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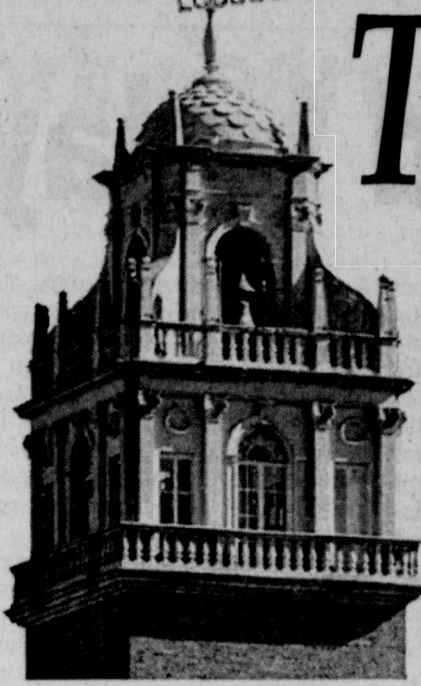
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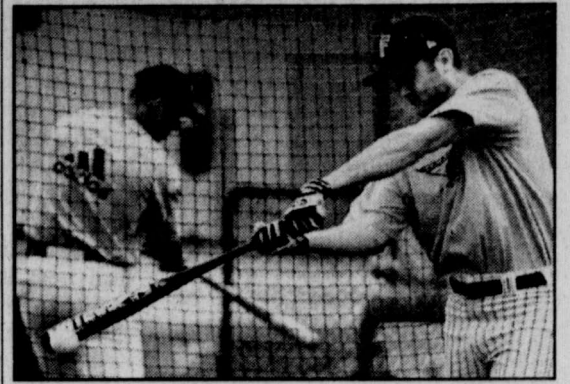
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STATE

Internet sex scandal earns 15-years of jail

DALLAS (AP) — A judge on Monday rejected a minimum prison sentence of nearly five years for a North Texas man who pleaded guilty to using the Internet to lure a child for sex. U.S. District Judge Joe Kendall instead gave the man 15 years. U.S. Attorney Paul Coggins of Dallas said it is the longest sentence yet in the Northern District of Texas for using the Internet to seek illegal sex with a minor.

Robert Jackson Jr., 43, of Boyd had entered into a plea agreement on a charge of using a facility of interstate commerce, a computer, to entice a minor for the purpose of illegal sexual activity. Jackson was arrested after an undercover Dallas police officer posed as a 13-year-old boy answering an Internet ad seeking a young boy for sex.

At a sentencing hearing on Monday, Kendall rejected Jackson's plea agreement with the government that included a sentence of at least 57 months. The judge, who said Jackson has a history of sexually abusing children spanning more than two decades, moved up six levels under U.S. sentencing guidelines to impose the 15-year penalty.

NATIONAL

Ronald Reagan hits 90-year anniversary

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Twelve years after leaving the White House with plans to spend his sunset years chopping wood and riding horses, Ronald Reagan celebrates his 90th birthday as a recluse battling old age, Alzheimer's disease and a broken hip.

Reagan's birthday today will be a subdued celebration at the former president's Bel-Air home, where he is recovering from surgery to repair the hip he broke Jan. 12 in a fall.

"We will celebrate Ronnie's 90th birthday very quietly here at home with a birthday cake (likely his favorite chocolate), of course!" Nancy Reagan said in a written response to questions e-mailed to her by *The Associated Press*.

The former movie star is one of only three presidents to reach 90 — John Adams and Herbert Hoover are the others.

"He looks fine. I mean, you know, his skin, and he's got a full head of hair. ... I mean, when the barber comes to cut his hair, he has to thin it!" Nancy Reagan

WORLD

Canada power plants sickening Americans

TORONTO (AP) — Pollution from Ontario power plants is sickening Americans, the attorneys general of New York and Connecticut said in a letter asking Canada's government to assess the situation.

The letter to Environment Minister David Anderson from Eliot Spitzer and Richard Blumenthal, the attorneys general of New York and Connecticut, includes strong accusations in seeking an environmental assessment of three Ontario Power Generation coal-burning plants.

With Prime Minister Jean Chretien meeting President Bush on Monday, the timing of the Jan. 31 letter was intended to raise the issue as the leaders discuss U.S.-Canadian relations.

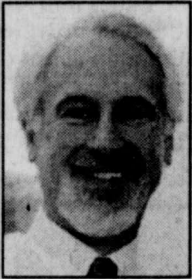
The letter cited pollution from Nanticoke, the largest coal-fired plant in North America, along with the Lakeview and Lambton plants,

Affidavit offers insight into murders

Sister of victim gives insight into relationship between Viola Ross and Douglas Birdsall.

By Mara McCoy
Staff Writer

Police released more details Monday concerning the incidents leading up to the murders of Douglas Birdsall and Viola Ross. In a sworn affidavit by Liza Shontell McVade, Viola Ross' sister, McVade stated she "heard several phone conversations between Viola Ross and Vaughn Ross ..." During the phone conversations, (McVade) heard Vaughn (Ross) make threatening statements



Birdsall

towards Viola (Ross).
The affidavit also states the calls were received Jan. 30, at Vaughn Ross' apartment, located at 2024 10th St., in the Chateau De Ville apartments, where McVade later observed Vaughn Ross placing latex gloves on his hands.

Police said since his arrest, Vaughn Ross has admitted to investigators he was involved in an argument with Viola Ross on Jan. 30, the day of the murders.

According to the affidavit, Vaughn Ross then told McVade to leave his apartment. Vaughn Ross told McVade, "If I do something, I don't want nobody around."



Vaughn

According to police reports, McVade then left Vaughn Ross' apartment and went to a nearby apartment to try to find a ride to her father's house. She had her 3-year-old son with her at the time. A witness, who called police regarding a shots fired incident, said a short time before he heard the shots, a black female with a child about 3 or 4 years old came to his apartment and used his phone.

Reports also state that about 10:45 p.m., Jan. 30, a witness observed two black vehicles traveling east from 10th Street and Avenue T. The witness said both vehicles ran stop signs

at Avenue S and Avenue R. The witness also said the cars then turned south onto Avenue Q. The witness said the rear vehicle was a black Saab and believes it was Birdsall's car. The witness also said he could see people in the vehicles, but could not identify anyone.

According to police records, Vaughn Ross has previously been charged with several felony offenses in Missouri, including first degree assault, first degree robbery, stealing a motor vehicle and armed criminal action. He has no previous criminal record in Texas.

Vaughn Ross, no relation to Viola Ross, was arrested and charged with two counts of murder Sunday. He remains in the Lubbock County Jail on a \$400,000 bond.

Birdsall, 53, who was associate dean of the

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Down for the count



GREG KRELLER/The University Daily

Harlem Globetrotter Paul "Showtime" Gaffney wrestles down a New York Nationals player Monday evening during their basketball contest at the United Spirit Arena.

Kings of the Court

'Trotters use skills, finesse to dazzle USA audience

By Cory Chandler
Staff Writer

The United Spirit Arena saw a different breed of basketball Monday night as the Harlem Globetrotters dazzled fans with their unique blend of showmanship and athletic wizardry.

These court jesters of basketball,

who are celebrating their 75th anniversary this year, twirled their signature red, white and blue basketball on the tips of their fingers to their theme song, "Sweet Georgia Brown," and kept the audience cheering with slam dunks, backward shots and fancy ball handling.

The highlight of the game was Paul "Showtime" Gaffney, the reigning

"Clown Prince" of the Globetrotters, who often interrupted the contest to crack jokes or harass members of the audience.

Gaffney, who wore a microphone so he could be heard throughout the arena, walked off court to eat nachos, threw water onto the audience, stole

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House bill 683 gives students service fee opts

Student support soon could be required to assist political or ideological groups.

By Pam Smith
Staff Writer

As this year's budget process for Texas Tech student organizations is in full swing, several actions off campus could affect the way those organizations are funded in the future.

Texas House Bill 683, introduced by State Rep. Rick Green, R-Dripping Springs, may give students the opportunity to choose which political or ideological organizations they wish to support with their student services fees. The bill states a university would have to receive approval from students before they could use their fee money to support one of these organizations.

According to the bill, "the governing board of an institution of higher education may not charge a student enrolled in the institution a fee or any portion of a fee that is used to support an organization that engages in political or ideological advocacy unless the student affirmatively approves the use of the fee for that purpose."

Therefore, each university would have to install a procedure where students would be notified about the purpose of the fee money. If a student does not approve of the usage, the university would be required to reduce their fee payment by the amount that would have been given to the organization.

According to the Texas Legislature Web site, the bill has been filed and is waiting to be discussed in committee before it goes before the Legislature. If approved, the bill would take effect Jan. 1.

Tech's Student Government Association President Andrew Schoppe, who chairs the student services committee, said he believes the impracticality of the bill would make it hard to implement.

"The logistics of that bill would be a chore," he said. "If it was up to the students to approve the fee, there would be a lot of work coordinating when the students would want to pick what they approve and what they don't."

Schoppe also said students might not realize the detriment this could have on the organizations they are involved in. If a student decided they wanted to only support the organizations they agreed with, they have

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Streibich named VP for institutional advancement

Texas Tech President David Schmidly appoints the position which is effective March 1.

By Mara McCoy
Staff Writer

After a search that lasted several months, Texas Tech President David Schmidly named Ronald Streibich as the new vice president

for institutional advancement. Streibich's appointment to the position, which was created by Schmidly when he took office in August, will become effective March 1.

"President Schmidly indicated he needed a vice president for institutional advancement before he took office," said Gene Binder, executive assistant to the president. "The position is traditional in many universities, but right now, (Tech) doesn't have one."

Binder said there were no internal finalists for the vice president

for institutional advancement position.

"All the finalists were external," he said. "One was from California, one was from Austin, and Streibich was from A&M and was officed in Houston."

The vice president for institutional advancement will be responsible for planning, managing and coordinating the overall fund-raising program in support of the academic colleges and schools at Tech.

Streibich also will be responsible for coordinating strategies to redefining and broaden Tech's image and

name recognition throughout the country.

Streibich is serving as campaign director, director of major gifts and director of Texas A&M University's fund-raising efforts for the George Bush Presidential Library Center.

Prior to working at A&M, Streibich served as vice president for development at St. Louis Children's Hospital and as executive vice president of the Memorial Hospital Foundation in Texas.

He also served as vice president for development at Knox College and director of development at

Northwestern University.

"He has done a tremendous job at A&M," Binder said. "He has raised a huge amount of monies for the university and built a relationship between donors and the university."

Binder said he was delighted that Streibich accepted the position.

"The overwhelming majority was in favor of Streibich," he said. "He will bring a tremendous amount of experience, knowledge and success to Tech. (Streibich) has been in the business for a long time."

TechNotes!

■ **Business Graduate School Society** is sponsoring the Marketplace 2000 Career Fair from 9 a.m. to noon Wednesday at the Market Alumni Center. For more information, contact Valerie Anderson at 742-3184.

■ **The School of Music** presents the Harrington String Quartet at 8 p.m. Monday in Hemmle Recital Hall. For more information, contact Lisa Muse at 794-2270, ext. 233.

■ **The School of Music and the Student chapter of MTNA** presents a pi-

ano pedagogy workshop with Sam Holland from 9 a.m. to noon Thursday in the University Center Lubbock Room. For more information, contact Linda Christensen at 742-2270, ext. 257.

■ **The Classical Society** presents Classical Greek Shipwrecks: An illustrated lecture by Deborah Carlson, visiting classical archeologist, at 4:45 p.m. Wednesday in B-01 Art building. For more information, contact Valerie Johnson at 742-4053.

California power problems won't plague Texas, utility commission chairman says

AUSTIN (AP) — The power problems that have snagged California's deregulation effort will not plague Texas, the chairman of the Texas Public Utility Commission told lawmakers Monday.

Texas has the power plants and is building more to stay ahead of the consumer needs, something California failed to live up to, PUC Chairman Pat Wood said in a joint meeting of the Senate Business and Commerce and the House State Affairs committees.

"Eight percent of the problem in California is its inadequate supply to meet the demand," Wood said.

The other 20 percent of the problem stems from poor rulemaking, he said.

In Texas, Wood said, 23 plants have started up since 1995 and another 24 plants are expected to be ready by the summer of 2002.

"There's not a state in the country that looks like that," Wood said.

Statewide, electric demand in Texas is expected to reach 67,000 megawatts this summer, PUC spokesman Terry Hadley said. The plants have the capacity to produce more than 83,000 megawatts.

Texas lawmakers passed a sweeping deregulation bill two years ago that its sponsor promised would result in lower electric bills.

The plan, which allows consumers to chose their own utility, takes effect Jan. 1.

Job fair held today

By Shawn Littlefield
 Contributing Writer

The Texas Tech Career Center will sponsor a Summer Camp Job Fair from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. today in the University Center Courtyard. Representatives from more than 40 camps will interview students for a variety of summer jobs.

The various camps allow students who are interested in finding summer work an opportunity to speak with representatives from different camps in Texas and the surrounding area.

David Kraus, director of the Career Center at Tech, said it is the central office that houses resources available for students seeking job placement.

The largest event offered by the Career Center is its annual Career Day in September. Kraus said Career Day gives the students an opportunity to speak with representatives from companies they may be interested in working for in the future.

All students are urged to attend, and Kraus said he would like to see freshmen attend so they can have an idea of what they would like to do.

"Some students aren't aware of what is out there, and they learn by talking to representatives," he said.

Kraus also said when students are talking to the representatives they should consider what kind of skills these companies are looking for and if they are interested in the company. He said joining clubs and organizations also would help to improve upon these skills.

Job listings from various employers are listed on the Career Center's Web site, and students also may inquire about them at the Career Center, 335 West Hall.

According to the Career Center Web site, the center now offers SIGI-PLUS, a computer guidance system that assists students through the program. SIGI-PLUS consists of nine parts and normally takes students about one to two hours to complete.

The program lists a series of questions about their likes, interests, aptitudes and values with various career possibilities and provides students with information about careers and educational programs. The program will then list possible career fields that match the students' profiles.

The Career Center Library, also located in 335 West Hall, contains information from more than 500 employers that are referenced in binders. According to a Career Center brochure, the Career Center Library offers a videotape library of more than 200 tapes and CD-ROMs on career-related topics and employer organizations.

Kraus said the videotapes are another tool various companies use to get information to students. The videotapes are 10 to 15 minutes long and give a brief overview of the company.

In order to prepare for the job market, Kraus said, students should start planning for their careers and take responsibility by using resources available to them.

Seniors should register with the Career Center about 9 to 12 months before graduating. This will allow enough time to get a student's information to the prospective employers.

Kraus said the majority of students taking advantage of the resources available from the Career Center are seniors, engineering students and education students.



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- Camp Ozark, Arkansas
- Camp John Marc

Social Work degree, new school in the works

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■ Pending funding approval by the Texas Legislature, preparations for the school will begin.

By Kristina Thomas
Staff Writer

If funding is approved by the Texas Legislature, the department of social work at Texas Tech will become its own school and offer a

master's program. On Aug. 21, Tech officials sent a legislative appropriations request to the Texas Legislature, and in that proposal was an exceptional item request to fund the development of a master's program in social work as well as making the department its own school.

Mike Wilson, Tech's interim vice president for fiscal affairs, said the request was for fiscal years 2002 and 2003. He also said the social work program proposal asked for \$489,251 in 2002 and \$496,156 for 2003.

On Jan. 31, the proposal was sent to the Texas House of Representatives, and today it will go before the Senate Finance Committee. There are multiple other committees the proposal must go through, and the final numbers and funding approval information will not be available until May.

If the funding is approved, officials with the College of Arts and Sciences said they want to be ready to hire right away.

In preparation for the possible change, the college has appointed a search committee for a director of

the school of social work.

Steven Richards, chairman of the search committee and Tech psychology professor, said he has started placing ads and looking for a director for the program.

"If the funding goes through, there will be a school of social work, and they will have their own department chair," he said. "They will also add a master's program. We have just started to put out ads and begin the search."

Jane Winer, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, said the creation of school of social work is important

for accreditation purposes because a master's program demands social work become a separate department.

The search committee will keep looking for a director and soon will begin a proposal to ask for accreditation.

Winer also said they are looking for a director because they would rather be too prepared than not prepared enough.

"We are worse off if the program is funded and we are not prepared to hire," she said. "We are hopeful and trying to be prepared."

to realize that several other students may choose to do this also.

Because of this, the funding these organizations do get could be a lot less than what they currently receive.

"The percentage of the actual money the organization gets could be really small," he said. "It's possible they could only receive pennies after the budget process is complete."

Texas is not the only state that has seen a push for changes to the mandatory fee system.

The University of Wisconsin is in the process of changing their system of disbursing fees after several law students sued the school over the issue of supporting ideological organizations.

Under the ruling of the U.S. Supreme Court, a university is required to have a system in place that is "viewpoint neutral" in disbursing fees.

Andy Nathan, secretary of the Student Council at the University of Wisconsin, said the student government is rewriting many of its by-laws to ensure viewpoint neutrality.

■ REVEAL from page 1

Texas Tech libraries, and Viola Ross, 18, who was unemployed, were both shot multiple times with a .38-caliber pistol. A cartridge fired from the same weapon that killed Viola Ross and Birdsall was found at the crime scene, located in an alley between ninth and 10th streets. Blood and shattered glass from the front windows of Birdsall's Saab also was found at the scene.

Bill Morgan, LPD spokesman, said Sunday that Vaughn Ross, whose residence is located less than

30 yards from the crime scene, is McVade's boyfriend.

First Assistant District Attorney Matt Powell said he was not certain as to whether the two events are related.

"It's just one report," he said. "The police will continue to investigate this crime until we are satisfied all evidence has been found."

Police believe Birdsall's car was driven from the crime scene to a drainage gully in Canyon Lake Park No. 6, where it was found Wednesday morning by a bicyclist who then reported it to a city employee. The employee then called the police.

According to reports, Birdsall's body was found in the rear passenger seat of his car and blood was visible on his head, neck, shirt, pants and hand.

Viola Ross' body was found bent forward at the waist in the front passenger seat. Blood was visible on the back of her jacket.

Officers observed the victims for at least five minutes and saw no signs of life. No footprints were visible in the immediate area or on a trail leading from the East Lubbock gully.

Police also received a call to check on the welfare of Birdsall on Jan. 31, at his residence. When police arrived at the scene, Dale Cluff, dean of li-

braries at Tech, was outside Birdsall's house. Cluff said he was concerned about Birdsall and had rang the doorbell and knocked but did not get an answer. Police investigated and were unable to locate anyone.

Police also have found a link between Viola Ross and Birdsall. According to the affidavit, a mutual friend arranged for Viola Ross and Birdsall to meet.

The mutual friend "went riding with Viola Ross and Birdsall, in (Birdsall's) vehicle. After introducing the two, (Birdsall) dropped (the friend) off in the area of 10th Street and Avenue U."

Dawn Peirce, communications director for the university libraries, said there will be a memorial service for Birdsall at 3 p.m. Thursday at the Market Alumni Center.


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Column

Learning how to take a joke

Last week I contacted Steve Blow, a colleague and fellow Mesquite native who writes for *The Dallas Morning News*. Following some of the responses I received after my "Urbanites, Lubbock; join hands and sing" column last Wednesday, I asked



Kenneth Strickland

him how he dealt with having the most simple of things anyone with the reading comprehension level of a second-grader could understand, taken out of context.

His advice — go back and look at what the people say, and see if there's any credibility there — any whatsoever. Like most of the columnist here, I get more letters of support than letters of attack. They just don't publish the letters that pat someone on the back, they are not as fun to read. I did get several positive messages sent to me last week, including one from a local television news reporter and one from a residence hall director.

Many times, however, I receive letters from people who simply hate me but can provide a good argument as to why. I encourage those as well, it shows objectivity and follows the ideas from which our democracy stems. But then there's the other responses. You don't actually know how to classify them, and if you ask around, neither does anyone else. Case in point.

Wednesday afternoon I received a call from a very distraught young lady who was severely offended by my remarks. Just to show you how surprised I was, I had to ask her what column she was referring to. Now I don't condone phone calls to my home, but if someone contacts me in a civil and objective-minded manner, and I have a bit of free time, I'll usually hear them out. This call hardly met either of the requirements, but it was about the funniest damn thing I've listened to in years.

First of all, she scolded me for making up words, such as "urbanite" (urban+ite n: one living in a city). Not having the heart to tell her about Webster's latest book, I just shook my head and told her to continue.

The young woman then asked me if, as I had mentioned in last week's column, I actually drank coffee at a coffee shop. Bewildered and frankly puzzled as to where she was headed with this, I responded by letting her know that I had, in fact, been known to drink coffee from time to time and informed her that seeing as how she apparently hadn't gotten out much lately, that it's actually quite the popular leisure time activity in modern America. Then came the question I'll probably remember until the day I die. "You know this makes you a (expletive) faggot, right?"

Now I don't like to use that word because of the hateful nature of its content, but for the sake of

reconstructing the situation, I had no choice. Now I'm sure there's a strong methodological (methodology n: the analysis of the principles or procedures of inquiry in a particular field) correlation between drinking coffee in, get this — a coffee shop — and being a homosexual, but I'm afraid that in my limited survey of literature in journals encompassing social psychology, I haven't run across any studies supporting these findings.

Friday was a great day for me as well. I mean, hey, had I not woken up that morning I may have never found out that I was a close-minded, ignorant, thoughtless, insincere city-boy.

Wow, I'm moved. Now I don't think it took a lot of intelligence to understand that last week's column was merely written as a satirical (satire n: trenchant wit, irony, or sarcasm used to expose and discredit vice or folly) humor piece drafted for entertainment purposes.

Now when I say intelligence, I'm not going overboard. I'm talking about that most basic form of intelligence that allows you to respire (respire v: see breathe) on your own behalf.

Two letters to the editor last Friday really opened my eyes, though. I found out that my own birthplace, Dallas, didn't in fact start off as a major metropolitan area. And get this, hamburgers come from cows. Yeah, shocked the hell out of me too. OK, hold on. I can't do

this anymore. I'm going to break from my witty, patronizing style for just a second. If you find yourself making the above mentioned inferences, and then have the instincts to actually have them published in a well circulated newspaper, maybe you should go back and read whatever it was that pissed you off a second time. And if you still believe that I was insulting the great heritage and culture of West Texas last week, then do us all a favor and don't reproduce.

My roommate — one of my closest friends — is in the College of Agriculture, and the girl who claimed I was a homosexual because I drink coffee — she was from the Dallas area just as I am. So carry your petty whining elsewhere and take a joke for once. And if you insist on remaining this anal retentive, rest assured that you'll keel over of a heart attack in your mid-30's.

I welcome criticism to anything I write, but unless I put a disclaimer in front of it indicating otherwise, don't take anything I write too serious.

After taking Steve's advice, I've discovered that Texas Tech sports have some of the most intelligent minds in the entire country — I truly mean that. But like any great institution, we have our share of loose cannons. We should pray for them. Them and those damn coffee drinkers, they make me sick!

Kenneth Strickland is a junior political science major from Mesquite. He finds it ironic that the girl who accused him of making up words voted for Bush.



Column

Tax cut could be a bad break

Christmas! Tax cuts ahead! Look out — whatever you do, don't get between the hogs and the trough.

The K Street lobbyists are ginning up a campaign to get big business a bigger slice of the tax-cut pie. In fact, the corporations will take the pie, thanks.



Molly Ivins

You will not be amazed to learn that the business lobby is ecstatic about the prospect of a \$1.6-trillion tax cut. But President Bush's plan to cut marginal rates across the board, although exceptionally good for rich individuals, does dog for corporations.

And guess who gives big campaign money? *The Wall Street Journal* notes that the real estate lobby gave Bush \$4.2 million and another \$4.3 million to members of the House Ways and Means and the Senate Finance committees this election cycle. Those are the committees that write the tax laws.

The real estate lobby wants more generous property depreciation laws for office buildings.

The insurance lobby, again according to the *Journal*, gave \$1.6 million to Bush and \$5.7 million to Ways and Means and Senate Finance. Life insurers want a \$645 million provision that would help them compete against other financial services companies.

(Ever notice how many television ads these days are about financial services? They are not selling deodorant, widgets or cars. They're selling "financial security" and "the American dream" and retirement in some beautiful place.)

Those with long memories will recall the education of David Stockman, Ronald Reagan's first budget director. Reagan started with an across-the-board cut for individuals and wound up with a corporate greedfest that sent the national debt roaring up and interest rates with it.

A disillusioned Stockman later said: "The hogs were really

feeding. The greed level, the level of opportunism just got out of control."

The fact is that the portion of the tax burden paid by business in America has been falling steadily for decades. According to Citizens for Tax Justice, during the 1950s and '60s, business paid about one-fourth of the taxes. Its share is now down to one-tenth. That leaves you-know-who to pay the rest.

The major tax lobbyists are hard at work forming a coalition. "The guiding philosophy of that effort is that big business has to unify around one or two big cuts to get the largest possible share. One goal that the trade groups are discussing is a reduction in the current corporate income tax of 35 percent," reports the *Journal*.

In a splendid example of cognitive dissonance, the *Journal* also reports that manufacturing activity plunged in January to levels that are usually seen only when the entire economy is in recession. This would indicate that the anticipated surplus will not, in fact, materialize. And some estimate that the total cost of the bill over 10 years in terms of lost tax revenue and higher interest costs because of the increase in the federal debt could be as much as \$2.7 trillion. Unfortunately, everyone predicts that this will be a months-long marathon, which means that whatever passes won't take effect until next year, leaving the economic wisdom of a tax cut in serious doubt.

Economist Jamie Galbraith of the University of Texas at Austin has suggested that because the Bush presidency is illegitimate (every indication from the recounts so far is that Bush lost Florida), he should not be

permitted to do anything that will last beyond his term. That includes a 10-year tax cut that is stacked so that its biggest impact is at the end, when no one has any idea what the economy will look like.

The Bush plan is bad enough: 42.5 percent of his tax cut goes to the richest 1 percent; 60 percent of it goes the richest 10 percent — and these are not people who are hurting.

If the D's sell out and let the business lobby make a bad plan even worse, we will know that the system of legalized bribery that now funds our political system has eaten well into the heart of governance.

I, for one, appreciate the fact that Sen. John McCain is willing to be a pain in the rear about campaign finance reform. He now has a March date for consideration of the McCain-Feingold reform bill and will need the help of every sentient citizen who cares about saving representative democracy.

The good news is that the latest reports show the D's have surpassed the R's in soft money: \$63 million for the Senate Democrats vs. \$43 million for the R's. That should give Kentucky Sen. Mitch McConnell pause. Unfortunately, Texas' own Rep. Tom DeLay, the bug exterminator from Sugar Land, has been lobbying the new president against the bill. The fact is, DeLay wasn't considered very bright even when he served in the Texas Legislature, where the standards have never been high.

Ken Herman of the *Austin American-Statesman* recently observed of the Legislature: "Some are inspired geniuses mindful only of the greater good; some are connivers mindful only of personal good; most are wondering what's for lunch."

Molly Ivins is a columnist for the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

Out of the Past

from the files of The UD

From The University Daily
Feb. 7, 2000

■ The Mass Communications faculty passed three resolutions stating that the present faculty does not want control of *The University Daily* and KTXT-TV, now or in the future.

■ The Holden Hall courtyard will be renamed for the associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, Otto Nelson. The decision was made by a committee to recognize Nelson for his contributions to Tech.

From The University Daily
Feb. 6, 1991

■ The Texas Tech psychology department is starting a program for Tech students to help counsel those whose loved ones are serving in the Gulf.

■ The Lady Raiders basketball team are one step closer to the Top 25 after an impressive victory over Texas A&M, 65-55.

From The University Daily
Feb. 6, 1981

■ More than 200 businessmen met with Lubbock officials Thursday night to speak against tentative plans to widen University Avenue to five lanes. The plan will change all existing angle parking to parallel parking.

■ The Tech Senate approved changes in the election code that will extend the election period from one to two days.

From The University Daily
Feb. 8, 1971

■ Tech's Board of Regents approved an expanded solicitations policy and gave the go-ahead for numerous construction projects including expanded parking.

■ Tech officials treated 24 students on a sick call after more than 100 students turned in complaints following a Thursday evening meal. Officials suspect food poisoning as the cause of the students' illness.

From The Toreador
Feb. 7, 1951

■ Tech enrollment for the spring semester totaled at 4,255, a drop of 1,217 students, from the fall. Of the total, 3,042 students were men and 1,213 were women.

■ President D.M. Wiggins announced Dewitt Thompson Weaver, the 38 year-old associate coach at Tulsa University, as Tech's new football head coach and athletic director.

From The Toreador
Feb. 12, 1931

■ With the exception of roofs, 16 houses were constructed for the Tech sheep. According to Professor W.L. Stangel, these are the first buildings built for the sheep.

■ The Tech Golf Club will enter a match play tournament at the Meadowbrook Club.

compiled by Christi Davidson

LETTERS: The UD welcomes letters from readers. Letters must be no longer than 300 words and must include the author's name, signature, phone number, social security number and a description of university affiliation. Letters selected for publication have the right to be edited. Anonymous letters will not be accepted for publication. All letters are subject to verification.

Tech mentors, children exchange life lessons

By Angela Loston
Contributing Writer

On a typical school night, Alexandra Velasquez, a sophomore pre-law and political science major from Kaufman, tries untiringly to motivate her first-grade student to work on his reading assignment.

At first he hesitates to do his homework, but after Velasquez promises to play a game with him, he eagerly becomes an attentive student. Velasquez said she experiences this and many other adventures with her student as a volunteer for the Texas Tech Tutor and Mentor Program.

The program for this semester began Monday.

"Most of the time he would try to get out of doing his work," Velasquez said. "He would always say, 'Let me make a deal with you, I'll read one page, and you read the other.' It was really cute."

Velasquez participated in the tutoring program during Fall semester. Since she participated in another tutor program in high school, Velasquez said she decided to volunteer for this program, which is part

of the University Center's Community Service Learning. As a tutor with the children, Velasquez said she impacts children's lives by becoming a role model for them.

"It's amazing how much you can learn from kids because everything they say is so pure and honest," she said. "I think that what children teach us are the little things that we miss out on in life. If we could have a little piece of a child's insight, I think the world would not have so many social issues."

For two years, Cheryl Holt, a junior pre-medicine major from Corpus Christi, has been volunteering as a mentor. While participating in the program, Holt said one of the challenges she has experienced as a tutor is knowing many of the students come from low-income backgrounds. Most of

the children who are tutored attend schools that provide limited resources for them, she said, and some of the students come from single-parent homes.

"I don't think education is stressed as much as a priority at home for them as it was for me when I was growing up and for most of my friends," she said. "They don't have nearly as many resources at school and at home."

Holt said she not only became a tutor for the one-on-one sessions the program offers, but she also assumed the role of becoming a mentor for her students. During the tutoring sessions, she helps their homework, but she also plays various games with them. As a volunteer, Holt said she helped one student successfully pass the math section of

the Texas Assessment Academic Skills test.

"His mother was so happy," she said. "She told me how much she appreciated my help. She brought us cookies and Cokes, and we just hung out and celebrated."

Daniel Brown, activities adviser with Campus Activities and Involvement, said the tutoring program is important to both students and Tech volunteers. By participating in the program, Brown said volunteers are able to work with children who do not have college students as role models. Brown said the volunteers work with students associated with local agencies such as the Guadalupe Neighborhood Center, the Parkway Neighborhood Center and the South Plains Children's Shelter.

"As a whole, I think it's beneficial to so many people," Brown said. "I feel that it gives our students an opportunity to work with children who do not see a college role model on a regular basis. It gives our students the opportunity to learn something, too."

Annually, Brown said between 15 to 30 volunteers participate in the program. Brown said the commu-



Angela Loston/The University Daily
Daniel Brown, activities adviser with Campus Activities and Involvement, discusses tutoring information with Alexandra Velasquez, a volunteer with Tech's Tutor and Mentor Program.

nity service program needs between 20 to 30 people to become tutors. "We're looking at people who like to work with kids, who can be committed for a semester, and someone who wants to make a commitment to work with students on a weekly basis," he said.

Cruise, Kidman separate after 11 years

LOS ANGELES (AP) — After 11 years of marriage, Tom Cruise and Nicole Kidman said Monday that they are separating because their work is keeping them apart.

Pat Kingsley, a spokeswoman for the actors, said the decision was made regretfully.

"Citing the difficulties inherent in divergent careers, which constantly keep them apart, they concluded that an amicable separation seems best for both of them at this time,"

Kingsley said. The couple have two adopted children, Connor and Isabella. It wasn't known whether custody would be shared. Kingsley denied further comment.

Cruise, 38, has starred in "Born on the Fourth of July," "A Few Good Men," "Jerry Maguire," "Mission: Impossible," "Rain Man," "Top Gun" and "Magnolia."

Kidman, 33, spent three months in Spain last fall to film "The Others,"

with Cruise as one of the executive producers. Her movie credits include "Batman Forever," "Malice" and "To Die For."

The couple starred together in the films "Far and Away" and "Days of Thunder."

Kidman discussed her marriage in a 1998 interview: "It's been nine years and I'm past the seven-year itch. When you're loved for your flaws, that's when you really feel safe."

The following year, the couple starred together in Stanley Kubrick's final film, "Eyes Wide Shut," which included an erotic sex scene between the couple. A tabloid report that claimed they had to hire a sex therapist to help them with "Eyes Wide Shut" scenes led to a lawsuit.

The Star supermarket tabloid later agreed to donate money to a charity and ran a retraction as part of a settlement.

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8:00	Barney Teletubbies		Early Show	Sabrina Pepper Ann	America	Magic Bus Paid Program
9:00	Caillou Sesame	Today Show	Sally Jessy Raphael	Nanny Caroline	Live W/Regis	Greg Mathis
10:00	Street Mr. Rogers	Martha Stewart	Price is Right	Grace/Fire Liv'g Single	View	Divorce Ct. Divorce Ct.
11:00	Dragon Tales Arthur	Montel Williams	Young & the Restless	Ricki Lake	Jad/You Port Charles	Joe Brown Joe Brown
12:00	P. Gardener Motorweek	News Days of Our	News Beautiful	Jerry Springer	All My Children	P/Attorney Mills Lane
1:00	Fine Art Barney	Lives Passions	As the World Turns	Jenny Jones	One Life to Live	Matlock
2:00	Zoboomafoo Clifford	Hwyd Square	Guiding Light	Street Smart Paid Program	General Hospital	Paid Program Paid Program
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6:00	NewsHour	News Extra	Jeopardy News	Judge Judy Judge Judy	News W/Fortune	Spin City Frasier
7:00	Sci. Amer. Frontiers	3rd Rock 'PG DAG 'PG	JAG	Movie: 'Dangerous'	Mole 'PG	Thal 70's Titus
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9:00	Frontline	DateLine	Judging Amy	Voyager	NYPD Blue PG	News
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TROTTERS

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purses and disrupted the game in every other way possible.

This did not hinder his teammates though, and they went on to beat their opponents, the New York Nationals, 82-49.

The Globetrotters, who are known throughout the world for their athletic ability and on-court antics, were founded on Jan. 7, 1927, as a way for black athletes to play professional basketball.

Since that time, they have played more than 20,000 games in 115 counties and have earned the title "Ambassadors of Good-will."

They have earned many honors during this time, includ-

ing being the first team in history to receive the John W. Bunn award by the Basketball Hall of Fame and are the most recognized sports entity in the world behind Michael Jordan, according to recent sports Q ratings.

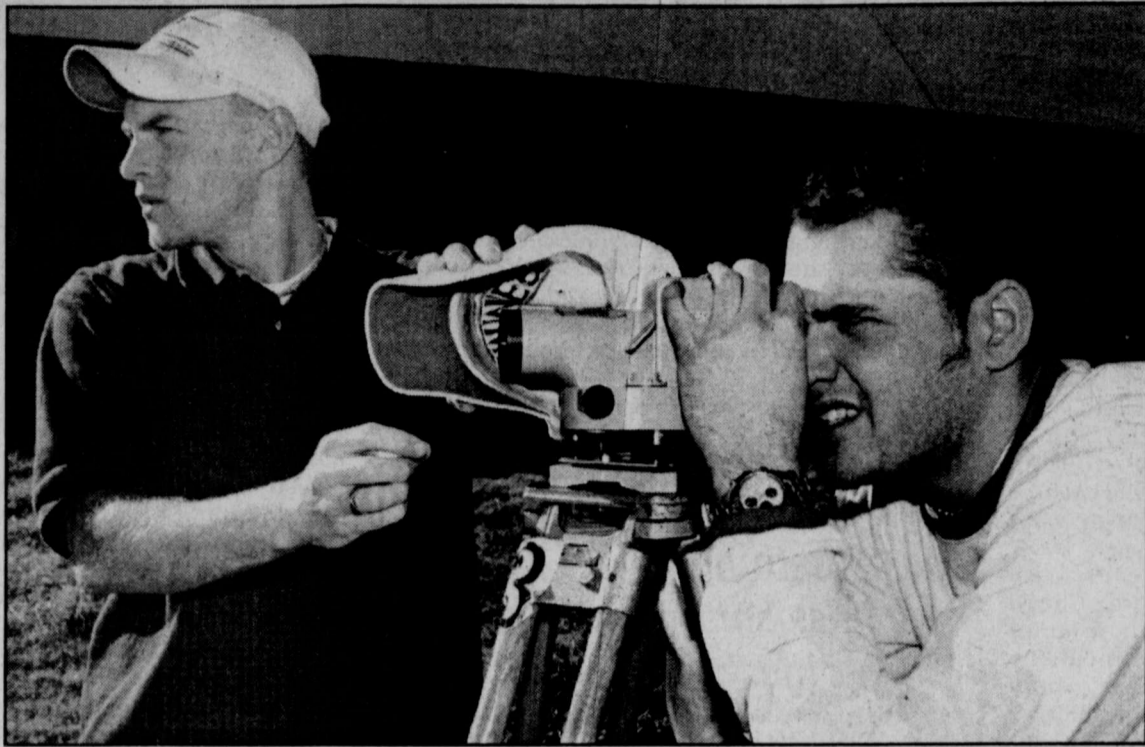
John Poage, who saw the Globetrotters for the first time, said he enjoyed the game because of its humor.

"I liked it because the players were funny," he said.

Mark Johnson, who said he had seen the Globetrotters three times prior to Monday night, said he brought his children to see them this time because he feels they are good family entertainment.

"They are very talented," he said. "And the kids seem to love them."

Surveying the scene



Wade Waltisperger, a junior civil engineering major from San Angelo, looks through a transit for a class assignment as Brian Gandy, a junior construction engineering major from Denton, uses Waltisperger's hat as a shield from the sun.

Regis names new partner

NEW YORK (AP) — Regis Philbin finally has a new partner.

He confirmed Monday that "All My Children" actress Kelly Ripa will be the new co-host on his syndicated talk show. The show has been holding open auditions since Kathie Lee Gifford left last July.

Ripa has filled in as co-host several times since September, and announced during a guest spot in November that she's pregnant. She's married to fellow "All My Children" actor Mark Consuelos.

She has played Hayley Santos since 1990 on the ABC daytime drama.

Like Philbin, who does double duty as host of ABC's prime-time game show, "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire," Ripa said she'll keep working on the soap opera.

"I think it's like an ABC policy — you must work two jobs," Ripa said on the morning show Monday.

"Between the two of us," Philbin replied, "we've got 40 percent of the schedule covered. If we go down, ABC is over."

Ripa will start full-time on the talk show next Monday.

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

ACROSS
1 Ram, stallion, tom, etc.
5 Chopped into small cubes
10 Work units
14 Inventor Sikorsky
15 Mindless
16 Swiss marksman
17 Wasteland
18 Rugby formation
19 Miscellany
20 Not worth considering
23 by Starlight
24 Poetic before LAX
25 info
26 Abet's partner
27 Man or Wight
30 Submit, as a contest entry
32 Have in mind
34 Very long time
35 One extreme sport
39 Bean used for sprouts
40 Outgoing
41 "We have nothing to fear but fear"
44 Safe-cracker
45 Grow mellow
48 Sault, Marie
49 Anatomical duct
51 Criticized bitterly
53 All the same
57 Opposed
58 Italian isle
59 Italian wine center
60 Comic Martin
61 ET, e.g.
62 Target on the green
63 Rapiet's cousin
64 Present, e.g.
65 Lulu

DOWN
1 Silk tree
2 South American rodent
3 Pillaged
4 Swashbuckler
5 Aversion
6 Foot part
7 Upkeep
8 Accustom
9 Objects
10 Jacket or collar type
11 Turned to for help
12 Flashing
13 Catch phrases
21 Highland dance
22 Born in Bordeaux
28 Marvin and Remick
29 Delight in
31 Diamond or Young
32 "Bus Stop" playwright
33 Il ___ (Mussolini)
35 Remain silent!
36 Make uneasy
37 Nasty headache
38 Heathen
39 Identify incorrectly
42 Wealthy contributor
43 Gladiator's
45 Singer Krauss
46 Like a little lamb?
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52 Pocatello spot
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By Holden Baker
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Labels shell out high quality CDs at low price

By Matthew Golden
Staff Writer

Music drains the monotony out of life for many people. It is the soundtrack on long road trips. It pours excitement into a party and has the power to ease life's angst, but with compact discs costing anywhere from \$17 to \$20 each, there is a significant drain on the already poor, starving college student's wallet.

It causes me to ask this question: Are there any good CDs for less than \$10?

In the depths of the Internet lies Asian Man Records, a small label out

of Northern California. Mike Park runs the business out of his parent's garage with the help of a few friends. Their various artist album, *Mail Order is Fun*, is fit to please.

It offers a wide range of sound from harsh punk to upbeat ska and punk's answer to easy listening, "Emo." *Mail Order is Fun* starts off right with Slapstick's unique blend of the ska horn and punk speed metal. Then, one is met with the traditional two-tone melodies of Let's Go Bowling and Korea Girl's soft, relaxing track of "Emo."

The album's ratio of \$3.99-29 eclectic songs makes this disc an excellent purchase of about 14 cents for

every track of pure harmony. Actually, every album Asian Man Records sells is less than \$10 and available online at www.asianmanrecords.com.

Hell Cat Records' various artist album *Give 'Em the Boot 2* offers another variety pack that anyone will love bursting an eardrum to. Among the musical tracks listed are the Dropkick Murphys with their original style incorporating Irish-folk and punk and the well-known artist Rancid.

music review

This disc even sports former front man for The Clash, Joe Strummer, with his band Joe Strummer and the Mescaleros.

Hell Cat has produced a smorgasbord of music fitting smoothly into the punk and ska genre with a few good surprises in the way of folk. With a price tag of about \$5 in most stores, this is a wise pick for the most frugal music connoisseur.

Hopeless Records' various artist compilation *Hopelessly Devoted to You Too* delivers 21 powerful songs, all formerly unreleased by the label's bands.

This album rocks with the sounds of Dillinger Four, Mustard Plug and The Queers among many others. It's pop punk and ska at its best, though this CD lacks the diverse selection found in *Give 'Em the Boot 2* and *Mail Order is Fun*.

Hopelessly Devoted to You Too saves face with a bonus track covering, "Walk Like an Egyptian." It's definitely worth the \$4 price tag at www.hopelessrecords.com.

It may be best to stay out of the music stores and search the Internet or try mail order.

Music shouldn't put a dent in tuition. As long as people are blessed with the likes of Asian Man Records, Hopeless Records and Hell Cat Records, there is no need to fear an empty wallet.

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By Phil Riddle
Staff Writer

The Red Raiders will try to put a pair of weekend tournament losses behind them as they take on West Texas A&M in a non-conference baseball battle at 4 p.m. today at Dan Law Field.

Tech players and coaches alike said the opponent is not nearly as important as getting back on the field and gaining valuable game experience.

"We need to play some more games — plain and simple," said Raider infielder Nick Blankenship. "We need to play. We need to get on the field to see what we can do in a game situation. It's different in a game with the pressure and all the people."

Texas Tech is 3-2 and lost two of three contests this weekend at the Astros College Classic at Enron Field in Houston. The Red Raiders edged Texas Christian, 5-4, on Friday, then fell in back-to-back outings to No. 11-ranked Rice, 13-6, and Houston, 11-5.

Tech's defense was bitten by the error bug in Houston. The Raiders committed eight miscues in the two losses, including five between pitchers and catchers.

"That's just something we don't do very often," Raider coach Larry

Hays said. "We haven't been able to do pitchers' fielding practice because of the weather. I'm not going to lay it all on that — players have got to make plays. We made errors picking runners off and pop-ups in the infield, things that hopefully won't be us in a few weeks."

The Buffaloes are 2-2 after a season-opening series at Southern Colorado during the weekend.

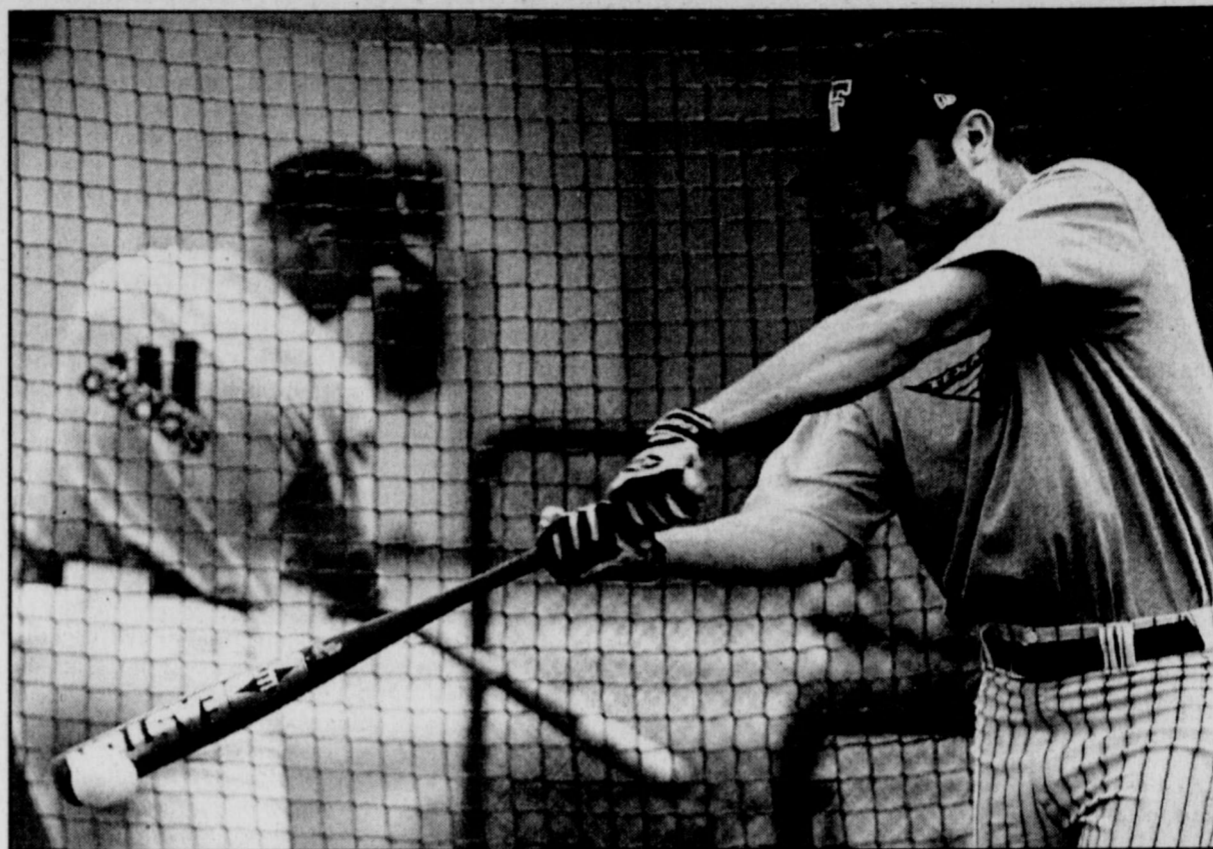
They are led offensively by outfielder Marcus Glass, who is hitting .400 on the year, including a 3-for-5 outing in WTAMU's 11-8 win Sunday.

Tech has not named a starting pitcher for the West Texas A&M contest.

"We don't care about who we play, we just want to get to play," Hays said. "Right now, it's important that we get on the field and do the things we've got to do to get a routine going. That's critical for us."

Tech's projected starter is senior left-hander Blake McGinley. The family studies major from Bakersfield, Calif., said he does not feel any added pressure from the weekend's losses.

"I just have to go out there and throw strikes," McGinley said. "Right now we've got some new guys that are just trying too hard. They're a little nervous, but as soon as we get a couple of games under our belt we'll be all right."



Tech infielder Nick Blankenship hits a pitch during batting practice last week. The Red Raider baseball squad will face West Texas A&M at 4 p.m. today at Dan Law Field.

McGinley, expected to make his first start of the season, was 5-4 in 2000 with a 5.58 ERA. He struck out

37 and walked 15 in 16 appearances.

Hays said today's game, along

with good weather and game conditions, are necessary for the Raiders' early-season development.

Chmura ready to move on

WAUKESHA, Wis. (AP) — Mark Chmura is full of sorrow and hope.

One day after being acquitted of sexually assaulting a teen-ager, Chmura broke down in tears as he apologized for his conduct and wished to resume his NFL career.

"I'm ready to get back to work. I plan on suiting up for someone next year," said Chmura, who was acquitted Saturday night of charges of child enticement and sexual assault that carried up to 40 years in prison.

"I hope I'm still a good player," Chmura said.

"This has opened my eyes up to a lot of things. I disappointed a lot of people. And for that I am truly sorry ... I'm a role model and I let a lot of people down."

The foreman of the jury that acquitted the three-time Pro Bowl player of sexually assaulting a 17-year-old girl said Chmura is guilty of one thing: bad judgment.

"He put himself in a bad situation by being drunk with kids and in a hot tub in his underwear," foreman Brad Breidenstein, a 38-year-old bar manager from Janesville, said Sunday.

But the jury disagreed with District Attorney Paul Bucher's contention that Chmura went from frolicking around in wet boxers with drunken teenagers to luring the girl into a bathroom and sexually assaulting her last April 9.

"None of us believed nothing happened. We all believed something happened in there," said a 59-year-old female juror who asked that her name not be used. "But we had no evidence to prove it."

Breidenstein said without any DNA evidence, it was hard to prove anything.

"We all agreed that they were in that bathroom together. But we're reeknow hook place," Breidenstein said.

"It was like (defense lawyer) Gerald Boyle said: 'She got caught in the bathroom with a married man and now she's got to get out of this little predicament.'"

Bucher insisted he proved during the trial that Chmura had inappropriate sexual contact with a minor.

"The evidence clearly indicates there was sexual contact," the prosecutor said. "The real issue became if it was consensual or not. That was an issue for the jury to decide. Tury found we were not able to prove that beyond a reasonable doubt, probably for a variety of reasons."

"Baloney," Boyle said. "I argued there wasn't any sexual contact. That's what the jury found."

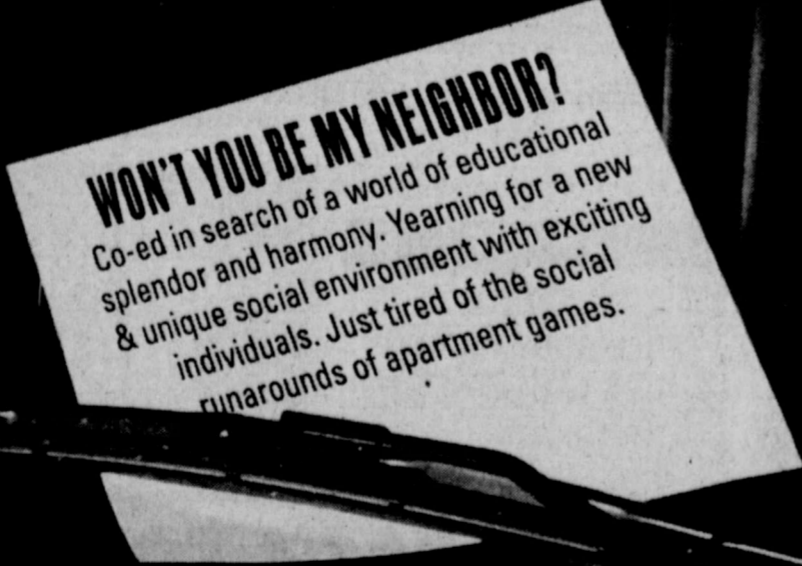


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