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STATE

Officer shoots teen after fearing for life

GARLAND (AP) — Fifteen-year-old Justin Scott Sanders was shot once by Patrol Officer D.S. Weand sometime after 6 a.m. when Sanders lunged at the officer while holding butcher knives, Garland police said in a news release. Sanders died about an hour later at Baylor Medical Center of Dallas.

The incident began about 6 a.m. when Weand arrived at the house for a disturbance call. Weand confronted Sanders inside the house and then chased him outside into an alley, repeatedly asking him to put the two knives down, police said.

After chasing him for a few minutes, Sanders lunged at the officer and Weand shot him, police said.

Hours after the shooting, family and friends of Sanders gathered at his home.

Tommy Ishak, 17, said Sanders had been arguing with his 14-year-old sister and was using the knives to chop up stereo speakers, teddy bears and golf clubs.

Golf clubs and stereo equipment were strewn across the front yard, police said.

NATIONAL

Fatal plane crash claims parents, son

RIXFORD, Pa. (AP) — A small plane crashed in the woods of northwestern Pennsylvania, killing a couple and their teen-age son.

The single-engine plane took off Sunday morning from Bradford, near the Pennsylvania-New York state line and about 70 miles southeast of Erie. It crashed a few minutes later several miles from the airport.

The pilot had radioed that he needed to return to the airport, said Jim Peters, a spokesman for the Federal Aviation Administration.

Police were awaiting dental records to identify the victims, but Josephine Pavel of Olean, N.Y., said Monday that her daughter's driver's license and her grandson's school papers were found in the wreckage.

Pavel said her daughter, son-in-law and grandson — JoEllen and Peter Sandek, both 49, and their 13-year-old son, Kyle — had left Olean earlier Sunday after a Thanksgiving visit to fly home to Atlanta. The Sandeks both recently retired from BellSouth, she said.

State Trooper David Smith said investigators did not yet know if bad weather throughout the day was a factor.

WORLD

Rainfall record set in England, Wales

LONDON (AP) — With a few days to go to soak up even more rain, England and Wales have already had the wettest autumn in more than 200 years, officials said Monday.

As of 9 a.m. Monday, England and Wales had an average of 18.46 inches of rain since Sept. 1, the Meteorological Office said.

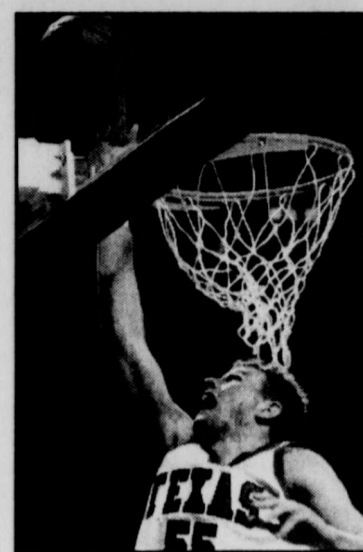
The total has beaten the 17.95 inches of rain recorded in 1852, which had been the highest total for September, October and November since record-keeping began in 1766. The average rainfall for the autumn is nine inches.

It rained again Monday afternoon in London. "There is yet more rain to come before the month ends," said Ewen McCallum head forecaster at the Met Office.



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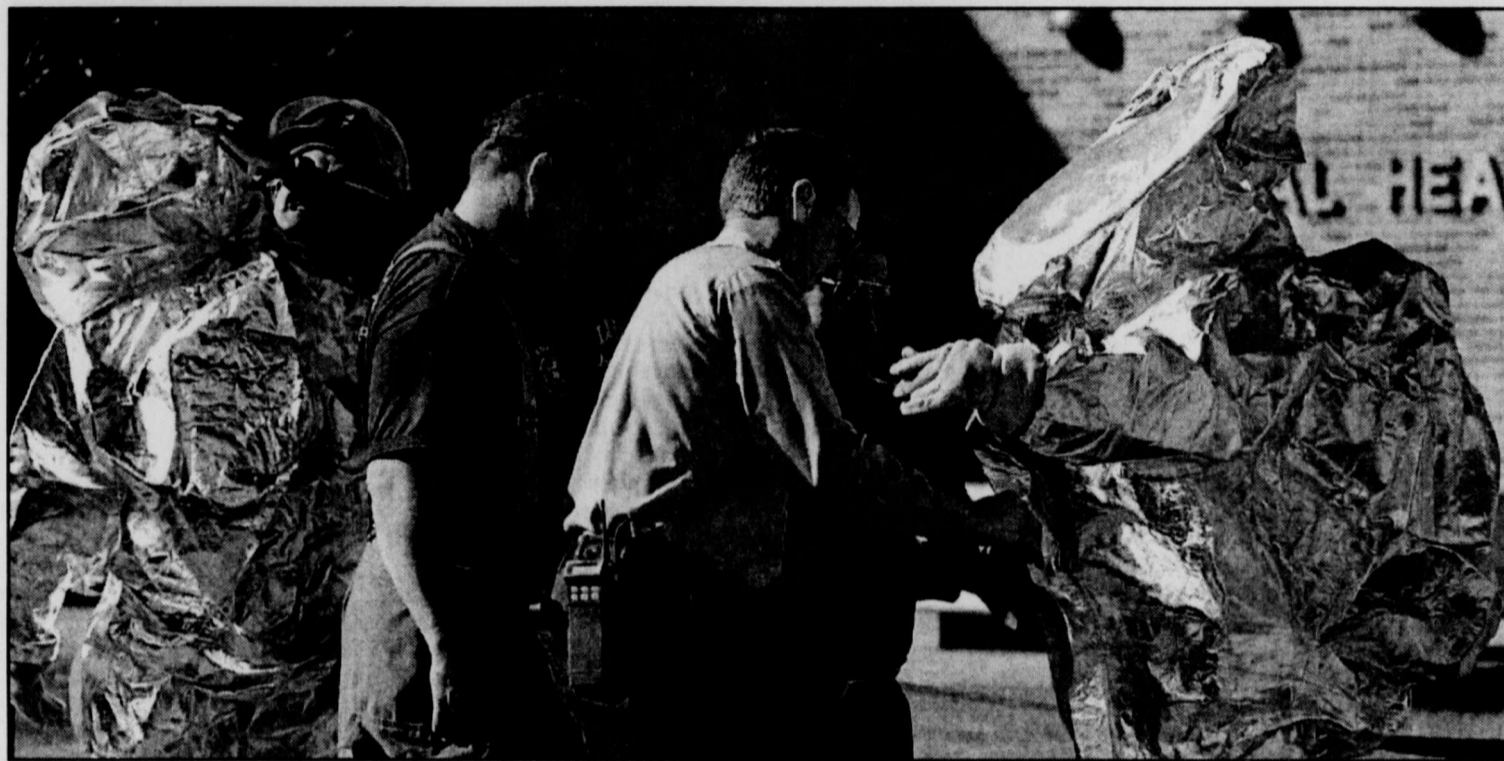
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## Taking precautions



Members of the Lubbock Fire Department's hazardous materials response team prepare to enter Texas Tech's heating and cooling plant in response to call made Monday morning reporting a possible chlorine leak in the Physical Plant.

# To leak, or not to leak

## Chlorine concerns surface at Physical Plant

■ Texas Tech officials share conflicting reports involving unofficial leak.

By Pam Smith  
Staff Writer

About 20 employees of the Texas Tech Physical Plant were evacuated Monday morning after an alarm in the facility indicated a possible chlorine leak at the site. No injuries were reported.

At 9:15 a.m., the Lubbock Fire Department was called to the plant to investigate a possible chlorine leak after one of the detectors monitoring the system indicated a possible chlorine leak in the plant.

Chlorine is a corrosive gas that becomes acidic when mixed with moisture. If it comes

in contact with a person's skin or lungs, it can be deadly.

Physical Plant Director Doug Chowning said plant employees originally became concerned after an alarm system alerted the control room of a possible leak. As standard procedure, the plant notified the Office of Environmental Health and Safety to look into the incident.

"The safety procedures worked as they should," Chowning said. "We wanted to err on the side of caution."

Chowning said once the fire department arrived, the chlorine gas inside the plant was turned off. Afterward, firefighters re-entered the plant 30 minutes later to check chlorine levels in the area and checked to see if the detectors were working properly.

Gene West, vice president for operations, said he was informed there was not a chlorine leak at the plant and that the incident

was caused by a faulty detector used to monitor the system.

"Once the fire department is called in to turn off the chlorine, one of the first steps is to check and see if the detectors are faulty," West said. "When they did this, they found the detector was faulty."

West said he believed the detector was replaced.

Chowning said his plant was still not sure if there was a leak or if it was a malfunction of a faulty detector. He said while there was no evidence of a leak, it had not been ruled out.

"When we went back in, there was no corrosion anywhere that indicated there was a leak," he said. "We are going to monitor the area for the next three or four days and run some more tests to make sure."

He said during the incident, he was informed

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## Lawmakers preach jury life, death option

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas juries should be allowed to send convicted murderers to prison for life, and not be limited to either a death sentence or a long prison term with the possibility of parole, a group of state lawmakers said Monday.

Current law allows Texas juries two options for capital murder convictions: death or a "life" sentence that allows for parole after 40 years.

"I think we should give them as

many options as possible," said Sen. Eddie Lucio, D-Brownsville, who is sponsoring a bill to create a life without parole sentence. The Legislature convenes in January.

Lucio said 33 other states, the federal government and the military have the death penalty with an option for life without parole. Such a sentence might appeal to jurors who fear that a convicted killer could go free or who cannot decide whether to give a death sentence, Lucio said.

Lucio said the bill is not meant to reduce the number of executions in Texas, the nation's busiest death penalty state, where 37 inmates have been put to death by lethal injection this year.

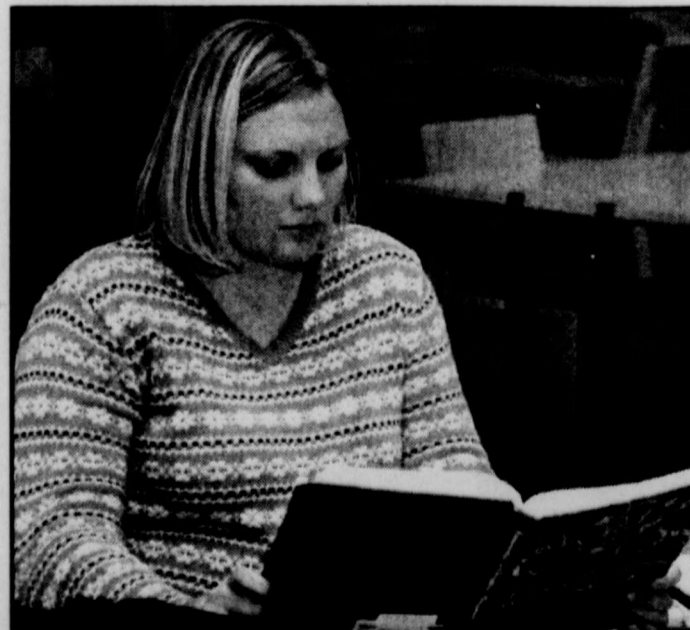
"I support the death penalty," Lucio said. "I'm not trying to steer jurors away from the death penalty."

But in Harris County, which has sent 147 inmates to death row — more than any other Texas jurisdic-

tion, retiring District Attorney John B. Holmes Jr. said the bill "would eliminate the death penalty."

"A jury will have a heck of a time giving the death penalty if they have the possibility of locking them up forever," Holmes said. "As a taxpayer, I don't know why I have to take someone who has engaged in such conduct ... and support that guy for the rest of his natural life. You're going to have to build a geriatric (prison) wing."

Ashley Rankin, a junior management major from Richardson, studies for her management test in the library Monday night. Rankin said she spends three hours a day studying for finals.



JOE MAVS/  
Student Publications

## Cram, study advice offered as finals' week approaches

By Linda Robertson  
Staff Writer

With final exams less than two weeks away, many Texas Tech students are getting ready for the biannual traditions of cramming, drinking gallons of caffeinated drinks and eating almost anything in sight.

Although their efforts might be for a worthy cause, the stress, sleeplessness and poor nutrition can have a detrimental effect not only on grades, but also on the student, said Rolf Gordhamer, director of the Tech Counseling Center.

"The worst thing to do is not sleep the night be-

fore a final exam," he said. "A person needs sleep to help remember content and to keep stress levels down."

Gordhamer said the key to surviving finals season is clean living.

"I cannot stress enough how important it is to stay away from drugs and alcohol during this time," he said. "I also cannot stress the importance of regular exercise and quality sleep during this time. All of these things together will help (you) get through final exams without being a wreck at the end of it all."

Some students have not experienced taking

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# Lubbock doctors helping heal hearts

By Linda Robertson  
 Staff Writer

Two Lubbock cardiologists have been selected as investigators for a new heart drug and treatment device.

Dr. Fawwaz Shoukfeh and Dr. Paul Overlie, co-owners of the Texas Cardiac Center and physicians at Covenant Medical Center, will participate in research on the drug Resten-NG and its special injection device, manufactured by AVI BioPharma Inc., based in Portland, Ore. The research is part of a phase II investigation by the Food and Drug Administration.

"During phase I, all of the research is conducted on animals, and both positive and adverse effects are documented," said Karen Moore, a registered nurse at the Texas Cardiac Center. "If necessary, changes are made in the drug or device, which is then re-tested."

"Phase II is the first of the trials on humans, and it is limited to a few people in limited locations. Phase III is a large scale trial with more people and more centers involved."

Moore said the clinic, along with Lenox Hill Hospital in New York are the two sites where the trials will take place and Dr. Shoukfeh enrolled the first patient for this region in October.

"This is very exciting to us," Moore said. "We are hoping that using this drug and device together will help to reduce the incidence of re-stenosis of a coronary vessel."

Stenosis of a vessel means the inside of a vessel has shrunk in size, making it easier to block.

According to a document posted on AVI BioPharma's Web site, [www.avibio.com/news.html](http://www.avibio.com/news.html), Resten-NG is part of a new classification of drugs known as anti-sense drugs. They work by using genetic material

to stop the overproduction of cells in the vessel walls of the heart, which can cause a new blockage. Since the drug can be injected directly into the site of the overgrowth of cells, there are virtually no bodily side effects, which is different from existing clot preventing medicines.

According to the 2000 statistics published by the American Heart Association on their Web site, [www.americanheart.org](http://www.americanheart.org), about 6.7 million angioplasties and invasive cardiac procedures are performed each year. An angioplasty, according to the American Heart Association, is a procedure that threads a catheter into a blocked vessel of the heart, and using a balloon, bursts the blockage open to allow blood flow in the vessel. Of those with angioplasties, about 600,000 go on to have bypass surgery as a result of a failed attempt at reopening a blocked vessel.

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Fawwaz Shoukfeh  
 CARDIOLOGIST

During the past 10 years, heart disease was the leading cause of death in Americans older than age 65 and the second leading cause of death in Americans ages 24 to 64, with accidents being the leading cause of death in this age group.

Dr. Shoukfeh said he is excited by the prospect of a new treatment for

an old problem.

"We are excited to participate in AVI's gene-targeted research," he said. "It holds promise to improve patient care by giving us more effective therapies."

For study enrollment information, call study coordinator Karen Moore, R.N. at 780-8003.

## Organist's murder trial set to begin

ATHENS (AP) — The capital murder trial of the oldest of four people accused of binding and gagging an 84-year-old organist and throwing her cinder-block weighted body into the Neches River begins Wednesday.

Danielle Nathaniel Simpson, 20, of Palestine could face the death penalty if convicted of taking part in the January death of Geraldine Davidson, who played the organ at Grace United Methodist Church in Palestine.

Davidson's body was spotted Jan. 27 afloat in the river between Palestine and Jacksonville. She had been bound and gagged. A cinder block was tied to her feet.

While searching for the former fifth-grade teacher, police pulled over five people, including Simpson, in her car.

Simpson is the second of the defendants to go on trial in the death.

## Dual deadlines looming for May graduation date

Deadlines for degree plans and intent to graduate forms must be filed soon for students planning to graduate in May 2001.

For intended May 2001 graduates, degree plans must be filed by Dec. 13 and intent to graduate forms by Feb. 2.

"For degree plans, students need to see their major and minor advisers before coming," said Jennifer Burke, academic program adviser in the College of Arts and Sciences.

It takes two or three weeks for the paperwork to be returned to the student, Burke said.

"When the student gets the paperwork back, they will get a checklist that tells them where their classes fall and what classes they need to take," she said.

After a degree plan is filed, students must then file an intent to graduate. Forms can be found in 102 Holden Hall, where paperwork for both requirements may also be found.

For students graduating in Aug. 2001, degree plans must be filed by May 9, 2001, with intent to graduate forms due June 8, 2001.

For students planning to graduate in Dec. 2001, degree plans must be filed by Aug. 8, 2001.

"The deadlines are also published in the schedule of classes and the undergraduate catalogue and are posted outside our office (102 Holden Hall)," Burke said. "We don't want anyone missing the deadline."

## Employees discover church's 'bag of gold'

JACKSONVILLE (AP) — It's better late than never for the offering plate at one East Texas church.

Employees at a Jacksonville trucking company discovered a bag full of cash and checks tucked behind a filing cabinet drawer. The checks bore 1977 dates and were made out to New Harmony Baptist Church Fund in Tyler.

"I was excited to find money that was so old," said Kathy Rimmer, an

employee of Wayne Hammons Trucking.

The excitement began two weeks ago when the third drawer of the cabinet became stuck. After several tries by Rimmer, Ron Snow, another employee, removed the second drawer to allow more room for the third drawer to open.

"As soon as he took the drawer out, we saw a bag fall from behind the drawer," Rimmer told *The Jacksonville Daily Progress*.

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Your View

What are your thoughts on Tech's 7:30 a.m. Saturday finals structure?



Todd Cocanougher junior business major from Goldthwaite

"Thank the Lord I don't have one. That is really pretty unusual. It really depends on how lazy the person is, too. I really wouldn't want one."



Greta Griffith junior pre-physical therapy major from Goliad

"I don't really think it is wrong because they get them over with. It helps us all to get home faster."



Angela Humphreys sophomore advertising major from San Antonio

"You can't function at 7:30 on any day, much less on Saturday. A lot of people don't wake up that early on any day, especially Saturday."



Lance King sophomore business major from Midland

"I wouldn't like it. I am done before they even start this year, but if I was in that situation, I would hate it."



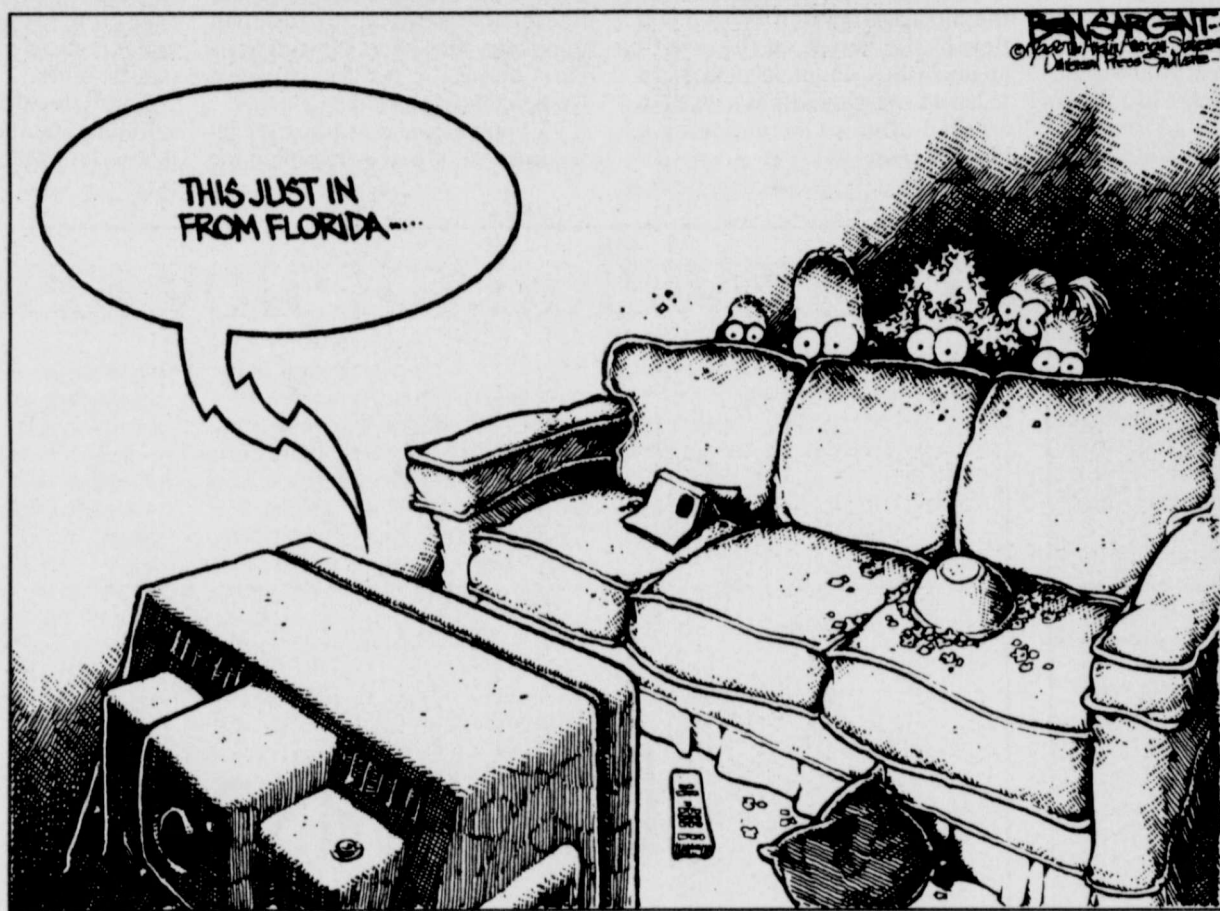
Kimberly Moore freshman political science major from Austin

"If you are used to waking up late, that is really a hard thing. Your brain doesn't function that early anyway. And when are they going to serve breakfast? You need a full course meal before tests like that."

compiled by Kristina Thomas

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Column

Night adds to ecstasy of life

Most college students have part-time jobs they have to go to after school or on the week ends. I, too, am employed part time; only I work the graveyard shift.

When most students are comforting their heads on their pillows, pulling the covers up to their chins and hugging their Teddy bears to their chest, I am clocking in at work. In the morning, I clock out with enough time to go home, take Abby the mega-dog for a walk and get to class. Add a nighttime job to the fact that I am taking 17 hours of classes this semester, and I am able to outline the extent of my social life on a single line on a sheet of paper.

Sometimes, with my schedule, life gets a little hectic. It is not uncommon for me to go 48 hours with no sleep, often getting by on strong doses of Vivarin, coffee and nicotine. I have taught myself to stare at my professors as they lecture as if I am deeply absorbed in the content of their ramblings, but in actuality, I am sleeping soundly and dreaming that Tori Amos is sitting nude in my house, playing the piano and singing me to sleep. (It's a personal fetish). Anyway, I do not relay the story of my life (or lack of) for sympathy as I know I have a fairly easy life compared to some, but my schedule this semester has shown me a new beauty in the world.

The nighttime has become one of my closest companions; it sounds strange, I know, but I have never claimed to be a normal individual. With as little free time as I have, it becomes necessary for me to invent friends to hang out with. I'm too old for imaginary friends; I outgrew that last year, so now I just personify common entities such as the nighttime.

For more than 20 years of my life, the night was nothing more than a time to sleep, but now that sleep is a sporadic luxury rather than a daily necessity, I am generally awake most nights. My nights off are not only wonderful because I loathe the obligation of employment, but also because I enjoy the lucidity that

complements the darkness and stillness of the night.

Plenty of people, especially students, claim to be nocturnal, but I am not talking about the people who stay up partying and drinking every night, going from club to club and then drive home drunk while playing Frogger with all of us sober drivers. This madness defeats the whole purpose of the night as I see it. I am talking about the night where most people are asleep.

America's excessive and futile fretting is at minimum. The masses are dead to the world for a few hours, and little do they know that they are providing me with bliss, even if it is only for a short while. No one calls on the phone, and no one knocks at my door. On my nights off of work, I am able to read, write or study usually with no interruptions at all. I do not have to listen to useless banter, and I do not have to engage in the senseless small talk that I do during the hurried daytime hours. A night full of peace just affirms my contention that the world exists for me — selfish but true.

The night, along with millions of other not-so-hidden things, is a neglected god, disregarded by our being consumed with rejecting autonomy.

It amazes me that the most unfavorable circumstances can bequeath such serendipity, and I guess it is good that very few people have any idea what I am talking about right now since I prefer to keep the night to myself and not share it with the masses. The night, along with millions of other not-so-hidden things, is a neglected god, disregarded by our being consumed with rejecting autonomy. The less I give a damn about deadlines and the repercussions of every little thing I do, the more I am able to appreciate life. It all makes me wonder what else I am missing in this ironic world.

Joseph Colley is a senior English and philosophy major from Mount Pleasant.

Letters to the Editor

Spirit needed

To the editor: I was surprised to open The UD on Monday morning and not find any mention of Tech's basketball victories during Thanksgiving break. Instead I found a story about the volleyball team's NCAA tourney berth, which I was pleased with, and three sports stories which did not pertain to Texas Tech. The Lady Raiders defeated No. 8-ranked Penn State, 79-71, and No. 17 Southwest Missouri State, 81-77, en route to claiming the Paradise Jam tournament title. The men defeated Prairie View A&M, 82-53, and a very good Louisiana-Lafayette team, 94-73. This letter is not only concerning the lack of sports coverage in The UD but also an attempt to get more students involved with Tech basketball. The Lady Raiders have reloaded and are well on their way to winning another Big 12 championship title, while the men are rebuilding and look to surprise many great teams this year. The Lady Raiders ranked second in the nation in attendance last year behind powerhouse Tennessee.

There's no reason why we can't fill the United Spirit Arena this season with even more fans. The women also had higher attendance than the men's team. With its powerful duo of Cliff Owens and Andy Ellis and a group of talented newcomers, the Red Raiders will be very exciting to watch. It's time to make Tech's presence bigger in the Big 12 and make the USA one of the toughest places in the nation for our opponents to visit.

Tyson Seibly senior design communication

Better luck next time

To the editor: I think that we all should send Gore and Lieberman a consolation prize. After all, they did put up a remarkable fight. (Yeah, I have some remarks for them!) This consolation prize should consist of Kleenex, diapers and pacifiers. I would bet that if we all pitched in a few bucks, we could fill up a semi-truck and send it off.

Ryan Kelie Baird sophomore journalism

Column

Looking back, college serves as time away

Fellow men out there, I have to get something off of my chest. I cried after watching a movie the other night. That's right, while I still consider myself just as manly as Burt Reynolds, the Crocodile Hunter or the entire American Olympic softball team, I can't escape the fact that I cried following a film. OK, it's happened before, but never like this. I mean "The Joy Luck Club" and "The Green Berets" are two movies that any human



Kenneth Strickland

would cry after, but I broke down and bawled following "Animal House." That's right, "Animal House" — the classic Belushi film that tells the story of a fraternity and its pursuit of true brotherhood and survival. What can I say? It moved me.

The reason "Animal House" is such a touching movie to me is because it represents what college is all about. College isn't about GPAs or homework, it's about taking a four-year vacation from life and enjoying every minute of it — and that's exactly what I see when I look at our own fraternity system. I don't have many columns left this semester, but I wanted to make sure I used one of them to praise those on our campus who won't look back on these four years and feel like they missed out.

Fraternities and sororities do a lot of great community service work and place a good deal of importance on academics. But when it comes right down to it, they're here to have fun. And unless you're an elementary education major searching for your husband, (I swear, that'll be the last joke I make about you guys) or a 45-year-old returning student with a wife and four children, having a blast during your stay here in Lubbock should be your top priority. Because when you call up your friends in 20 years and start talking about your time here at Tech, you won't be thinking of the exams you aced or the fact that your diploma says "with honors." No, you'll talk about the time you drank yourself into a stupor and then rode on the hood of someone's car. Or the time you somehow hurdled a seven-foot fence in an effort to escape a police raid at a party. Those are the memories that we keep and cherish.

I woke up the other morning around 5 a.m. to walk down the hall and dump my trash out of the second floor window where I live. (It's closer than the actual garbage cans.) It was then that I saw one of our precious freshmen in the study lounge with his nose buried deep into a chemistry textbook. I couldn't resist the urge to ask him why he woke up so early to study, especially on a Saturday morning. It was then that he told me that he hadn't woken up early, he had in fact stayed up the entire night. If you're one of these people, I urge you to slow down. We live in a world that runs on who you know, not what you know, so get out there and start meeting some people. Studying is good, don't get me wrong, I've been known to do it myself every now and then. But people like this kid end up dying of heart attacks in their late 20s. Sometimes you just have to throw that textbook to the floor, give it the finger and go watch "The Matrix" with the guys down the hall.

If I had the time in my schedule and the money in my wallet, I would rush in a heartbeat. I could see myself peeling off with the Saddle Tramps after wrapping Will or attending parties so awesome they're named after Jimmy Buffet songs. I could see myself dating one of the many beautiful Kappa Delta women or just relaxing in a fishing boat with a few of my brothers and a case of Shiner Bock. The boat could be sitting in someone's back yard, and it would still be unbelievably awesome.

So to those of you who represent our fraternity system, I salute you. I'm sure I'll take a lot of flack for this column, but who gives a damn? I don't. And even if you're not in a fraternity, such as myself, make the best of your four years here. Run your bank account dry, wake up next to someone you've never seen before, and have a blast. Because after your time here at Tech is gone, there's no going back. We'll probably spend the rest of our lives sitting in cubicles, but that's OK. As long as we have our alumni buddies to play golf with on the weekends, it'll all be good. And maybe we'll all get together and watch "Animal House" one day, and we can pass the box of tissues around as we think about how much fun we had.

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## 'Grinch' box-office streak unbroken

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Recipe for a record-breaking holiday at the movies: Mix one Grinch, a real-life superman, a bunch of Rugrats and all those spotted puppies. Add a dash of Marquis de Sade.

Hollywood revenues hit an all-time high for Thanksgiving weekend, with the top 12 movies grossing \$236.3 million, surpassing the previous record of \$225.5 million set for all movies a year ago, according to studio estimates Sunday. It also marked a new revenue record for any holiday weekend.

By the time final numbers are in Monday, box-office totals for the five-day holiday should easily top \$250 million.

"Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas" remained No. 1 for the second straight weekend, taking in \$73.8 million from Wednesday to Sunday. The Jim Carrey flick, directed by Ron Howard, has grossed \$137.4 million in just 10 days.

Debuting in second place was "Unbreakable," which reteamed "The Sixth Sense" writer-director M. Night Shyamalan with star Bruce Willis. "Unbreakable," a dark fantasy about a man who learns he may possess comic-book superpowers, took in \$47.2 million.

"Unbreakable" had a better opening weekend than "The Sixth Sense" but is unlikely to have the sort of repeat business of its predecessor, which grossed nearly \$300 million.

Taking third place was "102 Dalmatians" with \$26.8 million. The animated "Rugrats in Paris: The Movie" held well in its second weekend, finishing at No. 4 with \$22.8 million.

"102 Dalmatians," starring Glenn Close, fell far short of "101 Dalmatians," which took in \$45.1 million over Thanksgiving in 1996.

"It's a normal sequel situation," said Chuck Viane, head of distribution for Disney, which released "102 Dalmatians" along with "Unbreakable." "I believe

the overwhelming success of 'The Grinch' held back both ourselves and 'Rugrats' a bit."

In limited release, the comically brutish Marquis de Sade drama "Quills" debuted to huge audiences. The film grossed \$314,000 in just nine theaters, averaging a spectacular \$34,889 a cinema, compared with \$23,548 in 3,134 theaters for "The Grinch" and \$17,430 in 2,708 theaters for "Unbreakable."

Brian Grazer, Howard's producing partner at Imagine Entertainment, said he had expected "Unbreakable" to bump "The Grinch" from the top spot and was "just shocked out of my mind" at how well the Seuss movie held up.

"Every demographic just seems to love the movie and continue to show up and tell their friends to go see it," Grazer said. "That's largely attributable to Ron Howard. Somehow, in whatever genre, he's able to reach the sensibilities of a really wide film-going public."

The three family movies, "Grinch," "Rugrats" and "Dalmatians," accounted for almost \$125 million in ticket sales alone.

"This was the weekend of all weekends for family films," said Paul Dergarabedian, president of Exhibitor Relations, which tracks the box office. "I've never really seen anything like this. It proves how strong the family contingent is in terms of box-office clout."

"Quills" and "Unbreakable" were scheduled for Thanksgiving debuts to give adults more choices amid all the family fare in theaters.

"It's great to see that a demanding, provocative film like 'Quills' can find an audience even in the midst of a weekend like this," said Steve Gilula, head of distribution for Fox Searchlight, which released "Quills."

Estimated ticket sales for Wednesday through Sunday at North American theaters, according to Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc.

## Adoption benefits Tech students

Students on both sides of process speak out about positives of process

By Mara McCoy  
Staff Writer

Abortion, foster care, abandonment, mifepristone, the morning after pill - assaulted from all sides by the media, church and society, many pregnant women facing uncertainty on whether or not to keep their baby don't know which way to turn.

Texas Tech is not immune to this trend. Several Tech students have had their lives affected by one or more of these issues.

"I didn't know what to do," said "Amanda," a student at Tech. "I was being told by everyone to do what they thought was best, but no one knew what was best for me. In the end, I chose to give my child up."

"Amanda" said while giving up her child for adoption was one of the hardest things she ever did, she does not have many regrets.

"It was the right thing for me to do," she said. "I mean, I'll always wonder what he looks like, if he's enjoying life, if he's happy, but I know I did the right thing."

"Amanda" said while she does not always think about giving her child up for adoption, certain times of the year are hard for her.

"His birthday is really hard for me. I used to not be able to do anything the whole day, and the entire week leading up to it was hard for me. I get easier as I go along, but I think I'll always wonder. I don't want to look for him, because if he's happy, I don't want to mess that up. I don't even know if they told him. I just wish I could tell him that I love him and did what I know, in my heart, was the best thing I could do. I couldn't provide for him, and I wanted him to have a good life and have everything he wanted. I couldn't do that, but I hope his adoptive family is. I really hope they are," she said. "Christmas is hard, too. The first time I went home, my sister was there, showing off her new baby girl. I just wanted to hide the entire time, but I didn't. Her girl and my baby would have been almost the same age. It's really hard to watch her grow up - it makes me wonder."

"Amanda" said women in the same situation she was should listen to their heart and not everyone else.

"It's your life, your body - not theirs. And most of the 'I know what's right, listen to me' people have never been in that situation. The closest they have come to it is watching a made-for-TV movie," she said. "I hate to be the one to break it to them, but watching isn't the same as experiencing. It's a whole lot different when it's your decision."

Jordan Simmons, a senior restaurant hotel industrial management major from El Paso, was adopted when he was two months old.

"My parents wanted another child, but they didn't want to go through another pregnancy," he said. "Adoption was the best way for them, and it took one more child out of the foster care system."

Simmons said he didn't know why he was put up for adoption.

"I have all my files, but I don't know why I was put up," he said. "I'm in the process of looking for my birth mother, but I'm not actively seeking her. I'd like to know, but I don't want anyone to get hurt."

Simmons said he is happy his parents adopted him.

"I am perfectly happy with my parents," Simmons said. "I never had a hard time because I was adopted. The only time I think about it is on my birthday - I wonder if she remembers me. It's not bothersome, though - more like healthy curiosity."

"Carrie," a student at Tech, went through the foster care system until she was 16. At that time, she was legally emancipated.

"I didn't mind any of my foster parents," she said. "They were all really nice, but I was shuffled from foster

family to foster family my whole life."

Carrie, who is half-black and half-Asian, was almost adopted when she was three although she does not remember it.

"I sometimes wish I had been adopted, but it's good that I didn't go to a family that didn't want me," she said. "I've lived a good life. It's been hard at times, but it made me a stronger person."

most of them come with no clothes, no possessions whatsoever, so we would buy them things.

"When my husband died, it just became too hard to still be a foster mom. A lot of the kids still come back - they call me grandma. Most of them didn't have a mother or grandparents, so they considered me and my husband as their grandparents."

Gross said while she liked being a foster mother to the children, trying to adopt a child was very hard.

"My daughter was trying to adopt a little girl - just the cutest thing you ever saw. She wanted to give her two boys a little sister."

Neatherlin remembers the incident. The girl would have been almost Neatherlin's age and was about eight when his mother was trying to adopt her.

"The courts ruled that she should be with her biological parents," he said. "I really didn't agree with that. She's not doing very well now - she became really rebellious."

Like most children who have been adopted, Neatherlin believes adoption is a good thing. Neatherlin said he is happy with his family and is glad he was adopted.

"I'm sure it's a hard decision to make (to give a child up for adoption), but I think that there is always that choice," he said. "I haven't really had any problems - sometimes, people would ask me what my background was, and I would just say I didn't know. I don't look much like my family, but I love them and they love me."

"I think if (the girl) had been adopted, she would have done a lot better."

*"It's been hard at times, but it made me stronger."*

"Carrie"  
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Carrie said she has heard many horror tales of foster care abuse, but said they aren't true.

"Those things people say are so stupid," she said. "They are so not true - the people who work in foster care are some of the nicest people I know. They take kids that they don't even know into their homes and give them as much as they can."

Bobbi Gross, a former foster mother whose daughter adopted Tech student Timothy Neatherlin, a junior design communications major from Andrews, said while being a foster mother was hard, it was very rewarding.

"It was really hard at times," she said. "The state barely gives you enough money to feed them, and

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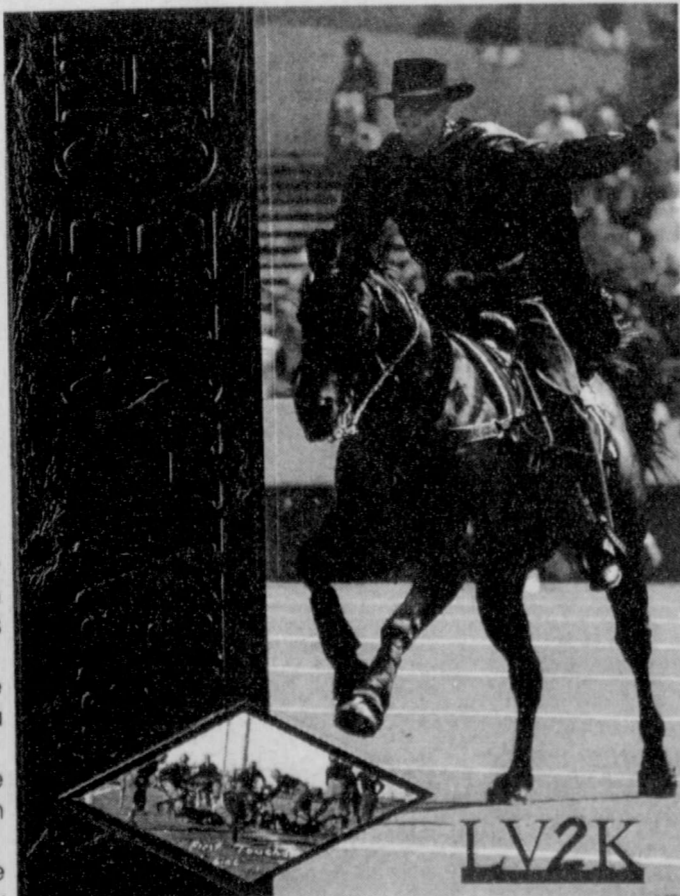
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# Alex Rodriguez completes visit with Texas

ARLINGTON (AP) — Alex Rodriguez isn't asking for private planes or his own office. While visiting the Texas Rangers, the free agent shortstop wanted to know about their minor league and scouting organizations.

Contrary to reports of extravagant demands — aside from the expected \$20 million a season over 10 years — Rodriguez said Monday that his primary interest is in the future of whichever team he will sign with and possibly spend the rest of his

career. "The landscape is what I'm worried about. That's what we did today," Rodriguez said. "The farm system and ownership are two of the very important things I'm looking for."

"All of the plane stuff got me dizzy, about me wanting a plane and all of these other things. I want to go somewhere for a long time. Whenever I sign, I think I want to retire there."

Part of Rodriguez's two-day visit with Rangers owner Tom Hicks and other team personnel included a presentation on the organization's

minor leagues and philosophy of scouting players.

As for when the 25-year-old All-Star plans to make a decision, Rodriguez said he is still early in the process. He has also met with Atlanta, but wouldn't say which other clubs he planned to talk to.

"I'm not really worried about the timetable. If it takes to February or January. If it takes to February or January or next week, I'm not really concerned about that," said Rodriguez, who added there was no front-runner.

"I really want to educate myself with the landscape of every ballclub,

the future, how I involve myself in the equation, and what I can do and what the team can do for me. It should be a two-way street. If a common denominator is winning a championship, that's what I'm about."

Scott Boras, Rodriguez's agent, said there were eight teams in the mix but didn't identify them.

In addition to the Rangers and Braves, the Dodgers, Rockies, White Sox, Orioles and even the Mets and Mariners appear to be possibilities.

Rodriguez likes the idea of playing with Ivan Rodriguez and Rafael Palmeiro in Texas, but admitted that signing with the Rangers had never crossed his mind until Boras spoke with Rangers GM Doug Melvin during the general managers' meeting at Amelia Island, Fla., earlier this month.

"It's ironic that we are sitting here. Many teams have been mentioned ... Texas was never mentioned until Scott told me about it," Rodriguez said.

Rodriguez said he has spoken to several Texas players, including Palmeiro, Ivan Rodriguez and Kenny

Rogers, who re-signed with the Rangers last fall in a deal completed by Boras.

Ivan Rodriguez is even one of his neighbors in Miami. "I call him Barry Switzer because he's a great recruiter. We'll see what happens," A-Rod said. "I recruited him to go live in Miami, now he's recruiting to come play here. Obviously, he just likes the idea of two players of our caliber playing together."

Hicks, who has won a Stanley Cup title as owner of the NHL Dallas Stars, hasn't been able to repeat the same kind of success with the Rangers. The Rangers won three AL West titles in four years — only to lose in the playoffs to the Yankees — before falling into last place this season.

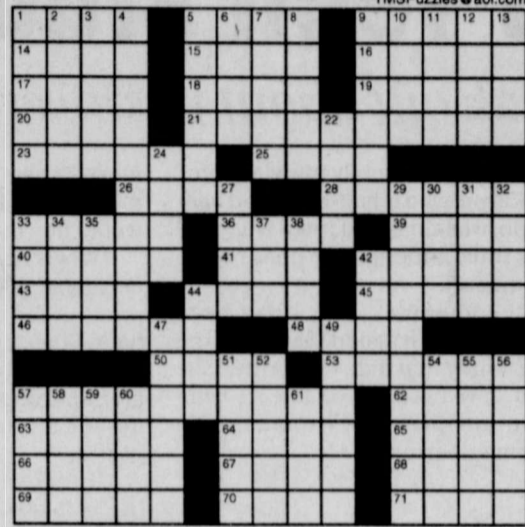
He believes another Rodriguez on the roster would be helpful. He liked what he saw and heard from the young All-Star.

"Alex did not have any demands," Hicks said. "Alex wants to be treated like any other ballplayer, and Alex wants to win the World Series. Anything you might have ready in the newspaper to the contrary is totally fictitious."

## THE Daily Crossword

Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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By Eugene R. Puffenberger  
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## Emmitt Smith still recovering from hit

IRVING (AP) — Never before had Emmitt Smith suffered a knockout blow. Not in Pop Warner football, high school, college or 11 years with the Dallas Cowboys.

Not until Thanksgiving Day, when he was knocked unconscious with a concussion early on his second carry of the third quarter against Minnesota.

"Some people call it a concussion. I call it a slap knockout," Smith said Monday, talking to reporters about the incident for the first time. "This is the first time I've ever been knocked out of a game," completely

knocked out of a game. Smith didn't practice Monday, but ran some sprints and expects to go through a full practice when the Cowboys return to the field Wednesday. He said there is no doubt that he will be in the lineup Sunday at Tampa.

Smith, who has missed only three

games in his career because of injury, and coach Dave Campo said that the running back was held out of practice for precautionary reasons.

"Emmitt should be fine. We were going to do some hitting out there with pads on, so we felt for a precautionary reason to keep him out of there," Campo said. "He should be fine for the game."

Smith said he has not experienced any nausea or any lingering side effects. He said he had only a couple of minor headaches over the weekend but felt fine after running Monday. Smith suffered the concussion early in the third quarter Thursday when he took a handoff right, was slowed by safety Robert Griffith and then hit helmet-to-helmet by linebacker Ed McDaniel. The collision spun Smith around, causing him to fumble the ball and land flat on his back.

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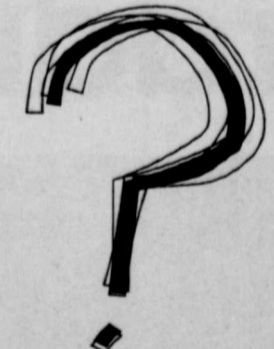
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## Raiders look to blaze trail past UAB

Tech men's b-ball squad searches for third victory of season

**■ Texas Tech outscored its first two opponents by an average of 25 points.**

By Jeff Keller  
Sports Editor

The Texas Tech men's basketball squad will try to improve its record to 3-0 when it faces Alabama-Birmingham at 7 p.m. today at the United Spirit Arena.

The Red Raiders have claimed their first two contests by an average of 25 points.

Tech improved to 2-0 last Saturday with a 94-73 road victory against Louisiana-Lafayette.

The Red Raiders were led offensively in the game by guard Jamal Brown who poured in 23 points while dishing out 11 assists.

Brown is averaging 15 points and 10 assists through two games this season and said his personal performance has been made possible by hardwork from his teammates.

"That has a lot to do with Cliff(Owens) and Andy(Ellis) running the floor," Brown said. "A lot of guys are finishing and my assists come from their hard work. Their running the floor is just basically showing how hard that we are working in practice. It's just all execution."

Today's contest will mark the first time the Red Raiders and Blazers have met in men's basketball.

The Blazers are a member of Conference USA and are 2-0 this season.

Tech forward Cliff Owens has averaged 16 points and 11 rebounds this season and led the Red Raiders in rebounds with 10 in their win over Louisiana-Lafayette.

Though Owens pulled down 10 boards against the Ragin' Cajuns, Tech was still outrebounded in the contest by a 41-38 count.

Owens said Tech needs to focus on playing a complete game against the Blazers and he thinks that will turn the rebounding tide in the Red Raiders' favor.

"I think when we got the big lead, we kind of got sloppy on Saturday," Owens said. "When we did that we gave up a lot of offensive boards. Of course, whenever they were trying to cut the lead, they were taking a lot of long shots, which resulted in a lot of long rebounds. But regardless of what the reason was, we have to rebound better. That was the one point that I think was a negative in Saturday's game. We must improve on our rebounding."

Tech guard Ronald Hobbs had a strong showing last time out for the Red Raiders scoring 14 points.

Hobbs said he was fighting an illness in the exhibition contests and Tech's season-opening contest, but felt better in the Ragin' Cajun game

which helped him play better. "I was sick the first couple of games," Hobbs said. "But I was feeling better against Louisiana-Lafayette and my teammates gave me a lot of opportunities to score. I just made the best of it."

Hobbs was a freshman member of last season's squad that finished 12-16.

Hobbs said a difference he sees between this year's squad and last year's team is that this year the Red Raiders are playing together as a unit.

"This year everybody is together," Hobbs said. "Nobody is trying to do everything themselves. Everybody is doing everything based on teamwork. If we keep doing that, I think we will be pretty good."

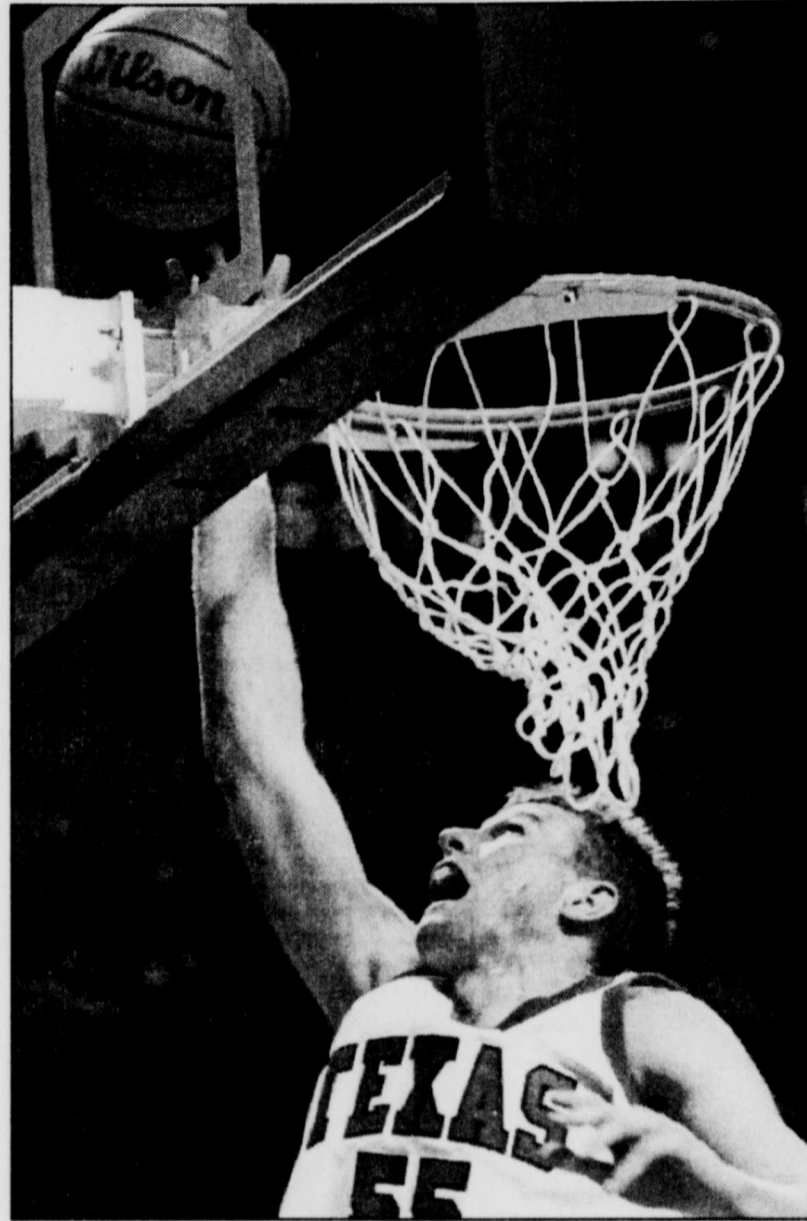
Owens said he thinks the team is coming together as a unit and said he is excited about the future he thinks the team has in front of it.

"Everything has just seemed to click," Owens said. "Everybody is just playing well together. The scary part is that I think we are going to start playing even better together."

The Red Raiders will have two more home contests, following the UAB matchup, before departing for the Indiana Classic in Bloomington, Ind. on Dec. 8. That tournament will run through Dec. 9.

*"Everybody is just playing well together. The scary part is that I think we are going to start playing even better together."*

Cliff Owens  
TEXAS TECH FORWARD



Tech center Andy Ellis tips a shot in in the Red Raiders' season-opening win over Prairie View A&M.

## Texas Tech football notes

**Raiders making the grade**

While becoming bowl eligible for the eighth straight year can be an accomplishment in itself, the Texas Tech football team also seems to be having success off the field too.

The Big 12 Conference announced during the Thanksgiving holiday that 26 Red Raiders have been named to the Football All-Academic Team. The total is the second highest in the league, trailing only Nebraska who posted 28 players on the squad.

Altogether, Tech had 16 players make the first team, while 10 were on the second team. First-team members consist of those who have maintained a 3.2 or better GPA, while the second team players must have a 3.0 to 3.19 GPA.

Among the 152 student athletes named to the team, only five carried a 4.0 GPA, including Tech special teams player Lennard Christensen.

**17 Tech players make All-Conference Team**

With the end of the regular season upon the Big 12 Conference, many of the traditional post-season honors are beginning to be posted.

The Big 12 coaches announced Friday its All-Conference team, and 17 Texas Tech players were named to the squad.

No Red Raiders were named to the first team, but defensive lineman Kris Kocurek, safety Kevin Curtis and quarterback Kliff Kingsbury were named to the second-team.

Receiver Tim Baker, return specialist Wes Welker, linebacker Lawrence Flugence and cornerback Antwan Alexander were named to the third team.

A flock of the Red Raider honorees were named Honorable Mention, including offensive lineman Toby Cecil and Rex Richards, receiver Derek Dorris and running back Ricky Williams.

Defensively, linemen Devin Lemons and Aaron Hunt, linebackers John Norman, Dorian Pitts and cornerback Derrick Briggs also were named as Honorable Mention.

Curtis also was named to the Football News' All-Big 12 team.

The junior from Lubbock, who was listed as a preseason all-American by the same publication, finished second on the squad with 121 tackles including 15 stops for losses.

He was tied for the team lead with two fumble recoveries and also intercepted two passes one of which he returned for a touchdown.

Curtis was the only Red Raider named to the squad.

## Paul Westphal ousted as head coach of SuperSonics

SEATTLE (AP) — SuperSonics coach Paul Westphal was fired Monday, 15 games into a season marked by discord and losses.

Seattle was expected to be stronger this season with the acquisition of Patrick Ewing, but the team is 6-9. The dismissal comes days after an on-court shouting match between Westphal and guard Gary Payton during a game in Dallas.

Nate McMillan, an assistant under Westphal and well liked by the players, was made interim head coach. McMillan, a former Seattle guard, coaches his first game Tuesday night at Portland.

"I think we have to focus on the defensive end of the floor," McMillan said. "I believe defense wins games."

Westphal, in his third year with the team, is the first NBA coach to be fired

this season. He was in the final year of his contract.

Ewing looked forward to playing for McMillan.

"I think Nate can be a very good coach," Ewing said.

"I think he has the respect of everyone on this team. He started out by stressing defense. Hopefully it'll work. If you look at the team on paper, we should be one of the elite teams in the league."

Owner Barry Ackerley said team president and general manager Wally Walker made the decision to fire Westphal.

Sonics players have not spoken with Westphal since Saturday's loss at Sacramento.

"I don't blame Coach Westphal at all," forward Vin Baker said Monday. "We've had a rough start. We've got to

win basketball games. I think we can be a great basketball team if we play better defense and cut down on our turnovers."

On Nov. 6, after a game with Orlando, Payton, Baker and Ewing reportedly shouted at their teammates about their poor effort.

Some players questioned Westphal's ability. Westphal, who was in an office within earshot, reportedly came into the locker room and said he would step down if that was what they wanted.

The dispute came just four days into the season.

Walker said Westphal was frustrated by his team's bickering and insubordination.

Baylor reportedly told Westphal in the huddle during the Mavericks' game that he didn't care "about this

game anymore. You all can suspend me for the rest of my career."

The next day, Walker announced he was suspending Payton for at least one game "for conduct detrimental to the team." Hours later, Walker lifted the suspension, saying Payton had apologized.

Westphal also has had differences with Baker, Payton's teammate on the Olympic team. The coach criticized Baker for being overweight and out of shape last season and, in the offseason, was part of an effort to trade Baker.

The addition of Ewing was supposed to make the Sonics one of the top teams in the Western Conference. Instead, Seattle has been far from consistent through 15 games.

Ewing is Seattle's first legitimate center since Jack Sikma left after the 1986 season.

In his 16th season, Ewing is averaging 31.3 minutes, 10.3 points and 8.9 rebounds.

He averaged 15.0 points and 9.7 rebounds for the Knicks last season. Besides the threesome of Ewing,

Payton and Baker, the Sonics have young-and-improving Rashard Lewis, top draft choice Desmond Mason, Ruben Patterson and Brent Barry.

"Things weren't going our way and a lot of pressure was put on (Westphal's) shoulders," Mason said. "I tried to keep out of the controversy. I'm just a rookie, I'm just trying to put my game together."

McMillan played 12 seasons with the Sonics and has been an assistant coach the past two years.

He is the team's career leader in assists and steals.

Westphal had a 76-71 record with the Sonics.

He inherited a team that won 61 games in 1997-98 under George Karl, but the Sonics failed to make the playoffs in the lockout-shortened 1999 season.

They made the playoffs last year with a 45-37 record but were eliminated in the first round by Utah.

In 1993, Westphal coached Phoenix to the NBA Finals.

Three years later, after 33 games that season, he was fired by the Suns.

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