other time I think."

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Tech team swarms spring storms

by Kelsey Walter
Staff Writer

Of all places to live in the world, Mark Conder said there is no way he would ever live outside Tornado Alley.

Conder, a graduate student from Denver, joined Texas Tech's atmospheric science team with hopes of gaining more knowledge of what fascinates him the most — twisters.

As part of the group since 1997, Conder is a member of Tech's storm chasing team. He tracks tornados every chance he gets.

The storm chasing team is made up of 14 graduate students in the atmospheric science department. Conder said there are times when undergraduates are allowed to go on trips, but it's not very often.

Conder said Tech's storm chasing team was the first established in Texas schools.

The Department of Civil Engineering supports the team when possible, supplying them with funding when needed.

"This is such a great area for chasing," Conder said.

He said the team on average usually goes out about once a week, but sometimes, the main focus is not on a tornado.

"Sometimes our trips are for experimental research," Conder said.

Although Conder admits it is sometimes boring, he said a lot of the job is sitting around and waiting for something to pop up.

Conder said it is extremely important to follow the dry line, which starts west of Lubbock.

Tornado Alley consists of areas in Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas and Nebraska, where a tornado most likely will occur.

"Rarely do we go further north than Oklahoma," Conder said.

He said tornado season starts rather early in Lubbock and lasts from late March until mid-June. He said the most active time period of the season is from late April to late May.

"Around the end of June, storms generally shift to the north to Kansas and Nebraska," he said.

Among several necessities that make studying tornados so fascinating for this group are maps, cellular phones, video cameras and hand-held anemometers used to measure wind speed.

Conder said the team uses the Internet, along with help from several weather services across the South Plains.

Before making a run, team members must analyze all the data they have compiled. Another team member stays behind and watch radar so the team will know where to go once it is out in the field.

Conder said on a normal chase, two or three cars are taken with a maximum of four people in each vehicle.

There are several rules a storm chaser must follow.

He said it is important to never go alone and travel on dirt roads.

"It is too difficult to navigate if you are by yourself," he said.

Amid the dozens of rural county roads throughout Lubbock County, it is important the



A wall cloud forms north of the Texas Tech campus. Mark Conder, a Tech graduate student from Denver and member of the storm chasing team, said his main duty is to chase dangerous storms while trying to gather information for future research.

team members know where they are.

"We never try to get too close," Conder said. "The more you go out and experience real tornados, the safer you are going to be because a person will develop a better understanding of the storms. Time is always your enemy."

As a means of gaining additional knowledge about tornado wind speed, pressure and other characteristics, the team uses a weather van to launch weather balloons into an area where severe weather is likely to occur. The balloons are released into the air near a dry line or a super cell where they can be most effective.

On their trips, chasers carry a data transmitter to help them determine how a storm is forming.

"The transmitter tells us a lot about the atmospheric environment where the storm is forming," Conder said. "It gives us a good idea of what the storm might be capable of."

Sam Ng, a graduate student from Philadelphia, said love for the weather is the most unique part about the members.

"It helps to spread the Tech name out to the remote surrounding area," he said. "It is our responsibility to chase dangerous storms while trying to gather information for future research."

While Ng has not been on a

live tornado chase, he said he will do whatever it takes to help and improve the team.

Albert Pietrycha has been a team member for four years and has participated in the researching aspect of tornados in the lab. He has witnessed more than 100 tornados and has been caught in three.

"I am not a storm chaser," Pietrycha said. "I'm a storm connoisseur."

He said the team is the next phase in the scientific community's efforts in understanding tornado genesis and severe storms.

"With time, what we learn will have a positive impact on all communities," Pietrycha said.

WERC research blows out of 1970 tornado

by Charlie Milling
Staff Writer

Many students consider the wind a nuisance, but researchers at Texas Tech see opportunities in the wind.

Researchers at Tech's Wind Engineering Research Center study every component and every possible characteristic of wind they can find.

"It is a multidimensional project," said Kishor Mehta, director of the Wind Engineering Research Center. "The researchers cover many fields and come from many different departments. Some include architecture, economics, mathematics, statistics, civil engineering and mechanical engineering."

Though the center was formed in 1988, research already was being conducted.

"It really started back with the famous Lubbock tornado in 1970," Mehta said. "That was intense. Scientists from Tech's Institute for Disaster Research looked at the damage, and from there, the whole concept of wind research started growing."

IDR has since been incorporated into the Wind Engineering Research Center.

Scientists focus on extreme winds and its effects on the environment and conduct studies exploring tornados, hurricanes and other extreme winds.

Researchers from IDR perform wind engineering research on the interaction between wind and structures and disseminates the information for professional use.

"The IDR is very instrumental in collecting information from the aftermath of a severe storm," Mehta said. "That is only one important aspect of what we go through."

The research center has seven major areas in which it conducts research on everything from wind erosion to the effects of strong winds on buildings.

In 1998, Tech allotted funds to build a wind tunnel. The tunnel is divided into two sections: a boundary layer section and an aerodynamic section.

Chris Letchford, research professor of civil engineering, conducts research with the wind tunnel.

He said the maximum winds the tunnel generates are up to 120 mph.

"What we do is put up models of buildings ... and then generate the winds," Letchford said. "From that, we can tell certain effects."

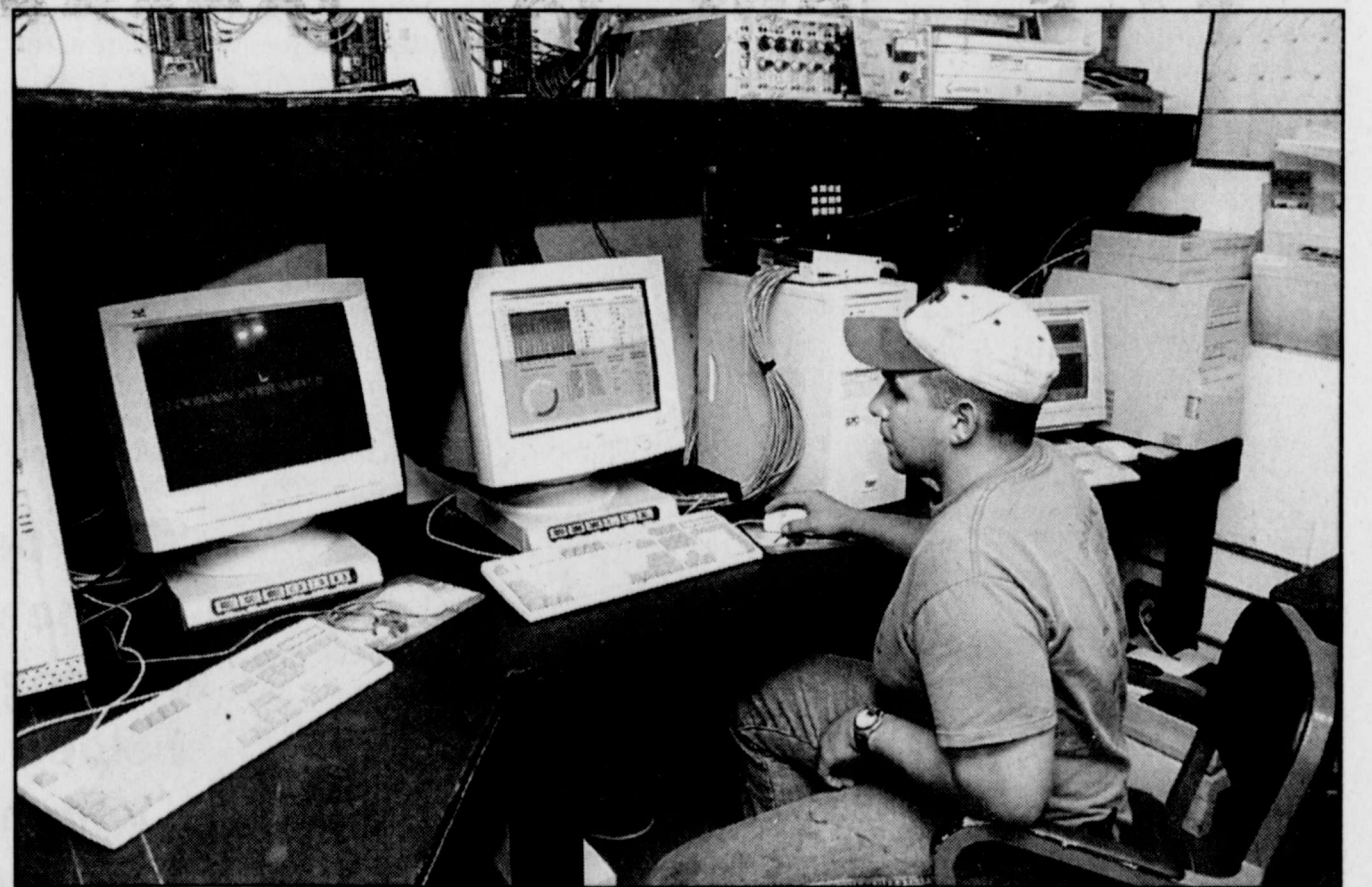
The Wind Engineering Research Center also offers many opportunities for graduate work.

Mike Chaye, a graduate student from Brisbane, Australia, who conducts research on microbursts in the wind tunnel, said he always has been fascinated by thunderstorms.

"Texas Tech and Lubbock have given me with a great arena to work in," Chaye said. "What I do is try to make microbursts in the wind tunnel. I just started this is my first semester at Texas Tech."

Scientists from the research center also look at the properties of wind, including its speed and energy it creates.

The center offers a library that has more than 4,500 articles dealing with tornados, hurricanes and thunderstorms, almost anything having to do with



Wind Engineering Research Technician Tony Rodriguez checks data at the computer data processing room inside the Wind Research building. The center has seven major areas in which scientists conduct research on wind effects.

wind. "I am very proud of the center, and everyone who has com-

mitted their efforts to it," Mehta said. "I feel we have been instrumental in our research efforts

and what we have accomplished. The future shows much promise."

Communities depend on eyes of volunteers

by Alicia Field
Staff Writer

With their eyes on the sky, weather watchers and storm spotters measure more than rainfall and wind speed.

These volunteers from the community are an integral part of the National Weather Service and the lives of those living in the community.

Albert Pietrycha is a meteorologist from the National Severe Storms Lab in Norman, Okla., and a research assistant in the Department of Atmospheric Science at Texas Tech.

Pietrycha said most storm spotters are volunteers, usually amateur hand-radio operators, and many also are law enforcement officials and firefighters.

"They're there to assist their own community," he said.

Pietrycha, a storm spotter for 10 years, said storm spotters are trained by the National Weather Service, and mobile spotters drive around areas that are in danger of severe weather.

Spotters call the National Weather Service with weather information for their area when conditions become likely for a storm.

"The best asset is their eyes," Pietrycha said.

In the past 15 years, efforts have increased to warn citizens of severe weather, especially in the area east of the front range of the Rockies known as Tornado Alley.

"There is a rhyme and a reason to storms — they're very



Storm Spotters

well-structured," Pietrycha said. Storm spotters have a general understanding of storms and measure wind speed, hail size and watch for flash flooding in their area.

"The more education a spotter has, the greater chance of keeping themselves and others safe and providing accurate information to the weather service," he said.

In rural areas especially,

storm spotters are essential to disseminating information, Pietrycha said.

"Storm spotters are a tremendous asset — they complement what is seen on the radar," he said.

Kevin Smith, KLBK-TV weather forecaster, said weather watchers also are an integral part of storm spotting, and they help the television stations with their weather coverage.

"They help us to utilize our system better," Smith said.

Weather watchers are citizens who volunteer to measure elements of weather such as wind and rain by taking periodic measurements with wind and rain gauges in their backyards, Smith said.

"They're intrigued by weather,

and they love to do it," he said.

Giving citizens a localized view of weather conditions, watchers are most significant to the area they live in.

With the aid of radios, cell phones and other equipment, storm chasers actually pursue storms and report the movement of the storm minute-by-minute.

Smith said most storm chasers take a class prior to storm chasing and are paid for their work. He also said many chase storms as a hobby.

Even though weather watchers and storm spotters do not chase the actual storms, they can make a difference in notifying the community of possible dangerous weather conditions, said Bruce Haynie, a storm spotter

and research associate with Tech's Department of Atmospheric Science.

"Spotters can give from one minute to 30 minutes of warning time," Haynie said.

Information collected from storm spotters is reported directly to the National Weather Service in Lubbock, and spotters pay particular attention to large hail and wind speed. Rotating wall clouds also are watched as they favor conditions for a tornado.

"People who want to become spotters are trained for a year before they begin," Haynie said.

Storm spotters come from all walks of life, Haynie said, and are located everywhere.

"Their main goal is the protection of life and property," he said.

Campus part of volatile Tornado Alley region

1950-1999
Reported Tornadoes

County	Number
Parmer	39
Castro	42
Swisher	49
Briscoe	26
Hall	34
Childress	19
Bailey	46
Lamb	70
Hale	105
Floyd	34
Motley	17
Cottle	18
Cochran	25
Hockley	48
Lubbock	67
Crosby	43
Dickens	23
King	16
Yoakum	20
Terry	25
Lynn	35
Garza	17
Kent	12
Stonewall	17

by Matt Muench
Staff Writer

When most people think about earthquakes, they think of the West Coast. When people think about hurricanes, they think of the East Coast.

But in this region of the United States, people think of tornados. Texas is one of four states that lie in a region of the world that is hit by twisters more frequently than any other area.

This territory is called Tornado Alley, and Brian Hughes, Texas Tech student and KCBD-TV severe weather coordinator, said this is one of the most dangerous places to live in the world.

"This is a region that is very volatile to natural disasters," he said. "It is definitely dangerous to live here."

Tornado Alley encompasses the states of Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas and Nebraska.

Although no state in the United States is entirely free of tornados, they are most frequent in the Plains area between the Rocky Mountains and Appalachians.

Hughes said tornados occur in

Tornado Alley because the flat land allows cold, dry polar air from Canada to meet warm, moist tropical air from the Gulf of Mexico. When the two air masses collide, it forms a tornado.

In the Lubbock area, between 900 and 1,000 tornados have been reported since 1950. The counties of Lamb and Hale have been hit the most with 70 and 105 tornados, respectively.

Hughes said it is just a case of bad luck for Hale and Lamb counties.

Lubbock County is in a close third with a frequency of 67 tornados or about 1.4 per year.

Hughes said a tornado can strike in this area at any time because there are no mountains in this area.

"A tornado can strike any time in this region," Hughes said. "We are just lucky that we have the technology to detect the tornado before it hits."

In Tornado Alley, more than half of the tornados detected occurred in the months of May and June and within the hours of 5 p.m. and midnight.

Hughes said these months are hit most because of the changing of seasons.



Houses and automobiles sustained considerable damage during the tornado that hit Lubbock in 1970. The South Plains are part of Tornado Alley, a region of the United States where conditions are favorable for severe weather and tornados.

"These months are more volatile than any other because there are more wind changes from the transition between the seasons," he said.

The winter months are affected the least because the air is more dry.

Although living in Tornado Alley may be frightening, some Tech students say they would rather live here than any other natural

disaster area.

"A lot of times, most tornados are not dangerous," said Sam Steen, a freshman business major from Wichita Falls. "Hurricanes and earthquakes cause more damage."

Steen also said he sometimes thinks about the damage that could occur.

"Of course I think about it because it could happen at any

time," he said. "But it is something I don't think about every day. I guess it is just normal."

Hughes said he thinks a tornado is more dangerous than a hurricane because winds can reach up to 318 mph, compared to a hurricane's possible 150 mph speed.

"I think tornados are more dangerous, but it really depends on where it hits," Hughes said.

La Niña contributes to severe weather

by Patrick Gonzales
Sports Editor

With the summer months approaching, Texas Tech students may experience more severe weather than they are used to.

The reason: "A little girl," known in weather terms as La Niña.

In a La Niña weather year, such as this year, the Pacific Ocean is characterized by unusually cold temperatures, bringing wetter conditions to the northern United States and warmer, dryer conditions to the southern tier of the country.

An example of the effect of La Niña was during last year's winter season, said KLBK-TV weather forecaster Kevin Smith.

While the Lubbock region experienced a very mild winter, the northern part of the United States was slammed by winter storms.

This mild winter could make for an interesting severe weather season for the Lubbock area, Smith said.

In a typical winter season, the arctic fronts work down to the southern tier of the United States, forcing most of the accumulated moisture in the Gulf of Mexico further south.

However, during a La Niña year, the colder ocean waters force the arctic fronts to stay in the northern half of the United States, therefore, making all the accumulated moisture in the Gulf of Mexico available during severe weather season.

"It just makes you wonder what type of severe weather we could have with the Gulf of Mexico so ripe," said Smith, a 1999 Tech graduate. "There were days in January that I saw dew points in the 70s, and all that moisture is available during severe weather season."

However, a La Niña weather system does not occur every year. In fact, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association, from 1904 to 2000, there have been only 16 La Niña weather patterns.

One of those patterns occurred in 1970, the same year Lubbock experienced a deadly tornado on May 11. Twenty-six people died during that twister, which Smith said registered as an F5 on the Fujita Scale.

Even though three decades has passed since that deadly storm, Smith said it is only a matter of time before another F5 twister makes its way to the Hub City.

"I don't want to scare anybody, but I do predict if not this year, then next year or the year after, we're going to have another F5 tornado hit Lubbock," Smith said. "It is just a matter of time, especially in a year like this — a La Niña year."

A typical severe weather season begins in late March and can last until early or mid-June, Smith said.

But, in this year's La Niña year, Lubbock already has experienced some severe weather, he said.

"Lubbock registered a Potential Dangerous Situation or PDS, in the second week of February, which I had never seen before," Smith said. "And some places like Fort Worth have already gotten a wake-up call, so we need to be prepared."

Tech student Randall Martin is one person who does not need a wake-up call. Martin, a junior marketing major from Fort Worth, visited his hometown a few days after it was hit by the deadly storm.

"It was the most craziest thing I've seen in my entire life," said Martin, whose family and home was not harmed. "There were cars turned over and windows blown out of buildings. It is really a scary sight — one that everyone must see."

For that reason, Martin said every student should be aware of La Niña, and the damage it could bring.

"It's not just coincidence that Lubbock's last tornado happened in a La Niña year," he said. "I've seen damage firsthand, and believe me, it is not too fun."

When disaster strikes home

Red Cross volunteers help victims with loss

by Shannon Davis
Staff Writer

When disaster strikes, American Red Cross workers are at the scene supplying food, clothes and a place to stay to those in need.

Volunteers and employees of the Red Cross working across the country provide services to meet the needs of people in their communities.

Lubbock's Red Cross is ready at any moment in case a major disaster strikes, such as the tornado that tore through the Hub City on May 11, 1970.

The city and county have created a disaster plan which coordinates the government's resources, said Rosalyn Martinez, the director of emergency services at the Lubbock American Red Cross.

"We have trained Red Cross volunteers that come together to provide the best assistance we can offer," Martinez said.

The American Red Cross follows a procedure to offer assistance when a disaster occurs in a community.

If severe weather is predicted in the area, the Red Cross is paged and warned to start preparation. Volunteers come together to learn of the situation, decide



Red Cross volunteers stand next to the disaster truck after returning from Fort Worth to help with clean up efforts after the tornado there. The Red Cross provides assistance to those affected by natural disasters such as the tornado that ripped through the Hub City on May 11, 1970.

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what actions to take and split into groups where help is needed, Martinez said.

"The procedure we follow brings together volunteers without losing accountability," said William Jackson, director in

charge of the first aid and disaster action teams at the Lubbock American Red Cross. "We meet and split into teams to find the hardest-hit areas and where we need to go to first."

During a major disaster, police, emergency medical services, the fire department, city officials, Red Cross and others meet at the Emergency Operations Center to prepare.

After victims have been attended to, Red Cross volunteers begin to help victims pick up their lives and try to provide hope for them.

"Damage assessment is done first, which is providing for those people who need certain items

for survival," Martinez said. "This includes medical treatment and attention to meals and shelter."

The Red Cross then provides family services to families by donating daily medication, lost eye glasses and other personal needs. The cases that are taken in are left open for 30 days or more to offer services to those who still need it, Martinez said.

"Our aim is to get those people in need back on the road to recovery," she said.

Jackson said, despite the destruction surrounding a disaster like a tornado, he takes comfort in the fact that he has helped those in need.

"The best thing in the world is knowing that you helped a family who has lost everything," said the 26-year-old Tech student who is working on his EMS degree. "It is the greatest feeling to see a happy and thankful face from someone who has just received what they need to survive."

Training at the Red Cross is free and offered to anyone interested, said Martinez.

"Right now, we have 30 trained people who are on call 24 hours a day," she said. "We currently have others in training, and we hope to have more want to vol-

unteer."

Volunteers have a variety of jobs and opportunities to help during disasters. They may distribute vouchers so families can replace lost clothing, read to children at a temporary shelter or help cook dinner for 100 displaced families.

Once a volunteer has been trained and has gained experience, they may be asked to help victims meet long-term needs by replacing lost personal and household items and making damage assessments that will help the Red Cross and other government agencies offer lasting assistance.

"This is a good way to contribute to the community, and it is a pleasure to help people 24 hours a day," Martinez said. "We need more people who are bilingual and can speak Spanish."

The Red Cross is looking for volunteers in all areas, such as trained volunteers, clerical work, washing vehicles and other areas.

They also are interested in a group that would like to help volunteer with the organization, Martinez said.

For more information or to volunteer, call the American Red Cross in Lubbock at 765-8534.

Tornado tidbits

- Most tornados move from southwest to northeast.
- Ground speeds can vary from stationary to 70 mph.
- 800 tornados are reported each year.

Tornado myths: fact or fiction?

Fiction: Areas near rivers, lakes and mountains are safe from tornados.

Fact: No place is safe from tornados. In the late 1980s, a tornado swept through Yellowstone National Park leaving a path of destruction up and down a 10,000-foot mountain.

Fiction: The low pressure with a tornado causes buildings to "explode" as the tornado passes overhead.

Fact: Violent winds and debris slamming into buildings cause most structural damage.

Fiction: Windows should be opened before a tornado approaches to equalize pressure and minimize damage.

Fact: Opening windows allows damaging winds to enter the structure. Leave windows alone. Instead, immediately go to a safe place.

Warm air key for storms

Wind direction, speed also play into formation

by Jennifer Bailey
Staff Writer

Tornado season begins each February as the sun's warmth begins to return to the Western Hemisphere.

Thunderstorms develop in warm, moist air in advance of eastward-moving cold fronts. Those thunderstorms often produce large hail, strong winds and tornados.

According to the American Red Cross' preparedness guide, late winter and early spring tornados often arise with strong, frontal systems that form in the central United States and move east.

Generally, before thunderstorms develop, a change in wind direction and an increase in wind speed with increasing altitude creates an invisible, horizontal spinning effect in the lower atmosphere.

Rising air within the thunderstorm updraft tilts the rotating air from horizontal to vertical.

John Robison, chief meteorologist for KCBD-TV in Lubbock, said conditions for a tornado are favorable during a warm day.

"When the temperature is 70 degrees or higher, the air is unstable, and when a cold front comes through an area, the warm, unstable air and cold air clash, which creates or forms severe thunderstorms," Robison said.

A strong updraft, he said, creates pea- to marble-size hail, and if an intense updraft occurs, there possibly may be enough strength to create a tornado.

Robison said tornado season generally begins in mid-March, and peak hours for favorable tornadic conditions can occur

from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m., when daytime temperatures are their highest and moisture is less stable.

Tornados also can form during the early stages of thunderstorms and commonly are found around the Rocky Mountains, the Plains and the western states.

While most tornados occur during March through June, or severe weather season, the Red Cross' guide said tornados also can occur at any time during the year.

Robison said for the southern states, peak tornado seasons occur March through May, while the northern states see tornados during the summer.

The guide also states a secondary tornado season occurs in the fall.

The average tornado travels from southwest to northeast but can change direction at any time.

The average ground speed of a tornado is 30 mph, but it can vary from stationary to 70 mph.

The wind caused from tornadic action can appear translucent until it picks up dust and debris.

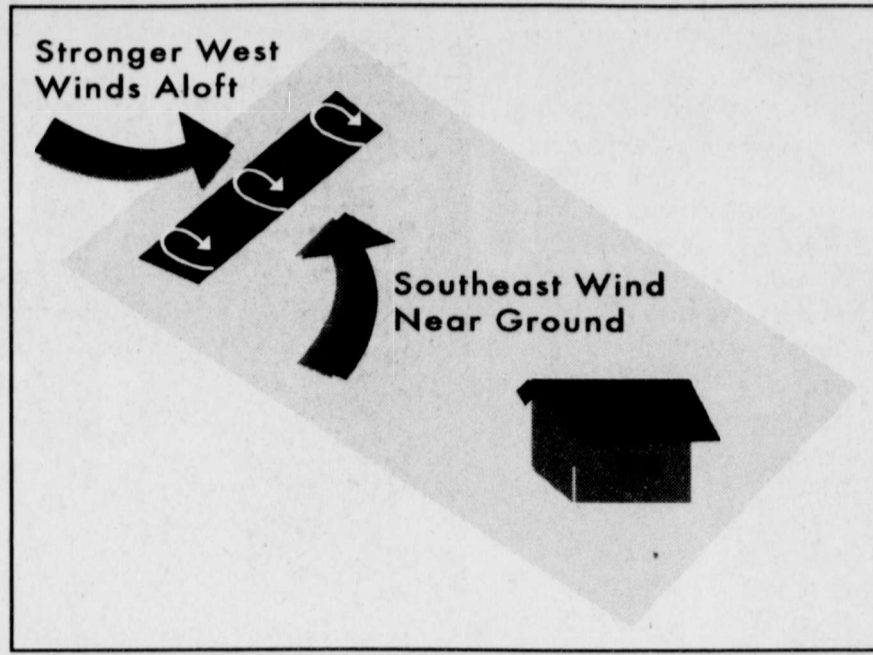
The guide also states most people have misconceptions about tornados and where they occur.

While most tornados occur on land, some can begin on water.

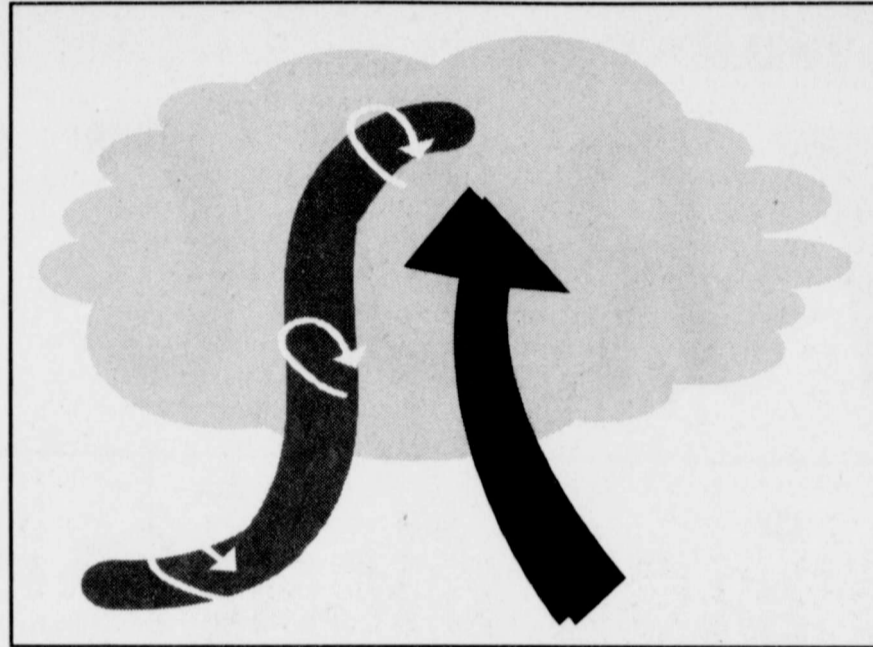
Waterspouts are weaker forms of a tornado that occur over water. These tornados are found along the Gulf Coast and southeastern sites.

Waterspouts generally move inland and become tornados.

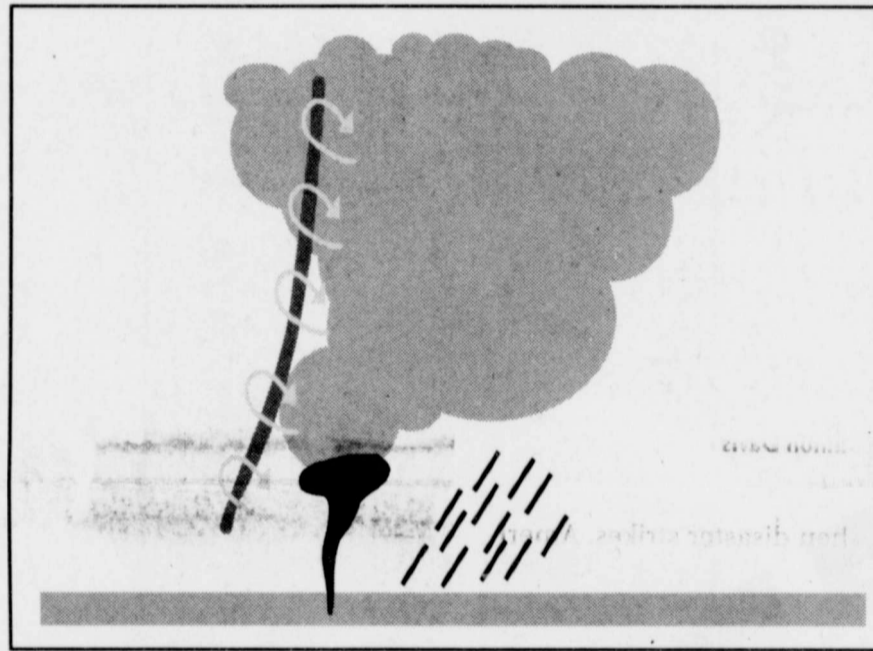
Robison said no matter what type of weather arises, people should always have a safety plan.



Before thunderstorms develop, a change in wind direction and an increase in wind speed with increasing height creates an invisible, horizontal spinning effect in the lower atmosphere.



Rising air within the thunderstorm updraft tilts the rotating air from horizontal to vertical.



An area of rotation, two to six miles wide, now extends through much of the storm. Most strong and violent tornados form within this area of strong rotation.

Tornado Safety Tips

If you are at home:

- Have a plan
- Monitor severe weather
- Go to a small interior room or closet
- Don't open windows

If you are at school:

- Have a plan
- Monitor severe weather
- Identify areas of relative safety
- Stay away from glass
- Avoid gymnasium
- Look above
- Stay at school

If you are in a car:

- Drive away from the tornado in wide open spaces
- Drive to a substantial building
- Seek shelter in a culvert (watch out for water)
- Get under an overpass or bridge
- A ditch is a last resort

If you are at a football game:

- Follow instructions of authorities
- Get out of stands
- Don't panic
- Seek shelter under the stands
- Be aware of tall light poles that could collapse
- Don't get in your vehicle

If you are at the mall:

- Seek small rooms; avoid open areas
- Stay away from glass
- Get under heavy furniture

source: Institute for Disaster Research, TTU

Tech campus prepared for disaster

by Michael Denton
Staff Writer

When it comes to safety from natural disasters like tornados, Texas Tech is prepared for an event well before it occurs.

Ever since the tornado that nearly destroyed Lubbock in 1970, Tech has been prepared for such a disaster, if it ever happens again.

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

Along with the siren system located on campus, Lubbock has done its best to prepare for a tornado by strongly supporting the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's weather radio system and local television

stations that invest in some of the most advanced Doppler radar systems.

"The main systems Lubbock depends on to warn people today are the televisions, radios and the NOAA radio system," said Ken Olson, emergency management coordinator for the city of Lubbock.

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

The device, costing between \$20 and \$100, is a way to keep up with severe weather warnings because the radios are programmed for certain counties and can inform people of severe weather that is far away and approaching.

"One advantage that Lubbock has over other places is that we

have such flat land around us, that we can see weather forming from miles away and know what is coming toward us well before it hits," Olson said.

Along with being prepared to warn students about a possible tornado, Tech is also well-built to handle a tornado.

"All of the residence halls have special locations in the basement ... that are especially made for shelter from tornados," Hale said.

If a tornado is approaching, Tech officials suggest students either enter a residence hall and go to the special area, or enter any building and move down to the basement away from windows.

"The safest place in a building is a main hall, in the basement of any building, and students should make sure they are away from windows to keep from getting cut by broken glass," Hale said.

STORM SAFETY

SIREN LOCATIONS

Chemistry
Mechanical Engineering
Student Rec Center
Drane Hall

**• ALL BUILDINGS ON CAMPUS
HAVE LOWER LEVELS WHERE
ONE MAY SEEK SHELTER**

What to do if threatening weather approaches

Each year, many people are killed or seriously injured by tornados despite advanced warning. Some may have not heard the warning while others received the warning but did not believe a tornado would actually affect them. Being prepared and informed during severe weather watches and warnings could save your life in the event that a tornado threatens your area.

After you have received the warning or observed threatening skies, you must make a decision to seek shelter before the storm arrives.

- In a home or building, move to a pre-designated shelter, such as a basement.
- If an underground shelter is not available, move to an interior room or hallway on the lowest floor and get

under a sturdy piece of furniture.

- Stay away from windows.
- Get out of automobiles.
- Do not try to outrun a tornado in your car; instead, leave it immediately.
- If caught outside or in a vehicle, lie flat in a nearby ditch or depression.
- Mobile homes, even if tied down, offer little protection from tornados and should be abandoned.

Occasionally, tornados develop so rapidly that advance warning is not possible. Remain alert for signs of an approaching tornado. Flying debris from tornados causes most deaths and injuries.

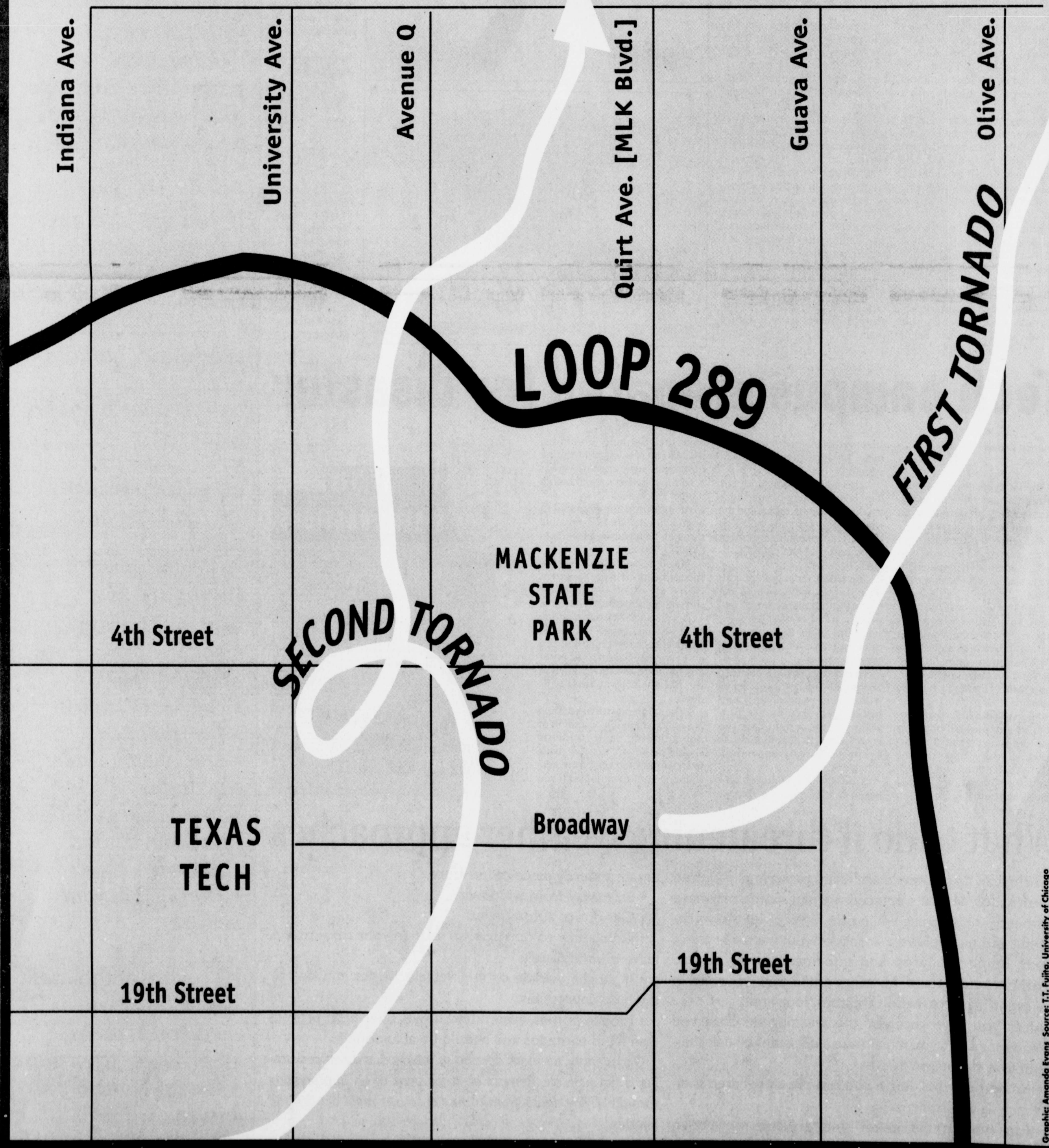
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