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STATE

Bomb materials lead to arrest of student

WACO (AP) — Federal authorities have arrested a Texas State Technical College student and charged him with possessing material to make pipe bombs. The student, Ryan William Walker, 21, who turned himself into authorities, is accused by law enforcement officials of keeping components for pipe bombs in his on-campus apartment. He has been charged with felony possession of a destructive device. If convicted, he could be sentenced to up to 10 years in federal prison and fined up to \$250,000.

Walker is scheduled to appear before U.S. Magistrate Dennis G. Green on Wednesday.

Walker's attorney, Scott Smith of Austin, described Walker as peaceful and said he was only pursuing educational interests.

"He's a chemistry major and that's part of what he studies," Smith said. "My client is not guilty. He had no intent to do harm to anybody. He's a student and he was studying toward a degree at the college."

NATIONAL

Cheney hospitalized with more chest pain

WASHINGTON (AP) — Vice President Dick Cheney underwent surgery Monday to reopen a partially blocked artery after checking into a hospital with chest pains. It was the same artery that had been cleared last November after his fourth heart attack.

There was no evidence that Cheney had suffered another heart attack, said his cardiologist, Dr. Jonathan Reiner. The doctor also said he did not believe Cheney had suffered more heart damage, but the vice president spent the night at the hospital for observation.

Cheney, 60, had quickly resumed a full schedule after a heart attack and follow up surgery last November.

"There is a very high likelihood he can finish out his term in his fully vigorous capacity," the doctor said after Monday's procedure — an angioplasty. But he added, "He has chronic heart and artery disease."

Reiner said there was a 40 percent risk the artery would narrow again, but Cheney could be released from the hospital as early as Tuesday and be back to work this week.

WORLD

Mounty fatally shot after disturbance call

CAPE DORSET, Nunavut (AP) — An officer with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police was fatally shot Monday in the remote arctic territory of Nunavut, police said.

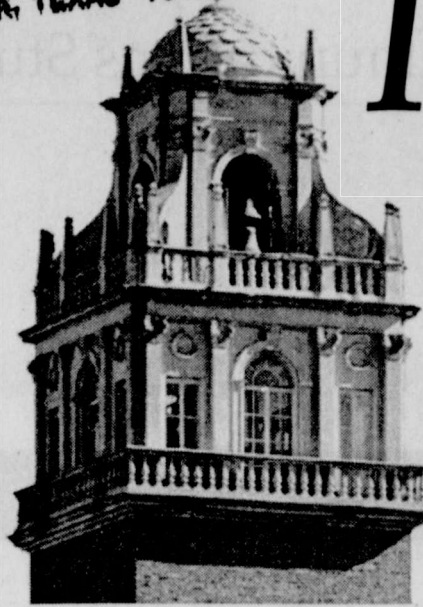
Constable Jurgen Seewald, 47, was shot while responding to a domestic dispute in the hamlet of Cape Dorset, police said. He was a 26-year veteran of the force.

Officers surrounded a house on Baffin Island where the suspected gunman barricaded himself, police said. Cape Dorset is 1,250 miles north of Montreal.

Flags at the RCMP building in Iqaluit, capital of Nunavut, and at the legislature were lowered to half-staff. Businesses, schools and other public buildings were closed.

Nunavut, which means "our land" in the Inuit language Inuktitut, was created two years ago out of the eastern and central portions of the Northwest Territories. The majority-Inuit territory has Canada's first Inuit-led legislature.

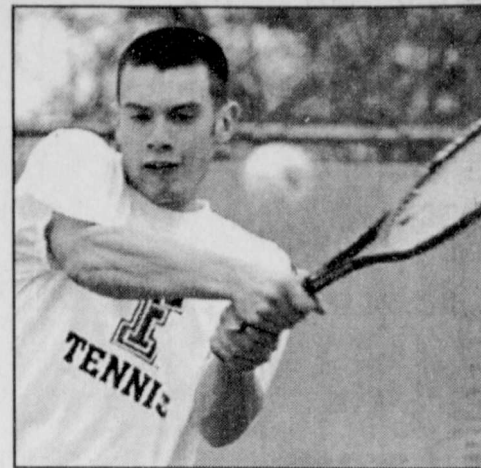
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## Tech could see extra state funding

By Jeff Stoughton and Mara McCoy  
Staff Writers

Texas Tech could be the recipient of an extra \$6 million annually for research funding while attaining flagship status if a bill already on the Texas Senate floor passes.

Senate Bill 737, which has cleared the Senate Finance Committee, would amend Chapter 62 of the Texas Education Code by adding a subchapter establishing the Texas Excellence Fund.

The bill would allow the inter-

est earned from the Higher Education Assistance Fund to be counted toward building the body of the Texas Excellence Fund account.

Tech and the University of Houston, two schools that are near Tier 1 qualifications, have lobbied to split 80 percent of the interest the fund generates annually. The remaining 20 percent would be divided among the other schools in the HEAF pool.

To be eligible to significantly benefit from the proposed fund, a university must meet several guidelines, including offering "a full range of

baccalaureate programs and a wide variety of graduate programs." The university also must have awarded at least 45 doctoral degrees in the fields of science, agricultural science, engineering and clinical and experimental psychology and "extended at least \$15 million in restricted research funds and related indirect costs as reported in the institution's annual financial report for the applicable year."

Tech Provost John Burns said the university receives \$22 million each year from the HEAF and would re-

ceive an additional \$6 million each year if the bill is passed. The money would be used to attract and hire new faculty.

Kathleen Harris, assistant vice president for research and director of research activities at Tech, said by hiring new faculty, it would enable more faculty members to conduct research.

"There are 400 research projects going on at any time," she said. "Faculty members have so many things to do. If more faculty members are hired, it would allow them to devote more time to research."

Elizabeth Haley, interim deputy chancellor for operations, said the bill would be a great boost for Tech.

"It will help us to build our outstanding research programs," she said. "Having more money for research will not only benefit the university, but the Lubbock community, state and nation as well."

Texas Senate Finance Committee member Jeremy Warren said the extra money would benefit the state as a whole by keeping research pro-

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### Copy machine



Manuel Gonzales, a printmaking graduate student and teaching assistant from Beeville, works on a screen print Monday in the Art building.

GREG KRELLER/The University Daily

## Teen arrested in California school attack

SANTEE, Calif. (AP) — A 15-year-old boy who had been picked on and had talked about shooting classmates allegedly opened fire in a high school bathroom Monday, killing two people and wounding 13 in the nation's deadliest school attack since Columbine.

One student said the boy had a smile on his face as he fired away with a pistol at Santana High School in this middle-class San Diego suburb.

The boy, a freshman whose name was not released, surrendered in the bathroom, dropped his gun and said he acted alone, telling officers: "It's just me," according to sheriff's officials.

Officials did not release the suspect's name, but the shooter was identified by students as Andy Williams and a source close to the investigation said his full name is Charles Andrew Williams.

Authorities said he will be charged as an adult with murder, assault with a deadly weapon and gun possession. Sheriff's and FBI officials served a search warrant Monday night on the apartment where the teen lived with his father and removed a computer hard drive about 30 minutes after entering.

The slain students were identified as Bryan Zuckor, 14, and Randy Gordon, 15. Authorities said one of the victims was a campus supervisor, while a student suffered minor injuries in a car accident while fleeing the 1,900-student school.

"I know in your minds is the overriding question: Why?" District Attorney Paul Pfingst said. "The suspect has made statements. I will not share the contents of the statements with you at this time, but there is no real answer. I am not sure in any real way we will ever know

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## Ordinance committee to discuss smoking issues

By Pam Smith  
Staff Writer

The Smoking Ordinance Ad Hoc Committee of the Lubbock City Council will meet today to discuss a proposed Lubbock smoking ban as a public health issue.

"This meeting is to get information from experts and the community about this issue," said Kathy Bruns, administrative assistant with the city of Lubbock. "They will only be discussing whether or not it is a public health issue, not about the rights of business owners."

The meeting will take place at 4 p.m. today

in the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center banquet hall. Bruns said a list of expert guest speakers already have confirmed they will be presenting information to the committee. She said most of the speakers are physicians and personnel in the medical field.

Non-experts who wish to speak will be allowed to do so once they sign up between 3:30 p.m. and 6 p.m. at the banquet hall. Expert speakers will have five minutes each to present their ideas while non-expert speakers will have three minutes.

"People will also be able to cast their votes as to whether they believe this is a public

health issue," Bruns said. "Comment cards will also be available for input if a person does not want to speak at the hearing."

Betty Blanton, associate director of Recreational Sports at Texas Tech, said she believes hearing from the Tech community would be beneficial to the committee.

She said she has talked to several Tech representatives about attending the hearing but has not received confirmation anyone would attend from Tech. Blanton said regardless of the outcome of the hearing and the ordinance, the future of Tech would not be impacted by the ordinance.

"The issue at stake here is for public places to be smoke-free," she said. "Texas Tech is already smoke-free."

Blanton said she does believe the issue is important to Tech because statistics show smoking among college students is on the rise. "Students, who say they can quit smoking, don't realize that the substance is physically addictive," she said. "Once the tobacco companies get a hold of them, they are hooked."

Despite the fact Tech may not be impacted, the issue has been debated among the Tech

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## Sprinkler tampering leads to residence hall flood

By Kristina Thomas  
Staff Writer

A tampered fire sprinkler in the basement of Hulen Residence Hall flooded the laundry room with more than an inch of water about 2:40 a.m. Monday, causing the fire alarm to sound and the evacuation of the building, said Walter James, Texas Tech's fire marshal said.

Students were not outside long before they were told there was no fire and were allowed to return to their rooms. Although the problem had been identified shortly after

the sprinkler began to leak, it was nearly 3 a.m. before the water was shut off.

Texas Tech Police Department Capt. Gordon Hoffman said the sprinkler head was bent, and police believe the sprinkler head was damaged because there was no indication of a mechanical error.

Hoffman said the sprinkler head was bent to the side which caused it to begin spilling water. Since the building's fire alarm is connected to the sprinkler system, the water movement through the sprinkler caused the alarm to sound.

Hoffman said the damage is estimated at \$100 and there are no suspects.

James said the damage was not extensive.

"Water probably ran for about 30 minutes," he said. "The damage was minimal compared to what it could have been."

James also said the water was turned off by 3 a.m. and the excess water was cleared from the basement floor by 9 a.m. Monday.

Hulen Residence Hall has two security cameras in the basement, but Hoffman would not confirm

whether the cameras or tapes are being reviewed in order to find out who tampered with the sprinkler.

Mark McVay, associate director of facilities for Housing and Dining, said TTPD officials already have talked with the Hulen Residence Hall staff about the incident.

Garrett Nelson, Lubbock's deputy fire marshal, said tampering with fire sprinklers can lead to both criminal and civil prosecution.

"Since it's at a state school it becomes a state jail felony, which is punishable by 180 days to two years in jail and a \$10,000 fine," he said.

"On the civil side, the person is also liable for any water damage that may have been caused."

McVay said if the act was in view of the security cameras then reviewing the tapes is an option.

He said if police do not discover who tampered with the sprinkler, disciplinary measures will be at the discretion of Housing and Dining or the TTPD, depending on the damage.

"I would say it would probably go through the disciplinary committee here at Tech," he said. "The hard part, though, is catching who did it."

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grams in Texas.

"Research is the engine fueling our economy," he said.

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why."

Fellow students and an adult acquaintance said they had heard the boy's threats over the weekend but thought he was joking and did not report him to authorities.

"He was picked on all the time," student Jessica Moore said. "He was picked on because he was one of the scrawniest

guys. People called him freak, dork, nerd, stuff like that."

Student John Schardt, 17, was in a nearby classroom when the shooting started about 9:20 a.m. in a boys' restroom and spilled into a quad.

"I looked at the kid, and he was smiling and shooting his weapon," Schardt said. "It was total chaos. People were trying to take cover."

Schardt said he took photos of victims and another student videotaped the gunman's arrest, but authorities confiscated the film and the tape.

Andrew Kaforey, a 17-year-old senior, said he ran into the bathroom with a security guard after hearing what sounded like a firecracker or a gunshot. "He pointed the gun right at me but he didn't shoot," Kaforey said.

As he and the guard ran out, the gunman shot the guard in the back, Kaforey said.

Investigators said the boy used a .22-caliber revolver, stopping once to reload, and retreated after the

The bill would not benefit Tech on a system-wide basis and would not give the university land-grant status.

The bill passed the Senate Finance Committee by a vote of 9-1 and is expected to be heard by the

Senate later this week. If it passes, the bill will be sent to the House of Representatives and then to the office of the governor.

More information about Senate Bill 737 can be found online at [www.state.tx.us](http://www.state.tx.us).

shooting into the bathroom.

The attack was the nation's deadliest school shooting since the April 1999 bloodbath at Columbine High near Littleton, Colo., where two teenagers killed 12 fellow students and a teacher before committing suicide.

In Washington, President Bush called the shooting "a disgraceful act of cowardice."

"This is my worst nightmare," Principal Karen Degiescher said. She said that the campus will be closed Tuesday and that counselors were called in to help students.

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John Schardt  
17-YEAR-OLD STUDENT

Classmates and acquaintances of the boy described him as skinny and the subject of constant harassment. Students said he

about owning a gun.

Over the weekend, the boy "was joking on and off that he was going to come to school and shoot people," said Joshua Stevens, 15, a friend of the boy. "He had it all planned out, but at the end of the weekend he said he was just joking and he wasn't really going to do it."

"I said, 'Like, you better be.' And he said, 'No, I'm serious.'"

"I should've stepped up even if it wasn't true and stuff to take that precaution," said Chris Reynolds, a 29-year-old who is dating Stevens' mother. "That's going to be haunting me for a long time; that's going to be with me for a long time. It just hurts, because I could've maybe done something about it."

"Sharon and I are shocked and deeply saddened by this tragedy," the governor said in a statement. "Our hearts and prayers go out to the students and their families, the school administrators and the law enforcement officials involved in this incident."

Reynolds said that the boy lives with his father and that his mother lives out of state. He said the boy stayed at Reynolds' house Saturday night and talked about starting a shooting spree.

"I even mentioned Columbine to him. I said I don't want a Columbine here at Santana. But he said, 'No, nothing will happen, I'm just joking,'" Reynolds said.

Neil O'Grady, 15, said the suspected gunman had also talked to him and other friends over the weekend about a shooting at the school.

"He was telling us how he was going to bring a gun to school ... but we thought he was joking," O'Grady said. "We were like, 'Yeah, right.'"

Recently, two skateboards had been stolen from the boy, O'Grady said. "He always gets picked on. He's scrawny, he's little," O'Grady said. "People think he's dumb."

Shannon Durrett, a 15-year-old freshman, said she has known the boy since school began in September. He liked skateboarding and hung out with his skateboarding friends," she said. "He was nice, he was funny, someone who would never do something like this."

After the shooting, students were escorted to a nearby shopping center, where they filled a parking lot and milled anxiously while parents arrived and paramedics took away the wounded.

The school is about 10 miles northeast of San Diego and is the alma mater of Sharon Davis, wife of Gov. Gray Davis. She spoke during the school's commencement in 1999.

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**TechNotes!**

■ **Order of Omega** Spring 2001 meetings will be at 6:30 p.m. today and April 3 at the Pi Phi Lodge, located at No. 17 Greek Circle. For more information, contact Michelle Banta at 745-7524.

■ **Rho Lambda** Spring 2001 meetings will be at 7 p.m. today and April 3 at the Pi Phi Lodge, located at No. 17 Greek Circle. For more information, contact Kelley Sanders at 797-0387.

■ **Student Government Association** representative voting will take place today and Wednesday. Students also can vote online at [www.sga.ttu.edu](http://www.sga.ttu.edu).

■ **The Texas Tech Police Department** will conduct a test of the campus emergency alert sirens at 10 a.m. Wednesday.

■ **The Pre-Physical Therapy Club** will meet at 6 p.m. Wednesday in 113 Chemistry. For more

information, contact Amy Brown at 724-5360.

■ **NOTICE TO ALL MULTICULTURAL STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS:** We are looking for you! We need your input for prospective ideas for promoting cultural diversity. Please contact Luis Constanancio, director of cultural diversity for SGA, at 832-5375 or e-mail him at [louisconstancio@hotmail.com](mailto:louisconstancio@hotmail.com).

■ **Campus Activities and Involvement** is accepting applications for the Alternative Spring Break Program in St. Louis, March 10-17. For more information, contact Carrie Evans at 742-3621.

■ **Campus Spring Break Out** - an alternative for those who stay in Lubbock during Spring Break will be March 12-15. For more information, contact Carrie Evans at 742-3621.

**POLICE BLOTTER**

Sunday, March 4

■ A Texas Tech police officer assisted another law enforcement agency on U.S. Highway 84 on March 3. The officer called 9-1-1 to report two reckless drivers and followed them until they were apprehended by DPS at Indiana Avenue and U.S. Highway 84.

■ An officer investigated criminal mischief to a sprinkler head, which occurred in the basement laundry room of Hulén Residence Hall. The sprinkler head was broken off and the laundry room was flooded as a result.

Saturday, March 3

■ An unknown subject(s) threw chocolate syrup on the ceiling tiles and the hallway carpet in Weymouth Residence Hall.

Friday, March 2

■ An officer documented unwanted conversation between a male student and a female employee of the Student Business Services office in 163 Drane Hall.

■ An officer investigated the possession of prohibited weapons on campus in which a student was found to be in possession of three sets of nunchucks.

Wednesday, February 28

■ A non-student's car slid off the road at the 400 block of Indiana Avenue and struck a light pole. He was transported to UMC ER with code B injuries.

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community since the proposed ordinance was introduced. Blanton said since then she has received mixed reactions from students.

"I have heard a lot of students say that it is their right to smoke, and I have heard others say that they would endorse public places becoming smoke-free," she said. "I've even had several who can relate to Amit Bushan because the smoke made them sick as a child and still affects them today."

Later this month the ad hoc committee will host another public hearing discussing the rights individuals have to smoke and the rights business owners have to allow smoking in their establishments.

Blanton said these two issues were selected because they seem to be the most prominent.

The Lubbock City Council formed the Smoking Ordinance Ad Hoc Committee last year to research the possibility of an ordinance prohibiting smoking in restaurants and public places. Since the beginning of the year, the Tech Health Sciences Center has become smoke-free as well as several restaurants. The residence halls on campus also plan to become smoke-free by the end of 2001.



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The University Daily

Jerry Greenfield  
of  
Ben & Jerry's  
8 p.m. Wednesday  
UC Allen Theatre



## Communications Studies to host information day

By Whitney Wyatt  
Staff Writer

The Texas Tech Department of Communication Studies is hosting its inaugural Communication Studies Day on Wednesday.

Trent Webb, director of forensics, said Communication Studies Day is a day set aside for Tech students to learn more about the Communication Studies Department.

A free lunch from noon to 1 p.m. in 223 Mass Communications is open to any student interested in learning more about communication studies, he said, but students must obtain a ticket from a communication studies professor today.

Webb said an information panel consisting of communication studies professors will speak about the department and answer any questions from students.

"It is an excellent opportunity to learn about the department," Webb said.

Students will have the chance to learn about the different classes the department offers and the various career opportunities communication studies major have, he said.

Students think they will not be

able to get a job after graduation, Webb said, but that is not the case. Communication studies majors may choose from more than 1,000 jobs after graduation, including consulting, training and development, customer service, telecommunications and teaching.

"Communication skills are what employers are looking for, and that is what we teach," Webb said.

Students also are encouraged to attend any communication studies class Wednesday, he said.

Tela Way, a senior communication studies and psychology major from Millsap, said she will take a friend to class Wednesday and has already helped two of her friends change their majors to communication studies.

"You have so many opportunities with this major," she said. "You can do anything you want to. You can mix and match it with other degrees and minors."

Way said she would advise any student interested in communication studies to attend the free lunch, talk to any teacher assistant or professor or talk to any student with a communication studies major.

For more information on tickets to the free lunch, contact Melanie Neal at 742-3976.

## Ice cream tycoon to give lecture

Jerry Greenfield from Ben and Jerry's Ice Cream will speak Wednesday night at 8 p.m. in the University Center Allen Theatre. Tickets are \$6.50 for students and \$13 for the general public.

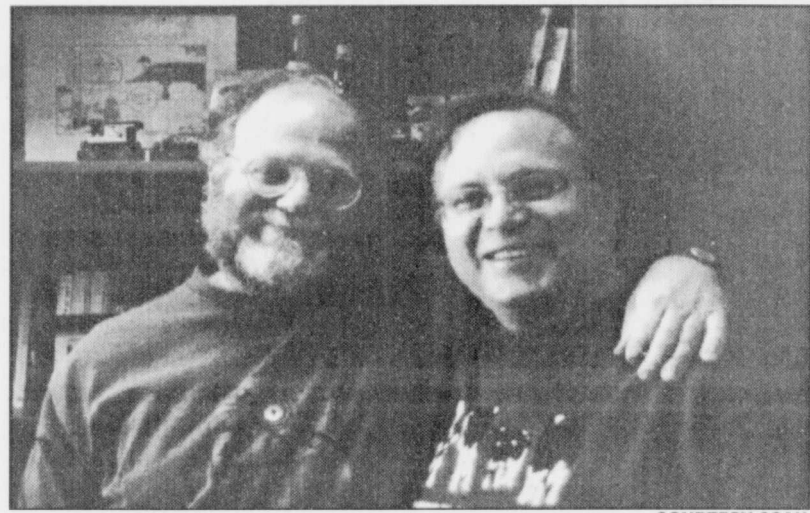
Childhood friends Ben Cohen and Jerry Greenfield began their now world-famous ice cream company at a renovated gas station in 1978. Using Vermont milk and cream, Cohen and Greenfield created original names for ice cream.

Employee Community Action Teams, Ben & Jerry's Foundation and corporate grants made by the director of social mission development are the three ways Ben & Jerry's gives back to the community.

Britta Tye, activities adviser for Campus Activities and Involvement, said Greenfield's business experience will be the main topic of the lecture.

"Greenfield will discuss business in general and how can it be fun and successful. Also, he will talk about the importance of giving back to the community," Tye said.

To help promote the speech, free



COURTESY SCAN

Ben Cohen and Jerry Greenfield are the founders of Ben and Jerry's Ice Cream. Greenfield will speak in the University Center Allen Theatre at 8 p.m. Wednesday.

samples were given away to Tech students at the Business Administration building.

"We gave away ice cream in front of the BA Monday morning to help

promote the event," Tye said. "We're expecting about 500 people, even though ticket sales are low."

Free ice cream will be available after the lecture.

## Sculpture honors Moore character

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — TV character Mary Richards will be spinning in the streets of Minneapolis again.

A life-size sculpture will stand in the spot where the lead character of "The Mary Tyler Moore Show," played by Moore, sent her cap skyward in the opening scene of the popular '70s sitcom.

Cable network TV Land and the city of Minneapolis will dedicate the bronze statue this fall on the Nicollet Mall between Seventh and Eighth streets.

"The role of Mary Richards inspired millions of women to dare to break through the glass ceiling and reach for their dreams," said Minneapolis Mayor Sharon Sayles Belton. "The sculpture will bring smiles, and perhaps even inspire a new wave of cap tossing."

## HBO to film Lewinsky documentary

NEW YORK (AP) — Monica Lewinsky has agreed to take part in an HBO documentary about her affair with Bill Clinton and its impact on the nation.

The former White House intern told *The New York Times* the passage of time has provided her with new perspective that would go beyond what she revealed in her biography, "Monica's Story."

"The book, that captured that time for me," she said. "The last couple of years have been such a time of intense growth and perspective for me. I want to do something that really reflects the

way I feel now."

Sheila Nevins, head of HBO's documentary unit, said she believed there were still issues worth exploring, particularly, "why this very minor event became one of such enormous magnitude."

The documentary, which will be produced by the team that made the HBO documentary "Juror No. 5: 58 Days of Duty on the O.J. Simpson Civil Trial," is expected to air next January.


Neither HBO nor Lewinsky would discuss how much she would be paid for her participation, the newspaper reported.

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### Column

## SGA adheres to new standards

We have all probably heard at one point in time, "If you want to play with and be treated like the big boys, you've got to act like the big boys."

For an institution such as the Texas Tech Student Government Association to be treated as a governing body, it must act like one and abide by the rules of a governing body.

The power of the SGA comes from the trust and confidence that you, the students of Tech, place in this institution to serve and represent you. As our national government serves and represents the American public, the SGA serves to represent the Tech student body, voice its concerns and protect its rights.

Each year you elect a group of fellow students to be a part of the SGA whom you entrust to serve you and voice your concerns and interests. The people who are elected may change every year, yet the one thing that must remain standing so that future Red Raiders' will have an entity to serve and represent them is the institution of the SGA.

The SGA is the institution at Tech that you have entrusted to represent, serve, and act as a governing body for the students of Tech. Preserving this institution and protecting its power and ability to serve and represent you, the students who place your trust in it, is what is most important.

The events of the last week have raised the bar in the public eye of how an institution such as the SGA must act in order to be treated as a governing body. With the bar having been raised, the new standards must be adhered to in order to continue being treated as a governing body. At this point in time, the Student Senate has chosen not to abide by the new standards and policies necessary to act and be treated as a governing body in the public eye.

What we are faced with right now is an opportunity for change to ensure that all parts of the SGA will act and adhere to the rules of a governing body so that you will have an institution that serves and represents the Tech student body.

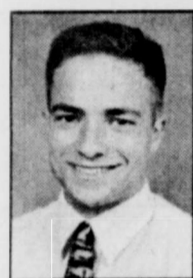
We urge you to contact the members of the Student Senate and call upon them to seize this opportunity to change and act in accordance with the standards that governing bodies must adhere to.

This change must occur so that as a branch of the SGA, the Student Senate can be treated as a governing body as well.

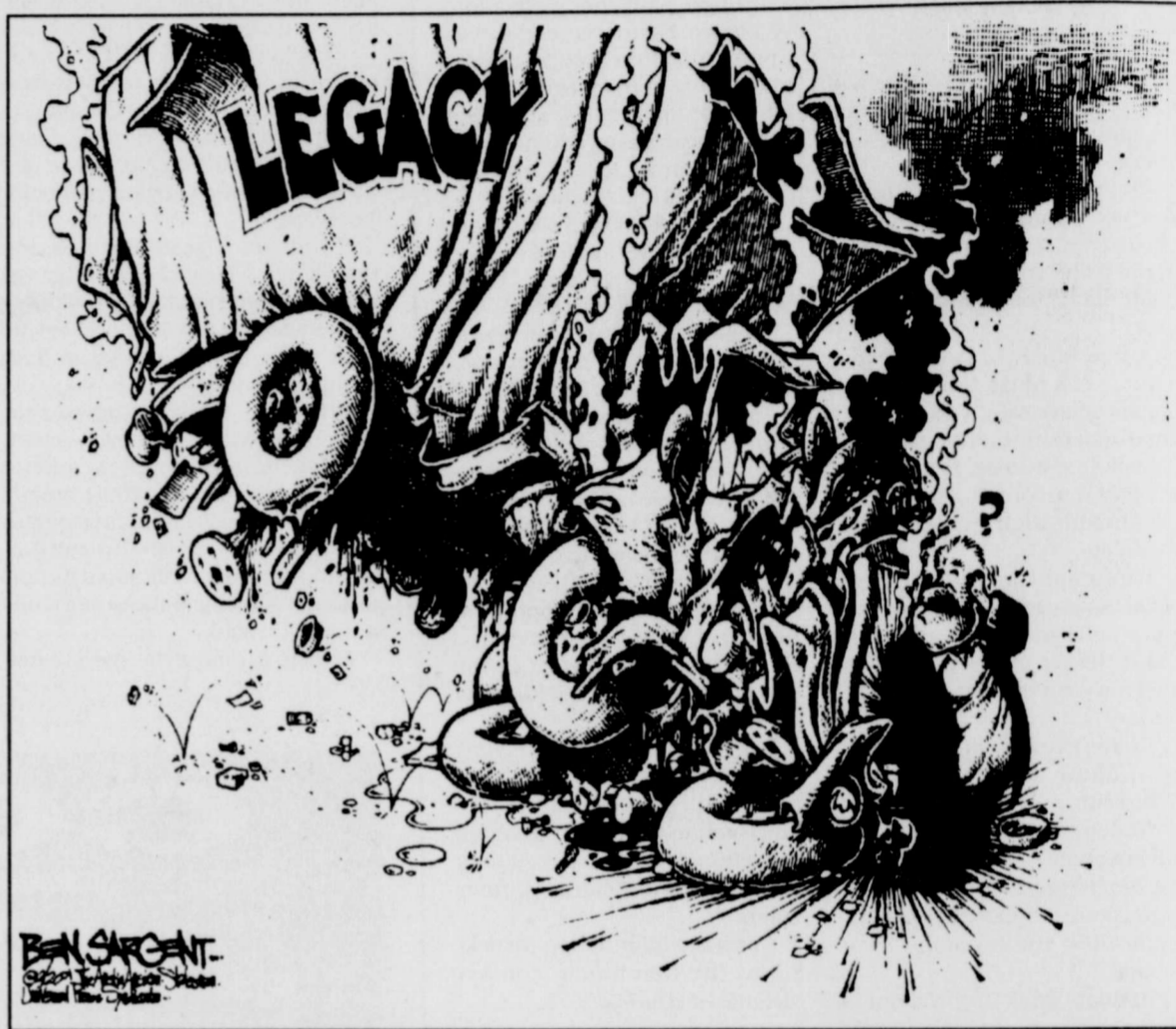
Andrew Schoppe is the president of the Student Government Association, and Ryan Weller is the external vice president of the SGA.



Ryan Weller



Andrew Schoppe



### Column

## National security is threatened by global disasters

Darn it. Last week was National Security Week — Karl Rove said so — and I was so busy pointing out the numerous idiocies of George W. Bush's tax cut that I missed the whole thing.

However, it is painfully clear the new administration folks wouldn't know a threat to national security from the "Waltz of the Flowers."

They propose yet another blue-ribbon commission to study what to do about the military. Their only other idea is to spend at least \$50 billion on the perfectly useless National Missile Defense system to protect us from the North Koreans, who have a warhead but no heat shield for it, rendering it slightly moot as a weapon.

Meanwhile, the hopelessly retro

Bush defense team — I've never seen so many retreats in my life, from Nixon, Ford, Reagan, Daddy — are Cold Warriors all.

Bruce Cumings of the University of Chicago said of them in The Nation, "There hasn't been so much pseudogravitas in one room since the last time Henry Kissinger dined alone."

Look, this is really simple. The single greatest threat to the national security of the United States is the rapidly deteriorating global environment.

National Missile Defense does not do a thing to protect us from global warming. Nor does NMD do dog to protect us from drug-resistant strains of TB that are spreading concomitantly with AIDS, or from the consequences of massive poverty in the Third World and what are called "failed states" — the new politically correct way to say "regimes corrupt to the point of disaster."

On the tuberculosis front, John LeCarre's new novel, "The Constant Gardener," is both a great read and an excellent primer on the role of multinational pharmaceutical

companies in the Third World — a splendid tale of corporate evil-doing, but with the exquisite sadness of the heart-broken idealist that distinguishes LeCarre's work.

On the global warming front, the fresh evidence is almost too depressing to contemplate in conjunction with the Bushies' blindness. All the news is bad.

The journal Science reports that an analysis of ice cores drilled in the Himalayan mountains shows that the past decade has been the warmest for 1,000 years. The fate of Pacific coral reefs suggests an even longer period.

The New York Times reports that the snows of Kilimanjaro, which have floated for thousands of years like a cool beacon over Tanzania, are retreating so fast that they will be gone in 15 years. The same is true of icecaps from Peru to Tibet.

The most chilling report is by the IPCC — the United Nations' International Panel on Climate Change. (I'm afraid that's an acronym with which you will become extremely familiar.) The panel consists of more than 400 of

the world's leading climatologists.

They predict that global warming may raise the average temperature of Earth as much as 10 degrees over the average temperature of 1990. That is a dramatic escalation from 1995, when they predicted a maximum hemispheric rise of 6 degrees. We're in big trouble. If we were being invaded by aliens from space, we would react more intelligently than this. At least we'd recognize it as a national-security threat.

I know that many of you who are well-informed about global warming sometimes despair of breaking through the denial, partially paid for by the energy companies — not to mention the depressing sight of Texas oilmen running the country's energy policy. Despair is not only a grave sin but, I think, unwarranted. If you can remember when President Nixon went to China, this country essentially turned on a dime. From decades of denouncing Beijing (which we then spelled "Peking") as the heart of absolute darkness, we suddenly noticed that it also happened to be the largest market

in the world. That took about 10 minutes.

As for the terrible epidemic, I would like to salute Time magazine for the challenge on its recent cover story: "This is about AIDS in Africa. Look at the pictures. Read the words. And then try not to care."

If compassion is beyond you, despite its newly Bushian status in politics, try this: There's not a chance that victims of "failed states" and climate change are going to stay where they are. The most massive migrations in history will follow if nothing is done. In your children's lifetimes. Perhaps it is only the fleeting effect of public relations, but I gather that Secretary of State Colin Powell is not entirely blind to these consequences. If so, may he prosper in the much-predicted political warfare within the Bush defense team.

Even in the Texas Legislature, they know it is from time to time necessary to rethink their "priorities."

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

### Letters to the editor

#### Thanks for support

To the editor: As a Texas Tech faculty member, member of the Athletic Council and dedicated women's basketball supporter, I am writing this to say a special thank you to the Texas Tech students who were at the Lady Raider basketball game last night.

The High Riders are to be commended for their commitment to the team, and the school spirit demonstrated by all the students in attendance at the Iowa State game was magnificent. There is no doubt that the crowd made a difference in the outcome of the game. And what a great victory it was.

Good luck to the Lady Raiders as you head off to Kansas City for the Big 12 Tournament. The Texas Tech community is extremely proud of you and wish you the very best as you head into the March Madness portion of your schedule.

Ginny Felstehausen professor family and consumer sciences education

#### Defying the adversary

To the editor: Until his recent and abrupt departure, Norman Bert was chair of TTU's Theatre and Dance department.

Bert was forcibly removed from this position for writing an intemperate but largely accurate memo describing a marked deterioration in university support for his department.

In other words, the administration fired him for advocating for his department — a task they hired him to do. "Sure, Norm, chair the thing, but don't take it seriously. Silly man." Theatre and dance is understaffed by 10 percent.

A faculty so understaffed is in trouble, and in the case of theatre and dance, one new hire would solve the problem. The department also has been burdened with a crippling cut in its production budget (the budget that pays for staging plays), effective after the next academic year.

At this stage in our relatively young national cultural development, the arts offer an easier target than athletic boosterism. Pick on the little guy while starting a new fund-

raising campaign for the big guy. This blend of circumstances prompted Bert's memo of frustration. If our administration had responded with a steady hand, making clear its seasoned competence and reasoned good will, we may not have felt outraged. After all, the problems plaguing theatre and dance come from an array of sources, some beyond our administration's control. Instead, it responded, to our shock, with hysteria: "You're fired!" Duck, everyone.

The overkill of Bert's case jerks us past the pretty rhetoric of TTU's mission statement to script one more chilling and concise: "If you don't like what we administrators do, shut your traps." The present draft of the mission statement "... provides the highest standards of excellence ... stimulates meaningful research ..." is reduced to triumphalist puffery.

The present draft of the vision statement "... manifesting excellence ... inspiring confidence ..." becomes so much bombast.

I've just written an intemperate but largely accurate memo.

Note to self: Keep head below grass. The new administration's rules

are to hunt troublesome ants with AK-47s.

Dennis Earl Fehr associate professor visual studies

#### Clarification is needed

To the editor: Although he never mentions the Lubbock County Libertarian Party in his Avalanche Journal editorial (3/1), Dr. David Smith seems to insinuate that big tobacco is providing funding to groups in Lubbock opposed to the proposed smoking ordinance and the thousands who agree with us are "exploiters of individuals and panders of disease." Nothing could be further from the truth. The Lubbock County Libertarian Party has not and will not accept any money from tobacco companies. We are opposing this ordinance strictly on principle. The principle being that individuals have the right to use their private property as they see fit as long as they don't forcibly infringe on someone else's rights. This is a moral principle and one that I am proud to advocate. No one is forcing a customer to patronize a establish-

ment that has a smoking section. The organizers of the proposed ordinance are the ones who have lost the moral high ground. They are calling for the force of government to be used to accomplish their personal agendas. Business owners using freedom of choice to decide whether to have a business that has a smoking section and the customer using freedom of choice whether to patronize that business have done nothing immoral or wrong. They are acting voluntarily. That is what happens in a city that respects freedom but using force is a communist idea advanced by Karl Marx. Yes Mr. Smith, this is about freedom and the U.S. Constitution, and we are proud to advocate it!

David DeLamar chairman Lubbock County Libertarian Party

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### Out of the Past

from the files of The UD

#### From The University Daily March 6, 2000

- SGA candidates Tim Wright and John Dorff appealed election results, citing irregularities and problems with the new online voting system.
- Tickets are now available to Tech students wanting to see Dr. Patch Adams, as he brings his Hollywood-inspired story to the Texas Tech campus March 22.

#### From The University Daily March 6, 1991

- Iraq turned over 35 prisoners of war, including 15 Americans, to the Red Cross in Baghdad and said they were the last Allied captives.
- Students who agree to practice in health care deficient counties are eligible for a forgivable loan program, sponsored by Texas State Sen. Steven Carriker.

#### From The University Daily March 6, 1981

- Students in Wiggins experienced a power failure at about 11 p.m. that lasted more than seven hours. The blackout was the result of a short in a primary wire.
- Texas Tech baseball team upped its season record to nine wins after a victory series against Lubbock Christian College Chaparrals.

#### From The University Daily March 5, 1971

- The Women Resident Council voted to allow each dining unit to make its own dress policy. A slight majority voted to allow wearing of robes to breakfast and uncovered rollers.
- The Texas House passed and sent to the Senate on Thursday a two-year \$571.5-million revenue package to pose mainly a college tuition increase and new consumer taxes.

#### From The Toreador March 7, 1951

- Revised plans for Tech's long-awaited Student Union building is approved and will be executed. The structure will be built at a cost of \$515,281 and will be added to as funds become available.

#### From The Toreador March 12, 1931

- Texas Tech will hold the only coaching school available in Texas beginning in August.

compiled by Christi Davidson

# SGA ELECTION PLATFORMS

## PRESIDENT PLATFORM STATEMENTS

John Steinmetz, Junior  
Finance major from Ft. Worth

Ready for change?

Promote Cultural Diversity:

• Form a Multi-Cultural Student Organization- Consisting of presidents from each of the minority organizations. This will ensure that the Multi-Cultural organizations have a voice in administrative issues.

• Promote Multi-Cultural Events-

Sponsor events that will consist of different ethnic backgrounds one week out of every month. For example, allow the Asian Student Association to promote their culture to the university as an organization.

Improve Communication and Customer Service:

• Form a House of Representatives-

Made up of student-elects from every registered student organization on campus, the house would be equal to the senate to maintain checks and balances in the SGA. Therefore, every organization would have a voice as to what goes on in the SGA.

• Establish a mentoring program-

This will allow new students more direction and enable them to know what they can do if they have problems while attending Tech. Also, helps promote better communication between students.

• Establish a Student Concerns Forum-

Have the Faculty Senate and Student Senate attend student concern forums annually during lunch in the UC to allow students to voice their concerns with both senates in attendance. Therefore, our problems will get addressed.

Promote More School spirit:

• Pre-Game festivities-

Set up a student tailgate section to give us a place to support Tech sporting events. Also, hold "Rowdy Raider Rally's" in this area to help pump the student body before each game. Imagine the Saddle Tramps ringing their spirit bells, cheerleaders leading yells and 10,000 students all walking into Jones stadium together behind the Masked Rider. "That's School Spirit!"

• Make the games more affordable-

I would like to see discounts for student concessions and the option for students to bring in their own water. Also, be able to use Tech Express in Jones Stadium.

These are just a few of the things I plan to accomplish within the next year. I wish I could say, "I could lower tuition or fix all the problems surrounding traffic and parking", but lets face it those problems will always exist. What I can do is work for results, so remember if you want to make change, this is you chance - Vote John Steinmetz for SGA President.

Tammy Dickie, Junior  
Marketing major from Houston

Go Tech!

Hi, I'm Tammy Dickie and I am running for SGA President; I would like to expand the Tech Express system, research ways to reduce fees while increasing incentives, and implement the Strategic Plan for the University. By doing these three things we can make Texas Tech a better place. As Red Raiders we should be committed to excellence. I want to leave Tech a better place than when I arrived. I don't care who gets the credit as long as the job gets done.

If you want to improve Tech

Get Your Guns Up and

Cast your vote for Tammy Dickie.

Austin C. Choate, Junior  
Marketing and management major From Hawley

• Appoint a student member to the Board of Regents.

• Move Traffic and Parking under Student Affairs. (Student Affairs can make anybody be nice!)

• Give more power to the SGA Supreme Court (They are very weak at this point)

• Find extra funds for the Addiction Center in the College of Human Sciences.

These are a few of the things I would like to do for the students of Texas Tech. Please help me with your vote.

Vote Choate

## INTERNAL VICE PRESIDENT PLATFORM STATEMENTS

Kristin Boroff, Junior  
Agricultural communications major, From Cedar Hill

I believe I am qualified to serve as your Internal Vice President because I have a background in leadership, I am aware of the responsibilities; I am prepared to do the job but most of all I am inspired to serve.

I believe there are several duties of the Internal Vice President. First, they must have a working knowledge of the senate. I have dedicated myself to reading and knowing the constitution and bylaws of the senate. You must also know the responsibilities and functions of each committee. I have made myself aware of each of these through serving on the Budget and Finance committee this year.

Exposure of the senate as well as the SGA can and should be expanded. There are a few issues that arise every year in this area. First, low voter turnout. Next, the misinformation that goes on between the SGA, senate, The UD, the students and the faculty. I will serve as a liaison between all facets of the University. I am open to ideas from anyone, not only the ideas that are brought up in senate. I will suggest that the Rules and Administration committee move their meetings to the off week of senate meetings. By doing this, students, as well as their senators, will be informed well in advance of the happenings of the evening.

Finally I will serve as a strong leader for the senate. I will encourage the senators to take more pride in their position, to write more bills and to know their constitution and bylaws.

I care about Texas Tech University and look forward to serving you as Internal Vice President next year.

Kelli Stumbo, Sophomore  
Public relations major with a double minor in Spanish and marketing from Flower Mound

• Strengthen the Contact -a- Senator Program, where the senators are assigned organizations and are required to attend their meetings once a month to keep them updated on what is going on and get their opinion on different topics

• Newsletter- this will go out to every student organization and residence halls to keep them continuously updated on what is going on and give them the chance to have a say in what is voted on and researched. The newsletter will also spotlight different organizations so that everyone will know what each organization is doing.

• Accountability- I believe as senator we should be held accountable for our actions, therefore each senator on the senate should be very familiar with the SGA constitution and by laws in order to be able to be the most effective and efficient

• Bridge the Iron Curtain- the student government would be able to achieve so many more great things if we had a better communication between all the branches of the government. We are all elected to represent the students and their wants and needs and can only achieve the best by working together and communicating.

• Have a working relationship with all media here at Tech- In the past year we have forgotten that we are not here for ourselves but for the students, I hope with the elections of new officers that the bridges that have been burned can be rebuilt so that we can fully represent Tech. We all have the ability to either help or hurt the students and right now all that we are doing is hurting them. Compromises can be made and a new relationship of communication can be formed.

Heath Cheek, Junior  
History and political science major from Chillicothe

I have served as a Student Senator for the past year and I have seen what the SGA CAN do and what it WILL do. Unfortunately these two things are not the same. I have seen that SGA can do BIG things to improve our university. As a student senator I have authored legislation on the George W. Bush Presidential Library, Intramural Rights, and the establishment of a Dollars for Scholars Program.

I have worked.

There are a lot of ways to fix our university. There is not a shortage of ideas, but there is a shortage of people who will work.

I will work.

If you give me the chance I will work on:

• Improving Communication by setting up your senators in front of your college at least once a semester for you to ask questions. Also expand on existing programs like Contact-a-Senator and the SGA newsletter.  
• Making the Senate Work by giving each individual senator a job to do that they must show progress on. When I entered the Senate I wasn't given a job to do. EVERY senator should be expected to work, not just show up for meetings.

• Also every senator will compile a State of the College report for each college to identify all strengths, weaknesses, and ways to improve them.  
• Improve Campus Life through big and little plans including: expanding and reconfiguring student seating in Jones Stadium; expanding Tech Express to be used all across Lubbock; setup a campus Master Plan model of construction projects and expected completion dates in the UC; continue to aid administration efforts to bring the GW Bush Library to Tech.

## EXTERNAL VICE PRESIDENT PLATFORM STATEMENTS

Eric Stegemoeller, Junior  
Accounting major from Waco

The External VP is responsible for activities and programs that effect Tech students off campus, to serve as a liaison between the students and the city of Lubbock, and to be in charge of all SGA publications, more specifically bus routes, Tech-Lubbock Community Day, Drowsy Driving Awareness Day, and the Safe Ride program to name a few. Here are some ideas I would like the chance to work on:

• Tech Express: Expanding the Tech Express debit card system to include businesses off campus. This would allow students the opportunity to use their card at restaurants, movie theaters, and gas stations for example.  
• George W. Bush Presidential Library: Coordinate with the City of Lubbock and local community businesses to create and promote incentives for the library to be placed at Tech and to create a joint commitment between Lubbock and the administration to attain the library to benefit the campus and community.  
• Safe Ride: Printing the Safe Ride program number, 765-RIDE, on local bars and clubs wristbands for students over 21 will help to promote the program by putting the number in the students hands, or on their wrists, when and where they might need it the most. This would help to make the streets safer for those drinking, as well as those that are not.  
• Away Games: Expanding the SGA chartered bus ride to include all away-games, working with hotels and restaurants in away-game cities to offer discounts to Tech students, and to create an entertainment map /list of local student night life spots are all ways to increase the away-game experience and make it more affordable to be a Red Raider outside of Lubbock.

Zeke Fortenberry, Sophomore  
Architecture major from Riverside, Calif.

Its time to take a S.T.A.N.D.

Student Involvement - At a University of nearly 25,000 students, it can be hard for student to feel at home. However if students are involved in some sort of club or activated they are more likely to graduate and enjoy their experience at Texas Tech. Therefore I propose that through increasing the visibility of student organizations they will be able to increase their membership and allow more students to feel at home at Texas Tech.

Transportation/Bike Lanes - Transportation is always an issue. But instead of spending more money on more buses, I propose that we evaluate our current contract with the bus company, to ensure that buses are running, as they are supposed to until 5:30pm daily. Furthermore, the implementation of bike lanes could help solve part of our parking problems.

Acquire the George W. Bush Presidential Library - Texas Tech is currently one of a small group of school up for consideration to receive this honor. I would like to further the efforts that have already been made to secure this great opportunity for our university.

National Recognition - There are several great accomplishments that happen at our university that simply are not recognized on a national level. Therefore I suggest that by sending students to more national conventions and competitions we can allow Texas Tech to make more of a national impact.

Diversify Student Service Opportunities - Every year the External Vice President is in charge of organizing Tech-Lubbock Community day. I would like to provide students with the opportunity to give back to their community on a regular basis through a variety of activities.

Vote ZEKE for External Vice President!

Leigh Mauer, Sophomore  
History major from Waco

NOT CAMPAIGN PROMISES; RESULTS

HIGHER STANDARD OF STUDENT INVOLVEMENT COMMUNICATION:

OFF CAMPUS STUDENTS

PROBLEM: There is a break down of communication between on campus events and off campus students resulting in less involvement and spirit  
SOLUTION: Better use of the electronic message board

ON CAMPUS STUDENTS

PROBLEM: Freshmen need more activities to unify and promote involvement  
SOLUTION: Freshman Days; Days when the freshmen are given run of the campus through various activities.

CAMPUS BEAUTIFICATION

PROBLEM: Trash

Lack of pride and ownership

SOLUTION: Instilling pride and ownership in each student by allowing students to own the campus. The Adopt an Acre program is an opportunity for a student to adopt a section of Tech campus and be responsible for beautifying it. This helps students feel like this is their campus. Resulting in more spirit.

TRANSPORTATION

PROBLEM: Safety

n Students in front of the no standing area  
n Too many students on the bus at the same time

SOLUTION: Get the apartments that use the Tech bus routes, as their selling tools, to give us a monetary compensation, making more buses.

SPRIT PROBLEM: NONE!

SOLUTION: Using businesses like gas stations. When a customer goes in and spends \$5 on gas, they receive a free red Texas Tech T-shirt. Imagine game day! Businesses everywhere need to show their spirit by decorating their properties!

I am not offering unrealistic goals but realistic promises. I am not going to make accusations like lowering tickets from traffic and parking. The new parking garages hinder that. I am promising reality, more spirit for TTU. Show your sprit and pride for TTU.

Give Tech the power vote Leigh Mauer for External Vice President.

Scott Hooper, Senior  
Accounting and finance major

I believe that you cannot correct a situation until you fully understand what is wrong with it. Though the problem is not a major one, it is clear to me that the students who have occupied the External Vice-President position have only done what they had to instead of going above and beyond to make Texas Tech and Lubbock a better place. I am never satisfied with the old; I just look forward to improving upon it.

In light of recent events, I believe that the Safe Ride Program needs to be altered. I plan to come in contact with the cab companies from smaller surrounding communities and work out contracts with them. More cabs mean lower cost to students and a quicker response time. The Safe Ride number needs to be posted at all bars and this system needs to be used as the norm and not as the exception.

The relationship between the students and the community needs to improve as well. TLC (Tech Lubbock Community) Day needs to become an expanded effort. Why do we need to stop with one day, how about a weekend? I am prepared to make drastic efforts to increase the number of students who participate in public events. One example would be to significantly reduce the price of tailgating passes for student organizations. The bottom line is that the student body, Texas Tech, and the community need to form a better relationship.

It has also come to my attention that students are not happy with the times that the busses run. I plan to have more routes open later so that students can always have a safe ride from campus to the commuter lots, no matter what time of day. I also plan to have more routes running in the lots 10-15 minutes before class starts. This is when everyone gets there so wouldn't it make sense to have more busses available?

I am dedicated to my beliefs and open to all suggestions. I appreciate the opportunity to run for this office and look forward to serving you.

Jason Scott Sharp, Junior  
Finance major from Brownfield

My platform for External Vice President is very simple. I want to make the students voice on this campus heard in areas where students are currently being ignored. The first has to do with Traffic and Parking. Last year parking permits went up an average of \$20 dollars, and I would like to set up a student run committee to look over Traffic & Parking's budget to make sure that our money is being spent wisely. Secondly, I feel that we are not doing enough as a university to promote groups that bring a lot of recognition to the school. For example, the Mariachi band does a wonderful job of recruiting minorities for the university, and I think that we should give them the publicity and recognition that they deserve. I would like to see a student run committee set up to assist the administration in its efforts in lobbying for the George W. Bush Presidential Library, so that we can have some fresh perspectives in making sure that the library is built on campus. I also think that the Safe Ride program needs more promotion and I promise that it will be promoted more if I am elected. Lastly, an agreement needs to be worked out with Citibus to make sure that bus drivers stay on their designated schedules so that we can eliminate the grouping up of 5-6 busses that occurs everyday. I would like to encourage everyone to contact me for any additional issues that need to be addressed. My e-mail address is jason.sharp@ttu.edu. I will fight for the students, and would like to ask for your support on March 6-7.

Channon C. Cain, Senior  
Family financial planning major from Corpus Christi

Texas Government Association:

Student University Student Government Association is a governing body of Texas Tech for several reasons. Among the reasons are that, as a body of elected representatives, they allocate money for different purposes. They are also the recognized voice of the student body to the Board of Regents. Therefore, student access and involvement is necessary to accomplish goals that meet our interests.

Smoking:

I am not a smoker, but people who do smoke should not be criminalized. We already cannot smoke in the buildings on campus and if someone needs to get away from smoke there are plenty of places to do it. I respect the rights of non-smokers to not have to deal with smoke, but, at the same time, I respect the right for someone to smoke a cigarette outside after class.

Citibus:

I like to handle issues by getting in the middle of them, hashing things out, and determining what exactly the problem is. One must know the problem before you are able to fix it. That is why I spent time to ride the bus around one afternoon and check for timeliness, crowding, and other student inconveniences. Approaching problems in this manner give the people making the policies a real feel for what everyday student problems are.

Parking:

Potentially there are 270 parking places being lost in the already overcrowded Jones Stadium Commuter lot. In addition, I will work closely with the Office of the Chancellor and President regarding the construction of the parking garage so that the needs of the students are met.

Community Outreach:

The Texas Tech community would not be the same without the Lubbock community's support. Furthermore, the Lubbock community would not be the same without Texas Tech University. This is why I propose to build and nurture our relationship by community outreach. This is simply teaching good citizenship.

It should be our goal to create a student task force to promote the college experience to prospective high school students within the Lubbock area, who otherwise may not have an opportunity to consider attending college. This coincides with President Schmidly's goal to increase cultural diversity within our campus.

Vote in the SGA Spring Elections March 6-7 on the web. Log onto the SGA website at [www.sga.ttu.edu](http://www.sga.ttu.edu) to vote. You need your personal test number and social security number.

Your personal test number can be obtained at the following election polls: Ag Sciences, Architecture, Engineering Center, Human Sciences, Holden Hall, Mass Communication, Business Administration, School of Law, Math, and the University Center

Polls are open from 9:00am-3:00pm, except Business Administration and Holden Hall: 9:00am-5:00pm  
The University Center: 9:00am-7:00pm

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# Like it or not, Dickey will remain

I think he needs to go. Apparently Tech President David Schmidly and Athletics Director Gerald Myers think it is time for a switch.

But, guess what? It isn't going to happen.

I think Texas Tech men's basketball coach James Dickey will not be fired, forced to quit or bought out.

It all circles around our sports generation's most important word — money.

Last week, Schmidly and Myers said they want to evaluate and talk with Dickey at the end of the season about the decline of the Red Raider basket-

ball program. Evaluating coaches in the NCAA at the end of the year is standard, but when a high official like Schmidly announces it publicly before the season ends, it usually means maybe it is time for a new man.

It is evident that Dickey hasn't done much since 1996. In the last five years he has compiled 47 wins. Not a good average.

His dancing shoes are probably outdated and too small. He hasn't been to the Big Dance since 1996 Sweet Sixteen team.

Attendance at the United Spirit Arena is terrible.

Last Saturday's game with Texas had a paid attendance of more than 10,000 fans. But if you attended the beating, it would be easy to say there were maybe 5,000 or 6,000 people. When people who paid don't come out, I call that a problem.

That problem leads to recruiting

woes. It is almost like Tech basketball is looking more and more like Baylor football.

But at least Dickey realizes it has been unsatisfactory.

He is probably up all night wondering what Schmidly and Myers want to talk about in "the meeting."

I'd love to be at that meeting; front row seat if possible.

Dickey shouldn't have to sweat through. He should sit back and laugh.

His contract runs through 2004, and it says in Dickey's contract under section V-A that, "It is agreed that neither the men's basketball team's won-loss record or attendance at men's basketball games shall constitute good cause for termination under this provision."

However, if Myers and Schmidly want to fire Dickey without cause and dishonor the contract, they would have to pay Dickey \$200,000

for every year left on his contract.

Add TV and radio contracts, it comes out to almost or more than \$1 million paid to Dickey in one heap.

That is too much money, and it is bills that Tech doesn't have.

The athletic department already is in debt and they couldn't afford it.

In fact, this school is one of the worst in the Big 12 Conference in money management.

Suggestion for Myers: Look in next semester's course catalog and look for a money management course.

They are spending millions on renovations and Tech is still paying Spike Dykes.

Tech can't afford to buy out Dickey and pay a replacement.

Dickey has already said he won't fire himself or quit. So we know he isn't going to step down to be generous.

Maybe a big time alumnist will step in and buy out the contract.

But those chances are slim. Dickey still has a lot of fans out there.

So it looks like Myers will be 0-2 in attempted contract buyouts.

He lost with UTEP in his earlier attempt to avoid playing the Miners in El Paso next year, and he will lose with Dickey.

What bugs me is that neither Schmidly nor Myers will comment on the situation until the meeting happens.

If you brought it up, you have to talk about it.

So hide behind your desk and be afraid of what you might say.

I'll tell you what you should say.

"James, we will talk to you in three years."

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**Matt Muench**

## Strickland back with Portland

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Rod Strickland rejoined the Portland Trail Blazers on Monday, becoming the backup point guard on a team that has the best record in the West but felt it needed another veteran to reach the NBA Finals.

The Blazers signed the 34-year-old guard for \$2.25 million for the rest of the season.

Strickland, who spent four productive seasons in Portland from 1992-96, was at Monday's practice.

Portland also released guard Gary Grant and placed guard Greg Anthony on the injured list with a sore shoulder.

Strickland was waived last Thursday by the Washington Wizards, who bought out the remaining year-plus on his contract for \$2.5 million. No one claimed him off waivers, allowing any team to sign him. Because he was waived before midnight Thursday, he is eligible for the playoffs.

Upon his arrival at the Portland airport with his family just before midnight Sunday, Strickland said he welcomed a chance to play for one of the league's top teams.

"It's a great team from top to bottom," he said. "I'm looking forward to getting into a winning situation."

The move brings full circle one of the worst trades in recent memory: Strickland sent from Portland along with Harvey Grant to Washington for Rasheed Wallace and Mitchell Butler on July 15, 1996. Wallace has become one of the best power forwards in the league, while the Wizards are floundering and have only 4 1/2 turbulent seasons with Strickland to show for the deal.

Strickland averaged 17 points and 8.6 assists with the Blazers, but his final season was marred by a feud with coach P.J. Carlesimo.

The Wizards' and partner-owner Michael Jordan were eager to get rid of Strickland and his \$10 million salary. He was late for practices and was suspended one game earlier this season for missing a team flight. Strickland also has been charged with drunken driving three times; he was acquitted once, but faces a trial April 3 after being cited Jan. 7. Strickland never could patch things up with the demanding Carlesimo, and the player walked out on the team for six games in early 1996.

Carlesimo was fired following the 1996-97 season, after the Blazers were knocked out of the playoffs in the first round for the fifth year in a row. Portland didn't really take off until Wallace started flourishing. The Blazers made the Western Conference finals in 1999 and 2000, and have the best record in the conference (42-18) so far. The Blazers appeared to be Strickland's first choice all along. He even phoned starting point guard Damon Stoudamire last Thursday to make sure it would be all right if Strickland came to the Portland.

"Me and Rod are good friends," said Stoudamire, who was traded from Toronto to his hometown in 1998. "I don't want people to think it's a stepping-on-my-toes-type of deal."

While the Blazers thought nothing of spending \$2.25 million to get a player for 22 games, the health of Anthony, the backup point guard, influenced the deal as much as anything.

# Major League Baseball back in full swing

(AP) — When Kerry Wood pitches this spring, every errant fastball won't cause panic, even if it does cost some runs.

Two years after reconstructive elbow surgery, the 1998 NL Rookie of the Year made his spring debut Monday, allowing five runs as the Chicago Cubs lost to the Seattle Mariners, 6-1.

"I'm just happy to get through it. I'm sure the second time around will be better," said the 23-year-old right-hander, who pitched two scoreless innings before a five-run third.

Last spring, questions about pitch counts, pitch selection and his timetable to return to the majors dominated every outing. Not this spring.

"Forget the numbers. He threw the ball well," Cubs manager Don Baylor said after the game at Peoria, Ariz. "He looks a lot better than at a year ago this time. Believe me, he can build on this."

At Fort Lauderdale, Fla., Albert

Belle said his right hip still hurt too much to play. The Baltimore outfielder has missed all four of the Orioles' spring games.

"Obviously there comes a point in time that common sense says you have to do something," Orioles manager Mike Hargrove said. "But we haven't set a certain date when we'll make a decision one way or another."

At Tampa, Fla., Mike Mussina pitched his first game for the New York Yankees, allowing two runs in two innings of a 10-5 win over the Atlanta Braves.

Mussina, who left Baltimore for an \$88.5 million, six-year deal with New York, entered in the third inning — he's never made a relief appearance during the regular season. He gave up two hits, and one of the runs was unearned.

He surprised Jorge Posada by throwing a sidearm curve, prompting the catcher to remark, "I didn't know he had that."

"I was just looking forward to getting out there again," Mussina said. "It wasn't like the first day of putting on the uniform. I've been putting it on for three weeks."

Sid Fernandez made his first game appearance since 1997, pitching a perfect fifth inning.

"I was a little nervous, but I calmed down once I got out there," the 38-year-old left-hander said. "It felt good to be on the mound again. To me, it's just like I'm settling into another spring training."

Also, Texas swept an unusual spring doubleheader from Pittsburgh, 4-1 and 13-2. In other games it was Toronto 4, Detroit 3; Houston 5, Kansas City 5; Cincinnati 7, Minnesota 6; Florida 5, Cleveland 4; Los Angeles 12, St. Louis 6; Philadelphia 5, Tampa Bay 1; Boston 17, Montreal 8; Baltimore 4, New York Mets 3; Milwaukee 10, Arizona 9; Colorado 7, Chicago White Sox 0; San Francisco 4, Oakland 2; and San Diego 6, Anaheim

2. Rangers 4, Pirates 1

Rangers 13, Pirates 2

At Port Charlotte, Fla., Alex Rodriguez, Andres Galarraga and Ken Caminiti — free agents signed by Texas during the offseason — each hit three-run homers in the second game of a doubleheader sweep.

Blue Jays 4, Tigers 3

At Lakeland, Fla., Homer Bush hit a go-ahead solo homer in the ninth against Todd Jones. Toronto's Brian Simmons made a case that he should be the team's fourth outfielder by going 2-for-3 with three stolen bases.

Astros 5, Royals 5, tie

At Kissimmee, Fla., Craig Biggio, returning from season-ending knee surgery, got his first two hits of the spring, scored two runs and drove in another. Jose Lima, who gave up 48 home runs in 2000, allowed three runs in the first inning, two on a home run by Jermaine Dye.

Reds 7, Twins 6

At Sarasota, Fla., Osvaldo Fernandez retired the first nine batters he faced before giving up a hit and a walk in the fourth. He has not been scored on in two outings spanning seven innings.

Marlins 5, Indians 4

At Melbourne, Fla., Andy Fox tripled home the winning run in the ninth inning. Cleveland's Roberto Alomar and Juan Gonzalez hit solo homers, their first this spring.

Dodgers 12, Cardinals 6

At Vero Beach, Fla., Carlos Perez gave up two runs and three hits in one inning, and unhappy outfielder Gary Sheffield went 0-for-3.

Phillies 5, Devil Rays 1

At Clearwater, Fla., Bruce Chen needed just 21 pitches to get through two perfect innings. Phillies outfield prospect Jason Michaels broke a 1-1 tie in the eighth inning with a three-run triple off Sean Bergman.

# Don Ohlmeyer leaves Monday Night Football again

NEW YORK (AP) — For Don Ohlmeyer, one season back at ABC's "Monday Night Football" was enough.

Ohlmeyer, who presided over a near-total revamp of the NFL's top telecast that put comedian Dennis Miller in the broadcast booth, resigned Monday, three days short of the first anniversary of his return.

"I had a terrific time this year producing MNE, but I just could not continue to put myself through the stressful traveling that goes with the job," Ohlmeyer said.

"The 22-week season is too grueling, and I just decided I'd had enough of the travel."

Ohlmeyer, 56, produced the show in the 1970s during the glory days of

Howard Cosell, Don Meredith and Frank Gifford. ABC president Howard Katz rehired Ohlmeyer last March 8.

ABC allowed him to do whatever he wanted, and his most controversial move was to hire Miller to form a three-member crew with play-by-play announcer Al Michaels and Dan Fouts, who replaced Boomer

Esiason as analyst.


Ohlmeyer also replaced sideline reporter Lesley Visser with former NFL star Eric Dickerson and ESPN's Melissa Stark.

"The sweeping changes he made in the telecast this past year all made 'Monday Night Football' a much more enjoyable, entertaining and watchable telecast," Katz said. "Without question, he brought the buzz back to Monday night and made it special again."

Still, the average rating of 12.7 was a low for "Monday Night Football," 7 percent below the previous bottom. The average rating declined for the sixth straight season — in 1994 it was 17.8 — even though 11 of the 17 Monday night games were decided by a touchdown or less.

ABC was pleased, however, that the rating among men 18-34 increased 7 percent — the show's first increase in that demographic in six years.

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# Guards rule all-Big 12 team

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Jamaal Tinsley of Iowa State, Maurice Baker of Oklahoma State and Missouri swing man Kareem Rush head a guard-dominated Associated Press all-Big 12 basketball team for 2000-2001.

Rush, Missouri's remarkably quick and smooth 6-foot-6 sophomore who was leading the Big 12 with almost 22 points a game before

being sidelined with a thumb injury, was the only player named on every first-team ballot. Baker and Tinsley were named on every first-team ballot but one.

The team announced Monday was selected by reporters who cover Big 12 basketball on a regular basis. Filling out the first team are 6-5 Baylor senior Terry Black, who came within four steals of leading the Big

12 for the second consecutive year, and Kansas sophomore Drew Gooden.

The 6-10 Gooden, who missed eight games with an injury, is averaging almost 16 points and nine rebounds and the only first-teamer to rank in the league's top 10 in both scoring and rebounding. He returned for the last two games of the regular-season and averaged 18

points and seven rebounds as the Jayhawks finished in a three-way tie with Texas and Oklahoma for second place behind Iowa State.

"Drew is having a great year," said Kansas coach Roy Williams. "Even though he missed the games with injury, you look and he's led or been close to the league lead in rebounding all year. Plus, his scoring is up this season as well."

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**ACROSS**

- 1 Festive event
- 5 Converge
- 10 —noire (bugbear)
- 14 Egyptian goddess
- 15 Duce
- 16 In any way
- 17 NETS
- 20 Keg feature
- 21 Feels remorse
- 22 Wash off
- 23 —the line (obeyed)
- 24 Sounded giggish
- 25 Quail
- 29 Locations
- 30 Burn a bit
- 31 Bermuda border
- 32 Celebration night
- 35 NETS
- 39 Gore and O'Amato
- 40 Stage
- 41 Smoke curl
- 42 Less cluttered
- 43 Talkative
- 45 Loser
- 48 Satiate
- 49 Uses the postal system
- 50 Hog wild?
- 51 Querry word
- 54 NETS
- 58 Cleveland's lake
- 59 "A Lesson from —" Fugard play
- 60 Settlement
- 61 "Atlas Shrugged" author
- 62 Wedding present
- 63 Aware of

**DOWN**

- 1 Present
- 2 Sikkim's continent
- 3 Speech impediment
- 4 Hardwood tree
- 5 Courty dance
- 6 Sided
- 7 Barbecue staple
- 8 Sticky stuff
- 9 Zeta follower
- 10 Starts off
- 11 Occurrence
- 12 Heckle
- 13 Gooled up
- 18 Press
- 19 Class-cutter
- 23 Opportunity to play
- 24 Unseasoned
- 25 Bring up
- 26 On the waves
- 27 Repeat
- 28 Galley
- 29 Broadway figure
- 31 Frequently
- 32 Way out
- 33 British
- 44 Rhino's weapon
- 45 Fossil resin
- 46 Ingals
- 47 Wilder
- 48 Nonviolent protest
- 49 Shot like a lock
- 50 Clout
- 51 Architect of Saint Paul's Cathedral
- 52 Warm up
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# Red Raider tennis looks to maul Baylor

By Matt Muench  
Staff Writer

When Texas Tech men's tennis coach Tim Siegel leads his squad at 1 p.m. today into its Big 12 Conference opener with Baylor at the Lubbock Tennis Club, he said he will not worry too much about who will come out on top.

Siegel is two wins from getting his 100th career victory, and he said he is not concerned with the milestone. "No big deal," said Siegel, who is in his eighth year at the helm of the Red Raider tennis program.

The Red Raiders have lost four of their seven matches to start the season, and Siegel said the losing record does not bother him. So what is Siegel satisfied with?

He likes the group of players he has on his team. That is all he cares about.

The past two seasons, he has had teams ranked in the Top 30, but Siegel said this year's squad is his favorite.

"I am enjoying this season more than the last two," Siegel said.

"We have guys that are working hard, and we don't talk about who we don't have anymore. We talk



Texas Tech tennis player Richard Crabtree returns a shot in an earlier season practice.

about what we have."

He said he enjoys this year's squad because of the turmoil they have overcome and because of the

dedication they bring to the court.

Tech has been without three of their top four players for most of its contests.

Patricio Espinosa and Clay Estes both left the team for personal reasons and co-captain Royce Ramey has been out with an arm injury.

"They have done a good job in learning how to compete and adjust to what we lost," Siegel said. "That is the best thing about this team. They respect each other and they support each other."

Tech No. 1 seed Borut Martincevic said the meeting with the Bears is a tough way to start Big 12 play but a win against the Bears is due.

Tech has lost three straight to Baylor, all 4-3 losses.

"They are usually a tough match for us," Martincevic said. "We have lost to them pretty close the last three years, and I think it is time for revenge."

Baylor is 5-3 overall and 2-0 in the conference and just finished knocking off No. 23 Fresno State on Saturday.

Tech is coming off a 6-0 win against Centenary last week, a meeting Tech dominated by winning all but one match in straight sets.

No. 5 seed Costa Yannakopoulos said it was a good win because it gives the squad some confidence going into the conference opener.

"It was probably was one of the weakest teams we have played, but anytime you can get a win, take it,"

Yannakopoulos said. "We have a lot of good warm-up matches for Big 12 play."

Siegel said freshman Ben Gudzelak and Richard Crabtree have stepped up the most this season.

The two have combined to win 10 of their 13 matches in their first season as Raiders.

Siegel said the pair and John Walker have progressed a great deal this season.

"They have played really well and they have been part of the success of this team," Siegel said. "Their attitude and work ethic is very positive."

One factor that has favored the squad is they have won three consecutive matches at home dating back to last April.

Martincevic said playing at home does not hold the advantages you would see in basketball and football, but it is more relaxing than playing on the road.

"It is an advantage in terms of altitude," Martincevic said. "For some teams it might be hard to play in the high altitude, and it might be tough for them to adjust to the ball moving faster."

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