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STATE

Men in masks kidnap two near Fort Worth

EULESS (AP) — Several men wearing black ski masks and dark clothing broke into a suburban Fort Worth home Thursday morning and abducted a 17-year-old woman and her 2-year-old daughter, police said.

Investigators said three or four men beat Octavio and Norma Chavira about 1 a.m. and then abducted their daughter Candida and her daughter Alyssa.

While not considered a suspect, investigators said they wanted to question Chavira's ex-boyfriend and Alyssa's father, Delfino Romero, 21, of nearby Irving.

The FBI was helping with the investigation.

Neither of the elder Chaviras were seriously injured.

Eules is about 14 miles northeast of Fort Worth.

NATIONAL

Dad makes daughter sleep in dog house

CHESAPEAKE, Va. (AP) — A father was ordered to spend 30 days in jail for forcing his 7-year-old daughter to sleep in a doghouse to show her how she could end up if living with him didn't work out.

Christian Williams, 33, also must pay a \$500 fine and take a parenting class for pleading guilty to felony abuse and neglect charges.

He told a judge he kept the child outside for least two nights because less severe punishments had not deterred her bad behavior. He wanted her to understand that she could end up homeless if living with him didn't work out, he said.

Prosecutors said the punishment lasted two weeks.

Williams and the girl's stepmother, Jennifer Williams, were arrested Aug. 13 after a neighbor told police she heard the girl scream. "Please, Daddy, let me in." The stepmother pleaded guilty to the same charges and is to be sentenced Friday.

When police found the girl in the 4-by-8-foot plywood doghouse, she had not bathed or been fed in two days, prosecutors said. She was covered in mosquito bites and soaked from rain that leaked through the roof during a thunderstorm.

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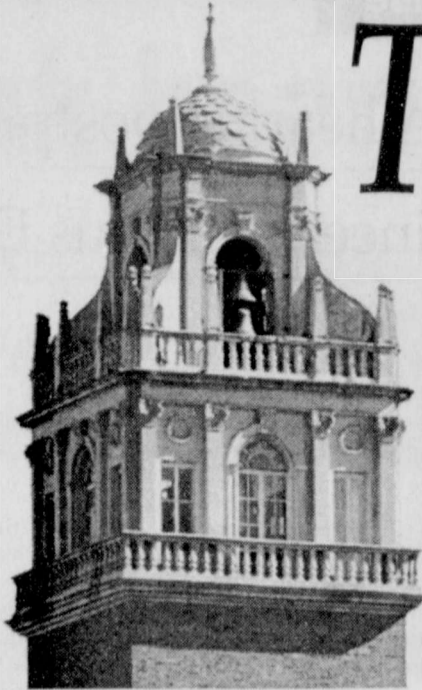
False loan documents nab Daewoo workers

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — Prosecutors arrested three former executives of Daewoo Group on Thursday, accusing them of involvement in falsifying the bankrupt conglomerate's records to take out more than \$8.3 billion in illegal bank loans.

The arrests reflected President Kim Dae-jung's efforts to clean up the murky financial transactions of big businesses and shore up investors' confidence in the South Korean economy, still recovering from the 1997-1998 Asian financial crisis.

Daewoo's troubles had burdened Kim's efforts to reform the country's stretched financial institutions, and his three-year-old government recently faced concern that reforms were losing momentum.

After a four-month investigation, prosecutors said various Daewoo subsidiaries concealed debts and exaggerated assets by a total of \$19 billion to illegally take out \$8.3 billion in bank loans before their parent group's collapse in 1999.



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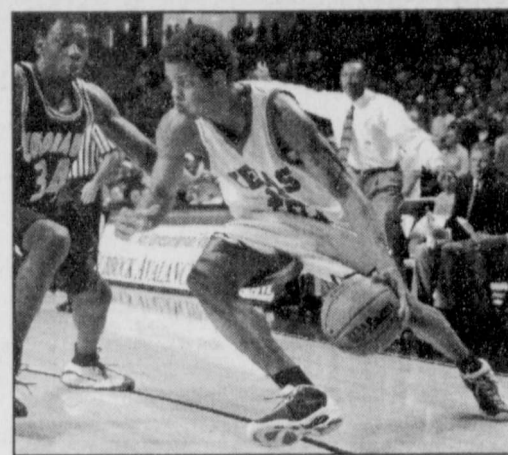
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Police confirm Birdsall as victim

Link with 18-year-old woman remains unclear

By Mara McCoy
Staff Writer

Police confirmed Thursday the identities of Douglas George Birdsall, 53, associate dean of Texas Tech libraries, and Viola Ross, 18, as the deceased found in a car Wednesday morning near an East Lubbock lake.

The bodies were discovered in Canyon Lake Park No. 6 by a bicyclist who notified a city maintenance worker. The worker then notified police.

Lubbock Police Department Capt. Thomas Esparza said police identified the bod-

ies in the early morning hours Thursday. "We identified them through driver's license photos, fingerprints and a mugshot of Viola Ross," he said.

LPD Cpl. Mark Long said Ross also uses the last name McVade, but her real last name is Ross. Esparza said he did not know why Ross and Birdsall were in Birdsall's car together.

"No one is aware of any relationship the two might have had," he said. "We don't know if they had a long-term relationship or not."

Esparza said he did receive information that Birdsall's 1993 black four-door Saab was not in the gully as of 5 p.m. Tuesday.

"Apparently, that area is popular with bicyclists," he said. "We've received info from bicyclists that indicated that the car was not there."

Police still are processing evidence found at the crime scene and in the car, as well as the bodies.

"There were visible wounds when the bodies were removed (from the car)," Esparza said. "The autopsy will determine the type and nature of those wounds."

Police also are looking into the possibility of DNA evidence, as well as an automated message describing Birdsall's listed

number as a non-working number.

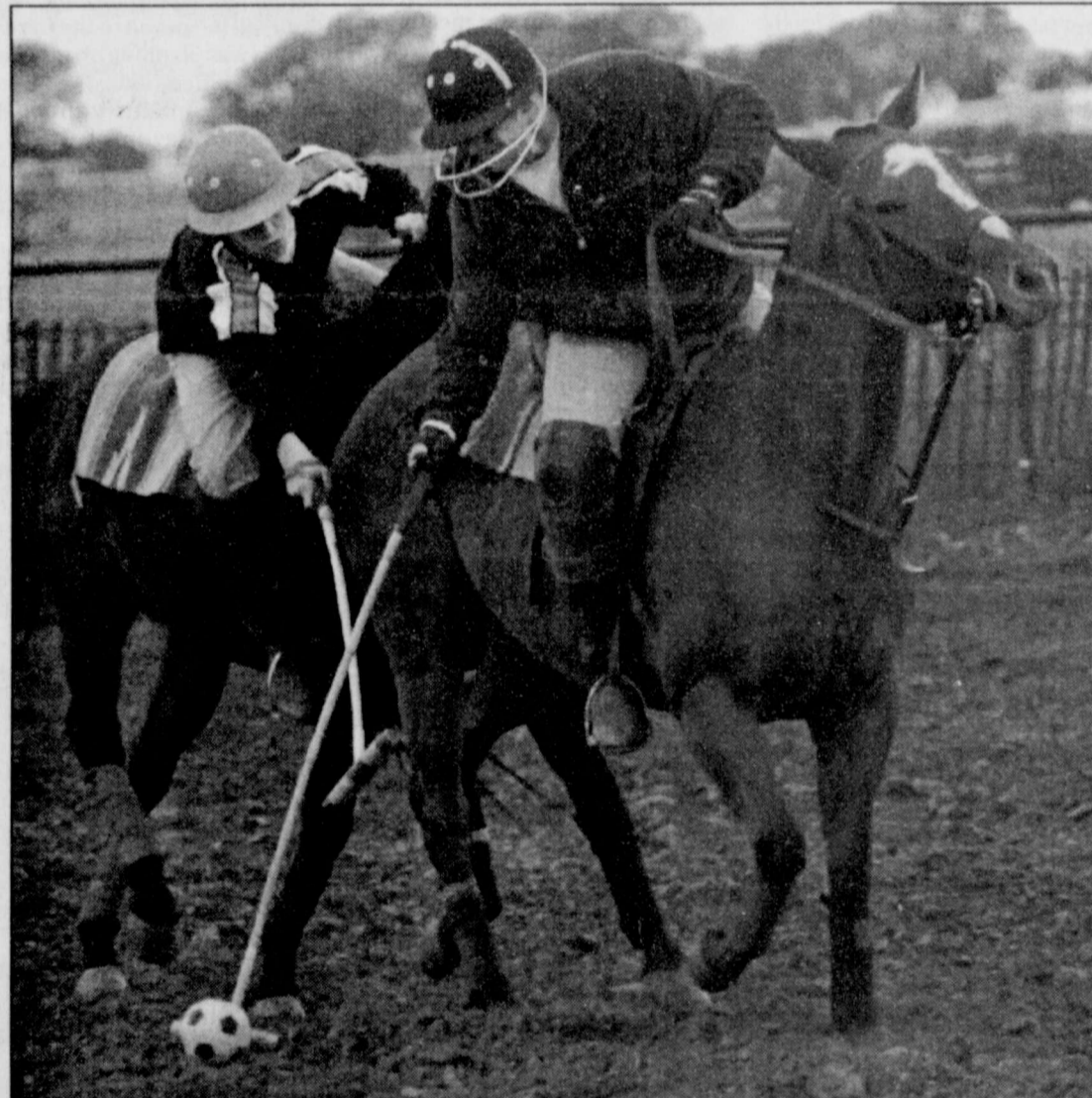
Police still have no leads or suspects in the case and are piecing together the final 24 hours of the victims' lives.

Ross, who has a court record, was unemployed. She was not enrolled in a Lubbock Independent School District school, and the last record of any enrollment was at Alderson Junior High where she attended eighth grade. Ross is survived by a sister, Liza Shontell McVade and a grandmother, Eliza McVade.

Dawn Peirce, director of communications

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Horse hockey



Ernie Koester, a senior history major from Olney, battles teammate Will Weatherford, a freshman agriculture major from Miles, for possession of the ball during a recent practice session with the Texas Tech Polo Club. JAIME TOMAS AGUILAR The University Daily

Saddle swinging resurrection

Polo team membership rebuilds group's foundation

By Tiffany Kingston
Staff Writer

During the past year, a resurrection of the Texas Tech Polo Club has been brought about by two men. President Colin Alexander, a senior elementary education major from Llano, and coach Clyde Waddell, of Lubbock, began with three members in January

2000, but today they boast a membership near 30.

Waddell said the club has been around for 10 to 15 years, but with recent recruiting efforts at Double T Days, membership has flourished.

"It's a neat thing, even for Tech, because it is so unusual," Waddell said. "Interest in the sport is increasing, and alumni are getting involved."

Bonnie Blutworth, a junior design

communications major from Pearland, is secretary of the Tech Polo Club.

Blutworth said she has enjoyed riding all her life. She said she had never played polo before but the Polo Club's booth at Double T Days last year inspired her to give the sport a try.

"They didn't have any female players at the time, and they were very

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Horizon funds exceed \$120 M in gained assets

Texas Tech Chancellor John Montford announces that the TTU Foundation has reached a major milestone.

By Kim Wilson
Staff Writer

Texas Tech Foundation, Inc. reached a major milestone Thursday when Tech Chancellor John Montford announced the foundation moved past the \$100-million mark in total endowment assets.

Jerry Rawls, a Silicon Valley entrepreneur, donated a \$25 million gift to the College of Business Administration on Dec. 15 boosting the foundation past \$120 million in assets.

Rawls, whose donation marks the largest individual gift ever received by Tech, is a 1967 Tech engineering graduate.

Greg Teeter, director of Planned Giving Institutional Advancement for Tech, said the milestone is a big one for Montford's campaign.

"This helps make a big jump for the campaign," Teeter said. "Also it's a great boost for the College of Business."

There are several other donations in the works, but Teeter said, he could not disclose any more information.

The university has received gifts in the form of cash contributions as well as stock and planned gifts such as insurance pledges. All of these gifts have been designated for an assortment of campus needs.

Many donations received by Tech are used for large construction projects such as the United Spirit Arena and are not put into the foundation's endowment accounts.

In August 1996, the Foundation only had assets valued at \$49.8 million. With the help of the Horizon Campaign, which officially began in February 1998 with a goal to raise \$300 million in private support, it has grown tremendously.

The Horizon Campaign now exceeds \$420 million, and Tech fund-raisers are confident they will reach the \$500-million mark by Aug. 3, the campaign's deadline.

Before Rawls' donation, the largest single gift received by Tech was Nov. 17, 1999, when SBC Communications, Southwestern Bell's parent company, donated \$20 million to begin the renovations to Jones SBC Stadium.

Senate Bill 36.03 fails

By Pam Smith
Staff Writer

An attempt to override a presidential veto voiding changes to the election code failed in a 34-23 roll call vote Thursday night at the Texas Tech Student Senate meeting.

However, in a special session following the regular meeting, Senate Bill 36.05 was enacted to ensure students running for the position of internal vice president must have previously served on the Senate.

"I'm pleased that in the end the interest

of the entire student body was taken into account," said Student Government Association President Andrew Schoppe. "I would hope that this issue has been handled and will not affect the rest of the administration."

After a unanimous vote to pass the original Senate Bill 36.03 two weeks ago, a long debate took place Thursday night in consideration of the override. In the end, a 2/3 majority vote was not achieved to override the veto.

"I do not support the motion to override the

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Jason Partney, a junior telecommunications major from San Antonio, holds up a sign during the Student Senate meeting Thursday to protest Senate Bill 36.03. JAIME TOMAS AGUILAR The University Daily

How each senator voted

Senators-at-Large

Beth Adams	no	Josh Nash	no
Jason Bates	yes	Angie Parker	yes
Tammie Dickie	no	Reagan Rinderknecht	no
John Dorff	no	Courtney Simons	absent
Carrie Evans	yes	Kevin Smith	absent
Melissa Green	yes	Wesley Stephens	no
Nikki Pollard	yes	Kelli Stumbo	yes
T.J. Turner	no	Brooke Swallow	yes
Tim Wright	yes	Blade Van Stavern	yes
		Heather Williamson	no

College of Education

Shelby McPherson	no	Law School	
Rebekah Rambo	yes	Konor Cormeir	no
Courtney Turner	no	Dylan Drummond	no

College of Engineering

J.B. Cox	absent	College of Architecture	
Shea Drennan	no	Kyle Coker	yes
Chad Kiphart	no	Zeke Fortenberry	no
Brad Parsons	no		

College of Human Sciences

Clay Bachmann	yes	College of Business Administration	
Raleigh Bailes	no	Josh Allen	no
Jon Leach	no	Michael Burns	yes
Lisa Platt	yes	Blake Fambrough	no
Cyndi Zwank	no	Ben Jackson	yes
		Joshua Meadows	absent
		Jason Sharp	yes
		Shelby Street	absent
		Kelly Thielhorn	yes
		Bill Townend	absent
		Todd Woodruff	absent

College of Agriculture

Chel Bearden	no	Graduate School	
Summer Dean	no	Brent Beene	yes
Cody Nash	no	Tyler Bramble	no
Kristin Boroff	no	Mary Cass	yes

College of Arts and Sciences

Elizabeth Canon	yes	Jon Hogg	no
Heath Cheek	no	J.W. Justice	no
Melissa Clark	yes	George Kirkland	no
Devin Edmiston	no	Joseph Olson	absent
Grant Gildon	no		
Jeremy Granger	no		
Jill Lloyd	no		
Leigh Mauer	yes		
Sean McMullen	yes		

Not to override: 34
To override: 23
Absent: 8

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veto," said Graduate School Sen. J.W. Justice. "No matter how well a student government is intentioned, it is not their place to tell the students that they can't run for office."

Senator-at-Large T.J. Turner said he hopes the controversy surrounding the bill can eventually help the SGA. He said he hoped the attention the issue received would spark interest in who the student body eventually elects as the next president of the SGA.

"I believe it is our duty to serve our constituents," he said. "I charge every student who was against this bill to find out about their candidate and their experience before they elect them."

Several Tech students attended the event in support of the veto.

Jason Partney, a senior telecommunications major from San Antonio, said he felt he had to attend to voice his opinion about the injustice of the bill. Partney even brought a sign protesting the bill.

"I wanted to go out there and support President Schoppe," he said. "It was just really easy to see the right and wrong in this bill."

Partney said he hopes with all the attention this bill has received, he thinks it will make the voters become more educated about the process when election season starts.

"With all the hype this has brought up, I think that it will prompt (students) to ask more intelligent questions as far as the candidates are concerned," he said. "When I got back to the residence hall, however, there was still a guy there who didn't care about the SGA."

Authors of the bill still said they stand behind it, regardless of the opposition from the students.

College of Arts and Sciences Sen. Sean McMullen said the reason behind the bill was to protect the students and to ensure the safety of the

SGA's future.

He said the authors of the bill were concerned someone who was not equipped to handle the budgets of the SGA and the appointments the president makes could cause a detriment to the SGA.

"This bill can be compared to a curfew your parents gave you in high school," he said. "You may not like it, but your parents did it for your safety."

Other changes passed during a special session of the Senate included changes to the time limit for write-in candidates, outlawing spamming—sending unsolicited e-mails to parties as part of the campaign—and a stipulation requiring the Homecoming queen and king to be enrolled in the semester after election.

Other matters discussed at the meeting include a special account set aside for student organizations' special events, a resolution to place pencil sharpeners in high-traffic academic areas and a recommendation from the Senate to reserve 200 parking places in the C-8 parking lot for any student who has a commuter or residence hall sticker during athletic events at the arena.

"I think that it is a good thing," said College of Business Administration Sen. Michael Burns, referring to the pencil sharpeners. "It may seem like a small matter, but in the past a senator brought up the issue of left-handed desks and look what that did."

A moment of silence also was taken at the end of the meeting in remembrance of the earthquake victims in India; Tech athlete Rodney Downey, who died in a motorcycle accident earlier this month; and the Oklahoma State University basketball players who died in a plane crash last weekend.

The agenda *The University Daily* received at 9:30 p.m. Wednesday night was different than the agenda received by senators at the Thursday night meeting. *The UD* received an agenda that did not mention the

vote for either the override or the special session vote for the new election code.

According to the Freedom of Information Act, "all meetings, whether or not they must be open, must be preceded by public notice specifying the time, place and subject matter of the meeting. Actions taken without proper notice may be voided if challenged in court."

DEATH

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for the university libraries, said Birdsall is survived by a son, daughter and a brother.

"He was divorced, and I am aware that he had two children who graduated from prestigious universities up north," she said. "We are waiting on a call from the family and will respect the family's wishes as to whether or not we will hold a memorial service and what to do with his personal items and work."

Peirce said Birdsall was highly regarded both at work and in his field.

"He was highly respected, a very genteel person, very kind. He was a perfectionist as most librarians are," she said. "And he contributed several articles to publications and was instrumental in the renovation process at the library."

The final phase of the library renovation project will begin today. In that phase, the administrative offices will be moved to the third floor.

"He was planning on moving into his new office (today), as were the rest of the administration. He already had begun boxing up his things for the move," she said. "Now everyone has mixed feelings about the move, but it won't be put on hold. We think Doug would want it that way."

The library staff conducted a meeting at 9:45 a.m. Thursday during which time staff members shared what they knew about the case.

"We really know very little," Peirce said. "We're all just in shock. There have been a lot of red eyes today."

Employee assistance personnel were called out to the library yesterday to provide counseling for staff members.

President David Schmidly said he was saddened and shocked when he heard the news.

"He was a very well-liked individual," he said. "This is a sad day for the university. Something like this doesn't happen often, and when it happens very suddenly, it hurts. We don't know what to make of it and are just trying to move on."

TechNotes!

■ Texas Tech Polo Team will play the University of Texas at 11 a.m. on Feb. 3 and 4. To get to the arena take Slide Road south to FM 1585 and follow signs to the game arena. For more information contact Bonnie Bludworth at 724-6439.

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DNA bank hearing postponed

Attorney requests clarification in naming of defendants

By Linda Robertson
Staff Writer

A preliminary hearing to determine the fate of the Alzheimer's DNA bank at the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center came to a halt as soon as it began Thursday morning.

The hearing, which took place in the 72nd District Court in Lubbock, was scheduled to determine if a request for an injunction to prevent the director of the bank, Dr. Randolph Schiffer, department chairperson of HSC neuropsychiatry, from destroying about 800 DNA samples connected to 140 missing consent forms would be upheld.

Chad Giesler, from the Texas Attorney General's Office, represented Schiffer and requested that six exceptions to the lawsuit be answered.

Among the issues in question were whether Schiffer and co-defendant Dr. Joel Kupersmith, dean of the Tech School of Medicine, would be named in the suit in their official capacity for Tech or as individuals without ties to the university.

Another issue addressed was whether or not the DNA bank could be considered as a charitable trust as the lawsuit indicates.

Floyd Holder, the plaintiffs' attorney, contends that by attempting to destroy the samples and keeping the lab closed for the past year, Schiffer and Kupersmith are breaching the trust of the families and those interested in continuing Alzheimer's disease research.

Shirley Poduslo, former director of the bank, said they were just be-

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To see this research stopped hurts my heart. It hits deep."

Kathleen Weiss
CO-PLAINTIFF

ginning to make some significant findings related to the genetic component of Alzheimer's when the lab was shut down.

"We are beginning to see that Alzheimer's has a definite genetic link as evident on a pedigree of one of the research families," she said. "We are beginning to see the disease develop in some of the second generation of this family. In terms of research, one year of inactivity is a long time."

Kathleen Weiss, a co-plaintiff in the case, said she watched her husband decline from Alzheimer's over a period of 10 years.

"I cared for him at home until the last three months of his life," she said. "To see this research stopped hurts my heart. It hits deep."

Another co-plaintiff, Marilyn Adams, said the disease took her mother and sister-in-law and turned them into people she could not rec-

ognize.
"Unless someone experiences the consequences of the disease first hand, they don't realize just how horrid it is," she said. "Anything that can be done to prevent this disease is worth it. The Toliver's traveled at their own expense to help collect samples from all over. This is not just research, it is an effort of love."

Oleta Toliver, one of the lay founders of the research program, said she and her husband, Coke, established a site in Brownfield to collect samples from residents. She said this project is dear to her because her mother was the first donor to this program.

"My mother's Alzheimer's disease was confirmed at autopsy. She had it for 15 years before she died," she said. "We want to stop this disease from affecting others the way it did us. We want to keep the future gen-

erations safe from its effects."
Toliver said when she received notice of the lab's closure, she was very upset.

"I wrote letters to everyone and everyone passed the buck along," she said. "I would like to see this project moved to another institution that would respect Dr. Poduslo's work and help her find the link. I am angry at Tech, even though I am a Techsan, as is the rest of my family. For once, I am not proud to be a graduate of Tech."

The hearing has been continued until early March to allow counsel for both sides to enter new pleas and complaints.

Former Waco school teacher pleads guilty to molestation

WACO (AP) — A former Waco elementary school teacher, described by a parent as "a monster disguised as a teacher," was sentenced to eight years in prison after he pleaded guilty to 11 counts of fondling students.

As seven of his 11 victims and their families looked on Wednesday, Alan Eugene Slates, 42, acknowledged his guilt in a plea bargain with the McLennan County district attorney's office.

State District Judge George Allen sentenced Slates, a former teacher at Alta Vista Montessori Magnet School, to 11 concurrent eight-year prison terms.

Slates must serve at least four years before becoming eligible for parole.

The plea was orchestrated, in large part, to keep the young children off the witness stand.

As part of the agreement, prosecutors dismissed an aggravated sexual assault charge against Slates, which carried a potential life prison term.

Instead he was charged with 11 counts of indecency with a child.

Slates was charged with fondling 11 of his students, both male and female and ranging in age from 7 to 11, from December 1997 to February 2000.

The abuses occurred in his classroom, at his house, at a movie theater where he had a part-time job, and at a Valentine's Day party, prosecutors said.

Engineering Focus Day prepares high school students

Local high school students will have a chance to familiarize themselves with the engineering profession this weekend.

Texas Tech will sponsor the 33rd annual Engineering Focus Day at 8:30 a.m. Saturday in the Petroleum Engineering building. About 100 Upward Bound students are expected to attend.

This year's program is titled "Who Wants to be an Engineer." The activities consist of building bridges, understanding computer chips, making airplanes and testing core

samples. The program is designed to introduce students to the field of engineering.

Upward Bound is funded by the Texas Tech Office of Education and helps 100 high school students prepare to be successful in college.

Upward Bound is open to high school students who are first generation, meaning their parents did not graduate from a four-year university.

They come to the Tech campus every Saturday to attend classes in math, English, foreign languages, literature and college preparation.

The Engineering Focus Day is just one of many programs and activities the program provides for the students.

The program serves students from 40 high schools in nine counties around the South Plains.

Upward Bound Assistant Director Maria Fernandez said the program provides students with skills that will help them later in life.

"I would say the goal of the programs like this is to develop skills and motivation in high school students that will help them succeed in college," she said.

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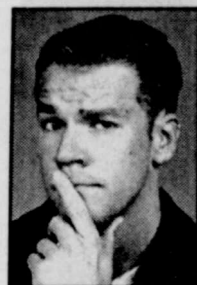
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Column

Tech politics reflect the nation's inadequacies

Isn't it ironic that many of those persons who are now crying loudly for SGA election reform to safeguard against incompetence voted for George "Dubya" Bush?

Have we suddenly realized how egregious an error it was to allow an inexperienced and somewhat ignorant individual to become the leader of the free world? Are we trying desperately to learn from our mistakes last November by changing our own system?



Loren Bell

Probably not. The motivations are likely much more trivial and self-interested than that. However, whatever actions we take concerning our local ruling class, we must still live out the next four years with a vacant occupation of the oval office.

Historically, the first 100 days of a presidency are watched closely by the world in order to gain insight as to what tone the new president will take during the next four years.

Unfortunately, after only 10 days, Dubya's message is clear — and the next 90 don't have the prospects of improvement.

As the anti-environmental crusader, Bush is setting into motion many of the crushing philosophies of degradation that he implemented in Texas, sentencing the entire country to the same fate of pollution and destruction that this state has witnessed.

By appointing Gale Norton as Secretary of the Interior, Bush has placed the proverbial fox in charge of the chicken coop. Norton is an outspoken anti-environmentalist, who was trained by James Watt (Reagan's Interior Secretary who was later ousted for his extremist agenda) and who advocates the logging, mining and drilling of our public lands into oblivion. As if that was not bad enough, Norton also believes that corporations have an inalienable "right to pollute."

In this position, Norton will be in charge of our national parks, Bureau of Land Management lands, national wildlife refuges and national monuments. Ms. Norton will have the ability to cut funding from programs involved with protection of endangered species, will decide whether to allow snowmobiles and ATVs to run rampant through sensitive breeding grounds and will have the power to all but destroy the new national monuments set in place during the Clinton administration.

Additionally, Gale Norton is a strong supporter of exploiting wildlife refuges for commercial gain, championing drilling in the Arctic — a shortsighted

plan that will serve to gain little while destroying lots.

The Artic Wildlife Refuge is one of the last areas of pristine land left on the Arctic shelf, and we have been fooled into believing it contains the answer to our "energy crisis."

However, truth be told, studies show that the AWR contains barely enough oil to fill our country's energy needs for a period of about 6 months — hardly enough supply to make a dent in our dependency on foreign oil. A more lasting and more efficient means to reduce our energy deficit would be to increase fuel consumption standards on our cars and light trucks.

Drilling the AWR is akin to flooding the Grand Canyon for its hydroelectric power or capping Old Faithful and the rest of Yellowstone for the geothermal power — the loss is too great. But wait, better not give Ms. Norton any more ideas.

In addition to his frontal attacks on the environment, the president also has managed to push forth policy that infuriated many for its social implications but has profound effects on the state of our natural world. By stating that any world organization that discusses abortion with women is no longer eligible for U.S.

funding, Bush manages to ensure the continuation of the global population crisis while arrogantly pressing forth his particular brand of morality.

Simply stated, the exponential growth of the population in many parts of the world is the direct cause of much suffering and is a catalyst for every environmental concern we have today. By reinstating the global gag rule, Bush ensures that fewer women will have access to the

vital information they need to more responsibly have children and is making it more difficult to protect the natural resources that are threatened by the demands of a rapidly increasing population.

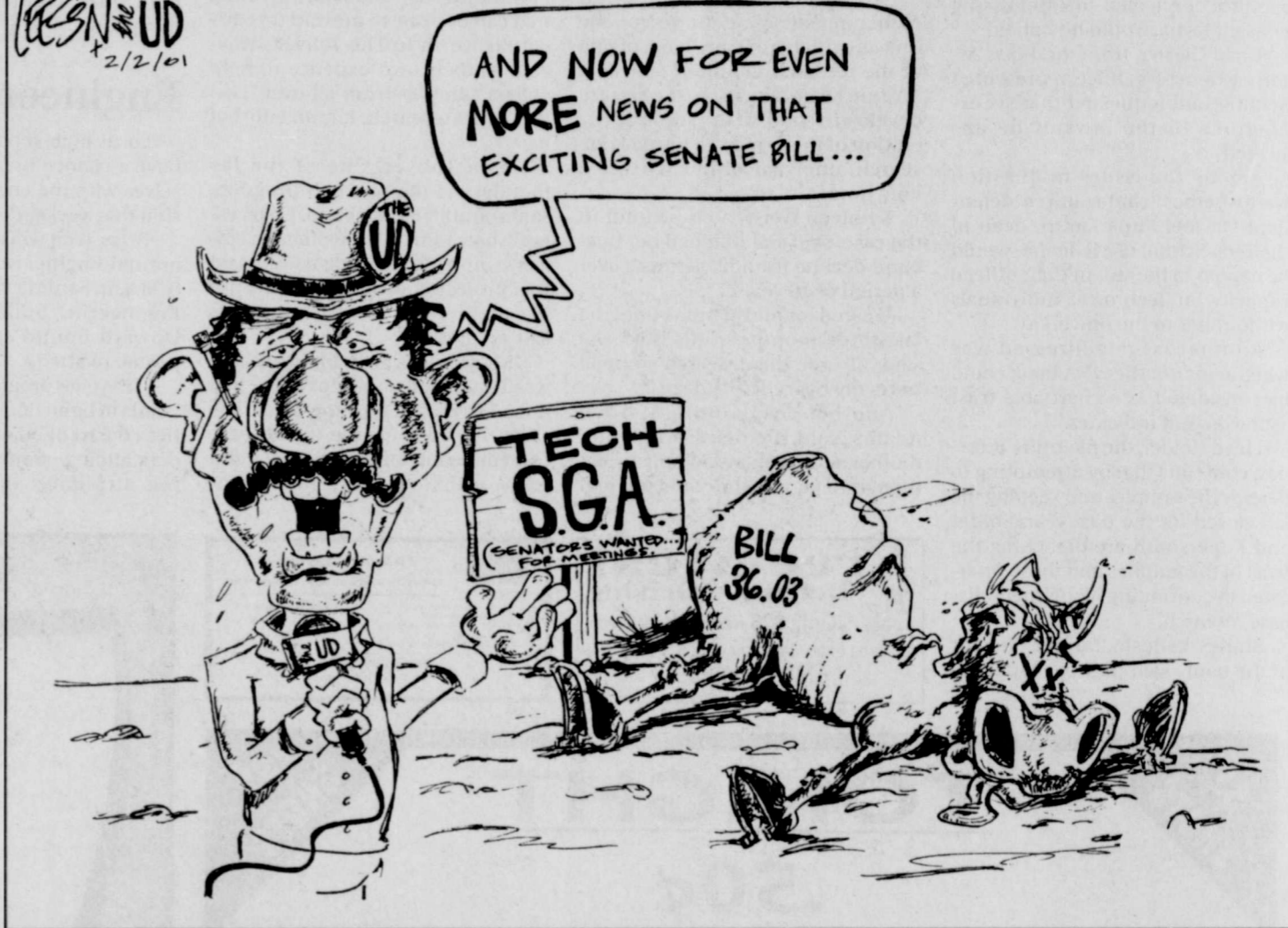
In short, Bush is off to an abysmal start and must be watched carefully. If ever there was a time for splattering the pages of the paper with opinions and outrage, now is that time.

So, before you get your hackles up regarding whether or not we should allow the dominant parties in Texas Tech politics to have an even stronger stranglehold on our student government, realize that there are vastly more important issues that warrant your concern.

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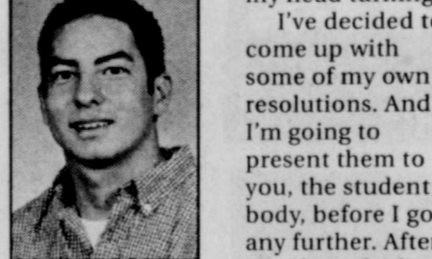


Column

Encourage the passage of these bills

Some one please spare me some aspirin or Advil. All this talk of resolutions and Senate Bills and experience and elections gives me a headache.

But I figure I'll ride the wave while it's still in motion. No, I'm not going to go on a tirade about editorials or election code. The discussion about the Student Government Association's passage of resolutions and bills has different gears in my head turning.



Greg Okuhara

I've decided to come up with some of my own resolutions. And I'm going to present them to you, the student body, before I go any further. After all, I have faith that you will be able to recognize what is good for Tech and what isn't. I feel the students on this campus are educated enough to make their own decisions.

Senate Bill 36.10. If anyone's ever taken a class in the English building, you'll be familiar with the wooden desks that look like they're built to accommodate kindergartners. As a matter of fact, I think I saw this love note I wrote my pre-school sweetheart on the desk I was sitting in during class yesterday. The Student Senate needs to pass legislation urging the administration to purchase recliners for the students. They dropped \$45 million on the new English/Philosophy/Education complex, why not splurge a little on

furnishings? The departments aren't going to have to hold a bake sale for furniture, are they?

Senate Bill 36.11. Students who are brave enough to do No. 2 in a campus bathroom should be rewarded with the top amenities. I'm talking heated toilet seats, two-ply tissue paper, that cool moisturizing/anti-bacterial soap and reading material. Not just campus news, but magazines like *Maxim*, *Playboy*, *Hot Rodder* and *Sports Illustrated*. For the women, Tech should supply *Cosmopolitan*, *Esquire*, *Mademoiselle*, and *Martha Stewart's Living*.

Senate Bill 36.13. Tech students can challenge Traffic and Parking enforcers

to a game of Rock-Paper-Scissors to settle ticket disputes. Best 2 out of 3, all decisions are final and cannot be appealed.

Senate Bill 36.20. Students will no longer be charged admission to any Tech athletic games. Since our administration always is pushing more student involvement at games,

they should stop charging students admission. Plus, especially at football games, the sale of large soft drinks to make mixed drinks will more than make up for the loss of ticket sales. My numbers project a 156 percent increase in concession stand sales. A stipulation of

this bill would be the nullification of public intoxication citations issued by local authorities. Instead, anyone acting like a idiot will be forced to perform to Ricky Martin songs during halftime.

Senate Bill 36.23. Tech will construct giant wind blocks to keep the sand and dirt out of students' hair, ears and eyes. Those students who have ever attended school in the Hub City during the Spring are familiar with wind storms comparable to the Dust Bowl decades ago. Residents probably receive their RDA of dirt by drinking the water here, so they don't need it blowing up their noses.

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The "pissing contests" will now consist of who can pee longer after doing consecutive beer bongs. Tech will supply those sumo wrestling outfits and *The UD* editorial board will go up against SGA executive positions. Think of it like the "Real World/Road Rules Challenge" — Texas Tech

style. Well, it looks like the SGA better get crackin' on these bills if they want to have a productive legislative year.

Greg Okuhara is a senior journalism major from The Woodlands and copy editor for *The University Daily*.

Letters to the Editor

Open your mind

To the editor: "Our people" I had no idea that we are from different worlds! In your article (UD, 1/31) about us "agarians" you go on and on about how odd and horrible we are, I believe you are discriminating against us!

Are you really that narrow minded to realize that farming and the western way of life actually does occur in Texas? On a better point, you have to realize that you would not have the life that you do without the agricultural industry. Those Old Navy cargo pants and that Structure

hat of yours are made by from cotton that is grown in this area. The hamburgers and other meat products that you eat on a daily basis come from the livestock that we raise.

How dare you judge and gripe about the different music and clothing. It is just another way of living. Before Dallas did become a large city it was actually just like Lubbock, and even today some of the most farming and ranching comes out of that area.

I think that you, in all actuality, are the one who is not open minded. One thing is for sure you had a choice to come to Tech, and you knew coming here that it was a smaller town with wind, dirt, and yes, cowboys!

If you do not like the way most of us

live down here you also have the choice to leave!

Holly Pennock Ricketson senior anthropology

To the editor: Upon reading Kenneth Strickland's article "Urbanites, Lubbock join hands and sing" in the Wednesday's UD, I thought to myself, "Is everyone in Mesquite as ignorant as he is?" Kenneth, your poorly thought out article drips with ignorance and disgust for Lubbockites and their culture. I have one solution for you, Kenneth — get over it or get out of town! You claim to be discriminated against by a police officer, so you boldly put down a small percentage of Lubbockites who you claim are uncivilized, with thoughtlessness and insincerities. Your

simple-minded view on (West) Texas music also angers me because your stereotypes are gratuitous and outdated. You take good music from a great state, and you manage to poorly dissect it and basically label it as a low class, white trash art form. Though you do listen to Blink 182, who sing about educated topics ranging from prank calls to euphoric immaturity. Real good comparison, Kenneth. In your last paragraph, you plead, "Don't judge me, or my people, merely because we're different." Your hypocrisy baffles me. It sounds to me that we should take up your charity cause simply because one cop called your music crap. Poor oppressed Kenneth Strickland. Maybe we should pass the offering plate on your behalf at one of our prevalent Baptist churches. You talk about coexisting, but it's

difficult to make sense with the few ignorant city-folk like yourself who refuse to be open-minded to our culture. So Kenneth Strickland, when we uneducated rural-folk cut you off in our pickups and flash you a Copenhagen smile and a finger, remember that is was your choice to come to Lubbock and attend Texas Tech. My point is that no one asked you to come here, so you can go back to Mesquite and tell your overly-civilized people of our simple-mindedness and ignorance. Better yet, why don't you just stay there! It's obvious that your views on Lubbock and its citizens are jaded and inaccurate. I can only hope that you will think before you submit your next column.

Brad Patrick junior architecture

Talent showcase for Tech students

By Cory Chandler
Staff Writer

Potential superstars will have a chance to put their talents on display when the Student Government Association hosts its inaugural talent show April 18.

Applications for the talent show are due by 5 p.m. today.

Leigh Mauer, a sophomore history major from Waco and SGA Arts and Sciences Senator, is in charge of coordinating the talent show. She said the format of the show will vary depending on the type of applications they receive.

Mauer said at the moment they

plan on providing time for single and group performances, with impromptu skits based on the television series "Whose Line is it Anyway?"

"We want to try and break up the monotony of the show by mingling the individuals and groups together," she said.

"We don't want one person standing on stage the whole time singing

into the microphone."

Mauer said she decided to try a talent show on the Tech campus after seeing them at other schools.

"Many of the schools in Texas have them," she said. "And I felt a school our size should have one as well."

Mauer said so far, they have not received as many applications as they expected.

SGA seeks more applications for inaugural talent show

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said the club enjoys many activities such as weekend camping trips and trail rides throughout the spring.

Also planned for this Spring, before the regional tournament, is a clinic sponsored by the Polo Training Foundation. The foundation is a non-profit organization that gives free polo clinics to intercollegiate equestrian clubs and riding programs throughout the country. The foundation is a division of the United States Polo Association.

Wilbur O'Ferrall, the West Coast representative for the foundation, said the purpose of the clinic is to encourage development and sportsmanship through principles of the game.

"I hope that those who take my clinic have an understanding of how much fun the sport of polo is and see the fulfillment that horses can get from being introduced to the sport as well," he said.

Part of O'Ferrall's job is coordinating all the collegiate polo tournaments for the three regions, which are the Western, Central and Eastern regions. Each region competes in its own championship, and the winners are invited to the national championships.

Tech, along with Oklahoma University, New Mexico State University, Colorado State University, University of Texas at Austin and Texas A&M University make up the Central region.

Waddell and members of the Midland Polo Club evaluate the team as a whole. The top players are chosen to represent Tech at tournaments.

However, Bludworth said all members are encouraged to go to the games and show their support.

She said the purpose of the club is to expose Tech people who are interested in the sport and to create an atmosphere where everyone can learn and have fun simultaneously.

Waddell said scrimmages and practices are important. However, Alexander said polo goes deeper than just the sport itself.

"The camaraderie is a big part of it," he said. "We hang out with other players from competing universities, and we stay at their houses during tournaments. It is an expensive sport, but it's worth it — it's addicting."

friendly," Bludworth said. "The club has eight women on the team now."

The men's and women's team will be competing in the first game of the season this weekend against the University of Texas at Austin. The women's team will be competing at 11 a.m. Saturday, and the men's team will square off at 11 a.m. Sunday.

Alexander said this is the first game played in Lubbock since the reorganization of the club.

"(UJT is) also rebuilding their club," Alexander said. "Hopefully it should be a good game. This semester they have some new recruits — people who have prior experience. Most of the guys from our team are learning from scratch. Most of our reconstruction happened over the summer."

Alexander and Waddell said Tech's teams have significantly improved over the past year and have a good chance of doing well at the regional tournament in March.

"I fully expect them to win," Waddell said. "They have been working real hard since last September."

Following the game this Saturday, the club has invited any students who are interested in finding out more about the organization to their open rush. Members will be available to answer questions. Guests are encouraged to socialize and enjoy complimentary food.

The club owns 17 horses, which were donated. Additional horses are leased from members of the team.

The club is funded with member dues and private donations. Maintenance of the horses requires a financial commitment from the 30 members.

Membership dues are \$300 a semester. All the fees go toward maintaining the horses, which includes feeding, buying horseshoes and any medical expenses.

Waddell said prior polo experience is not required to be a member of the club; new members are taught how to play.

Game-time strategy is not the only priority of the club. Waddell

Penny Martinez, a junior public relations major from Lubbock who is helping plan the event, said she feels there will be a large number of participants despite the slow response so far.

"It's still pretty early," she said. "I've talked to a lot of people who are interested and still haven't turned in their applications. We are also going to talk to student organizations and get them involved."

Students interested in applying for the talent show can turn in applications to the SGA office, 230 University Center.

The SGA can be reached for more information at 742-3631.

PBS show sparks revived interest in jazz

but contemporary jazz, too.

"I know personally I talked to a number of friends who are not jazz buyers or listeners ... who found themselves hooked on this series," said Bill McFarlin, executive director of the Manhattan, Kan.-based International Association of Jazz Educators.

He acknowledged the omissions of "Bill Evans, Chick Corea ... Pat Metheny, and a number of others who have obviously had an impact on this evolution of music." But he noted that Burns never intended to give a definitive history.

"In context of what the intentions were, I think that the end result will be positive," McFarlin said.

The documentary, which Burns called the last in a trilogy that began with 1990's "The Civil War" and continued with 1994's "Baseball," began airing Jan. 8. Although final ratings figures haven't been determined, "jazz" doubled PBS' prime-time viewership and averaged about a 3.6 rating, said Harry Forbes, a network spokesman. That's lower than Burns' baseball series, which averaged a 5.1

rating, and Civil War documentary, at 9.0.

Yet "Jazz" was more successful than PBS had predicted, Forbes said, considering that other jazz specials over the years — the Newport Jazz Festival or "Live from Lincoln Center" — have

not done as well.

"What's extraordinary with these jazz ratings is traditionally jazz does not do well on PBS, or presumably anywhere else," he said.

"Jazz" even did better than a five-part series the network aired a few years ago on the history of rock. "Rock 'n' roll is certainly the most popular genre ... (yet) that only averaged a 3.3," Forbes said.

Columbia and Verve Records

jointly released 24 recordings in conjunction with the series, all with the stamp of "Ken Burns Jazz." The five-disc "Ken Burns Jazz: The Story of America's Music" has been certified gold.

In addition, Billboard lists seven "Ken Burns" CDs dedicated to the work of individual artists such as Louis Armstrong among the top 10 selling jazz albums in the country.

And the increase in album sales has not been limited to the Burns titles. The traditional jazz market has seen at least \$1 million more in sales since the series began, said Michael Kauffman, senior vice president of sales and marketing at Verve.

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Raider baseball takes show to Houston

By Phil Riddle
Staff Writer

An overpowering first weekend of play followed by a week-long layoff has the Texas Tech baseball team chomping at the bit.

After handing Howard University losses of 21-0 and 25-0 in both teams' Jan. 26 season-opening series, the Raiders will return to the diamond at the Astros College Baseball Classic at Enron Field in Houston.

Tech will face Texas Christian (2-0) at 11 a.m. today, followed by a 3 p.m. battle with Rice (0-0) on Saturday and Sunday's noon contest with Houston (0-0).

"I think this tournament is pretty much going to be the start of our season," junior infielder Bryon Smith said.

"This last weekend was just to kind of see what we could do. Houston, TCU and Rice — those will be some challenges."

Smith, a transfer student from Connors State Junior College, drilled seven hits in 11 at-bats against Howard and drove in six runs.

"That'll be good for all us new guys," Smith said. "Heck, we've got eight new position players and a bunch of new pitchers, and we're all trying to work out nerves too."

Teammate Tony Arnerich, a junior catcher from Santa Rosa J.C., said he also sees the weekend tournament as the team's first real test.

"We're really looking forward to it," Arnerich said. "We're excited to get to go and play some good competition. Rice, TCU and Houston — those are some pretty good teams. It'll give us a chance to see where we are as a team."

Raider coach Larry Hays said he views the tourney as a measuring stick for his team. He said the tournament will be a place to answer some early-season questions about the lineup that were left unanswered after the last half of the Howard series was canceled

due to inclement weather.

"We'll get some good experience this weekend," Hays said. "Especially with the caliber of teams we'll be seeing. The thing we didn't get to see, and that won't be answered until we play some quality teams, is whether we can generate runs against a pitcher having a good day."

Hays said his team has yet to face a solid pitcher.

"What we're waiting to see is what we'll do against quality pitching," Hays said.

"(Steven) Leist and Arnerich, they did what you're looking for in that sixth and seventh spot. Smith did all right in eighth. If we can figure out one and two, the other spots won't change much."

Shaud Williams, also a Tech football player, batted leadoff in the second game of the Howard series, collecting two hits in six plate appearances, two RBIs and a stolen base.

"He's made a lot of progress," Hays

said.

"Not getting to play the whole series hurt him. We are bringing him along gradually. We don't want to overload him. We want to try to prepare him for what he's doing. He has the talent. If he keeps working and we get to play enough, he'll get the bat going."

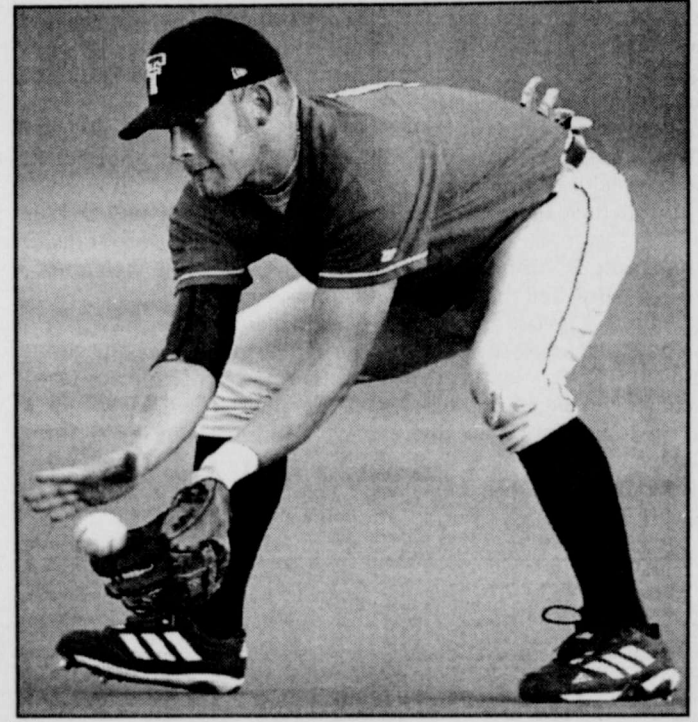
Right-hander Chris Phillips, also a junior transfer from Santa Rosa J.C., is the expected starting pitcher against TCU.

Phillips (1-0) was the winning pitcher in Friday's nightcap, pitching six scoreless innings, fanning eight and walking none while allowing just four hits.

Cory Metzler (1-0) is the planned starter against Rice.

Metzler, a senior right-hander, threw five frames against the Bisons in the first game Friday, allowing only two hits, striking out four and walking none.

Sunday's starter has not been decided.



Tech infielder Matt Deichert fields a ground ball during practice this week. The Red Raiders will face TCU at 11 a.m. today in Houston. Greg Kreller/The University Daily

First half blues



JAIME TOMAS AGUILAR/The University Daily

Tech guard Andre Emmett drives to the basket against Colorado earlier this season. The Red Raiders scored only 16 points in the first half in their last outing, a 66-64 road loss at Missouri.

First half problems spelling trouble for Raiders

By Jeff Keller
Sports Editor

The first half of a basketball game is often crucial. From the opening tip, the

team who sets the tempo of the game is most likely to be the one celebrating victory at the end of the contest.

This season, the first half has been the deciding period on more

than one occasion for the Texas Tech men's basketball squad.

Twice this season the Red Raiders have been held to less than 20 points in the first half, and both times the end result was a notch in the loss

column for the Red and Black.

In Tech's last outing, the Red Raiders posted only 16 first half points, and despite a furious

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Tech softball opens season against NMSU

By Matt Muench
Staff Writer

With a new field on the way, three new coaches and a new attitude, the Texas Tech softball team opens the 2001 campaign with a doubleheader against New Mexico State at noon Saturday at Lubbock High School.

First-year coach Bobby Reeves said he is excited to get the season rolling and is looking forward to a fresh start for the Raiders.

"We are ready to play, and we are kind of getting tired of each other," Reeves said. "It is time to play somebody else, and I think we are ready."

Reeves served as an assistant at Tech from 1997-99, Tech's most successful seasons on the softball diamond. The Red Raiders compiled a 115-79-1 record during his three-year tenure as an assistant, including the only trip to the NCAA Tournament in the school's history.

Center fielder and All-American candidate Sandy Butler said she was excited to hear Reeves was coming back to Tech because he knows how to make his players feel comfortable while still getting the job done.

"He brings experience and two excellent hitting coaches," Butler said. "He brings leadership, and he is just the kind of person that brings players to their full potential."

Reeves coached at Southwest Texas last year and said he was thrilled to take the Tech job because he grew up a Red Raider.

"I have had my Guns Up in the air ever since I can remember," Reeves said. "It is home for me, and there is

not another place I would rather be than Texas Tech."

Leading the pitching staff is All-American candidate and Tech record-holder Amanda Renfro.

The rise ball pitcher threw four no-hitters last year, and she said combined with the pitching talent of No. 2 starter, Maggie Ayres, the Raiders' pitching staff will be strong.

"We are going to work well together," Renfro said. "I am more of a rise-ball pitcher, and she is more of a drop-ball type. I think we will complement each other very well."

Last year, the squad had trouble helping Renfro with run support, but Renfro said the new coaches have helped the hitters this season.

"I think our hitting has improved a whole lot," Renfro said. "There is a big difference from last year to this year."

Butler said the contests with NMSU will be a building block for the squad to see how much the team has improved from last year's 19-36 squad.

"It is an experimental doubleheader because you get to get a feel for your team," Butler said. "We just need to see how much improvement we have made since the fall."

The road to conference play, which begins in late March, will not be easy for the Raiders, who play nine ranked teams.

Butler said the team has set many goals, and she thinks this could be the best team she has played for at Tech.

"What I want to get out of this season is to get further than we have ever been," Butler said. "I think we can do it with this team and this coaching staff. Us three seniors want to finish strong."

Women's tennis looks to continue undefeated start

The Texas Tech women's tennis team begin Big 12 Conference play this weekend when they face Missouri at 10 a.m. Sunday at the Lubbock Country Club.

Tech brings its undefeated 4-0 record into the conference opener looking to continue the Red Raiders' best start since 1987. Tech is coming off a 6-1 victory over Abilene Christian on Wednesday, and avenged the loss ACU dealt Tech last year. In the win,

co-captains Alenka Ovin and Noel Ruiz maintained their undefeated records, and all three doubles partners also still hold undefeated marks.

Ovin won her singles match in two sets, 6-0, 6-2, against the 27th-ranked Division II player Sarah Rawell of ACU.

Sophomore Sonnia Orellana continued her winning ways but ended her scoreless streak by winning in two sets, 6-3, 6-0, over Andi Wildner in the fourth position.

Lady Raiders searching for season sweep of Texas A&M

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Nine games remain in the Big 12 Conference season, and the Lady Raiders sit in a familiar position — first place.

Texas Tech (16-3 overall, 7-1 Big 12) will try to keep pace with first place counterparts Iowa State and Oklahoma when the Lady Raiders take on rival Texas A&M this weekend.

Tip off is scheduled for 7 p.m. Sat-

urday at the United Spirit Arena, a site the Lady Raiders have tasted victory 40 straight times.

Tech senior guard Katrisa O'Neal said the home games are the contests the team has to cherish if the squad is going to maintain their first place standing.

"Our games at home give us motivation to get a big win," said O'Neal, who is averaging 12.2 points per game. "Home games prepare us for the road games, and our next one will be tough

with Baylor."

The Lady Raiders are coming off a dominating performance against Kansas State. Freshman Natalie Ritchie said the win helped ease the pain from the loss Oklahoma dealt Tech on Sunday.

"I think (Wednesday) night was a big boost for our confidence," said Ritchie, who has scored 25 points in the last two games. "We just need to continue to play hard."

The Aggies (12-7 overall, 2-6 Big 12)

have dropped their last two contests and have struggled since Big 12 Conference play began. However, one of those two wins was an upset victory over Baylor. Ritchie said the Aggies will be scrappy and will come in with a motivation to win.

"A&M has great athletic guards," Ritchie said. "We have to stop their three-point shooting, and we have to create more on the offensive end."

The meeting between the two squads will be the second one this sea-

son, with Tech winning the first meeting in College Station, 85-78, early last month. O'Neal said the Lady Raiders have to pressure Aggie leading scorer Jaynetta Saunders, who scored 34 against Tech last time out.

"She is not the only star on their team, but she is a major impact," O'Neal said. "Brandi Jones can also play, and they are both great shooters."

The Saunders and Jones duo this season has combined for nearly half of the Aggies points.

Expected to return to the lineup Saturday for the Lady Raiders is junior forward/guard Amber Tarr.

Tarr has missed the last two games with a dislocated left patella, an injury she sustained against Oklahoma State two weeks ago. Tarr will not start but will earn minutes against the Aggies.

Ritchie, along with freshman Jia Perkins, have been filling Tarr's vacancy, and Ritchie said she will continue to help the team anyway she can.