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STATE

SMU law school gets renamed for Dedman

DALLAS (AP) — The law school at Southern Methodist University, which has received more than \$77 million in donations from a North Texas couple, has been renamed in honor of the benefactors.

Administrators at SMU announced Wednesday the immediate name change to the Dedman School of Law.

Law school alumnus Robert H. Dedman Sr., the billionaire founder and chairman of ClubCorp, has made cumulative gifts and pledges to the university with his wife, Nancy, and family.

The move to rename the law school, SMU administrators said, followed the Dedmans' decision to dedicate \$15 million to the law school from a \$30-million pledge the family made in April 1997.

The Dedmans' pledge, the largest single gift in school history, launched a fund-raising effort called the Campaign for SMU, which has already surpassed \$450 million.

NATIONAL

Deputy, officer shot after loud noise gripe

CENTREVILLE, Md. (AP) — A police officer and a sheriff's deputy were shot to death while investigating a complaint about loud music, and the suspect was described as having a history of violent behavior.

Francis M. Zito was arraigned Wednesday on counts of first-degree murder, manslaughter and attempted murder, and a prosecutor said he would seek the death penalty.

Zito staggered and nearly collapsed several times during the brief hearing, telling the judge, "I'm just tired and I'm very upset." He was ordered held without bail.

Public defender Stefan Skipp said Zito had not taken medication for two days, but did not reveal the medication or the reason for taking the drugs. Skipp also told the judge that he has represented Zito on and off for the last 15 years on a variety of charges involving persistent violent behavior.

WORLD

U.S., Japan military forces having issues

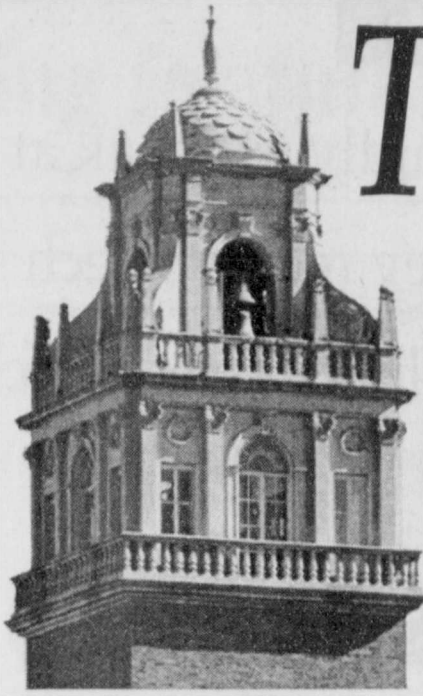
TOKYO (AP) — The sinking of a Japanese fishing boat by a U.S. Navy submarine is only one of an array of recent problems involving the U.S. military that has gotten the Bush administration and Japan — America's main Asian ally — off to a rocky start.

Bilateral relations were already strained by recent revelations that the top Marine on Okinawa sent an e-mail to his staff calling local lawmakers "a bunch of wimps." Earlier this week, another Marine was detained on suspicion of arson.

Some experts believe the resulting tensions could lead to lasting damage. But few believe there will be any erosion of the two nations' mutual security agreement.

"It hasn't gotten to the stage of hot-blooded rage, but cold suspicion is clearly growing," political analyst Minoru Morita said. "There's clearly more mistrust."

The latest problems do give ammunition to opposition parties that want to scale down the U.S. military role in Japan. The United States now has 47,000 troops in Japan, half on the southern island of Okinawa.



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Tech renames COBA for benefactor

By Mara McCoy
Staff Writer

The Texas Tech College of Business Administration, which recently received a \$25-million gift from Tech alumnus Jerry Rawls, will be renamed the Jerry S. Rawls College of Business in his honor.

Rawls, a 1967 Tech graduate with a degree in mechanical engineering, donated the cash gift in between the two graduation ceremonies Dec. 16.

"I got a good education and had a good time at Tech," he said. "I'm a proud alum and wanted to help the university."

Rawls, president and chief executive officer of Fimisar (a fiber optics company), said he decided to donate the money to COBA after meeting with university leaders.

"I had a number of conversations with university leaders during which I asked them about their priorities," he said. "Twenty-three percent of students at Tech go through (COBA), and the college had a number of specific needs. By giving my donation to COBA, we were able to benefit the greatest number of people."

Rawls said he was honored that the college will be renamed for him.

"It's an honor, but it's a responsibility as well," he said. "I have the responsibility of making sure they maintain a standard of excellence, and I have a commitment to helping them achieve their goals."

Rawls said the decision to donate money to Tech was an easy one.

"I was a student (at Tech). I'm a proud alum, a proud Red Raider and proud of the

university," he said. "I felt a sense of gratitude and an obligation to give something back."

Rawls, who has no official input in the spending of his donation, said he would not mind getting some input from Tech officials.

"They haven't asked me how to spend the money, although I suspect they might consult me," he said. "I'd always love to have some input. I would like to think that I would be able to help."

Rawls, who was born in Houston, said he decided to attend Tech for several reasons.

"When I was growing up, there were two big state universities — the University of Texas and Texas Tech," he said. "At the time, A&M was an all-boys school, which didn't seem like a lot of fun to me. UT didn't appeal to me, and I knew a lot of people who attended Tech who were having a great time. A big portion of my

high school senior class went to Tech, and I knew people who were having good experiences. I had a lot of fun at Tech."

Rawls said he knew he was a Red Raider when he attended his first Carol of Lights ceremony.

"I had no idea what happened or even what the Carol of Lights was," he said. "When they lit up the lights in the Science Quadrangle, it was like a fairyland. It was beautiful."

Jim Sowell, chairman of the Board of Regents and a COBA graduate, said he thinks Rawls' donation will have a big impact on COBA.

"There's no question about it," he said. "It will allow the college to give more scholarships, do work on the facility itself, augment

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Red Raider blues



Jazz musician Loston Harris watches Marcus Parsley, a member of Loston's quartet, play a trumpet solo during the group's performance Wednesday evening in the University Center Allen Theatre as part of the Nightlife series sponsored by Campus Activities and Involvement.

False dorm alarms cause concern

By Kristina Thomas
Staff Writer

Life in the residence halls is full of unpredictability, including being awakened by a fire alarm at 3 a.m. Many students evacuate the building, but others hide in closets or in bathroom stalls in order to dodge standing outside early in the morning.

In the fall and spring of 2000, there were 29 fire alarms sounded in the residence halls across campus. Since Jan. 1,

there have been nine fire alarms pulled.

Texas Tech Fire Marshal Richard Kopytkiewicz said there are many reasons the alarms go off. He said sometimes it is because of equipment malfunctions, and other times it is just because someone wanted to joke around and pull the alarm.

"People tamper with the equipment or deliberately pull the fire alarm," he said. "Some people come in and think that they can't sleep so they will wake everyone else up."

Students have discovered many differ-

ent ways to hide from or even dodge participating in the fire alarm procedures.

Kopytkiewicz said students have been found hiding in closets and bathroom stalls with their feet up to avoid detection. He said sometimes people do not understand what they are tampering with and it scares them into hiding.

"Unfortunately too many (students) cry wolf. Someday the alarm is going to be real and someone is going to get caught up in

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Tech law professor notches teaching recognition

Timothy Floyd is named as J. Hadley Edgar professor.

By Linda Robertson
Staff Writer

J. Hadley Edgar was a demanding but well-respected law professor for 20 years at the Texas Tech School of Law. And following his retirement 1991, his former stu-

dents and colleagues donated money to endow a professorship in the law school in his honor.

Timothy Floyd, a law school faculty member since 1989, was named the third J. Hadley Edgar professor of law at Tech.

Floyd said the selection process is based on nominations by fellow faculty members who issue recommendation letters and supporting materials to Chancellor John Montford, who then awards the professorship.

Floyd, a graduate of the University of Georgia School of Law, said he was honored to receive this professorship. He said while the title is distinguished and supports his research and travel abilities when he works on pro-bono or free cases, it does not change his primary role as a professor.

"Mr. Edgar was on faculty here when I started teaching here, and I got to know him and respect him," Floyd said. "He was a very demanding professor, but he really wanted

students to learn. When the students left his class, they were well prepared to practice law in the state of Texas."

Floyd teaches classes in professionalism, ethics and skills in courtroom techniques. He has an interest in the role of spirituality and religious faith in the practice of law.

"I realize the two areas don't seem to coincide, but it does help shape you into the lawyer you will become," he said.

Alison Myhra, Floyd's colleague at the law school for the past 10 years,

said the professorship went to a deserving person.

"He is a very giving, interesting person," she said. "He is a researcher and an excellent scholar, as well as teaching difficult subjects like ethics."

Myhra said Floyd won the Spencer A. Wells award in 1995 for innovative teaching techniques.

"The award is a university-wide award that recognizes excellence in teaching," she said. "He is a person you can count on. He's a Renaissance man."

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Meat judging team continues success

By Kim Wilson
Staff Writer

2001 edition looks to come out on top of all Spring competitions

The 2000 Texas Tech Meat Judging Team finished its season above the rest as reserve national champions.

The team's motto has been "excellence through adversity," and the 2001 Meat Judging Team has worked hard to keep true to the long-standing motto.

"We have 12 members, but only four judge in the competitions," said team member Dale Woerner, a

sophomore animal science major from Fredericksburg.

He said the four judges are chosen from weekly practices to travel to the competitions, however, every team member participates in the competitions.

Woerner said students from any college at Tech are welcome to join

the team as long as the student is willing to put forth the time and effort. Students on the team only have a year of eligibility, which starts during the spring and ends in the fall.

The 2001 team consists of 12 members, who all just returned from the Southwestern Exposition and

Livestock Show, in Fort Worth Feb. 3. Nine teams, consisting of 82 contestants, participated in the show.

Tech's team placed first overall and in individual competitions, Woerner placed first overall along with team member John Kellermeier, who placed second.

The first competition the team competed in this year was Jan. 14 in Denver at the National Western. The team placed first overall in that contest as well. The last national individual contest for Spring 2001 will be Feb. 24 at the Houston Livestock

Show and Rodeo.

The last meat judging team to win all three competitions in a spring semester was the 1996 team.

One of the team's coaches, Mark Miller, said several team members had to overcome some adversity because some of their top judges had to quit during the season. He said the team persevered and decided to compete in the show.

"The team had a never-quit attitude," Miller said.

"They chose to suck it up and go on."

SGA fails to provide final agenda copy

At tonight's meeting of the Texas Tech Student Senate, senators will discuss and possibly vote on Senate resolution 36.22. However, the content of this resolution is still a mystery.

Wednesday, *The University Daily* requested a copy of the agenda to the meeting and was told Internal Vice President Brenda Schumann was finalizing the agenda and would supply a copy of it later in the afternoon. When asked what resolutions would be included on the agenda, Schumann said she did not know.

According to the Texas Open Meetings Act, "notice of meetings must be posted in a place readily accessible to the general public at all times for at least 72 hours before the scheduled meeting time."

All items discussed or voted on also must be listed on the agenda.

The University Daily did receive a copy of a "tentative" agenda at about 5 p.m. Wednesday.

At the last meeting of the Senate, the agenda *The UD* received prior to the meeting did not include action pertaining to the presidential veto of election code changes. However, the agenda presented at the meeting listed this action and additional guest speakers.

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



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Freshman kills two deaf students

WASHINGTON (AP) — A 20-year-old freshman accused of killing two fellow deaf students at Gallaudet University admitted in a videotaped confession that robbery was the reason he stabbed one classmate to death and fatally beat the other, prosecutors said Wednesday.

Joseph M. Mesa Jr. of Guam was ordered held without bond after an appearance in District of Columbia Superior Court.

"There is substantial probability that Mr. Mesa committed these mur-

ders," said the hearing commissioner, J. Dennis Doyle, who rejected a defense request that Mesa be released to a halfway house. A preliminary hearing was set for Feb. 23.

Mesa's lawyer, Ferris Bond, did not contest the evidence that Assistant U.S. Attorney Jennifer Collins presented. But speaking with reporters later outside the courtroom, the lawyer suggested he might challenge the admissibility of the evidence at Mesa's trial.

"Sometimes confessions are ad-

missible, and sometimes people say things that are not the truth and they make mistakes," he said.

Mesa is charged with two counts of felony murder while armed in the deaths of two 19-year-old freshmen killed about five months apart at the nation's only liberal arts university for the deaf.

Both Eric F. Plunkett of Burnsville, Minn., and Benjamin Varner of San Antonio were killed in the dormitory, Cogswell Hall, which is next door to Krug Hall, where Mesa lived.

Plunkett was found beaten to death Sept. 28 in his first-floor room. Varner was found Feb. 3 stabbed to death in his fourth-floor room.

Details about the videotaped confession and the crimes were provided in a statement outside court from the U.S. attorney's office.

According to prosecutors, Mesa said robbery was the motive for both killings. There is evidence that on Feb. 2 — within an hour of Varner's murder — Mesa cashed a \$650 check on Varner's account. Also, Plunkett's debit card was used in several transactions after the time they believe Plunkett died.

Prosecutors said Mesa stabbed Varner in the neck with a knife he found on top of a microwave oven in the victim's room, and beat Plunkett to death.

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All sign-ups begin at 10am at the respective hall offices.

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Disney looking for future Raider employees

Representatives from Walt Disney World will interview Texas Tech students for future jobs at 6 p.m. tonight in the University Center Double T Room.

Walt Disney World has come to Tech for many years now and often hires anywhere from three to 15 students to work there as full-time employees or as interns.

Last year, about 50 students went to the presentation and 10 were offered jobs. Four of those students took jobs and are working for Walt Disney World.

Dave Kraus, director of Tech's Career Center, said Walt Disney World has always found capable students at Tech. There will be an information session tonight, and then representatives will sign people up to interview for the next day.

"That is not the normal way companies usually recruit people, but it has always worked for them," Kraus said.

The representatives will be looking for people in all areas of study including but not limited to customer service, horticulture, food ser-

vice, guest relations and behind-the-scenes stage operations.

The Career Center brings different companies to Tech to help students gain an awareness of their job opportunities and to help businesses find students to hire.

For more information on the Career Center or Walt Disney World recruitment, call 742-2210.

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Panhellenic Council at Tech, said sororities have a similar policy for their parties. She said the registration process for a party must be completed 24 hours in advance for parties that take place during the week, and by Wednesday for a weekend party.

"Since most parties are held Thursday, Friday or Saturday, the paperwork is usually in by Wednesday," she said.

Third-party vendors are required by some sororities at their parties but are required for all parties that are co-sponsored by a sorority and a fraternity.

"We can't have the party at a fraternity house, and we have to have a third-party vendor at the location," Harris said.

Gilpin's situation is not the only alcohol or substance abuse case the university has had to deal with.

Candice Troke, assistant dean of students, said the university has notified several parents about their

children committing offenses involving alcohol.

"We've sent out 30 letters total," she said. "They have mainly been for drug and alcohol violations, such as marijuana possession or possession of the paraphernalia."

The university does not notify parents in all cases of alcohol or drug violations. Troke said the policy only applies to students who are under 21 years of age and who are financially dependent on their parents.

"We are educating students all the time about the policy when they come to our office," Troke said. "Many of them ask if we are going to call their parents when the situation doesn't fall into the criteria."

She said of the 30 students whose parents have been contacted by the university, none of those students have been back at the Dean of Students office for similar reasons.

"A number of institutions with the parental notification policy have seen similar results," she said. "However, the program is so new that we can't establish the results of it yet."

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it and get seriously hurt or worse," he said.

Jennifer Kilroy-Tibon, area director for Chitwood/Weymouth and Coleman residence halls, said fire alarms are not something to tamper with. She said fire has been the cause for one-third of all Greek deaths nationwide since 1990.

She said there are many other ways to get injured in a fire other than being burned that most people

do not take into consideration.

"Smoke inhalation is a huge factor and a way that a lot of people get injured and people do not think about that. There are also ceiling tiles that can fall on people and many other ways that you can get hurt during a real fire," she said. "It is just very dangerous, and people are not taking it seriously."

Kilroy-Tibon said there are consequences for people who do not evacuate when the alarm is sounded other than the obvious consequence of death or injury if caught in a real fire.

The punishment for people caught ignoring fire alarms is up to the discretion of the residence hall directors, but, Kilroy-Tibon said, penalties can include community service, probation, fire awareness programs or even loss of residence contract on campus.

Lubbock police said it also is considered a Class A misdemeanor to pull the fire alarm for no reason. Pulling the alarm is considered a false report and is punishable by a \$4,000 fine and up to a year in jail.

Kilroy-Tibon said people who do not take fire drills and alarms seri-

ously are really a problem in the residence halls.

"We had an alarm in Chitwood the other day and a group of girls called down to the office to see if it was real," she said. "With the time it took them to call down they could have been engulfed in flames."

Kopytkiewicz said the No. 1 cause of fires in residence halls is smoking. The residence halls allow smoking on certain floors, but, Kilroy-Tibon said, she foresees a change in hall policy.

RAWLS

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faculty salaries and help attract and keep outstanding professors."

Sowell said he thinks the renaming of COBA is a good idea.

"It's a common practice. Many major universities have one or more colleges named after a donor. Some universities, like Harvard, Baylor and Rice, are named after a major benefactor," he said. "I would like to see all the colleges on campus named after someone who gave a \$25- to \$50-million endowment. It signifies that someone is willing to make a very significant contribution to the college and to the university."

Cindy Rugeley, vice chancellor for news and information, said she did not know if the university or college would have an official renaming ceremony.

"They haven't scheduled it yet, but I would expect there would be (a ceremony)," she said.

Schmidly to speak today

The Range, Wildlife and Fisheries Club will meet at 7 p.m. today in 102 Agriculture building.

Texas Tech President David Schmidly will be the featured speaker. All Tech students are invited to attend.

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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- Seldom seen
- Woodwind instrument
- Bit of info
- King of Norway
- Capacious boats
- Expiate
- Filmflammer's come-on
- News medium
- Mets stadium
- Remote button
- Pack, as cargo
- Norway's capital
- de-dah
- Alto, CA
- Jong and others
- Italian volcano
- Sch. military grp.
- Cooking smell
- Filmflammer's boast
- First book of the Minor Prophets
- Roe source
- Pursuit of the Graf
- Test papers
- Poet's Ireland
- Dr. Leary's drug
- Cole
- Bring under control
- Lost traction
- End of a buck?
- Trails
- Filmflammer's closer
- Upright
- Game played with 32 cards
- Sommer of "A Shot in the Dark"
- Garlic-basil sauce
- Feudal serf
- Kremlin refusal

DOWN

- Spree
- Winglike
- Snazziness
- Happening
- Lummox
- Bikini tops
- Dupe's response to the filmflammer
- Sen. Kefauver
- Patriotic grp.
- Elemental unit
- Bean curd
- Module
- Dole (out)
- Perched on
- Wan
- Guarded
- Spoken
- River of Hades
- Porthos' pal
- Defeat
- Garden bloom
- In all
- French girlfriends
- Fully full
- On the waves
- Burn slightly
- Kyser and Medford
- Redact
- Thin strip
- California wine county
- Got up
- Expert
- Subway station
- Highway subdivision
- Eisenhower and Turner
- Concavity
- Heroine of "The Good Earth"
- Walk on the wild side?
- Let it stand!
- Altar vow
- Summer on the Somme

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The Readers Choice Awards are a fun spring promotion sponsored by *The University Daily*. Tell us your opinion of what you think are the best things about Lubbock by filling out the ballot. The most popular answers will be tabulated and published in a special section on Friday, April 27.

- The rules are easy...Follow them and your vote will count!**
- Entries must be clearly printed or typed. To be counted, ballots must include name, address, phone & student ID number (SSN) of the person submitting the ballot.
 - Entries become property of *The UD* which reserves the right to publish ballot answers & comments.
 - Final decisions on ballots, categories & winning entries will be made by *The UD*.
 - Ballots must be filled out completely.

BEST FOOD & RESTAURANT CATEGORY	BEST SIGHTS & SOUNDS CATEGORY
1. Chicken Fried Steak	1. Place to buy CDs & cassettes
2. French Fries	2. Local TV News Team
3. Steak	3. Local TV Sportscaster
4. Barbecue	4. Local TV Weathercaster
5. Hamburger	5. TV Show
6. Pizza	6. TV commercial
7. Buffet	7. Local Radio Personality
8. Mexican Food	8. Local Radio Morning Show
9. Italian Food	9. TV Station
10. Oriental Food	10. Radio Station
11. Margarita	11. Movie
12. Cold Beer	12. Movie Theater
13. Happy Hour	13. Video Rental Store
14. Fast Food	14. Local Band
15. All-Night Restaurant	15. Local C&W Band
16. All-You-Can Eat deal	16. Soap Opera
17. Favorite Restaurant	
18. Friendliest Service	
19. Supermarket	

BEST SHOPPING CATEGORY	BEST PLACES CATEGORY
1. Sporting Goods Store	1. Place to study
2. Women's Shoes Store	2. Place to take a date
3. Men's Shoes Store	3. Place to work
4. Department Store	4. Night Club
5. Jewelry Store	5. Bar
6. Western Wear Store	6. Business at the Strip
7. Discount Store	7. Cleaners
8. Consumer Electronic Store	8. Carwash
9. Convenience Store	9. Car Repair
10. Bookstore	10. Haircut
11. Clothing Bargains	11. Tanning Salon
12. Tire Store	12. Apartment Complex
13. Women's Traditional Clothing Store	13. Place to buy flowers
14. Women's Casual Clothing Store	14. Church
15. Men's Traditional Clothing Store	15. Bank
16. Men's Casual Clothing Store	16. Pharmacy
17. Shopping Center/Mall	17. Romantic Dinner
18. Internet Provider	18. Health Club
19. Best place to buy jeans	19. Hangout
20. Best Tattoo Shop	20. Coffee Shop
21. Best Travel Agency	

BEST OF TEXAS TECH CATEGORY
1. Residence Hall
2. Tech Tradition
3. Men's Sport
4. Women's Sport
5. Professor/Instructor
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9. Most helpful Department
10. Coach
11. Tech Landmark
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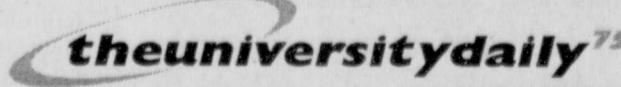
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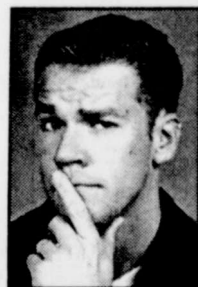
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Column

Finding beauty in the plains of Texas

In case you have not noticed, Lubbock has an identity crisis. As the biggest small-town on the South Plains, Lubbock can't decide whether to be a cultural mecca for the Llano Estacado, or a sleepy little farming community that considers it an honor to be labeled the "buckle of the Bible belt." Of course, the third and seemingly reigning impres-



Loren Bell

sion, especially among the student population, is Lubbock as Purgatory. You put in your four years working on your diploma while visions of the great escape cloud your mind so that you fail to see this place for what it is and instead curse it for what it is not.

Of course, it is easy to sit back and state rather smugly, "Lubbock sucks," and carry on without ever lifting a finger to improve your surroundings. It is a bit more challenging to stop and ask yourself where things went wrong, and how do we put them right again?

The problems that plague the search for Lubbock's identity are the result of a beast that is rearing its ugly head all across society. Previously unique regions are all losing their sense of place as they become homogenized by megacorporate-imperialism that invades every facet of life until all remnants of individuality are lost.

Cities once held up as the standards of vitality, energy and originality, such as San Francisco or Seattle, are being taken over and whitewashed as cost of living sky-rockets. Cities that started out with an energy deficit, such as Lubbock, have welcomed the saccharin-izing of America with open arms and as a result have been hung out to dry.

Unfortunately, with that lost sense of place one loses so much more: the feeling of connectedness with ones home, the desire to improve one's surroundings and an interest in contributing to the community. This has a profound influence on one's tenure in Lubbock regardless of whether you are a transient student, reluctant resident or a home-grown good ol' boy (or girl).

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We all have a duty to our community and ourselves to fight against those attempts at homogenization by locating the life-blood of Lubbock and bringing it to the surface. The task of finding Lubbock is no small one, but the journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step.

The first key to any search is to focus — nothing will be found if you don't look for it. Next time you are walking across campus, stop for a minute, or even five, and just live. Quit rushing to your next class, turn off your cell phone, put the weekend's upcoming parties out of your mind and just take in your surroundings. Take note of the natural world and how it comes into contact with the artificial and notice the connectedness that is present in all things.

Lubbock is more than the sum of its parts. Under the development of the city and the tractor-leveled fields of cotton, there is geography unique to this region: a biozone that knows no city limits and has little concern for governmental jurisdiction. Whether you happen to like it or not, recognize that this land had appeal enough to prompt settlement, and in fact Lubbock Lake Landmark is the longest continually inhabited place in the United States.

What was it about this area that enticed early man to make this place home? What is the original landscape?

It may shock some to hear that there is a river running through Yellowhouse Canyon that feeds into the mighty Brazos River, or that the lake that forms in the small parking lot is part of vast network of 26,000 playa lakes that feed the southern portion of the Ogallala

Aquifer, itself stretching from South Dakota to San Angelo. Even more amazing is the discovery that this region is host to a vast variety of native grasses, plants, birds and wildlife - not just cotton, dust and wind. Finding the original landscape of your residence is the first step toward finding its "place."

Whether you are consciously aware of it or not, you are profoundly influenced by your natural surroundings. In short, whether you are here for four years or eternity, it makes little sense to remain in a place without making the most of where you are. So look around when you begin your journey home.

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Letters to the editor

Jeremy speaks to the masses

To the editor: My name is Jeremy. While I appreciate the massive support for my opinions, I must protest the unauthorized use of my name on shirts, Web sites and newspaper articles. Lawyers representing Metallica in the so-called "Napster hearings" have informed me that I have lost millions of dollars in royalties. In addition, I prefer blue more than forest green. I also would like to take this opportunity to completely deny the allegations of illicit sex, drug use and alcoholism that were printed in *The UD* with the name "Jeremy" signed to them. I have spent the last three days denying these statements to friends, family, faculty and employers. Also, I have only been a student at Texas Tech for three years, not six. I would appreciate it if you would correct these facts the next time the advertisement is printed. If anyone representing the "Jeremy" shirt or Web site campaign would like to settle out of court, they may send me a check for the lost royalties. Again, I would like to thank everyone for their support of my views.

*Jeremy Nicholson
junior
zoology*

There is room for alternatives

To the editor: I hardly write letters to anyone but my family and friends, but I felt compelled to when I read a letter to the editor by Brian Trezise (*UD*, Feb. 14). Everyone is entitled to their views and ideas in America as long as it does not infringe on others. Your views and ideas about Christianity are interesting. It is true that I have not read anything about other saviors resurrecting from the dead. It is true that Christianity is a religion of salvation and love for one's neighbors. But is it true that Christianity is the ultimate way to salvation? The answer is no, and simply no. Every religion has a method to reach salvation. From Buddhism to Islamism, there is a way to reach that one inner peace and joy. Ulrich said that there are 300 prophecies written and they all came true. What about the other prophecies of other religions that also came true? What about Shinto, Hinduism, Judaism and countless other religions whose beginning started before Christianity? They all had prophecies that were written by men. Written by humans, and humans are flawed. How do we know that those men did not change or embellish in their writings? It's simple, we do not know, and that can be said about all religions in the world. I am a Christian. I have been my whole life. However, I do not preach upon people who would not like to be preached upon.

*Vanchai Yashanawong
sophomore
business*

Creation is not science at all

To the editor: This is in regard to the column by Brian Ulrich on Creation v. Evolution. The question, as I understood it, that Mr. Ulrich was asking is should creation theory be taught as an alternative to evolutionary theory in the scientific curriculum of

the American public school system? To answer that question we must ascertain what is science? In 1986, a group of scientists gathered in Louisiana to formulate a definition of science. Included in this gathering were most of the American Nobel Laureates. They defined science as a process for systematically collecting and recording data about the physical world, then categorizing and studying the data to infer the principles of nature that best explain the observed phenomena.

This question of what should be taught in public schools has been asked before. In 1982, Judge William Overton ruled in *McLean v. Arkansas Board of Education* that creation science failed to meet the essential characteristics of science as ascertained by a panel of experts. Two of the essential characteristics of science are that: 1.) Science is testable against the empirical world and 2.) Science is falsifiable. Because creation theory fails to meet these requirements it cannot be considered science and therefore should not be taught as an alternative to evolutionary theory.

Since creation theory is not science, it must be considered philosophy, specifically Judeo-Christian philosophy. The First Amendment prohibits the teaching of one religion over another so the teaching of this "God theory" as Mr. Ulrich puts it, is unconstitutional. Mr. Ulrich closes his column with a question, "... do you cling to evolution based on facts, or because the idea of a ... God who created you scares you?" I would put forth that the American public school system should teach facts and leave philosophy to be dealt with by parents.

*Joel Brant
graduate student
biological sciences*

Skaters are not the nemesis

To the editor: In Wednesday's *UD* there was an article about inline skates and skateboards. (Police) said skaters are destroying the Texas Tech campus. Yet, the leftover car wreckage was not caused by roller skates.

Neither are the bike trails and footprints on the grass caused by skates. The artwork on every classroom desk was caused by in-line skates how? By the explanations that were given in the article on why in-line skates should not be allowed, then we should outlaw bikes that tear up the grass, and we should outlaw walking because the footprints are also damaging the little vegetation that we have in Lubbock. What about cars? They are the most dangerous vehicles. After all, more people are killed in car wrecks than any other cause. Should we outlaw them?

In-line skating is a sport and a hobby for a lot of people. Less people are hurt skating than in football, soccer or hockey. Should we outlaw them? Besides we have spent more money on building stadiums for those sports than on sidewalks and letting nature grow grass (how exactly do you skate on grass anyway?) This is a call to everyone who is willing to stand up for your choice of sports. Even if you don't in-line skate or board, how would you feel if this was your sport or hobby? Their next choice for sport elimination may be the one you love to play. For the few who may be doing tricks or grinding, please stop. One bad apple spoils the whole lot.

*Chris Stackpole
freshman
computer science*

Out of the Past

from the files of The UD

From The University Daily Feb. 15, 2000

■ According to the Texas Tech Police Department, in the last few months there has been an overwhelming increase in bicycle thefts on campus.
■ Four months after the projected starting date for Jones Stadium renovations, Tech officials said they are one to two weeks away from starting the first phase of construction.

From The University Daily Feb. 15, 1991

■ Tech students can help with the National Pesticide Hotline in Thompson Hall. The hotline responds to more than 53,000 phone calls a year from across the United States.

From The University Daily Feb. 16, 1981

■ The number of freshman enrolled at Tech this semester dropped by about 32 percent from 7,630 students in the fall semester to 5,152 students. The number of junior and senior

From The University Daily Feb. 15, 1971

■ KTXT-TV will host three Tech students for a 30-minute special. The special will be the first of a series of three programs about students working with ex-students to help better communication between past and present students.

From The Toreador Feb. 17, 1951

■ W. H. Clement, Tech registrar, announced that 33 students out of 258 made the honor roll for the Fall 1950 semester, have a 3.0 GPA.
■ Two petitions have been taken out Thursday for vacant student council positions to be fulfilled Wednesday.

From The Toreador Feb. 12, 1931

■ Varsity football sweaters were received Monday. The sweaters will be awarded at the second College Fun Night.
■ Tech student Ella May Blanton will sew a Tech shirt to be worn by Judge Charles E. Coombes. Coombes will come to Lubbock for the West Texas Chamber of Commerce meeting.

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Review of
Loston Harris
concert



Matchbox Twenty tickets to presell

By **Mara McCoy**
Staff Writer

Texas Tech students will be given the opportunity to purchase tickets for the April 8, Matchbox Twenty concert.

Tickets will go on sale to students at noon Friday. The general public will not be able to purchase tickets until 4 p.m. Friday.

Cindy Harper, marketing manager for the United Spirit Arena, said 1,000 tickets will be available to students before the general public is able to purchase them.

"The pre-sale tickets will be sold only at the University Center ticket office," Harper said. "Students must have a valid student ID card to be able to purchase the tickets."

Floor seats will not be a part of the 1,000 block of tickets offered for early sale.

Students may only purchase 10 tickets at a time, but Harper said, students are more than welcome to get back in line and purchase more tickets.

She said the early offering of tickets is a joint effort by the arena and the Student Government Association.

"We want to try to make this available for every concert," Harper said. "We'll have to do it on a concert-by-concert basis and work with promoters, though."

Everclear and Lifehouse will open for Matchbox 20 on April 8, in the arena. Tickets are \$33.50 for upper-deck seats and \$39 for lower-deck seats and floor seating. A 75-cent charge will be added to all credit card purchases. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the show starts at 7 p.m.

Ladder makes Depot debut

By **Whitney Wyatt**
Staff Writer

Tech students looking for a different social atmosphere can check out a new Saturday night hangout spot.

The Ladder, a Christian nightclub and coffee bar in the Depot District, opened last Saturday night with a crowd of more than 200 students from Texas Tech and Lubbock Christian University.

The Ladder, located at 1701 Buddy Holly Ave. in the Jacob's Ladder outreach center, is open Saturday nights from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

K.C. Green said he and his friend, Daniel Ingram, opened The Ladder to provide a place where students can come for entertainment in an uplifting Christian environment.

Christians and non-Christians are encouraged to come, and it is free of charge, Green said.

The Ladder features live Christian bands, he said, with Us and Carnavas Me playing this Saturday.

"We want to show people that Jesus is not boring," Green said. "We want people to come out and enjoy themselves."

He said his goal for The Ladder is to become a well-known establishment in the Depot District.

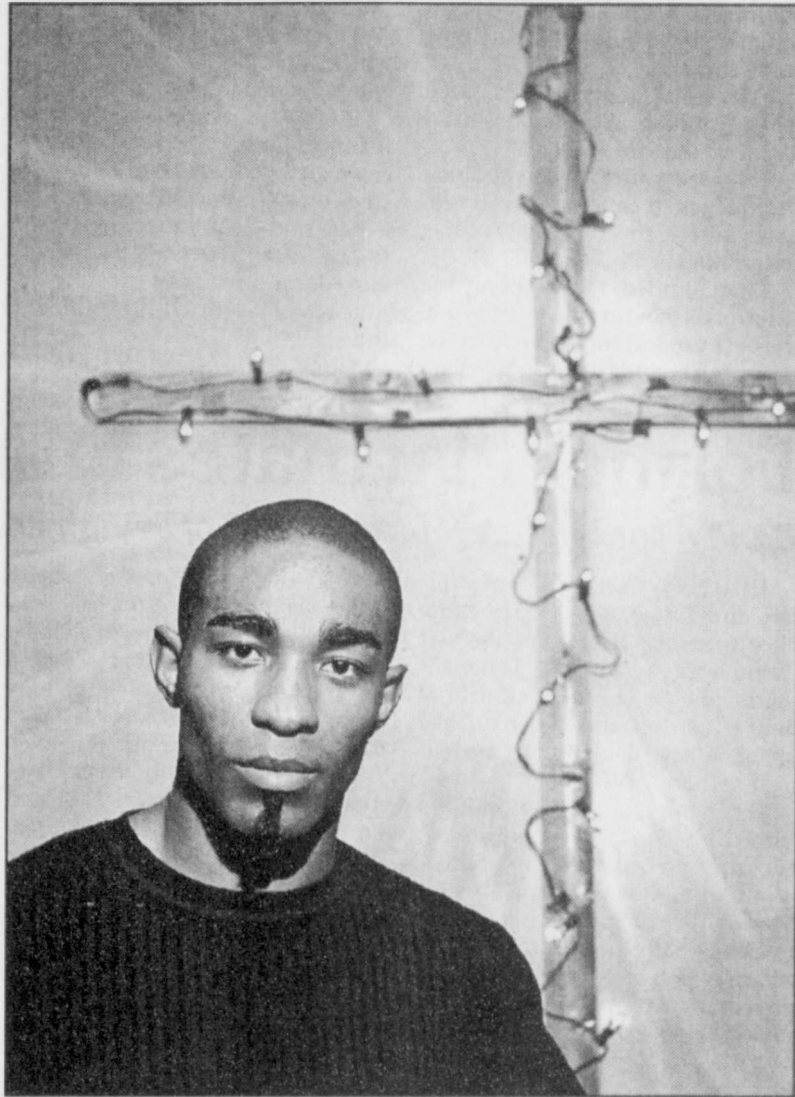
"We want to expand to Thursday and Friday nights," Green said.

A Christian rave is planned for March 3, he said, with a rave continuing once a month after that.

Ron Mercer, the director for Worklink, the non-profit local organization which oversees Jacob's Ladder, said the new Christian nightclub is a great Saturday night alternative for college students.

He said it is important for students to have a safe haven and an atmosphere where pressure does not exist.

Mercer said his goal is for more church organizations, youth groups and college ministries to join in the partnership. He would like to see



K.C. Green, programs and promotions manager of The Ladder ministries, stands inside The Ladder, a new Christian night club and coffee bar. The Ladder is located in the Depot District.

groups host their prayer or praise and worship meetings at The Ladder on different nights of the week.

For more information about the ministry of Jacob's Ladder, contact Mercer at 767-0517.

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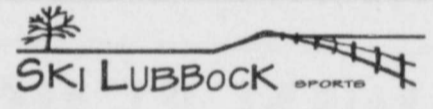
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Red River	53"	8"	P/PP-95% open
Ski Apache	59"	1"	PP-100% open
Santa Fe	89"	snowing	P/PP-100% open
Sipapu	32-42"	5"	POW/PP
Taos	66"	4"	P/PP (Kachita Peak open)
Colorado			
A-Basin	40"	5"	POW
Aspen Mountain	38"	5"	POW/PP
Aspen Highlands	46"	8"	POW/PP
Beaver Creek	50"	7"	POW/PP-all lifts open
Breckenridge	42"	2"	PP-all lifts open
Buttermilk	40"	5"	POW/PP-all lifts open
Copper Mountain	49"	4"	PP-all lifts open
Crested Butte	43"	7"	POW/PP-all lifts open
Keystone	43"	3"	POW/PP
Loveland	48"	4"	POW/PP
Monarch	55"	3"	POW/PP-all lifts open
Purgatory	60"	7"	PP
Silvercreek	32"	2"	POW/PP-all lifts open
Ski Cooper	42"	3"	POW/PP
Snowmass	40"	6"	POW
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CASA recruiting volunteers to help children

By Cory Chandler
Staff Writer

Hundreds of Lubbock children are looking for a new place to live. Many of them have been abused or neglected as well.

Court Appointed Special Advocates of Lubbock is looking for new volunteers to help these children find new homes.

CASA, which was founded in 1993 as a way to help children who have lived or are living in foster homes because of abuse or neglect, has 78 members in Lubbock.

Jane Piercy, executive director of CASA, said she is looking for 20 more volunteers who are willing to commit their time and energy to helping these children.

"We are looking for dedicated people who care about making a difference," she said.

Volunteers are appointed by district judges to conduct research in cases where abuse or neglect has been found in a household.

The volunteers work alongside caseworkers and attorneys to decide the best support for the children by reviewing records and interviewing those involved.



"They basically act as advocates for children who are in the custody of the state," Piercy said.

Potential volunteers train for a total of 30 hours during three weeks.

They pass a screening process, which includes a criminal history check and personal interviews.

Piercy said volunteers should plan to commit a year to CASA and can expect to work 10 to 15 hours a week once they finish training.

She said volunteers are assigned to one family where abuse has occurred and this could mean working with several children at one time.

Doris Boyer, a volunteer for CASA, said though this is typical, she

is working with nine children from two families.

Boyer said she decided to begin volunteering for the program after reading an article about a CASA volunteer who had helped place a child in a new home.

"At that time I had my evenings free," she said. "A lot of factors clicked, and I decided I had gotten to a point in my life where I needed to do something serious and give a little back to the community."

Boyer, who has volunteered for CASA for two years, said she typically devotes 10 to 30 hours a month to the program.

She said this involves keeping in contact with the children, checking

on their progress in school, checking up with house or foster parents and providing a supportive relationship for the children.

"I think it's most important to be a stable presence for the kids—the one person they can count on no matter what happens to them," she said. "I've watched them grow over the last two years, and they've turned out to be wonderful."

She said though her life has changed a lot in the last two years, she decided to continue working with CASA because of her attachment to the children she deals with.

"I think I really do make a difference in the children's lives," she said. "I've watched them grow over the last two years, and they've turned out to be wonderful."

She said she feels the work is an act of devotion.

"I hope I'm making a difference," she said. "It doesn't take a lot of time, but I'm not really doing it because it's fun."

Volunteer training will begin Feb. 19. Those interested can call 763-2272 or visit the CASA offices at 916 Main St., Suite 425, for more information.

Former Playmate's inheritance saga continues

Bank records refute Smith's claims of being 'penniless' during time surrounding husband's death

HOUSTON (AP) — Former stripper and Playboy Playmate Anna Nicole Smith tells jurors she was "penniless" in early 1995 as her ailing husband's son took control of family finances and systematically cut her off, yet bank records are telling another story.

Testifying in the 4 1/2-month-old inheritance trial over oilman J. Howard Marshall II's fortune, the 33-year-old Smith said stepson E. Pierce Marshall was handling his father's affairs as early as December 1994, months before he formally took guardianship of the 90-year-old multimillionaire.

She said it was Pierce Marshall's influence that limited the cash and gifts flowing from the wheelchair-bound oil baron to his wife, then a fashion model and B-movie actress. She told tabloid television shows in early 1995 — and the jury this week — that she was so broke her electricity was cut off in her New York and Los Angeles homes.

But Rusty Hardin, an attorney for Pierce Marshall, guided Smith through page after page of bank records Tuesday, showing she was solvent and cashing checks for tens of thousands of dollars in 1995.

At one point, Smith denied paying a Houston attorney who helped her mount a legal challenge to Pierce Marshall's guardianship, then backtracked when Hardin produced a check with her signature. She also denied meeting with the attorney in February 1995, while her husband was hospitalized for pneumonia,

even though a detailed bill showed otherwise.

"It must be a mistake," she said.

Smith also said some family members and at least one personal aide were authorized to draw on her account. One of those checks, for satellite television service, was dated one day after her husband died in August 1995 and was made out for "TOW-THOUSEND EIGHT HUNDRED NINETY" dollars. Smith said the check was in the aide's handwriting.

Hardin and Smith also bickered about the disposition of her husband's remains, which she unsuccessfully tried to prevent from being cremated. She scolded the attorney for questioning whether the one-time industry giant shared her desire of being interred in Marilyn Monroe's crypt.

"It's a Marilyn Monroe issue with me," Smith said. "And my hus-

band wanted to be buried with me."

Smith, who met Howard Marshall II while she was dancing in a Houston strip club, was 26 and he was 89 when they married in 1994. He died the next year of age-related complications.

Smith, along with 63-year-old disinherited stepson J. Howard Marshall III, sued named heir E. Pierce Marshall over the estate. Smith dropped her Texas claim after a California bankruptcy judge awarded her \$475 million in a separate case.

Pierce Marshall, 61, is appealing that decision. His countersuit against Smith and the ongoing inheritance fight pitting the brothers remain at issue in this trial, which could last into late March.

Lawyers expected Smith to finish her testimony by mid-Wednesday.



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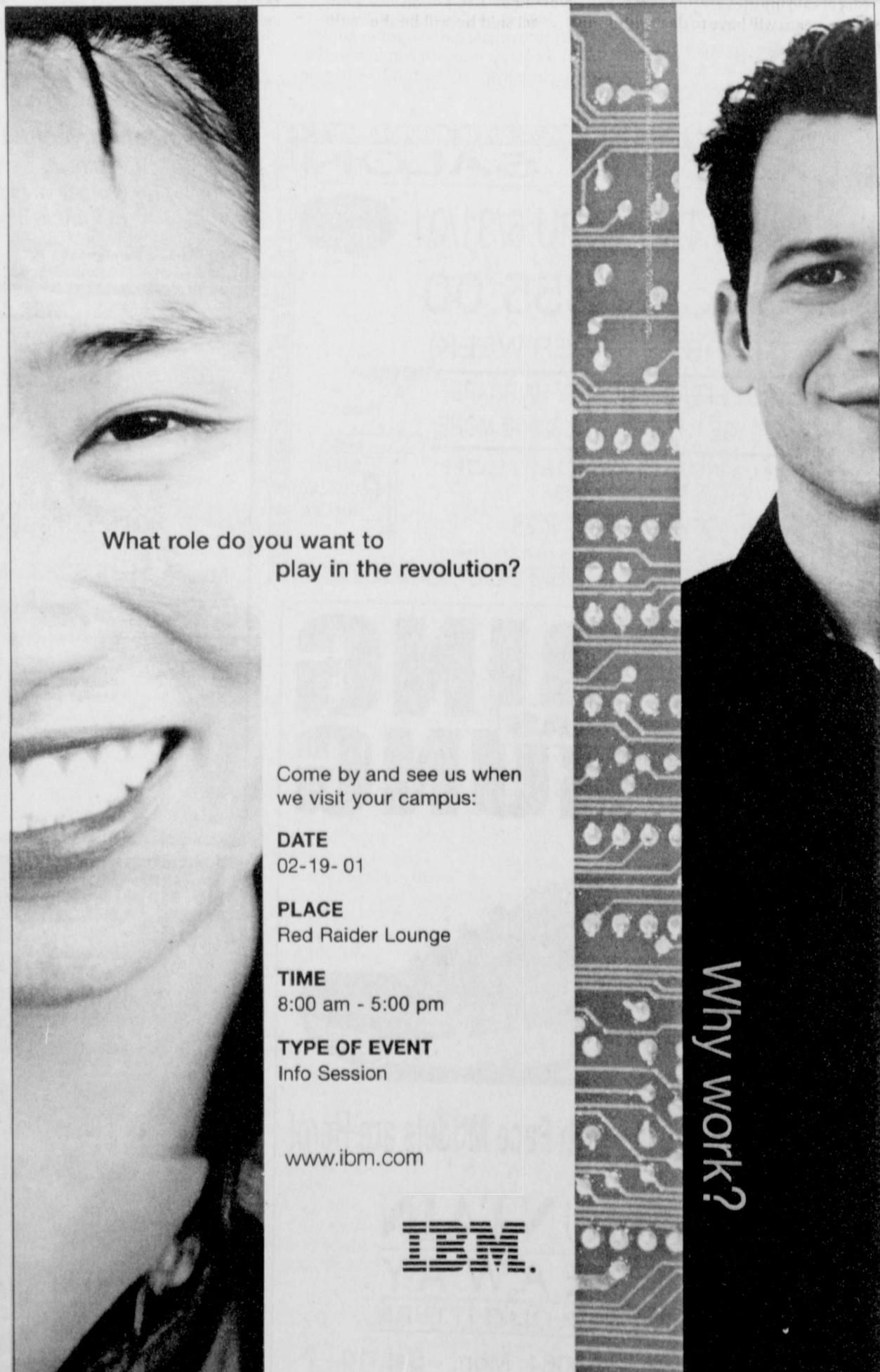
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Tech tennis battling injuries

By Matt Muench
Staff Writer

Two matches into the season, the Red Raider men's tennis squad has already gone through some turmoil.

Three of Texas Tech's top four players from the Fall season will be missing in action this weekend because of two key injuries and a top player quitting the team.

Tech coach Tim Siegel said the difficulties make him wonder how the season will turn out.

"When you lose three of your top four, you are going to struggle," Siegel said. "We are going to lose more matches than we are used to losing, but our guys will go out there and compete."

Tech is 1-1 after New Mexico dealt them their first loss of the campaign last weekend, and now faces two California squads in San Diego.

Tech is scheduled to compete against Cal-Poly at 1 p.m. Friday and the University of San Diego at 1 p.m. Saturday.

Siegel said this weekend will be tough for his squad, and the rest of the campaign will not get any easier.

"I think we have only one more match that I am quite certain that we will win," Siegel said. "The rest of them are up in the air. That is how difficult our schedule is."

Tech's troubles began just days before the squad's season opener when No. 4 seed Patricio Espinosa left the squad for unspecified reasons.

Now, the team has learned No. 2 player Royce Ramey has injured his rotator cuff and might have to sit the rest of the season out.

Pending on how fast he recovers and how serious the injury is, Ramey still has a chance to compete when Big 12 Conference play begins in March.

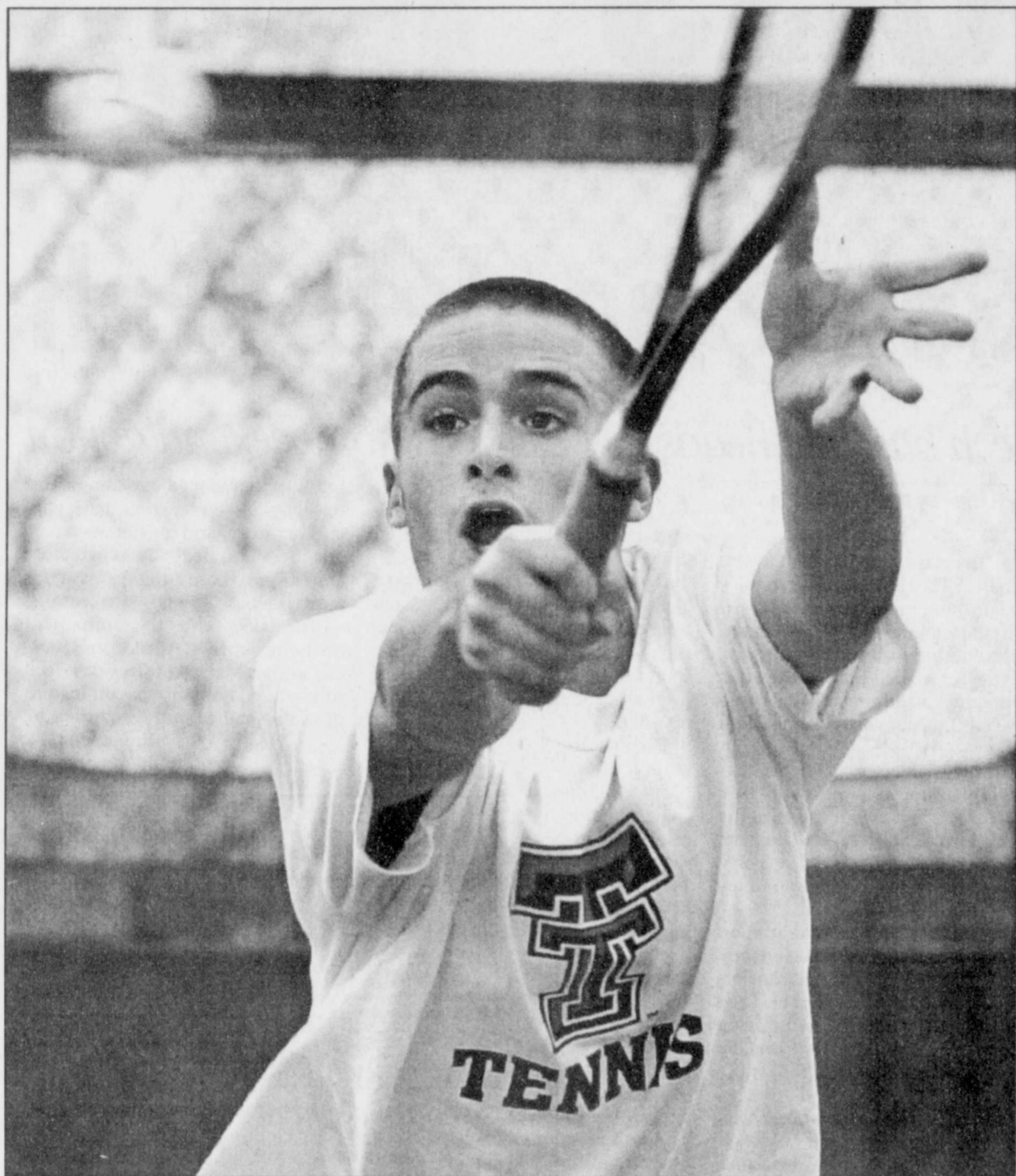
Ramey said his torn rotator cuff is a usage injury because of the amount of tennis he has played in the last eight months.

"It is rough for me," Ramey said. "Things like this happen, and I am doing everything to get it fixed."

The injuries do not stop there.

No. 3 player Clay Estes is struggling with an arm injury and could be out for at least two weeks.

Siegel said injuries are just something the team will have to deal with and get past.



Greg Kruller/The University Daily

Texas Tech men's tennis player Richard Crabtree extends for a shot in practice Wednesday. The tennis squad will travel this weekend to San Diego to compete in two matches.

"We are obviously shorthanded, and it is unfortunate," Siegel said. "But I think we will get through it."

The only player remaining from the Fall's top four is senior No. 1 seed Borut Martincevic.

Martincevic is 1-1 on the year, and Siegel said he will be the main link for the remainder of the year.

"He will have a tough go with it because every match he plays will be difficult," Siegel said. "But really there is not one player that is more important than anyone else."

One Raider who said he feels like he needs to fill in the injury gaps is transfer student Richard Crabtree.

Crabtree is playing in the No. 4

seed and said the squad's confidence is still rising despite the bad luck they have come across.

"We have to step up a little bit," Crabtree said. "It just depends on how these next few matches go. It will be a good test, and we will just enjoy ourselves and see what happens."

Spring Training begins for MLB

NEW YORK (AP) — Just 111 days after the final out of the World Series, the bats and balls began to come out Wednesday in sunny Florida and rainy Arizona.

"The excitement for me is really starting to build," new Pittsburgh Pirates manager Lloyd McClendon said in Bradenton, Fla.

While some Cincinnati players showed up Tuesday in Sarasota, Fla., Wednesday was the first day teams were allowed to work out at spring training.

But Cal Ripken, the Baltimore third baseman who broke Lou Gehrig's record for consecutive games played, learned

he had a hairline fracture in his rib cage and will miss up to a month of spring training.

Ripken, 40, was hurt at home, either working out in preparation for his 20th full season with the Orioles or while playing basketball.

He played in 2,632 consecutive games before voluntarily ending the streak in September 1998, then was bothered by a bad back that limited him to 86 games in 1999 and a career-low 83 last year.

"I woke up Tuesday and it was hard to breathe," he said.

"I'm a little saddened, a little disappointed because I was working hard during the winter and was really feeling good."

With opening day was 45 days away, teams are sure to take aim at the New York Yankees, who have won three straight World Series and four of the last five.

Soon after he arrived in Tampa, Fla., Yankees manager Joe Torre said he is interested in managing beyond this season, the final year of his current contract.

"I think I would miss this," he

said. In Vero Beach, Fla., Los Angeles Dodgers catcher Chad Kreuter was anxious to get back on the field.

"This is what I do," he said. "I'm a baseball player. To start things again is always exciting."

Fans wait all winter for the start of spring training, filling their time with hot-stove talk of trades and signings.

But on Wednesday, it was time to break out the equipment and get back on the field. Most position players report next week, and the pace will pick up March 1 with the start of exhibition games.

"To start things again is always exciting."

Chad Kreuter
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The Texas Rangers and their new \$252 million man, Alex Rodriguez, open the season against the Toronto Blue Jays

on April 1 at San Juan, Puerto Rico.

In Peoria, Ariz., San Diego outfielder Tony Gwynn was talking about overcoming his injuries. The eight-time batting champion, who turns 41 on May 9, had season-ending surgery on his troublesome left knee on June 27.

"I feel good, but that doesn't mean anything," he said.

"I've been cautiously optimistic. You can't speculate because you just don't know until you go out there and do it."

Over in Tempe, Ariz., Angels players couldn't do much on an afternoon of heavy rain with temperatures in the 40s.

"A lot of people don't think that we have good pitching, but the Angels have a lot of good young pitching and it's good pitching," said 24-year-old right-hander Ramon Ortiz.

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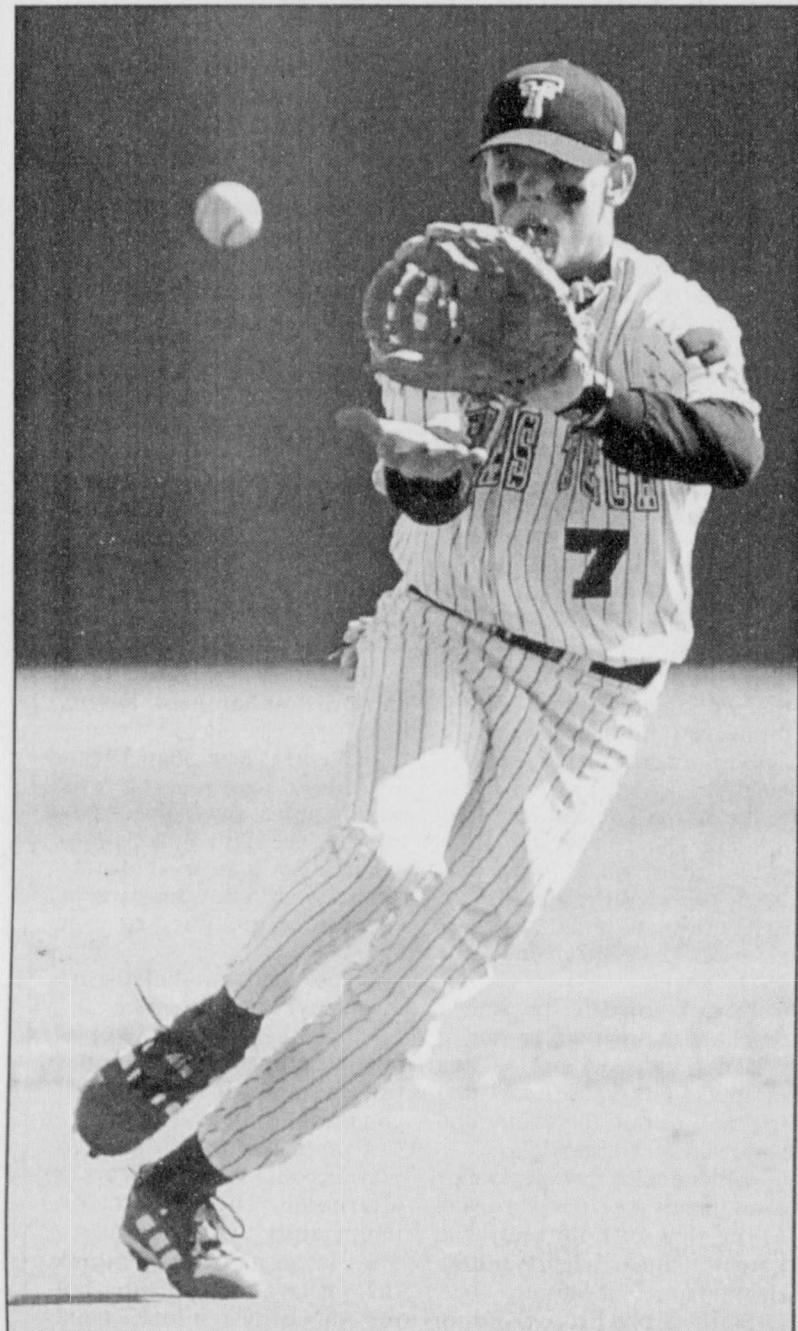
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Sports

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The Texas Tech men's tennis squad will compete in two matches this weekend in San Diego. The Red Raiders are battling injuries to two of their top four players heading into the tournament.



Jaime Tomás Aguilar/The University Daily

Tech infielder Matt Deichert prepares to field a ball in the Red Raiders' win over Cal State-Northridge on Sunday at Dan Law Field.

Going back to Cali

Tech baseball heads to West Coast for weekend action

By Phil Riddle
Staff Writer

All the players are looking forward to the trip. They have a chance to enjoy the sunshine in California, get away from the campus grind. And, oh yes, play a little baseball.

The Texas Tech baseball team is competing in the Greater San Diego Baseball Tournament today through Sunday.

The Red Raiders will battle the University of California-Riverside at 4 p.m. today in the first of four games at the event. Tech will take on Oregon State at 4 p.m. Friday, followed by an 8 p.m. contest with San Diego State on Saturday.

Tech will face San Diego at noon Sunday to close out the tournament.

Tech coach Larry Hays said he normally enjoys the trip west. This year, however, with weather at home being unusually cold and wet, Hays said the trek to San Diego is even more enticing.

"That part of the trip has never been more appealing," Hays said. "We've always gone out there for two reasons. One was recruiting. The other was that we normally get to play in some good weather. That's been a good place for us to play, weather-wise."

Junior right-hander Chad Ertel said he will be visiting the Golden State for the first time.

"It's going to be a great experience," Ertel said. "It's a new atmosphere and a new style of play out there. California teams are known for their hitting, it'll

be a good experience for all of us."

Ertel is listed as today's probable starter for the Raiders. The transfer from Texarkana Junior College is 0-0 on the season. He has started two games, including a 3-2 Tech win over Cal State-Northridge. Ertel, who attended Elmira High School in St. Clements, Ontario, sports a 6.14 ERA with three strikeouts, five walks and nine hits in 7.1 innings of work.

Tech short-stop Gera Alvarez will be going home for the tournament.

"It's my hometown," he said smiling. "My family will be there, and my friends will be there. It's going to be fun to play for my home crowd."

Alvarez played prep baseball at Tony Gwynn Stadium, the site of the tournament's games.

"I remember playing there in high school a couple of times," Alvarez said. "I've always liked playing there. I came out of J.C. as a sophomore and thought about staying there to play,

but I wanted to go away somewhere to school. So I'll be going back with another team, and maybe we can go out there and beat San Diego State and some of those other teams at this tournament."

The Raiders enter the tournament on the heels of a 12-11 road loss Tuesday to New Mexico on Tuesday. Tech squandered an early six-run lead as the Lobos rallied in the eighth to tie the game 11-11, then scored the game-winner on a ninth-inning passed ball.

Tech heads into today's game with the Highlanders with a 6-4 record. Riverside carries a 3-5 mark, including a 10-1 loss to Utah on Sunday. Sophomore catcher Jimmy Anderson leads the Highlanders on

offense. Anderson sports a .423 batting average, two doubles, a triple and five RBIs. Sophomore Chris Smith is the expected starter for UC-Riverside. Smith is 1-2 on the year with a 7.94 ERA, three walks and 19 hits allowed in just more than 11 innings.

"We've always gone out there for two reasons. One was recruiting. The other was that we normally get to play in some good weather."

Larry Hays
TEXAS TECH BASEBALL COACH

Lady Raiders squeak by Jayhawks

Texas Tech post Plenette Pierson found her offensive form, and the Lady Raiders got back to their winning ways by going down to the wire to knock off Kansas, 45-41, on Wednesday at Allen Field House in Lawrence, Kan.

Pierson hit two clutch free throws with 35 seconds left in the game, and senior Katrisa O'Neal closed the door on the Jayhawks with two charity stripe shots of her own to give Tech its first win in Lawrence in school history.

Combined with O'Neal's stingy defense and Pierson's play under the net, Tech used 32 turnovers to run off the Jayhawks on a night when both offenses seemed out of sync.

With Kansas up 8-4, Tech found its offensive touch and surged with an 11-0 run en route to a 21-16 halftime lead.

After an 8-2 run to start the second half, Tech seemed in total control of the game.

However, off a strong offensive performance by Jayhawk Jaclyn Johnson, Kansas cut the lead to three following an 8-0 run with eight minutes to play.

That was when Pierson took over the contest, and when the final buzzer sounded, Pierson had scored 11 of Tech's last 15 points.



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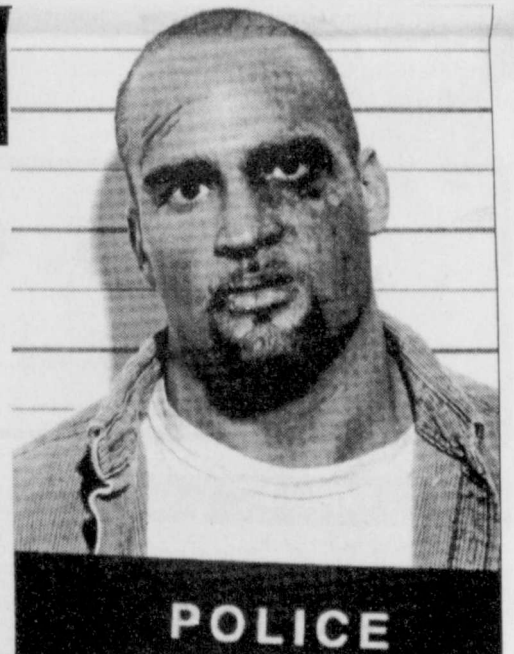
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